

# The Parish Visitor



## August 2022

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### Where to Begin

Mark 9:14-29 gives us a fascinating portrait of Jesus. He is confronted by a father with a son who is “possessed by an evil spirit” which seizes the boy and throws him on the ground where he becomes rigid and foams at the mouth. After he engages the father in a conversation, Jesus commands the spirit to come out of him, and he is delivered.

Most Bible scholars recognize that the boy was not possessed by a demon; rather, he showed all the signs of having epileptic seizures. But Jesus does not correct their bad theology. He does not say, “Actually, the boy is not demon possessed. He has a disease called epilepsy.” Rather, he answers the father’s prayer and heals the boy. In other words, Jesus always starts where we are, rather than where he is.

Jesus always begins where we are. That pattern is repeated throughout the gospels. In John 4, Jesus met a Samaritan woman in Sychar who went to the town well in the heat of the day. Why? My guess is that due to her checkered past, she went when no one else would be around. Instead, she found Jesus sitting there, and he asked her for a drink. This put Jesus in a position of need, whereby he was better able to pique her interest and engage her in a conversation, acknowledging her shameful past, but without shaming her. The woman soon realizes that she has just met the Messiah and becomes the first evangelist as she rushes back into Sychar to tell her neighbors about the One who “told me everything I ever did” (John 4:29). In other words, she became the first evangelist.

Jesus always begins where we are. And that, in a nutshell, is the story of the Incarnation, the birth of the Messiah. Jesus took up residence in our neighborhood so we could one day take up residence in his.

We, too, are to begin where people are. In some cases, that’s easy to do. In other cases, not so much because people are a messy lot. I don’t mean that they’re untidy. Rather, they might embrace bad theology. They might have a checkered past. They might be filled with shame. They might have a lifestyle that we don’t agree with. But they are our neighbors, and we are to love them. And we are to connect them to Jesus Christ. So we begin where they are.

Unfortunately, our natural tendency is to (continued on page 2)

#### SPECIAL DATES:

- August 3 Odd Wednesdays Bible Study 6PM
- August 3 Riverbend Produce 4:30-5:45PM
- August 4 Caring Hearts Food Prep 9AM
- August 7 Communion Sunday
- August 7 Caring Hearts Food Prep 9AM
- July 9 Loving Hands Food Prep 1PM
- August 9 UMW Picnic at Ruth Dulaney’s home 6PM
- August 13 UMW Pork Chops at Mercer Market 10:30AM-1PM
- August 14 Missions Meeting 5:15PM
- August 14 Trustees Meeting 6PM
- August 14 Finance Meeting 6:45PM
- August 14 Council Meeting 7:30PM
- August 15 UM Men Meeting 6PM
- August 17 Riverbend Produce 4:30-5:45PM
- August 17 Odd Wednesday Study 6PM
- August 18 Caring Hearts Food Prep 1PM
- August 19 Parish Visitor Deadline 8AM
- August 21 Welcome Back Breakfast 8AM-12:30PM
- August 21 Welcome Back Kid’s Karnival 2:30-4:30PM
- August 21 Welcome Back Meal 4:30-5:45PM
- August 21 Jack Carey Concert 6PM
- August 23 Loving Hands Food Prep 1PM
- August 25 UMW Exec Meeting 4PM
- August 25 Women’s Bible Study 6PM

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begin where *we* are, with our own beliefs about God and sin and shame. We want to tell *our* story, rather than listen to theirs. But that's not the Jesus way. Jesus always began where his neighbors were.

We live in a messy, complicated world. When I was a child, most people went to church on Sundays. Today, most people stay home. And the fastest growing religion in America today is "None of the above." And yet, people today are just like that father who brought his son to Jesus. People today are still just like that woman from Sychar who had been married five times. People are still messy and need Jesus. They just don't know it. Can we love them into the kingdom of God? I believe we can.

Connecting People to Christ with you,

*Pastor Dave*

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## Connecting with the Word

Suggested readings for each week of August are as follows:

- **Sunday, August 7:** Isaiah 1; Psalm 50; Hebrews 11:1-16; and Luke 12:32-40. Holy Communion will be served.
  - **Sunday, August 14:** Isaiah 5; Psalm 80; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; and Luke 12:49-56.
  - **Sunday, August 21:** Jeremiah 1; Psalm 71; Hebrews 12:18-29; and Luke 13:10-17.
  - **Sunday, August 28:** Jeremiah 2; Psalm 81; Hebrews 13; and Luke 14:1, 7-14.
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## Kids' Karnival

You can still help make our Sunday, August 21 Kids' Karnival a success by participating in one of two ways:

1. Make or provide a carnival game prior to our August 21 Karnival. There is a sign-up display in the Fellowship Café.
2. Volunteer to oversee a game or activity on Sunday, August 21. There are also a limited number of games where you may be seated for most of the time. Again, sign-up sheets are available in the Fellowship Café.

Our Kids' Karnival will be from 2:30 to 4:30. You may sign up for the first shift (2 to 3:30), the second shift (3:30 to 5) or both shifts.



## Hurry, Hurry, Get'em While They're.....Marked Down!!



Operation Christmas Child will run from October 2nd through October 30th this year. While that's still a ways off, it's not too early to start collecting items for your shoeboxes now...many of you may have already started to do so. *I do want to remind you that now is an excellent time to pick up school supplies at reduced prices.*

If you have never filled a shoebox before, please go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> and click on "how to pack a shoebox". Even if you are a "shoebox veteran" (as many of you are), this is an excellent resource for new ideas....in other words, "don't be afraid to think outside the shoebox". While visiting this website, please take the time to click on the stories and see how God uses these shoeboxes to change lives. It is simply amazing how God can take one box, filled with a few small toys, school supplies, clothing, and/or hygiene items and use it to glorify his name. There will be more information in the days to come, but **NOW...right now....**is the time to start collecting those gift items.

### Christian Education News

- Sunday School for youth and children will begin again on Sunday, September 11.
- A new adult class will be offered at 10:30 and will be led by Karen Buchanan in the dining room. Each week this will involve a discussion of that day's sermon text.
- A nine-person Christian Education Team has been created out of the former youth and education team. This new team is being chaired by Ashlie Dellitt Fuller.

Connecting People to Christ with you,

*Pastor Dave*

### Fall Walks to Emmaus

The QC Emmaus Community has announced dates for this fall's Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis. Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis are not retreats; rather, they are designed to immerse "pilgrims" in the love of God over the course of fourteen talks and other experiences.

**Men's Walk #125** will be held Thursday, September 22 through Sunday, September 25.

**Women's Walk #126** will be held Thursday, September 29 through Sunday, October 3.

**Chrysalis** modifies the Walk to Emmaus for youth and is a co-ed event. It will be held Thursday, November 10 through Sunday, November 13.

All three events will be held at Camp Summit, south of New Windsor. Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis are both sponsored by The Upper Room.

Interested persons may contact Pastor Dave, Ruth Dulaney, or Deb and Stan Swank. You may also request an application by emailing [QCAemmaus@gmail.com](mailto:QCAemmaus@gmail.com).

## NEW/CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES

### **“Paul: Galatians and Thessalonians” by N.T. Wright**

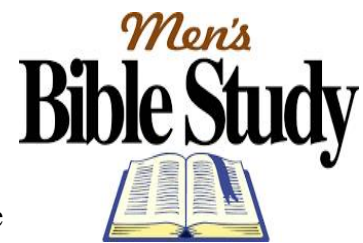
**WHAT:** Wednesday morning MEN’S Bible Study with Gary Heard

**WHEN:** Wednesdays @ 6:30AM

**WHERE:** In the Fellowship Café, next to the Sanctuary

**WHY:** N.T. Wright is one of the worlds leading Bible scholars. His eye-opening comments on these letters are combined with his fresh and inviting new translation of the text. Making use of his true scholar’s understanding, yet writing in an approachable and anecdotal style, Wright captures the tension and excitement of the times as the letters seek to assert Paul’s authority and his teaching against other influences.

**WHAT ELSE:** It is not too late to join us in this study.



### **Odd Wednesdays “The Agile Church” by Dwight Zscheile**

**WHAT:** Odd Wednesdays Bible Study with Pastor Dave

**WHEN:** Odd Wednesday evenings at 6PM (August 3rd and 17th)

**WHERE:** In the Fellowship Café, next to the Sanctuary

**WHY:** Author Dwight Zscheile maintains that the innovation explored in *The Agile Church* “is not one more quick-fix strategy for the church in order to reclaim some form of institutional success that it has lost.” Rather, we plan to use *The Agile Church* as a springboard for discernment, for our mission is not only to connect people to Jesus Christ; it is also to be connected to the Spirit who is already moving among us.

This journey is critical for church leaders, especially those who are already serving on our Administrative Council or other committees or teams of our church. However, it is not restricted to those persons only. Anyone who is interested in the future of Aledo UMC is welcome to participate in this journey. Pastor Dave have purchased 30 copies of *The Agile Church*; we hope that’s not enough, and we hope we have to order more. Registration is \$20 which covers the cost of the book. Please register directly with Pastor Dave.

**WHAT ELSE:** At the end of our journey of discernment, we will invite the entire church and community to join us for a celebration concert with Jack Carey on Sunday, August 21 at 6 pm. Details are forthcoming, but we believe this will be just the boost we need as we enter into our future.

## Opportunities for Baptism

If either you or your child have not been baptized, please contact Pastor Dave to arrange a time when this sacrament may be administered. Baptisms are performed during the 10:30 service on any Sunday except the first Sunday of the month because that is Communion Sunday.

Baptism by immersion is an option during the summer months because they are performed outdoors at the end of the 10:30 service.



## Thank you!

Dear Aledo United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your generous \$2000.00 gift on 12/27/2021 to Heifer International. Through your generous gift of animals and training, families learn to become self-reliant farmers and entrepreneurs earning steady incomes. In short, you give them the hand up— not a handout— they need to provide for their families, once and for all.

With your support, women are empowered to stand on their own. Parents are emboldened as they can now provide food for their families year-round. Children are equally educated as they are able to go to school, regardless of gender. These transformations would not be possible without your help.

Thank you for your commitment to creating a better world as we work together to end hunger and poverty while caring for the Earth.

Sincerely,

*Pierre U. Ferrari*  
President and CEO



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I have responded to "Thank yous" with "Oh, it was nothing" or "It's no problem". On Monday, July 11th, as the AUMC Mission Team served a meal to 40 carnival workers at the Mercer County Fair, I used those phrases. It was the wrong thing to say. As everyone expressed their thanks, I minimized God's part in our service with my "no problems" or "de nada". With God involved in our service to others, our "nothing" becomes something far beyond what we can accomplish on our own. I am so thankful for those that served in any way with that meal. Ruth Dulaney, Neil and Pam Truman, Vi and Wayne Darsnek, Jodi Andress, Dwight Reynolds, and Barb Millar.

To God be the Glory! A Dios sea la gloria!

In service to God,

*Mike Millar*



WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE  
CARDS, TEXTS, AND PHONE  
CALLS. JULY PASSES AND WE GET  
TO RETURN TO CHURCH IN 3RD  
WEEK OF AUGUST. MOST IM-  
PORTANT OF ALL, YOUR PRAYERS  
AS WE PRAY FOR YOU!  
*DENNIS AND VICKI PALMER*

**THANK YOU!**  
THE FAMILY OF RON SCHMIDT  
GIVES A HEARTFELT THANK YOU  
TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY FOR  
THEIR PRAYERS AND MEMORIAL  
GIFTS. YOU ARE ALL A VERY  
SPECIAL FAMILY.  
THANK YOU TO  
PASTOR DAVE  
FOR HIS TRIBUTE  
TO RON.  
*CAROLE SCHMIDT*



**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!**

## Fresh Produce from Riverbend

We will have **FREE** Fresh Produce from Riverbend Food Bank  
on the first and third Wednesday evenings of the month this Summer.

**The upcoming dates  
are:**

**August 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
August 17<sup>th</sup>**

There will also be some other food items that  
will be available to pick up.

So come to the church basement

**4:30 – 5:45 PM**

and help yourself.

Take some to your friends and neighbors!

## HyVee Baked Product Schedule

Our HyVee bread and many other goodies are delivered on Saturday morning. They are available for you to pick up in the Fellowship Café area when you come to Church Services on Sunday morning. The bread is in the lobby outside the church office on Monday morning 8–11AM for you to select bread products for your neighbors and yourself.

## Sponsors for our August Radio Broadcasts

**August 7– Jon & Chris Swanson**

**August 14– Neil and Pam Truman in memory of loved ones**

**August 21– Radio Broadcast preempted by Cardinal Baseball**

**August 28– United Methodist Women**

## Youth & Children's Page

Hello everyone. It's the month of August, new beginnings! I am excited and looking forward to working with the youth, with excellency and the best I can give, and it's also a blessing to be part of AUMC. Thank you for this opportunity and the blessing.

*Evelyn Gomez*

1 Cor. 12:5-6

There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord.  
God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does all the work  
in all of us to Him be the glory.

### Tuesday Morning Studies Are Back—with a Twist!

Beginning in September, Pastor Dave will be leading a class at 9 am on Tuesdays, prior to our regularly held staff meetings. However, it will be offered with a twist! The twist is that the class will be offered twice, at 9 am on Tuesdays and again on "Odd Wednesdays" at 6 pm. Please choose the time which works best for you.

For twelve weeks, we will be diving into Adam Hamilton's *When Christians Get It Wrong*. Adam Hamilton is a noted United Methodist pastor serving the Church of the Resurrection in the Kansas City area.

Our goal is not to solve anything or come to a mutual agreement about anything. Rather, we will wrestle with some of the things that the church and the world struggle with.

Here's our schedule:

- Tuesday, September 6 & 13 **or** Wednesday, September 7: "When Christians Are Unchristian"
- Tuesday, September 20 & 27 **or** Wednesday, September 21: "Christians, Science, and Politics."
- Tuesday, October 4 & 11 **or** Wednesday, October 5: "When Speaking of Other Religions"
- Tuesday, October 18 & 25 **or** Wednesday, October 19: "When Bad Things Happen"
- Tuesday, November 1 & 8 **or** Wednesday, November 2: "In Dealing with Homosexuality"
- Tuesday, November 15 & 22 **or** Wednesday, November 16: "When Christians Get It Right"

If you would like to purchase a book for \$14—even if you are unable to attend a class, see Pastor Dave.

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

08/06/1980– Jon & Chris Swanson  
 08/06/1999– Scott & Dianna Spencer  
 08/08/???– Scott & Sabrina Earl  
 08/08/1964– Gail & Linda Morrow  
 08/16/2020– Ray & Betty Leng  
 08/17/1984– Garry & Debra Toops  
 08/17/2013– Gary & Karen Buchanan  
 08/18/2007– Nick & Miranda Boss  
 08/26/1972– Steve & Rhonda Brown  
 08/28/2011– Jacob & Hannah Robinson  
 08/29/1965– Stan & Debbie Swank  
 08/30/???– Barry & Denise Algren  
 08/31/1969– Bill & Debby Breeden



## UM Women Golden Age Birthdays

08/10– Erma Dobbins  
 08/28– Audrey Anderson



The deadline for the next Parish Visitor is  
**Friday, August 19th at 8am.**  
 All articles must be  
 submitted by this date!

## THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Alicia/healing  
 Debbie Adrian/ ALS  
 Shelly Atkinson/healing  
 Aunt Betty/health  
 Bishop and Melissa Beard  
 Christy Bender/healing  
 Jim Boss/heart issues  
 Renae Brown/test results  
 Patty Burford/healing  
 Bill Breeden/healing  
 Vanessa Chavez/salvation,  
 deliverance  
 Connie Dellitt/healing  
 Chase Duff  
 Family of Rich Fell  
 Sonjia Fell  
 Renee Forber/health  
 Don Franks/cancer  
 Bill Glenn/health  
 Evelyn Gomez's family in  
 need of salvation  
 Gerri Harmon/ health  
 Darlene Jones/health  
 Jackson/Cerebral Palsy

Sylvia McEwen/healing  
 Jesse Midkiff/stroke  
 Family of Gloria Morgan  
 Family of Don Myers  
 Evan Ott/basic training  
 Marion Pinkham/healing  
 Esther Rechkemmer  
 Don Rice/cancer  
 Gary Schiefelbein/health  
 Carole Schmidt  
 Family of Ron Schmidt  
 Elizabeth and Don  
 Schroeder/house fire  
 Mary Schroeder/healing  
 Bob Stockham/healing  
 Pastor Dave and Candice  
 Charley Thomas  
 Nena Visser/health  
 Dick Zimmerman/kidney  
 disease  
 Acceptance, Respect,  
 Dignity, Equality  
 All who are grieving  
 Brookstone and nursing

home residents  
 A friend who needs healing  
 Kids out for the Summer  
 New Life  
 Restoration of Relation-  
 ships  
 Robb Elementary School  
 Afghanistan, Russia,  
 Ukraine, Buffalo, NY,  
 Uvalde, TX, USA and  
 the world  
 Those who are dealing with  
 mental health issues.

*Maia Mikhaluk– a wom-  
 an living in Ukraine You  
 may follow her story on  
 Facebook*



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



All Ladies!



To our annual

### UMW Potluck Picnic

Tuesday, August 9th at 6:00 PM

Ruth Dulaney's home

705 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Aledo

(Carpool at the church at 5:45 PM)

Sloppy Joe Sandwiches, Drinks and

Dinnerware provided

Bring your favorite food to share

We will eat inside and then enjoy fun and

fellowship outside, Weather permitting

(Bring a lawn chair, if possible)

**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE UMCOR FLOOD BUCKET PROJECT. OUR MISSION TEAM SPONSORED THIS PROJECT HOPING TO FILL TEN BUCKETS. THE TEAM PROVIDED THE BUCKETS AND LIDS AND WILL ASSEMBLE THEM TO BE GIVEN TO THE UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF. YOUR DONATIONS HAVE HELPED FILL ALL 10 BUCKETS ~ AND WE THANK YOU FOR THAT!**

*ALEDO UMC MISSION TEAM*



**The United Methodist Men will meet on Monday, August 15th. There will be a meal, a short business meeting, and lots of fellowship.**

## Connection Coins for August

The Connection Coins are doing great things in the life of the Aledo UMC! On the 2nd Sunday of each month, those cans are passed. 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 (August 14), the Connection Coin offering will go toward another important ministry, Operation Christmas Child. Every Fall, we collect Christmas Shoe Boxes, filled with treasures for children around the world. The items are donated and lovingly packed. But they have to be mailed. And that postage costs money! And while folks are encouraged to include postage with their donated boxes, that can be a financial hardship for some. And that's where YOU come in! 100% of the money that is collected in the cans on the 14th of August 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, August 14th.





Three teams at AUMC need new members. Can you step forward and help these groups of dedicated members who are currently performing the duties of the following ministries?

Hy-Vee Bakery Team: Each Saturday at 9:30 AM Bill Glenn delivers the bread products from Milan Hy-Vee. The team unloads the baked goods, sorts and counts them. It is an easy activity that takes about 30 minutes. Would you like to donate a small amount of your time for this ministry?

Church Tech Booth Team: On Sundays at each service, one person runs the computer while another runs the sound board. Quinton King or Mike Millar will be happy to train individuals to serve in the tech booth. When you are in the church anyway, can you join the schedule rotation to do one of these tasks while you are worshipping?

Fellowship Café Team: We have a limited number of people who prepare and serve the food and drinks at this very popular ministry. We need others to help spread our AUMC hospitality. Can you spare an hour on a couple of Sunday mornings to assist?

I will make a schedule that works for you! Please contact me at 309-738-6151 or [ruth-dulaney@gmail.com](mailto:ruth-dulaney@gmail.com)

*Thank you, Ruth Dulaney*

*Volunteer Ministries Coordinator*

## ALEDO UNITED METHODIST WOMEN PORK CHOPS

Aledo United Methodist Women will be serving pork chop sandwiches at Mercer Market on August 13th, 10:30AM to 1PM. Have a yummy lunch and support our UMW!



**KIDS, HAVE  
YOU SEEN  
TYSON'S TALES,  
OUR CHILDREN'S  
LIBRARY IN THE  
EDUCATION  
WING? STEP  
INTO THE  
WORLD OF  
READING!**



# Welcome Back!

Join us for this day-long event as we put the pandemic behind and look forward to an autumn of connecting people to Jesus Christ!

**Sunday, August 21, 2022**

**Aledo United Methodist Church**

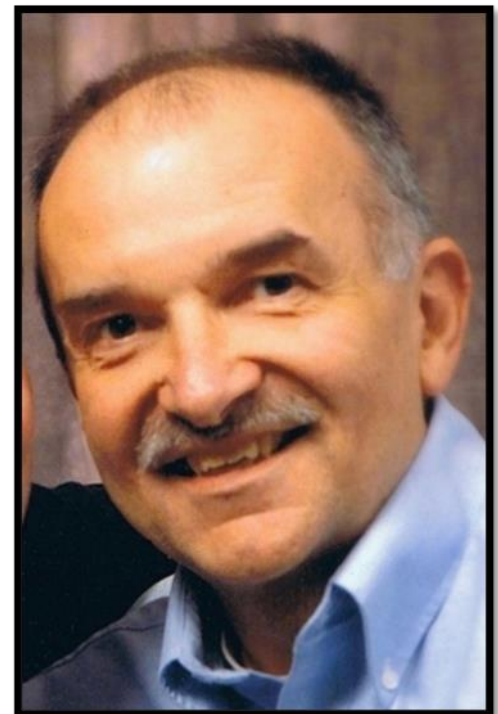
**FREE BREAKFAST** served from 8 am to 12:30 pm in the Church Dining Room.

**WORSHIP WITH US:** 8 am, Contemporary Worship  
9:15, Rock 'n Worship  
10:30, Traditional Worship

**KID'S KARNIVAL** on the West Lawn from 2:30 to 4:30 featuring games, prizes and more.

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL** served in the dining room from 4:30 to 5:45 featuring pork chop sandwiches, hot dogs, baked beans, applesauce, chips, and cookies. There is no charge, but donations will be accepted.

**GOSPEL CONCERT** at 6 pm in the sanctuary featuring Quad Cities radio personality Jack Carey.  
A freewill offering will be received.



*Jack Carey*



## Need a ride to church?

Contact the office at  
309-582-2169 or Jon Swanson at  
309-371-9501  
to make arrangements  
to be picked up.



**OUR USUAL  
WORSHIP TIMES:**  
Sundays  
8AM,  
9:15AM,  
10:30AM

## VBS 2022 Pictures



## FINANCIAL MATTERS (WEEKLY NEED \$6590.00)

Date	07/03/2022	07/10/2022	07/17/2022	07/24/2022
Attendance	148	155	155	118
Receipts (Toward Budget)	\$5,496.00	\$5,644.00	\$5,420.00	\$2,236.00

