

# The Parish Visitor



## September 2019

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## “Healing” Is an Interesting Word

by Rev. Mark

If someone asked you how to define “healing”, what would you say? What IS healing...to you?

Dictionary.com defines it as: curing or curative; prescribed or helping to heal, growing sound; getting well; mending. So we hear in the definition the core of how we tend to view healing- getting well. But what does that mean? I KNOW we tend to think of “getting well” as having whatever ailment or affliction that is troubling us go away- being cured. But what does healing REALLY mean?

I would argue that there are different types of healing. There is physical healing, mental healing, emotional healing, spiritual healing, relational healing...the list goes on. And is the healing for each of those types different? It’s not as cut and dried as we might think...is it?

Now that I have sufficiently warmed you up to the topic, let me ask the tough question: is death...healing? Think about it- is death healing? I can’t tell you how many times I have heard people say something to the effect of “I prayed to God that my husband/wife/child/parent/ whoever would be healed, but they weren’t; they died.” So, the obvious implication is that healing is “getting better” and going “back to normal”. And death is the antithesis of that. But IS it? Is death REALLY the opposite of healing?

Sometimes it absolutely is! If a child dies in a car crash or is murdered by some demented coward...that doesn’t strike me as healing. BUT...if someone, child or adult, develops cancer and dies after a painful, lingering period...that strikes me as healing. When my mom developed lung cancer, I prayed that she would be healed. And for me, at that moment, healing meant cancer-free and back to normal. But as the cancer spread and I watched it ravage her, body AND mind, I continued to say the same prayer...but the meaning changed. I prayed that God would be merciful and take her so that she would not suffer any further. Why? Why would I pray that my mom would die? Because I had come to understand the fact that there are some things worse than death.

So, again, is death healing? Depending on the circumstances, you BET it is! Although I miss my mom still, 15 years after her death, I KNOW that she is not suffering. I KNOW she is cancer-free. And I KNOW that she is in a better place. So, was she healed? Every day and twice on Sunday! I encourage you to examine what you believe about healing and see if God can expand your horizons!

### SPECIAL DATES:

- September 1 Communion & Food Pantry Sunday
- September 2 Office Closed for Labor Day
- September 4 Wednesday Night Fellowship Resumes 5:15PM
- September 5 Caring Hearts Food Prep 9AM
- September 7 Katharine Jones 100th Birthday Open House 2-4PM
- September 8 Presentation of 3rd Grade Bibles at all Services
- September 10 Loving Hands Sandwich + Food Prep 1:30PM
- September 14 UMW Fall Meeting at Christ UMC East Moline 1PM
- September 15 CIA Luncheon 11:45AM
- September 15 Trustees Meeting 6PM
- September 15 Finance Meeting 6:45PM
- September 15 Council Meeting 7:30PM
- September 16 United Methodist Men Meeting 6PM
- September 19 Caring Hearts Food Prep 1PM
- September 20 Parish Visitor Deadline 8AM
- September 23 Relay for Life Meeting 6:30PM
- September 23 PPRC Meeting 6:30PM
- September 24 Loving Hands Sandwich + Food Prep 6:30PM
- September 26 Women’s Bible Study 5:30PM



**Wednesday Night Fellowship, FUEL and the Adult Bible Study will ALL be back on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>! Mark your calendars!**

## BIBLES FOR THIRD GRADERS

On Sunday, September 8th at all 3 Sunday morning worship services, our United Methodist Women will carry on a proud and long-standing tradition. Children who have just started 3rd Grade will receive a Bible at the service they normally attend. (The Bibles this year are...in a word...AWESOME!) If you have a child who just started 3rd Grade or was in 3rd Grade already but didn't get a Bible, please don't hesitate to contact the office. (We don't want to miss anybody!)

## MUSIC MINISTRY

What untapped musical gifts do YOU have? Perhaps you sing or play a musical instrument? If so, perhaps God is calling you to a greater commitment in our worship services. Here is a list of the current music ministry opportunities available:

- Either (or both) of the Praise Bands need a Bass Guitarist
- The Vocal Choir always has room for more singers.
- The Bell Choir is looking for more ringers, including substitutes.
- Do you sing or play an instrument? Special music presentations always have a place for you!

Pray about stepping out in faith. If you feel God calling you to join the music ministry of the church, talk to Rev. Mark-stop him at church, call him at the office or e-mail him at [revmark@stickwithjesus.com](mailto:revmark@stickwithjesus.com).

## SPECIAL OBSERVANCES IN SEPTEMBER

Are you aware that September is Classical Music Month? What about Hispanic Heritage Month? Or Fall Hat Month? It's also International Square Dancing Month, Blueberry Popsicle Month, Chicken Month, Little League Month and Better Breakfast Month! In addition, these are some of the special days in September: the 1st- Be Late For Something Day, the 2nd- Emma Nutt Day (1st woman telephone operator), the 3rd- Labor Day (see accompanying article), the 4th- Peanut Butter Day, the 5th- Newspaper Carrier Day, the 6th- Read a Book Day, the 7th- Skyscraper Day, 8th- Grandparent's Day, 9th- Date Nut Bread Day, 10th- Sewing Machine Day, the 11th- Make Your Bed Day, the 12th- Chocolate Milkshake Day, 13th- Teddy Bear Day, the 14th- Cream-Filled Donut Day, the 15th- Felt Hat Day, the 16th- Play-Doh Day, the 17th- Citizenship Day, the 18th- Miniature Golf Day, the 19th- Butterscotch Pudding Day, the 20th- Punch Day, the 21st- POW/MIA Recognition Day, the 22nd- Elephant Appreciation Day, the 23rd- Dogs in Politics Day, the 24th- Cherries Jubilee Day, the 25th- Count the Stars Day, the 26th- Johnny Applesed Day, the 27th- International Rabbit Day, the 28th- Ask a Stupid Question Day, the 29th- Confucius Day and the 30th- National Mud Pack Day.

## LABOR DAY

The first Labor Day was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City. The first proposal of the holiday described it as a street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations," followed by a festival for the workers and their families. In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations and on June 28, 1894, Congress made it a federal holiday. It originated as a "day off for the working citizens" and now is celebrated by most Americans as the symbolic end of summer. In addition, Labor Day marks the beginning of the NFL and college football seasons. The NCAA usually plays their first games the week before Labor Day, with the NFL traditionally playing their first game the Thursday following Labor Day. Celebrate the working men and women of our country on Monday the 3rd!

## T-SHIRT SALES

Aledo United Methodist Church t-shirts with the black cross and flame will be available in September for purchase. Perhaps you never ordered one, perhaps yours is a bit worn, or perhaps you would like a new color.....this order is for you! We wear these for many occasions.

Pink, lime green, and heather royal colors will be available in all sizes. You may place your orders at church on Sundays, or by contacting Mary Flint.



## CONNECTION COINS FOR SEPTEMBER

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 (September 8th), the Connection Coin offering will go toward another important ministry, Operation Christmas Child. Every Fall, we collect a LARGE number of 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 8th of September 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, September 8<sup>th</sup>!



## CURRENT/NEW SERMON SERIES

by Rev. Mark

On Sunday, September 15th , we begin a new sermon series that grows out of comments/requests made by several of you! High-Voltage Faith will focus on electrical terms, and how they relate to our faith. The weeks of the series look like this:

**Sunday, September 15th- Auxiliary Power** (Genesis 19:12-26)

Lot’s wife tries things her way...and meets with less than pleasant results.

**Sunday, September 22nd- Reactive Power** (Genesis 52; Genesis 45)

Joseph’s brothers react to the situation...after the fact.

**Sunday, September 29th- Real Power** (Exodus 4:1-11)

Moses see a firsthand display of the very real power of God.

**Sunday, October 6th- Apparent Power** (Judges 7:13-22)

God’s real power meets Gideon’s reactive power and the result is...apparent.

From where does YOUR power come? What potential lies deep within, waiting for the right combination of circumstances and Divine Intervention to come to the surface? Come to church in September and see what God has in store for you!



## PLEASE AND THANK YOU

The Aledo United Methodist Church Property Committee would like to thank all of those who have made monetary contributions to the Carlson Property Project. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. As you know, an anonymous member of our congregation made an unbelievably generous contribution in order for AUMC to purchase the property. Many members of the congregation then donated approximately \$10,000 to pay for the demolition of the house and subsequent filling of the demolition site. We recently received the bill for the demolition work for \$14,000. Simple math shows we have a shortfall of \$4,000 and, while fundraising ideas are already being contemplated, the property committee is asking for donations to offset the shortfall. You can bring your donations to the church office or “drop them in the plate” during Sunday worship.

Thank you,  
AUMC Property Committee

### PRAYER BEARS:

Check out the new Prayer Bears sign and donation box in the sanctuary! Prayer Bears are for anyone who needs a little cheer or an “extra touch.” Bears are located on the shelves in the back of the sanctuary. (Suggested donation is \$10.00.)

## C.I.A. (CARING INDIVIDUAL ADULTS) LUNCHEON SEPTEMBER 15TH

CIA continues to flourish! This group is aimed folks who often find themselves eating alone. This includes (but is NOT limited to) anyone who has lost their spouse, divorced or separated, or whose loved one is in the nursing home. The CIA luncheon happens once each month. This month, the luncheon will be on Sunday, August 19th, immediately following the 10:30AM worship service. You don't have to bring anything except yourself. Feel free to invite a friend to share the meal and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you on the 15th of September at 11:45AM!

## ***BREAKING NEWS!!!***

### **Operation Christmas Child 2019 Coming Soon**



As we enjoy the last few “hot” days of summer, it seems odd to turn our attention to Christmas....but the time is here to start gearing-up for Operation Christmas Child. 2018 was an excellent year for this mission. Our congregation responded in an amazing way with 236 boxes donated. It will be a challenge to clear that threshold, but that will be our goal. After all, that’s what we do at the Aledo United Methodist Church....connect people to Jesus Christ.

The official “Kick-Off” will be October 6th and collection will run through November 3rd, the final collection date. You will be able to pick-up your boxes on the kick-off date along with pencils and a toothbrush to get you started. The postage and handling fee for each box remains at \$9.00. While items like candy, gum, and toothpaste are prohibited, there are still countless items you can select. If you need some ideas, would like to see what other people/churches are doing, or 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. Lastly, please lift up this mission in prayer. Praying that these boxes reach their intended targets is one of the most important things we can do as we continue, one-by-one, to connect people to Jesus.

## NEW/CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES

### Max Lucado's Life Lessons from Romans

**WHAT:** Mike Millar's current Tuesday morning Bible Study

**WHEN:** Tuesdays @ 9AM

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

**WHY:** We've all made poor choices. The early Church did too. They were often sidetracked by pride and distracted by pleasures. In Paul's letter to the Romans, he reviews the wrong turns the Church was making. But he doesn't stop there. He gives them the big picture and shows the one correct solution to help them stop making wrong choices—Jesus Christ. Because even though all have sinned, Jesus is waiting to restore all to grace.

**WHAT ELSE:** This study started July 2nd, and it is never too late to join! Books are \$7.



### "Quiet Strength" by Tony Dungy

**WHAT:** Current 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:** How is it possible for anyone to be successful without compromising faith and family? In this inspiring and reflective memoir Coach Dungy tells the story of a life lived for God and family—and challenges us all to redefine our ideas of what it means to succeed.

**WHAT ELSE:** The books are \$10 and it is NEVER too late to join!



### Max Lucado's "Life Lessons from Acts"

**WHAT:** Current Wednesday Evening Bible Study with Tim Hay

**WHEN:** This study will pick up again in the Fall. Watch for details!

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

**WHY:** In the book of Acts you'll see that the men you read about in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John have been transformed. They may still look the same and have the same mannerisms, but with the Holy Spirit indwelling them, they are not the same and because they are different, so is the world. They founded the early Church and gave us a legacy of faith.

**WHAT ELSE:** The books are \$10



### **COMING IN SEPTEMBER**

#### 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

## WE ALL ARE

Called to *Serve*

Aledo United Methodist Church  
Ministry Interest Survey

Pray about what ministries God  
is calling YOU to serve  
Did you receive the green pamphlet  
with the many volunteer ministry  
opportunities here at AUMC in August?  
If not, there are more on the  
“name tag” tables.  
Grab one and write down your interests.  
There is still time to join AUMC teams  
for this next season –  
We need and want YOU!

### Specific Needs Now

**Fuel Teachers: K – 1 & Junior High**  
**Library Team Members**

**Tech Booth Team Members**  
(Sound and Computer Operators)

**Caring Hearts Food Ministry**  
**Team Members**

**Wednesday Night Fellowship**  
**Volunteers**

**Cleaning Team**

**Missions Team Members**

**Safety Team Members**

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEALS

### RESUME SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

We are looking forward to another great season of WNF homemade meals!

**The free meals are open to the community so invite others to join your family for the food and fellowship at 5:15 PM.**

The menu schedule is similar to last year with some exciting new recipes included.

Most of the dates have a menu planned and the supplies will be purchased.

All we need are individuals and groups to volunteer to help prepare, serve and  
clean up after the meals. **We do need your help!**

Please volunteer to help in any way you can to make this season a big success!

The sign up poster is in the back of the sanctuary or  
contact Ruth Dulaney to volunteer.

(309-738-6151 or [ruthdulaney@gmail.com](mailto:ruthdulaney@gmail.com))

There are also several “Open Opportunities” to sign up and create your own menu and serve the meals.

Ruth and Lyn will be happy to assist in any way that is needed.

We hope to see you at WNF enjoying church family time together!

*Ruth Dulaney and Lyn Franks*

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

09/01/2001– Bob & Andrea Parker  
 09/07/2007– Brian & Carol Parchert  
 09/20/2014– Andy & Jaci Weidner  
 09/23/2006– Paul & Tami Hevland  
 09/24/1983–Mark & Brenda Dunn  
 09/25/2004– Doug & Kelsey Huston  
 09/26/1992– Rick & Diana Eggen

*Happy Anniversary*

## UM Women Golden Age Birthdays

09/10– Janet Hunter  
 09/11– Katharine Jones



The deadline for the next  
 Parish Visitor is  
**Friday, September 20th @ 8am.**  
 Please have all articles submitted  
 by this date!

## THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Betty Allan  
 Amelia/breast cancer  
 Sandy Anderson family  
 Anna  
 Kara B  
 Jerry Baker  
 Jack Bateman & family  
 Phyllis Batson  
 Robbie Beard/lymphoma  
 Linda Beguelin/brain bleed  
 Bentley/6yrs/cancer  
 Genniene Billiet/cancer  
 Bob Bocox/cancer  
 Brian Boenkamp/coma  
 Brenda Brandt  
 Patty Brunner  
 Marie Burrell  
 Holden C/heart  
 Robin Ciccotelli/chemo  
 Julia Cirks/cancer  
 Hurley Crossman/cancer  
 Brian Day/leukemia  
 Dick & Bev/health  
 Jim Droste  
 Dennis Downing  
 Dawn Ecklund family  
 Lauren Eggen/cancer  
 Eric

Evelyn/1yr old/cancer  
 Rich Fell/health  
 Sonjia Fell/loss  
 Carol Freeman/cancer  
 CJ Friedel  
 Liz G  
 Gail/chemo & radiation  
 Rodney Glidden/cancer  
 Tommy Greer family  
 Kathy Haney  
 Rev Mark and family  
 Pam Heath  
 Louise Hedrix/cancer  
 Jeff Hiscocks family/move  
 Parker Hopkins/2yrs/cancer  
 Jackson/CP  
 Janet Jenson/cancer  
 Jennifer/loss  
 Amy Jones/health  
 Terry Jones/cancer  
 John Karwath/cancer  
 Kaycee/pregnancy  
 Chad King/brain tumor  
 Martha E King  
 Sandra Lanteau  
 Jon Lee/cancer  
 Nadine Liby/health  
 Henry Leichy/9 yrs /health

Joanne Love  
 Kelly Mack/cancer  
 Eric Matich/6yrs/leukemia  
 Gail Morrow  
 Fran Murphy/hospice  
 Jody Newton/cancer  
 Joel Noe/health  
 Ember Pappas/cancer  
 Maddie Perry/cancer  
 Bill Pollock/health  
 Pauline Schmidt  
 Sara Schrock/hospice  
 Lucas Smith/blood disorder  
 Pat Stevens/cancer  
 Amy Studer  
 Suzanne/surgery  
 Kris Taylor  
 Dennis Terrill/heart  
 Joe Thibedoux/lymphoma  
 Neil Truman/health  
 Pam Truman/health  
 Nena Visser/health  
 Alice Wainright/health  
 Rebecca Weihler/brain tumor  
 Marsha Whitman/cancer  
 Shut-ins/Nursing Home resi-  
 dents  
 Military & families

All ill/in hospitals  
 Our world leaders  
 Our Church/congregation  
 Flooding victims  
 Those suffering from depression  
 Victims of weather events  
 Travel mercies for travelers  
 Children held in "camps"  
 Marriages



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

# Youth & Children's Page

## HEIFER PROJECT:

The final accounting for the VBS Heifer Project donation shows we raised a total of \$580! With this amount of giving, we were able to buy:

- 1 – Alpaca
- 1 – Goat
- 1 – Sheep
- 1 – Basket of Hope (chicks and rabbits)
- 1 – Flock of Hope (chicks, ducks, geese)
- 2 – Hives of Honeybees
- 1 – Flock of Chicks

Thank you to all who donated. You all are out of this world! We are making a difference!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Sunday School continues Sunday mornings at 9:15 am. We are in need of a teacher or teachers for the K-1-2 classroom. Teaching can be on a rotating schedule. Curriculum and lesson plans are provided. We also need substitute teachers and a superintendent. If you love working with children, please consider sharing your love of Jesus Christ with them!



## CROCHET MYSTERY: KNIT, CROCHET, PRAY

Once a month, in the dead of night, a donation of hand-crocheted scarves is left in the church – in the kitchen, in the Fellowship Café – where will the next “drop” be found? Okay, maybe “in the dead of night” is an exaggeration, but the generosity of the “Crochet Angel” is not. Thank you, Crochet Angel, for your donations of warmth and love. Who are you?!

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP: WE NEED YOU!

We need YOU to join our team!

Youth Programming on Wednesday nights resumes on Wednesday, September 4! Come for dinner, stay for fun! FUEL and Bible studies are open to students in grades K/1, 2/3, 4/5/6, 7/8 and 9-12. Nursery available, too!

FUEL is again recruiting teachers, substitute teachers and teaching assistants for the program's 2019-2020 school year. **We are especially in need of K-1 teachers.** Wednesday night programming is from 6 pm – 7 pm. We meet on Wednesday nights when school is in session. Curriculum is provided.

We have a great and dedicated team! Won't you join us?



## THE FORGE:

The Forge will resume for the 2019-2020 school year on Sunday, September 8. Here's the schedule:

- 4 pm – 5:15 pm      Forge, grades 6, 7, 8
- 5:15 pm – 6:15 pm      Study Hour, grades 6-12 (Quiet study space, homework help available)
- 6:15 pm – 7:30 pm      Forge, grades 9-12

The Forge is our youth group and is open to all students in grades 6-12. We have snacks, social time, a lesson and game time. We will be planning special events, service projects and continuing our Power Pack program. We are looking forward to seeing you on September 8!





## **Our 2019 *Follow the Star* Holiday Bazaar**

will be

**Friday, November 22nd 3:00 – 7:00 PM &  
Saturday, November 23rd 8:00 – 11:00 AM**

**We will have a big KICK OFF planning meeting on  
September 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM**

**A light lunch will be served – Men and Women who are interested in helping with this year's event are invited to come share ideas and hear about some new exciting additions and changes to our Holiday Bazaar.**

Our popular booths will once again return with some new twists. Each booth area needs many workers, crafty items and donations. Can you help with any of our booths, including a new one, "All Wrapped Up"?

Our Nativity display is a major feature of our Holiday Bazaar. We invite our guests to "Follow the Star" to the Christ child while viewing the beautiful Nativities. Are you are willing to loan a Nativity(s) for the two day event?

There is something that everyone can do to join in the "bizarre" fun.

This is an opportunity

to serve both our church and the community.

All profits are shared with local charities and our church ministries.

**Save the date, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM for the first Group Work Evening**

**Come join our Holiday Bazaar Team!**

Carol Brown and Ruth Dulaney, Holiday Bazaar co-chairman, are looking forwarding to working with you!

**See you September 12<sup>th</sup> at our planning meeting!**



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SEPTEMBER 2019 MEALS

- September 4th- **Welcome party for Rev. Dan and Patti Wright**

Grilled pork chops and hot dogs provided – everyone please bring a dish to share:

*If your last name starts with A – C, please bring a bag of chips and/or dip to share*

*If your last name starts with D – H, please bring a dessert to share*

*If your last name starts with I – R, please bring a fruit salad to share*

*If your last name starts with S – Z, please bring a vegetable salad to share*

- September 11<sup>th</sup> Taco Haystacks, Mixed fruit, Angel Food Cake and Strawberries
- September 18<sup>th</sup> Garlic Chicken Linguine, Tossed Salad, Cottage Cheese, Peaches
- September 25<sup>th</sup> Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Gravy, Fruit, Milk, Juice

**Donations are accepted for our AUMC missions.**

*Enjoy the food and fellowship!*

**Come join us for the delicious homemade meals at 5:15 PM!**

## FUEL- OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

by Rev. Mark

Our Wednesday Night Children's ministry- **FUEL-** is BACK from hiatus on September 4th! Yes- our Children's Ministry, along with all of our Wednesday Night programming, which has been "on vacation" for the summer is up and running. This season, along with age-appropriate groups for Grade School kids, there will be SEPARATE Bible Studies for Junior and Senior High! (The Senior High is PRETTY doggone excited about that!!) Thanks in advance to all of the adults who make this ministry happen, all of the kids who participate and all of the parents who make sure their kids GET here! **We are back on Wednesday, Sept. 4. Nursery is provided.**

# LOVING HANDS SANDWICH + MINISTRY



**Thank you for supporting our new ministry with your monetary gifts, food during the August Food Drive and coming to our work dates to prepare sandwiches, power packs and casseroles.**

**In our first three food prep times, our great volunteers have prepared 235 sandwiches, 74 Power Packs, and 24 casseroles. In addition, 100 pizza boat slices and sliders left from VBS were sent to the Health Department and distributed! Great start everyone!**

This is an opportunity for us to minister to those right here in Mercer County. The Mercer County Mental Health Action Program Director, based at Mercer County Health Department, has currently identified at least ten families with children in their homes who are in desperate need of food. Families are screened by the Health Department for this program and all supplies are kept and distributed by the MCHD.

**This will be on-going need in our community that you may continue to support with food and monetary donations. The supply list is still the same although we do have ample amount of peanut butter and jelly currently.**

1 lb. pkg. of spaghetti and 24 oz. of spaghetti sauce

5 or 12 oz. can of tuna; 1 lb. pkg. of dry noodles; 15 oz. can of cream of mushroom soup

2 small pkg. or 1 large pkg. of Mac and Cheese and 15 oz. can of pork and beans

A pkg. of 8 flour tortillas; 16 oz. can of refried beans; a box of flavored rice

A can of chicken and a box of chicken flavored rice a roni

A 14 oz. box of Ritz type crackers; 15 oz. cheese spread or a can of Spam

15 oz. cans of any vegetables – *each of the above meals will also have a vegetable in their pack*

15 oz. cans of any fruit – *each of the above meals will also have a fruit in their pack*

32 oz. box of complete pancake mix, 24 oz. bottle of syrup, 15 oz. corned beef hash, 24 oz. jar of applesauce

A box of dry cereal or a box of instant oatmeal; a pkg. of ready to eat bacon; 24 oz. jar of applesauce

**Items may be brought to the Fellowship (Café) Room any time, marked for Loving Hands Ministry. Loving Hands food prep September dates are September 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM and September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.**

*Thank you,*

*Ruth Dulaney 309-738-6151*

*AUMC Volunteer Coordinator*

**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**

**CHURCH WEBSITE**

Have you looked at your church's website? If not, go to [www.myaledoumc.com](http://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!

**DID YOU MISS SUNDAY'S SERMON?**

If you miss church on Sunday, you can STILL experience the sermon. You can go to the church's Facebook page OR the church website to watch a video of any sermon you missed. You can also go to [www.stickwithjesus.com](http://www.stickwithjesus.com) and choose "read my blog" to read a transcript of the sermon! If you would like to subscribe and receive a daily email link, email Rev. Mark at [revmark@stickwithjesus.com](mailto:revmark@stickwithjesus.com). Please share these links with your friends and family.

**SCHEDULING EVENTS**

The Aledo United Methodist Church is a BUSY place! (Our custodian tells us that he struggles to find time to CLEAN the church because there is always something GOING ON in the church!) And since we are busy connecting people with Jesus Christ, then it is a VERY good thing that we are busy! But BECAUSE we are so busy, it makes scheduling a bit more of a challenge. Events that never had to be concerned with the calendar before now...have to!

We continue to find creative, collaborative ways to enable multiple events to happen at the same time- which IS our goal- but we can't do that if we don't know an event is scheduled. With that in mind, please contact the Church Office as soon as possible to make sure your date/time/area of the church is available and to get your event on the church calendar. Is your church a busy place? Yes! Is it busy connecting people to Jesus Christ? Yes! Therefore, we want to do EVERYTHING we can to make sure as many ministries as possible that help further our mission are able to happen!

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(WEEKLY NEED \$6,689)

Date	08/04/2019	08/11/2019	08/18/2019	08/25/2019
Attendance	230	251	251	240
Receipts				
(Toward Budget)	\$13,444.00	4,365.70	\$4,659.00	\$5,081.00

