

The Parish Visitor

May 2020



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Dear friends,

Several years ago, while serving as a firefighter on the local volunteer fire department, I found myself in a rather lonely situation. We had responded to a late-night call to a house fire which was not yet totally "involved". I had only been on the department for a few months, so I was surprised and delighted when the fire chief told me to take a booster line up the ladder on the north end of the building. A hole had already been cut with a chainsaw, giving me access to the attic from which thick smoke rolled through the opening. With eagerness and confidence I ascended the ladder on that January night and took my stand. I was one proud rookie. It was very cold, and icy water began to pour down the sleeves of my turnout gear. Ice formed on the ladder rungs. My arms began to ache. The face shield on my helmet fogged up. I couldn't see. But you could not have pried me off that ladder. I was a firefighter. However, before long I had the sense that I was all alone. I could hear the fire engines and I could hear the voices of fellow firefighters. But they seemed so far away. I was all alone on the dark side of the inferno. I wondered if the chief had forgotten that I was there. After about two hours of this misery (20 minutes in real time) I began to feel sorry for myself. "So, this is how rookies are treated," I muttered to myself. But then I heard a familiar voice in the darkness below me. It was Bob Looper the fire chief. "Hang in there, Dan," he shouted. "You're doing some good!" What a wonderful thing to hear! I cheerfully stayed up there in the dark for another three and a half hours (45 minutes). After all, I was a firefighter.

Friends, this has been a very frustrating time for us all, and in our isolation we all, I am sure, have felt alone and powerless. But I want you to know that in spite of all this, indeed, in the midst of all this, you are doing some good. Your prayers for each other have brought healing and comfort to many people. The notes some of you have sent to others has brought cheer and encouragement to many lonely souls. Your virtual messages and phone calls have helped maintain the connection that is so vital to our church congregation, reaffirming our commitment to connect others to Christ. Your generous and gracious giving of tithes and offerings is as bountiful as ever, enabling the church to continue its good ministry. Your willingness to volunteer for the ongoing missions of our congregation has touched the lives of many persons within and beyond our community. We are not alone, after all.

We now know that sheltering in place will be our way of life for at least a few more weeks. But, friends, hang in there. You really are doing some good. After all, we are the Church.

God is good!

Dan

P.S. If you wish to email me, I would prefer that you use my personal address: thewrights62@hotmail.com. Thanks.

SPECIAL DATES:

- May 3 Communion & Food Pantry Sunday
- May 9 Relay for Life Pork Chops at Mercer Market 10:30AM-1PM
- May 17 CIA Luncheon 11:30AM
- May 17 Mission Meeting 5:15PM
- May 17 Trustees Meeting 6PM
- May 17 Finance Meeting 6:45PM
- May 17 Council Meeting 7:30PM
- May 18 United Methodist Men Meeting 6PM
- May 21 Parish Visitor Deadline 8AM
- May 25 Office Closed for Memorial Day
- May 26 Relay for Life Meeting 6:30PM
- May 28 Women's Bible Study 6PM

All meeting are subject to the "Shelter in Place" order being lifted.

For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11

WIFI CHANGES AT AUMC

We have updated our wifi here at AUMC. In the past you could log on to AUMC1 in the Education Wing area, and AUMC2 in the Sanctuary area. With the updates, AUMC1 is now for staff, and not available to the public. AUMC2 is our public network, and works in the entire building. You may log into AUMC2 with the password: connectmetochrist.

CALL-EM-ALL UPDATE

Call-Em-All now has a way for you to get those messages that only come through partially. It is called Message Replay. If you call the number 844-358-1565, they will play for you the last message sent to your phone number. Be sure to call from the phone that received the original message, and call soon, as you will get only the last message sent.



CONNECTION COINS FOR MAY

The Connection Coins (the “thinly-veiled Pringles cans”!) are doing great things in the life of the Aledo UMC! On the 2nd Sunday of each month, during the Children’s Moment, the ushers pass around those cans. You are encouraged to drop your change in- although we WILL accept “folding money”! And that change goes toward helping fund a ministry within the church.

This month (May 10th), the Connection Coin offering will go toward another important ministry. The HyVee Bread Ministry touches so many in our congregation and beyond. Jerry, our bread delivery man, does this as a mission, asking for nothing in return. We help with the fuel expenses of this valuable ministry, giving him \$10 a week for gas. So, 100% of the money that is collected in the cans on the 10th of May will be used to help fund this valuable Ministry. What a GREAT way to help connect people to Jesus Christ. So, remember to bring your change on Sunday, May 10th!

Assistance is Available for our Church Members during this “Shelter In Place” Time

We have organized a group of eight church members who are willing to assist you when needed to provide grocery shopping, pick up a medication, or anything else that is within our capacity. Just call the church office at 309-582-2169, Bryce Benson at 309-738-2105 or Ruth Dulaney at 309-738-6151 and assistance will be arranged for you.

Connecting with our AUMC Members and Friends During our “Safer at Home” Season each Thursday

Our curbside food distribution and delivery of food or cheer plates continues to grow each week. This allows us to connect with each other in a safe manner during this isolation period of time. We want to reach out to you to meet your needs!

We will continue our curbside distribution of food each Thursday 9 – 11 AM as long as our “shelter in place” time is extended. We are limiting this service to our church family (and their friends and neighbors who are in need of food). So contact other church family members and encourage them to take advantage of a time to get out safely and have a connection with others for food or a special treat.

Thank you all who brought “**Love Messages**” for your church family and placed them in the bin on the bench outside the church. They will be placed in the food bags each week. You can even write your phone number on your message so the recipient can give you a phone call – more connections!

Continue to bring your cheer cards for others and place them in the bin.

A big shout out to our volunteers and Riverbend Food Bank who are making this ministry possible!

We are all in this together with God’s constant guidance and strength

Ruth Dulaney, Nurturing & Outreach Team Leader

Church Financial Update

Your Finance Committee hopes everyone is safe and staying healthy during these unprecedented times!

A quick update on the finances of your church –

- Giving has been strong through the weeks when there hasn’t been “in person” church services. Everything is an unknown right now, so to have giving at the current pace is a good surprise!
- All of the 2020 bills and salaries are paid, with a little in reserve.
- We still have some outstanding 2019 bills to catch up on, and those will be paid. For right now, we’re focusing on keeping the current bills paid and a little in reserve for the unknown in front of us, and for the summer months which typically result in a drop in giving.

Please consider your giving to the church going forward. Your continued tithes and gifts, even a portion of your Stimulus check, would go a long way in keeping the church strong through the uncertain days ahead.

Many thanks for all you do for your church!

God is good!

Church Website

Have you looked at your church's website? If not, go to www.myaledoumc.com and see what's going on! Not only can you see the "basics" about the Aledo United Methodist Church, you can find the most current church calendar. Also, the monthly newsletter can be found on our website. Stop by and check it out!



MOTHER'S DAY

Do you have your greeting card picked out? **Sunday, May 10th is Mother's Day!** Those tireless, often thankless women who brought us into this world (and can take us back out if we don't stay in line!) are honored on that day. The women of the church will be recognized that day, and the men of the congregation will be giving each of them a special gift as well. If your mother is no longer with us, say a special prayer of thanksgiving for her that day. If she IS with us, make sure you call her to tell her how much she means to you. In this time of Social Distancing, we may not be able to be together, but we can let her know how much she is loved and remembered.



Come and "check out" our Church Library
in the Fellowship Café
area and see what is new!



C.I.A. (CARING INDIVIDUAL ADULTS) LUNCHEON

The C.I.A. (Caring Individual Adults) is a group that is open to both mature men and women who often find themselves eating alone. This includes, but isn't limited to, anyone who has lost their spouse, been divorced or separated, or whose loved one is in the nursing home. Once a month, at 11:45AM, the Caring Hearts ministry provides a luncheon for CIA.

The next CIA Luncheon will be held on May 17th. Invite someone who fits the criteria, and join them for lunch You DO NOT need to fit the criteria to invite someone and join them!



NEW/CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES

“The Beatitudes” Bible Study

WHAT: Mike Millar’s current Tuesday morning Bible Study

WHEN: Tuesdays @ 9AM

WHERE: In the Fellowship Café, next to the Sanctuary

WHY: *The Beatitudes* reveal to us 8 qualities that bring God’s blessings: meekness and mercy, poorness in spirit and purity of heart, mourning and hunger. Peacemaking and persecution. Join us!

WHAT ELSE: Books are \$8.



Beloved Disciple: “The Life and Ministry of John” by Beth Moore

WHAT: Next Wednesday morning MEN’S Bible Study with Gary Heard

WHEN: Wednesdays @ 6:30AM (Coffee, breakfast pizza AND donuts EVERY week!)

WHERE: In the Fellowship Café, next to the Sanctuary

WHY: John's legacy was love. Perhaps like no other disciple, John understood that relationship is the point. Every command of Christ and call to obedience is to enhance relationship and place the recipient in a posture the Giver can bless.

WHAT ELSE: Books are \$16



“Unafraid- Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times” by Adam Hamilton

WHAT: Current Wednesday Evening Bible Study with Tim Hay

WHEN: Wednesdays at 6PM.

WHERE: In the Fellowship Café, next to the Sanctuary

WHY: For anyone struggling with fear, worry, or anxiety, or who wonders how families and communities can live as peacemakers in troubled times, *Unafraid* offers an informed and inspiring message full of practical solutions.

WHAT ELSE: The books are free!

ALL Bible Studies in the Church building have been cancelled at this time.

Practice Good Hygiene, Especially During this Time of Corona Virus Awareness

Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds often during the day

Don’t touch your face, eyes, or nose

Sanitize hard surfaces that are routinely touched often

Maintain of social distance 3 to 6 feet apart

Stay home if you are sick

Check on friends and neighbors

Stay connected while apart through telephone calls, email, snail mail, social media.

Use good judgement about being around the public

Hug Your Mug

We do a lot of ministry at Aledo UMC! We provide easy and efficient ways to do that in the kitchen and café by offering disposable cups, plates and silverware. And yet, God has asked us to be good stewards to this planet. I propose that we continue offering these items for our guests and those who want to use them. I am also proposing that those of us who would like to make a smaller carbon footprint to bring a coffee thermos or just a coffee mug to church.

Make sure you take it home with you after church and wash it and bring it back next Sunday! If only 20 people did that every Sunday, we would save about a 1000 cups and lids from ending up in the landfill. That is quite a difference. **Hug Your Mug** means to keep it close to you! Bring it with you to worship and Bible Study and don't **forget** to take it home to wash and reuse!



Thank you

Paul and Mary Flint, thanks for the delicious chocolate that you brought to me. I miss going to church and seeing so many good people.

Dora Mae Howlett

Thank you to my AUMC family for the groceries that were dropped off last Thursday.

Ann Sedam

Aledo UMC,

Thank you very much for the nice card and keeping us in prayer. It's wonderful to know we can reach out to our church friends in time of need, more so now than ever. We pretty much stay inside and cannot have visitors unless it is critical, but our Activity Director is wonderful trying to keep us busy. I thank God for phones to keep in touch with others.

May God watch over all of his helpers, and as your card stated, "Walk on In Faith".

God bless you and thanks again for all you are doing.

Sincerely,

Ella & Chuck Luallen



SUNDAY SCHOOL

WE CAN'T WAIT TO BE BACK TOGETHER SO WE CAN SHARE THESE GREAT SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDIES:

Sunday School is a great place to start your learning week! Sunday School is held from 9:15 am – 10:00 am and includes the following groups:

Grades K-1-2	NEW STUDY: The Beginner's Bible – Timeless Children's Stories
Grades 3-6	The Bible in a Year
Grades 7-8	NEW STUDY: Wild Grace (Max Lucado)
Grades 9-12	NEW STUDY: Wild Grace (Max Lucado)

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

05/03/2014– Jose & Kaitlyn Marceleno
 05/07/2011– Darren & Kia Winsor
 05/16/1958– George & Carole Korns
 05/16/1970– Michael & Barbara Millar
 05/17/1980– Roger & Jackie Maynard
 05/20/1978– Mike & Vicki Peterson
 05/21/2016– Pat & Amy Sage
 05/25/1996– Bill & Jane Stropes
 05/29/1993– Jeff & Trisha Hank



UM Women Golden Age Birthdays

05/11– Linda Tharp
 05/19– Louise Engwall
 05/21– Martha Rittenhouse
 05/30– Clara McCreight
 05/30– Barbara Michael



The deadline for the next
 Parish Visitor is
Thursday, May 21st @ 8am.
 Please have all articles submitted
 by this date!

THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Mike Abel	Gildea family/missionaries	Sandra Lanteau	Rebecca Weihler/brain tumor
Betty Allan	Rodney Glidden/cancer	Jo Lawson	Marsha Whitman/cancer
Alicia/cancer	Gloria/cancer	Jon Lee/cancer	Brandy Young/cancer
Amelia/breast cancer	Bailey Greene and boys	Henry Leichty/9 yrs /health	Dick Zimmerman/health
Pete & Karen Ashton/health	Pete Guyton/health	Nadine Liby	Shut-ins/Nursing Home residents
Kara B/health	Jim Hanson/cancer	Lisa/cancer	Military & families
Jerry Baker	Gerri Harmon/healing	Donnie Louck	All ill/in hospitals
Phyllis Batson	Rev Mark's family, friends, & church family	Joann Love	Our world leaders
Bishop Beard/eyesight	Pam Heath	Eric Matich/6yrs/leukemia	Our Church/congregation
Genniene Billiet/cancer	Martha Hillman	Marcia/cancer	Those suffering from depression
Bob Bocox/cancer	Martha Hillman	Dana Murphy	Marriages
Brenda Brandt	Parker Hopkins/2yrs/cancer	Jody Newton/cancer	Coronavirus patients
Gary Brown/health	Jackson/CP	Joel Noe/health	Our denomination/peace
Karen Buchanan/health	Janet Jenson/cancer	Maddie Perry/cancer	Students/no school
Judy Bunell/health	Terry Jones/cancer	Esther Rechkemmer/health	
Julia Cirks/cancer	Bob Judge/heart	Family of Mary Rillie	
Hurley Crossman/cancer	John Karwath/cancer	Marty Ryan	
Dick & Bev/Lange's friends	Verlee Kaufman	Dustin Schrock/health	
Missy Bennett family/loss	Mary Kenney	Lucas Smith/blood disorder	
Jimmy Dutton/kidney donor	Everett Kerres/3 yrs/health	Diana Spencer/health	
Lauren Eggen/cancer	Doug Kiddoo	Pat Stevens/cancer	
Ethel/Ruth's sister	Roger & Carol Kiddoo	Sydney/healing	
Evelyn/3yr old/cancer	Chad King/brain tumor	Joe Thibedoux/lymphoma	
Rich & Sonjia Fell/health	Martha E King	Todd Greer/health	
Carol Freeman/cancer	Tamia King/health	Maria Unger/health	
CJ Friedel	Dan Kistler	Nena Visser/health	
Gail/chemo & radiation	Pat Lafferty/heart	Phil Visser/hip replacement	



Mercer County Schools
 Administration, Teachers, Students
 and Staff
 National and Local Governmental
 Leaders

Youth & Children's Page

2020 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Please continue to keep Confirmands Keeghan Benson, Hazel Dennison, Isaiah Earl, Jenna Latko, Violet Meskan, Alexis Taylor, Grayson Thomson and Mia Ward close in prayer as we all continue to navigate through these uncertain times. What an amazing group of faithful young adults! We look forward to welcoming them into full membership once the pandemic crisis is over and we can schedule Confirmation Sunday. Thank you all for your continued prayers and support of our Confirmands.

THE FORGE

“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” ---
Proverbs 27:17

Even though meetings for the Forge have ended for the year, we still have a planting project we will be working on starting in May and continuing through the summer.

Thanks to Doyce Hiscocks for making us three planters for the west side of the Education Wing. These planters were made from recycled wood from the organ project and a deck project. They will make planting, weeding and mowing easier!

Please let Kathleen know if you'd like to help!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Calling all knights!

Save the dates! Sunday – Wednesday, July 12-15, 2020 will be the dates for this summer's Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is **Knights of the North Castle**, a Quest for the King's Armor! Join Sparky, one very special dragon, on the quest for the King's armor!



We also need adult team leaders and adult/older youth team members to help us on our quest. Are you up to the challenge? Let Kathleen know and she'll find you a place at the Round Table!

Summer Camp

Summer camp registration is now open! Don't miss the opportunity to meet new people and learn new things as you experience the fun of summer camp and grow in Jesus Christ. Ask any of last summer's campers – they had a blast!

For more information and to check out the different camps, please visit these websites:

Illinois camps: <https://www.igrc.org/campsessions>

Iowa camps: <https://www.iaumc.org/camps>



WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP - THANK YOU!

With Wednesday Night Fellowship complete for another year, I would like to thank all the teachers and students! We would not have the amazing learning and sharing experience of FUEL and Bible study without the support and talents of Mary Anderson, Wanda Cobert, Janet Hunter, Kelly Miller, Dennis Palmer, Vicki Palmer, Candy Terrill and Liz Zimmerman. Thank you all for your dedication to the youth on Wednesday nights!



KNIT, CROCHET, PRAY – NEW PROJECT FOCUS

Spring is here! Time to switch from scarves to a new project for Knit, Crochet, Pray.

When we get back to in-person worship services, we will concentrate on making baby blankets for the Mercer County Crisis Center. We are excited to begin this new project focus and help the smallest members of our community.

Do you want to learn how to knit or crochet? See Kathleen and arrange a time for a lesson or two! Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons or Sunday during the Study Hour (5:15 pm - 6:15 pm) are all available times to pick up needles or hook and begin! We can't wait to have you join us!

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES IN MAY

Did you know that May Is American Bike Month? It is also Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. What about Asparagus Month? Or Asthma & Allergy Awareness Month (makes sense!)? It is also National Bar-B-Q, Egg, Hamburger, Salad and Strawberry Months! Here are some special days in May- May 1st- Mother Goose Day, May 2nd- Baby Day, May 3rd- Lumpy Rug Day, May 4th- National Teacher Day, May 5th- National Hoagie Day, May 6th- International No Diet Day, May 7th- Space Day, May 8th- National Dance Like a Chicken Day, May 9th- No Socks Day, May 10th- Tulip Day, May 11th- Twilight Zone Day, May 12th- Clean Up Your Room Day, May 12th- Mother's Day, May 14th- Kite Day, May 15th- Be a Millionaire Day, May 16th- Peace Day, May 17th- Pack Rat Day, May 18th- Visit Your Relatives Day, May 19th- Circus Day, May 20th- Armed Forces Day, May 21st- Lindbergh Flight Day, May 22nd- Buy-A-Musical Instrument Day, May 23rd- Penny Day, May 24th- National Escargot Day, May 25th- Hug Your Pet Day, May 26th- Blueberry Cheesecake Day, May 27th- Ham Sandwich Day, May 28th- Memorial Day, May 27th- Sun Screen Day, May 30th- International Jazz Day and May 31st- World No Tobacco Day. Celebrate all that May has to offer!



To the Congregation and Friends of Aledo United Methodist Church

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

I am Pastor Dave Schultz and this coming July, I will serve at the pleasure of Bishop Frank Beard as pastor of Aledo United Methodist Church. It will be my fifth appointment in the Illinois Great Rivers Conference.

I am married. My wife, Candice, and I were both raised in Milwaukee. In fact, Candice is my high school sweetheart and this April 3, we will celebrate our 44th wedding anniversary. Shortly after we married, we moved to Minneapolis where we both attended North Central Bible College. In 1980, I received my Bachelor of Arts in Bible and Pastoral Care. The college is affiliated with the Assemblies of God. Although I was raised in the American Lutheran Church, I spent twenty years in the Assemblies, including thirteen years as pastor in Collinsville, Illinois; Garland, Texas; and finally, in Geneseo.

Candice is an immensely talented individual, most recently serving as the executive director for Main Street Orion. Together we are the proud parents of three sons, Jonathan, Jordan and Justin.

Jonathan and his wife Molly live in suburban Chicago with their two daughters Ava and Emma. Jonathan is in upper management at Discover, the credit card company. Molly is a stay-at-home mom.

Jordan and his wife Robyn live in North Liberty, Iowa with their son Jack. Jordan is a clinical pharmacy specialist at the University of Iowa where he spends his time in neurological research, clinical trials, and teaching. Robyn is a middle school teacher in Cedar Rapids, working with special needs students.

Justin works in logistics for CH Robinson, where he organizes transportation and delivery activities throughout America. He and his girlfriend Cortney have been dating for over two years. Cortney works for Coyote Logistics, where she has a job similar to Justin's.

My last position in the Assemblies of God was a part-time one, so since I enjoy writing, I supplemented my pastoral work as the editor of the *Cambridge Chronicle*. In 1993, I left the Assemblies, and began serving as the interim pastor of First Baptist Church, Cambridge, while waiting for my first appointment in the UMC.

I received that first appointment in 1994, becoming the pastor of Mazon-Verona and serving there for four years. In 1998, I received my Master of Divinity from McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago. Also in 1998, I was appointed as the directing pastor of a five-church parish headquartered in Griggsville. Four years later, two more churches were added to that parish. Along with my other pastoral responsibilities, I also served as the hospice chaplain for Blessing Hospital's Pike County office.

In 2006, I was appointed to Orion where I was able to lead the congregation through a building and renovation program as well as have an impact on the church's youth and missions' programs. Currently I am nearing the end of a Doctor of Ministry program at Dubuque Theological Seminary.

Our move to Aledo will mark the merging of two journeys: ours as well as the long and storied journey Aledo United Methodist Church. I've just provided you with a glimpse into our journey to date; we have much more to share with you, and we are anxious to hear your stories as well. Fortunately, we will have plenty of time to share our stories—and our journeys—together!

Yours for the Mission

Pastor Dave Schultz

Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May (Monday, May 24th this year). Formerly known as Decoration Day, it commemorates U.S. men and women who died while in military service to their country. First enacted to honor Union soldiers from the Civil War (it is celebrated near the day of official reunification after that war), it was expanded after World War I to include American casualties of any war or military action.

On Sunday, May 24th, we will honor those men and women who gave their lives for our country during our Worship Service. Please remember the ultimate price these brave people paid so that we might have freedom- including freedom to worship as we see fit.



CLOSINGS AT AUMC

As we all know, the Covid 19 Pandemic has changed life as we knew it at AUMC. All events except essential food preparation, such as Caring Hearts and Loving Hands, have been cancelled, and will resume when we get the okay from our government officials. Our Sunday Services will continue to be broadcast live at 10:30AM on our Facebook page every Sunday, and on WRMJ the 4th and 5th (if needed) Sundays of the month. On the first, second, and third Sundays of the month, our Service will be re-broadcast on WRMJ at 5:10PM.

Please know that you can email Rev Dan at any time.

His email is thewrights62@hotmail.com.

Donations

If you need a way to give to the church other than mailing or dropping off your donation, please consider doing bill-pay. It can easily be arranged through your bank, and can be done online. There is no fee, so all the funds come to the church. We have suspended Paypal giving at this time.

Thank you for keeping our church functioning through this difficult time.

God IS good!



WRMJ RADIO BROADCAST

On the 4th Sunday of each month, and on any 5th Sundays, we broadcast our 10:30AM Worship Service live on WRMJ. Would you like to sponsor this? It costs \$70 to sponsor a Sunday broadcast, and is a wonderful way to get our Services out to the public and to those who cannot make it to church. If you are interested, let the office know at 582-2169. If you would like to sponsor in memory of a loved one, give us the information and we will acknowledge it in the bulletin and in the announcements.

**PRAYER WALK
THROUGH THE
CHURCH
EVERY
SUNDAY
MORNING
AT 7AM.**

Need a ride to church?

Contact Greg Cobert at 309-737-5621, or the office at 309-582-2169 to make arrangements to be picked up.



**WORSHIP
TIMES:
Sundays 8AM,
9:15AM,
10:30AM
Sunday School
9:15AM**



Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the thoughtful gift of a flower. I love hyacinths, and I love all of you for thinking of me. I miss seeing everyone and I'm so thankful for being able to see and hear our Services on Sunday and devotions on Tuesday. Thank you for keeping me in the circle (at the table). God bless all of you.

Love,
Marge Lloyd

**So be strong and
courageous, you who
put your hope in the
Lord.
Psalm 31:24**

Dear Aledo United Methodist Church Caring Hearts Volunteers,

Thank you so much for the gift of food, the meal and the love and caring that was included.

I am staying healthy. I am following the rules. I am depending on God to help me. It so lifted my spirit to receive the Caring Hearts package. It is welcome. Thanks to Vicki Palmer for delivering and her greeting.

Thank you also for the plant that was delivered later by Greg and Wanda Cobert.

Thank you,
Martha Rittenhouse

AUMC,

Thanks so much for the food donations. It was all great. What I did not need, I shared with fellow Vashti folks.

I will be so glad when we can all go back to church, and very soon, rather than later. I have been listening on the radio and all of you doing the Service are great.

This is my love note. It helps to hear all of you on the radio.

Sincerely,
Renee Forber



FINANCIAL MATTERS
(WEEKLY NEED \$6,993.29)



Date	04/05/2020	04/12/2020	04/19/2020	04/26/2020
Attendance				
Receipts				
(Toward Budget)	\$11,474.00	\$7,893.00	\$5,299.00	NA