

The Parish Visitor

May, 2017



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NOW WHAT?

by Rev. Mark

We're now past the "busyness" of Easter (566 folks worshiped with us between Maundy (Holy) Thursday and Easter Sunday!) It was a marvelous mountaintop experience: great worship, incredible music and an experience of God we won't soon forget. But now we're back in the valley, life is back to "normal", the spiritual high is diminishing, and we ask ourselves, "Now what?"

Here's what! Don't let Easter be the end of anything. Instead, let it be the beginning of a whole new adventure. Let this be the year you turn another corner in your faith journey. Refuse to simply slide back into "business as usual". Instead, reach out- GRAB that brass ring. Embrace all that God has to offer. Live life to the fullest. Don't waste a moment.

The power of Easter is found in an empty tomb. But that power is lost if we don't live our lives recognizing the tomb is empty for our benefit. Like Esther in the Old Testament, The Aledo United Methodist Church was created for "such a time as this". There has never been the potential for ministry in this town as there is right now. How will we respond? God is good, all the time!

HOLY LAND TRIP

by Rev. Mark

In January of 2018, Joanne and I will be helping lead a trip to the Holy Land. And WHAT a trip it will be- it will focus on following the path of Jesus' life, from Bethlehem all the way to the Garden Tomb.

We will fly out of St. Louis on Jan. 8, 2018, landing in Tel Aviv on the 9th. That night, we will stay in a hotel in Bethlehem. From there, it is a whirlwind tour that leads through Jerusalem to the Garden Tomb...and beyond! Then, on the 17th, we fly back into St. Louis.

Bethlehem. Nazareth. Jerusalem. The Upper Room. The Garden of Gethsemane. The Garden Tomb. Renewing wedding vows in Cana of Galilee. Worship on the Sea of Galilee. Remembering baptisms at the Jordan River. Communion at the Garden Tomb. It's hard to even wrap your head around. To say that Joanne and I are excited about this trip is a GROSS understatement! And the possibility of taking this trip with part of our church family makes it that much better!

If you have ANY interest in being a part of this trip, please contact Rev. Mark as soon as possible. It's NOT too late!

SPECIAL DATES:

- May 7 Communion & Food Pantry Sunday
- May 7 Graduation Sunday
- May 8 Relay for Life Survivor Dinner 6PM
- May 11 Caring Hearts Food Prep 9AM
- May 13 Relay for Life Pork Chop Fundraiser @ Mercer Market 10AM-1PM
- May 14 Mother's Day
- May 15 Mother/Daughter/Sister/Friend Banquet 6PM
- May 16 Work @ Food Pantry 5:30-7:30PM
- May 18 Naomi Wesleyan Circle 11:30AM
- May 19 Work @ Food Pantry 8AM-noon
- May 19 Parish Visitor Deadline 8AM
- May 20 Ashley Schmidt's Graduation Party 2-5PM
- May 21 CIA Luncheon 11:30AM
- May 21 Missions Meeting 5:15PM
- May 21 Finance Meeting 6:15PM
- May 21 Trustees Meeting 6:15PM
- May 21 Administrative Council Meeting 7:30PM
- May 22 UM Men Meeting 6PM
- May 22 Endowment Meeting 6:30PM
- May 22 Relay for Life Meeting 6:30PM
- May 22 PPRC meeting 6:30PM
- May 25 Sewing Group 9AM-3PM
- May 25 Caring Hearts Food Prep 1PM
- May 28 Memorial Day Services
- May 29 Office Closed for Memorial Day

CURRENT & NEW SERMON SERIES

by Rev. Mark

On Sunday, April 23, we began a new and relatively short walk- 4 Sundays- through the post-resurrection (that is to say AFTER Easter) appearances of Jesus called **Closing Night Strike**. We won't talk about ALL of His appearances, but we will get an overview of what happened after Easter morning and before Jesus ascended into Heaven. Each week will have a song tied to it – in fact it's the name of the message – that is related to the story we'll look at that week. The remaining weeks of the series look like this:

Sunday, May 7- I Can't Fight This Feeling Any More (John 21:15-22)

There comes a point when surrender is the only option.

(Psalm 73:24-26, Matthew 22:37-40)

Sunday, May 14- Don't Stop Believing (Matthew 28:16-20)

Jesus (and Mom) gives us guidelines on how to live life.

(John 12:24-26, John 20:19-23)

And then, on Sunday, May 21, we start another brief yet exciting journey! A few weeks ago, I had a conversation with a parishioner that led to this question from them, "Would you consider preaching about how to be a "good" Christian WITHOUT being a doormat?" And it struck me- THAT is a profound concept! And this new, brief sermon series grew out of that! Through **Doormat Theology**, we will spend two weeks (including Memorial Day Sunday, when we remember those who have passed) focusing on that very question. The two weeks of the series look like this:

Sunday, May 21- You're Not Alone (Psalm 8)

If someone else is devaluing you, there's a good chance you are, too! (Psalm 13:1-2, Ephesians 1:3-4)

Sunday, May 28 (Memorial Day weekend) - Raise Expectations (Psalm 121)

Your response to someone else's behavior teaches them what is and isn't acceptable. (Isaiah 55:3a, Luke 6:37-38)

Come each week expecting God to show up in powerful ways!



DID YOU MISS SUNDAY'S SERMON?

If you miss church on Sunday, there are TWO ways you can STILL experience the sermon. You can go to the church website (www.myaledoumc.com) and select "Sermon Video Archives". It will take you to videos of the sermons- taken from our live streaming on Facebook at 8AM every Sunday morning. You can also go to www.stickwithjesus.com. Scroll down the main page until you find the date you missed- that day's blog will be a transcript of the sermon! If you would like to subscribe and receive a daily email link, email Rev. Mark at revmark@stickwithjesus.com. Please share these links with your friends and family.

AN OUTREACH IDEA

Here's a low-risk, easy way to introduce others to faith- share Rev. Mark's website with them. Described as "a daily look at life as a shaved-headed, earring-wearing, rock-drumming United Methodist minister", www.stickwithjesus.com features a "thought for the day", written by Rev. Mark- a new one is literally added daily! There is also a daily Bible verse AND a Prayer Request page, where you can (anonymously if you want) ask for prayer! Check it out- if you would like to subscribe and receive a daily email link, email Rev. Mark at revmark@myaledoumc.com and let him know.



PASTOR'S CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES

The Trinity: Practically Speaking

WHAT: Rev. Mark's current Tuesday morning Bible Study

WHEN: Tuesdays @ 9AM

WHERE: In the Fellowship Cafe'

WHY: Three Gods, or One, or Three-in-One? Since the word Trinity does not appear in the Bible, many people wonder whether the doctrine is anything more than an intellectual puzzle created by theologians. This book takes readers on a guided tour of the logic leading to understanding God as a Trinity. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in the Bible (and in Christian experience) are all vital to the reality of salvation. All three save. A robust understanding of the Trinity fosters a more full and transformed Christian life.

WHAT ELSE: The books are...FREE and it is NOT too late to join!

The Gospel of Luke

WHAT: Rev. Mark's current Wednesday morning MEN'S Bible Study

WHEN: Wednesdays @ 6:30AM

WHERE: In the Fellowship Cafe' next to the sanctuary

WHY: With a historian's precision, Luke's Gospel shows painstaking care both in detail and in expression. Of equal distinction is the universal appeal of the Gospel. Dr. William Barclay wrote that this Gospel makes "Christ the open door for all without reserve." In many areas that were either minimized or neglected by the other Gospel writers, Luke's account is more complete, emphasizing prayer, the dignity of women, and praise of God. Barclay's insightful comments help each of us to see the infinitude of God's love through Luke's eyes.

WHAT ELSE: The books are \$15 and it is NEVER too late to join!

Grief: God's Help in Times of Sorrow

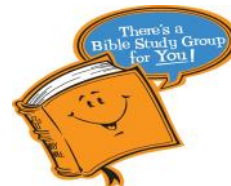
WHAT: Rev. Mark's NEW Wednesday evening Bible Study

WHEN: Wednesdays @ 6PM

WHERE: In the Fellowship Cafe' next to the sanctuary

WHY: Cancer takes the life of a loved one. Your marriage ends. Your spouse dies. You're left feeling lost and helpless, wondering *How can I go on?* This study from Psalms will lead you to the arms of our compassionate, healing God, who weeps with you, walks with you and offers hope in the midst of pain.

WHAT ELSE: The books are \$10



MOTHER'S DAY



Do you have your greeting card picked out? Are the lunch reservations made yet? **Sunday, May 14th 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 in all 3 worship services, 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 but lives too far

away, make sure you call her to tell her how much she means to you. If she lives nearby, bring her to church to be a part of the celebration. Then, take her to lunch and tell her in person the impact she has had on your life!

ALEXANDRA JOHNSON'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE

When: May 20th 12-5PM

Where: VFW in Aledo (upstairs)

Food, fellowship, and fun!!

NO RSVP needed

You're Invited!



SHORT SLEEVED AUMC T-SHIRT SALES

The United Methodist Women will be selling short sleeved T shirts in "Rhubarb" pink or "Rhubarb" green with the Methodist Cross and Flame symbol and "Aledo United Methodist Church" printed on the front for \$9.00 each. They are available in youth small- large, and adult small-4XL. (Larger sizes will be slightly higher.) These will be excellent to wear at our Rhubarb Fest luncheon, Journey, or any occasion. There is a display table in the Fellowship Room with samples and order forms. Order and payment deadline is May 3rd. Shirts will be available May 21st.

Dear Church Family,

Please join us as we celebrate the graduation of Ashley Schmidt from Knox College.

When: May 20, 2017 2-5PM

Where: Aledo United Methodist Church dining room.

Please RSVP to Tami Hevland at 309-221-2701 or tamihevland@gmail.com



GRADUATION SUNDAY

On **Sunday, May 7th**, we will recognize High School and College graduates at all three morning services. The Church Scholarship(s) will be awarded at the 10:30AM service. Please encourage your graduates to attend church that day to receive a special gift and so their church family can rejoice with them on this momentous occasion!



CELEBRATE THE GRADUATE

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 church current calendar. Also, the monthly newsletter can be found on our website. Stop by and check it out!



FUEL- OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

by Rev. Mark

Our Wednesday Night Children's ministry- **FUEL**- is off and running. And the leadership couldn't be more excited! The emphasis is built around "Hands-On Bible". The kids have fun while they learn more about the great stories of the Bible...AND how those stories impact their lives! We are SO excited about the positive impact this ministry has on our children! If you have children or grandchildren, please consider helping them be a part of this exciting new program. If you have friends or neighbors who have kids, please invite them. Let them know that they are welcome to come for dinner at 5:15PM, stay for an adult Bible study while their kids are ministered to from 6PM to 7PM and be home, working on homework and getting everybody ready for bed, by 7:15PM! **FUEL will be "going to bed" for the season after May 10th. It will restart in the Fall.**

THE NURSERY

Have you ever wondered why churches need good, safe, well-staffed nursery programs? Well, wonder no more! The reason churches need strong nursery programs is that, for folks with young children, the nursery is often THE most important part of the church. If there is a good nursery, they can comfortably leave their kids in capable hands and attend a worship service. If, however, they find a nursery that is poorly or under-staffed with folks who seem unfriendly and stressed, they A. won't leave their kids, and B. won't come back! Your church truly believes that children are NOT simply the future of the church- they are very much an active, important part of its present!



MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May (Monday, May 29th 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 28th, we will honor those men and women who gave their lives for our country during both morning worship services. Please remember the ultimate price these brave people paid so that we might have freedom- including to worship as we see fit.

We will also remember those in our church, our families and our community who have died. Names of loved ones who have died in the past year will be read and a bell will be tolled. Also, each family in attendance will have the opportunity to come forward and light a candle in memory of a loved one that they have lost. Plan on attending this powerful service...and bring someone with you!



Rhubarb Fest Luncheon

June 2nd and 3rd

We will need your assistance to make this event a success.

We will be soliciting food donations and workers for
Thursday, June 2nd; Friday, June 3rd; and Saturday, June 4th.

This is your opportunity to serve!

**We need 300 rhubarb or fruit
homemade pies**

(Paul Flint is collecting rhubarb for pies. Please sign up to share your rhubarb,
help collect it, or cut, clean and freeze rhubarb. If you need rhubarb, call the
Flints at 582-7615)

**Please sign up to donate food and/or work at the luncheon.
Look for sign up posters in the Fellowship Room**

The homemade menu includes chicken salad on a croissant or on a
lettuce leaf or ham and cheese on wheat hoagie bun; potato salad
or chips, fresh fruit, rhubarb or fruit pie and beverage.

A child's meal which includes a hot dog or ham sandwich, chips,
cookie and juice box is also available.

Take-out meals and delivery to Aledo homes and businesses

Place orders ahead at the church office.

**Church Bus Service to and from church
Downtown Bus Stop**



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

05/03/2014— Jose & Kaitlyn Marceleno
 05/16/1970— Mike & Barb 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
 05/26/2001— Paul & Louise Engwall
 05/29/1993— Jeff & Trisha Hank



UM Women Golden Age Birthdays

05/19— Louise Engwall
 05/28— Alyce Robinson
 05/30— Clara McCreight



The deadline for the next
 Parish Visitor is
Friday, May 19th at 8am.
 Please have all articles submitted
 by this date!

THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Norma Adams
 Hank & Betty Allan
 Jamicynn Allen/tests
 Kira Anderson/wrist
 Linda Bell
 Alan Benson
 Dale Bloomfield
 Bob Bocox
 Brady, Jacob, & Camden
 Pat Brandt
 Chris Camp
 John & Bev Carlin
 Jane Chandler
 Betty Clark
 Dee Dellitt
 Jim Droste
 Chase Duff
 Laura Eggen/cancer
 Lorrie Eiland
 Chris Engstrom
 Ron Engstrom
 Soni Engstrom
 Paul Engwall
 Mary Flint
 Lyn & Don Franks
 Carol Freeman/cancer

Connie Freeman
 Gail
 Susie Hall/breast cancer
 Rev Mark and family
 Michael Harris
 Pam Heath
 Bill & Marilyn Hessman
 Gerri Howie
 Noah Huston
 Judy Inman
 Jackson
 Margaret Jackson
 Joe/strength
 Daryl Kadel
 Joyce Kernan
 Kimberly/comfort & peace
 Chad King/brain tumor
 Jodi Lindell/knee surgery
 Megan Klauer/cancer
 Allison Kuk
 Patty Langum/surgery
 Tiffanee Lloyd
 Nikki Lynch family
 Mike Matthews
 Brent McCurdy
 Barb & Mike Millar

Mick & Janice Miller
 Joe Nagle
 Steve Oaks
 Ember Pappas
 Bill Pollock
 Bryce Rathje
 Charles Rebello
 Mary Rillie/health
 Thelma Robbins
 Gary Shaw
 Andrew Smith
 Norman Slawinski
 Dianna Spencer
 Pam Truman
 Alice Wainright
 Evelyn Yerkey
 Shut-ins/Nursing Home
 Residents
 Military & families
 All ill/in hospitals

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



MAY WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEALS

WNF May 3rd - Goulash, green beans, tossed salad, garlic bread, pineapple fluff, cookies by Ruth and the gang

WNF May 10th - **Final meal** for the season will be a Potluck Picnic! Grilled hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided.

For the potluck:

If your last name starts with A - C, bring chips

If your last name starts with D - H, bring a vegetable salad

If your last name starts with I - R, bring a fruit type salad

If your last name starts with S - Z, bring a dessert.

Come, enjoy the food and fellowship!



Fellowship Meal

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP WRAPPING UP FOR THE SEASON

The 2016-2017 edition of Wednesday Night Fellowship is drawing to a close! The dinners have been spectacular, the rest of the evening has been great and the fellowship has been outstanding! Wednesday, May 10 **will be the LAST WNF event of the spring. We will start things back up in the fall.**

Thank you to ALL the people who helped make WNF a huge success this year! Please come and help the program finish strong! See you on Wednesday evenings!



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 13th- Kite Day, May 14th- Mother's 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- Sun Screen Day, May 29th- Memorial Day, May 30th- International Jazz Day and May 31st- World No Tobacco Day. Celebrate all that May has to offer!





CONNECTION COINS FOR MAY

The Connection Coins (or as Rev. Mark calls them, 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 14th), the Connection Coin offering will go toward the Fellowship Cafe’. One of the fastest growing and most-used ministries on Sunday mornings, the Fellowship Cafe’ offers a place for people to get some gourmet coffee and a bite to eat (chosen from the WIDE variety offered) while they share in some powerful fellowship. As our Sunday morning attendance grows, so does the number of people reached by the Cafe’. So all proceeds collected from the May 8th Connection Coins will go toward helping fund the cost of the Fellowship Cafe’! What a GREAT way to help connect people to Jesus Christ. So bring your change on May 14th!

MOTHER/DAUGHTER/SISTER/FRIEND EVENT

Our Church’s annual Mother/Daughter/Sister/Friend event is Monday, May 15th at 6 pm. This is always a wonderful event and the meal will be catered by our very own “Aledo United Methodist Men”. Tickets for the event will be \$10/Adults, \$5/Children (ages 4 – 10), and free for ages 0 - 3. Children can select either ½ of an adult meal or a hot dog meal with their child’s ticket. Dessert is served with all meals. The meal details will be forth coming...

This year we have a very special treat for our entertainment. Comedy Sportz, out of the Quad Cities will present *Guys In Ties*, which is a 3 person improv comedy show. By combining wit, intelligence, humor and 18 years of experience, the *Guys In Ties* will make this event a truly unique and unforgettable time.



This promises to be a relaxing, entertaining evening, which will honor our Mothers, Daughters, Sisters, and Friends. Tickets are available from Mary Flint, Molly Joseph, Sue Hiscocks or the Church office. Tickets must be purchased no later than Tuesday, May 9th. We need to know a definite count on Tuesday, so that the correct amount of food may be ordered.

CLAIM YOUR DISHES!

There are leftover dishes on the back table in the basement that need to be claimed.

It is time to make storage room for Rhubarb Fest!

Thank You!

Thank you to the Journey team and the many women and men who gave of their time, energy, and talents to make this year's Journey such an awesome day.

The many hours of preparation helped make this event a way to connect women to Jesus Christ. We humbly thank the speakers as they stepped out in faith to share how they have found "Hope in the Journey". A huge heartfelt thanks to the men of our church, as we couldn't do it without you. We can always depend on you to work behind the scenes with set-up, parking, cleanup, takedown, etc. It was a Spirit-filled, "Yay God" day. To God be the Glory! We have chosen the Churches of Mercer County Food Pantry, Mercer County Crisis Center, and Stitching a Legacy to be recipients of our worthwhile cause. God is good!

THANK YOU!

A big "thank you" goes out to our Aledo UMC Relay for Life team, to the many women in our church who baked items for our bake sale fundraiser, and also for the generous donations. It is always a great fundraiser. Look for the prescription bottles at the back of the sanctuary, as we begin to collect loose pocket change. In addition, members of our team will be grilling pork chops on Saturday, May 13th... 10:00 – 1:30. Come out to Mercer Market for a pork chop and help support our church team. We sincerely appreciate all the donations and support from our church family.

WOMEN'S TUESDAY

AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP

WHAT: Jesus, Tea & Me, Joanne Harris' current Women's Fellowship opportunity

WHEN: Tuesdays, 2-3:30PM through the end of May

WHERE: Fellowship Cafe

WHY: A chance for women to get together and enjoy each other's company.

WHAT ELSE: "Looking forward to getting together, having some tea and spending some time together talking. Come and join me!" - Joanne

C.I.A. (CARING INDIVIDUAL ADULTS) LUNCHEON- MAY 21ST

by Joanne Harris

Caring Hearts continues to flourish! After Mark's mom passed away, I was on the phone talking to Mark's dad. He shared with me how hard it was adjusting to being alone. One of the most difficult things he said was eating by himself. So with that in mind, The Caring Hearts Ministry decided to form the C.I.A. (Caring Individual Adults) group. This group is open to both mature men and women who live alone. This includes anyone who has lost their spouse, divorced or separated, or whose loved one is in the nursing home. Once a month, at 11:30AM, the Caring Hearts ministry provides a luncheon for CIA. The May luncheon is set for Sunday, May 21st. You don't have to bring anything except yourself. Feel free to invite a friend to share the meal and fellowship. I will look forward to seeing you at the next CIA luncheon on May 21st!

COOKIES & CARDS, A Delicious Success!!

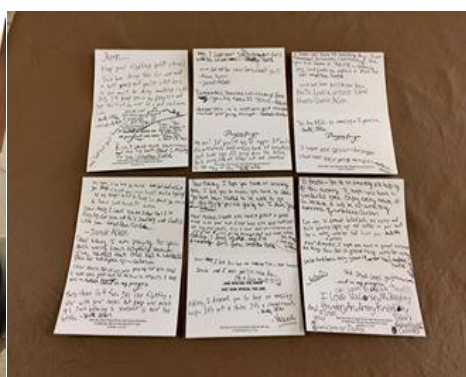
The 3rd Saturday of every month the TAG Family meet for an event called 2/3rds of God; during this time, we have a morning devotion and enjoy coffee/hot chocolate with donuts. We also assist with receiving and distributing our weekly Hy-Vee Bread Delivery.

In April, we added another hour and a new feature to this ministry called Cookies and Cards. During this time, the TAG Members divide into groups. One group bakes various cookies to be used for welcome bags and other ministries. While the second group writes cards for members in our congregation who need some extra reminder of love and encouragement.

I am so very PROUD to serve with these phenomenal teenagers. They took this new part of our ministry so seriously yet brought such great life to it. I just had to share this excitement with each of you. Enjoy the pictures!

Melissa Coleman

Director of Youth & Children's Ministries



What's Coming Up. **TAG:**

**ATTN, 6-8th
graders, Join us on
every Tuesday,
5-6:15pm**

**Senior High
(9-12th), come learn and
fellowship with us eve-
ry Sunday, 6:00-
7:15pm**

**Youth Bible Study-
Wednesdays, 6-7pm**

**2/3rds of God
5/20, 10-1pm**

**Youth Fellowship
Sunday
May 28th,
11:30-12:30pm**

**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**

ONLINE GIVING

by Rev. Mark

More people are now making their weekly/monthly/yearly offering to your church online! If you go to our home page (www.myaledoumc.com) and choose "giving" from the Navigation Bar near the top, it will take you to a page that will provide the opportunity for you to give electronically. You can either do a one-time gift or a recurring monthly gift.

"Pastor, why would that be good for the church?" Thanks for asking! It's SO easy to forget your checkbook at home one week. It's also so easy to forget to give your offering when you are out of town. But the truth of the matter is that the financial commitments of the church...the bills, if you will...don't decrease on those weeks when people forget to tithe. Our financial commitments are steady all year long. Therefore, having a steady, dependable stream of giving helps us better plan for next week, next month and next year!

In addition to through our website, MANY banks now offer online "bill pay". With that service you can set up your church giving for whenever and however much you want it to be. Either way, it's simple, easy and dependable. Won't you consider electronic giving?



FINANCIAL MATTERS

(WEEKLY NEED \$6,689)

Date	04/02/2017	04/09/2017	04/16/2017	04/23/2017
Attendance	276	422	566	251
Receipts				
(Toward Budget)	\$7,253.00	\$5,615.00	\$5,478.85	\$3,833.00

**TRUST
IN THE
LORD
WITH ALL
YOUR** ♥
(proverbs 3:5)