

### IS IT POSSIBLE TO BE TOO POLITE?

by Rev. Mark

One day, a few years back, I was at "the 4-way" and in a town we used to live in. It was the main intersection of the town and there were NO stoplights. We all know the rules of behavior (or is it engagement?) when at a 4-way stop. You are to slow your vehicle to a complete stop. Then look at the other stops to see if there are any other vehicles stopped or moving. The vehicles leave the stop signs in the same order in which they arrived. The first vehicle to arrive at a complete stop is the first vehicle allowed to leave the stop sign. If more than one vehicle arrives at the same time at the 4-way stop, the vehicle furthest to the right is allowed to leave first. Makes sense. We all know it.

But what happens when 2 cars arrive at roughly the same time...and NO one goes? Instead, a heightened sense of politeness takes hold. They each began to wave the other on. And each one is SO determined to win the "politeness" war that they are nearly unwilling to actually go first! Eventually, they BOTH start to go...and then they both stop...and then they begin anew waving each other on! After what seems like an eternity, one of them actually crosses the intersection, kind of...mad...about the fact that they lost and the other guy CLEARLY didn't understand the process!

So, to answer the title question- NO, it is NOT possible to be too polite... at least according to my mom! But, according to me, it IS possible to be too hesitant to act. I see it all the time. Someone has the best of intentions. They KNOW what needs to be done. They even know THEY should probably be doing it. But they don't act upon that knowledge. They "sit at the stop sign", metaphorically speaking, unable or unwilling to commit to going through. It happens a lot in the world. It happens a lot in matters of faith as well. God calls us to get involved. We sense the call. We hear the call. We feel the call. And yet...we fail to answer it. And when that happens...the one we are cheating is...ourselves. God will get His work done...period. But we shortchange ourselves when we choose not get involved.

What is God calling you to? Whatever it is, quit waving the other guy through the intersection. Take your foot off the brake, move it over onto the gas pedal, and...go. You WON'T be disappointed!

### Call-Em-All

Did you know that your church has a notification service named Call-Em-All? We use it to notify church members, both through automated phone calls and/or text messages, of a variety of things. Do YOU get texts and/or phone calls from Call-Em-All? If not, would you LIKE to? Whether you are a committee member, a member of a group like United Methodist Men or Women or you would like to receive all-church news or prayer requests, Call-Em-All can help keep you informed. If you are not currently receiving Call-Em-All notifications or would like to receive more of them, simply call the office. We can help!

#### SPECIAL DATES:

- June 2 Communion & Food Pantry Sunday
- June 3 Endowment Meeting 6:30PM
- June 3 PPRC Meeting 6:30PM
- June 4 Sit-down Crew for Rhubarb Fest 10:30AM
- June 5 Pie-Making Time 1-5PM
- June 6 Rhubarb Fest Food Prep 8AM-3PM
- June 6 Rhubarb Fest Dining Room Set Up 9AM-3PM
- June 6 Pie-Making Time 4-7PM
- June 7 Rhubarb Fest Luncheon 11AM-1:30PM
- June 8 Rhubarb Fest Luncheon 11AM-1:30PM
- June 13 Caring Hearts Food Prep 9AM
- June 13 MCSEEF Meeting 7PM
- June 16 Father's Day
- June 17 United Methodist Men Meeting 6PM
- May 21 June 21 Parish Visitor Deadline 8AM
- June 23 Trustees Meeting 6PM
- June 23 Finance Meeting 6:45PM
- June 23 Administrative Council Meeting 7:30PM
- June 27 Caring Hearts Food Prep 1PM
- June 27 Women's Bible Study 5:30PM

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## **RELAY FOR LIFE**

If you'd like to be part of our Aledo UMC Relay for Life church team, please contact Pam Truman or Laura Patterson. There is no cost for registration. Thank you to all those who donated to our RFL bake sale and also the workers who helped grill pork chops at Mercer Market. Both fund raisers were great! Once again, we will be collecting loose change in prescription bottles available at the back of the church. There is still plenty of time to

order the Isabelle Bloom "Star Light" sold only by the American Cancer Society. Mercer County Relay for Life event is Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at Central Park 1 pm -10 pm. Thank you to the many people who support our church team for Relay.



## JOURNEY 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 their stories. 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 setup, parking, cleanup, takedown, etc. It was a great day... To God be the Glory! We have chosen the Churches of Mercer County Food Pantry, Mercer County Crisis Center, Mercer County VFW, Aledo UMW, Aledo UMC Capital Campaign, and Kathy Jenkins to be recipients of our worthwhile cause. God is good!

## Online Bible Study

Do you ever crave a Bible study but can't find the time for one? They're never the right time. They're too long. How about an online Bible study? I will be hosting 2 Bible studies based off the book "Grace–More Than We Deserve, Greater Than We Imagine" by Max Lucado. One Bible study is for the Young Adults and Young Families while the other study is for anyone that doesn't fit those criteria and wants a study. All are welcome. I have 12 free gently used books reserved for the first few people that rsvp for the Young Adults and Young Families. If not in the Young Adults and Young Families group, I will have information on where to find the books. The more the merrier, come one, come all. The study will be on Facebook where there will be a private group setting and we can all talk freely with each other about questions about the book and joys we have while reading. The beauty of an online study is that you can access the study at any time of the day (or night!). The study is from June 2nd– August 17. Please let me know if you are interested at all! *Ashley Schmidt* 

Father's Day

On Sunday, June 16th, we celebrate Father's Day. It was first celebrated as a church service at the Williams Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church South in Fairmont, WV, in 1908. (The first Mother's Day was celebrated 2 months earlier in Grafton, WV, 15 miles away!) Grace Golden Clayton is believed to have suggested the service to her pastor to commemorate 361 local men killed in a mine explosion. It was not made official until 1966 by President Lyndon Johnson. If you are able...spend some time with your dad that day. If you can't, but can call him...do that! If you are unable to do either of those things, take a moment to say a prayer to God, thanking Him that your dad helped bring you into this world.



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### FUEL- OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

by Rev. Mark

Our Wednesday Night Children's ministry- FUEL - is on hiatus! Yes- our Children's Ministry, along with all of our Wednesday Night programming, is "on vacation" for the summer. Thanks to all of the adults who made it happen, all of the kids who participated and all of the parents who made sure their kids GOT here! We had a great season and will be back in the Fall!

### **CHURCH WEBSITE**

Have you looked at your church's website? If not, go to <u>www.myaledoumc.com</u> 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!

## **CURRENT/NEW SERMON SERIES**

### by Rev Mark

Great heroes, both men and women of faith have been recorded throughout the Bible. However, there are many Biblical characters who can be easily overlooked and yet should be regarded as heroes, not necessarily because of their extraordinary feats but because they simply chose to stand on the right side of history, they chose to align themselves with the promise made to their ancestors and to the spread of the Gospel. With all of that in mind, we are spending a few weeks considering the lives of s handful of these "**Unsung Heroes of the Bible**" and how significant they were to their time and generation. You will be amazed to see some unexpected heroes. Here are the remaining weeks of this series-

Sunday, June 2, 2019- <u>Ananias</u> (Acts 9:10-17)

Obedience grows out of trust. (Isaiah 1:19, 1Peter 1:14) Sunday, June 9, 2019- Jael (Judges 4:18-21) Be brave in the face of adversity. (Deuteronomy 31-6, Philippians 1:27-28) Sunday, June 16, 2019- Father's Day- <u>Simon of Cyrene</u> (Matthew 27: 32) Pick up the cross and follow Me. (Psalm 51:17, Hebrews 13:16)



## SPECIAL OBSERVANCES IN JUNE

Did you know that June is Dairy Month? Or Great Outdoors Month? How about Adopt-A-Cat Month? It's also Drive Safe Month, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month, Iced Tea Month, Potty Training Awareness Month and Turkey Lovers Month. The 1st week of June is National Fishing Week, while the 2nd week is National Clay Week. Here are some special June days: June 1st- Donut Day, June 2nd- I Love My Dentist Day, June 3rd- Egg Day, June 4th- Cheese Day, June 5th- Gingerbread Day, June 6th- Applesauce Cake Day, June 7th- Daniel Boone Day, June 8th- Jelly-Filled Donut Day, June 9th- Young Eagles Day, June 10th- "Pop Goes the Weasel" Day, June 11th- Hug Day,

June 12th- Magic Day, June 13th- Weed Your Garden Day, June 14th- Flag Day, June 15th- Fly A Kite Day, June 16th- Father's Day (see accompanying article), June 17th- Hollerin' Contest Day, June 18th- Fudge Day, June 19th-Panic Day, June 20th- Ice Cream Soda Day, June 21st- Eat Your Vegetables Day, June 22nd- Chocolate Éclair Day, June 23rd- Pecan Sandies Day, June 24th- Swim a Lap Day, June 25th- Catfish Day, June 26th- Chocolate Pudding Day. June 27th– Sunglasses Day, June 28th- Paul Bunyan Day, June 29th-Camera Day and June 30th- Meteor Day. Celebrate the many strange and wonderful days June has to offer!



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**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP!** Wednesday Night Fellowship has gone "on vacation" for the summer! We had a GREAT 2017-2018 season. We fed a TON of people and had lots of great fellowship and learning spread over a variety of offerings. Thank you to all who made it happen AND to all who participated! See you back on Wednesday evenings In the Fall!

## CONNECTION COINS FOR JUNE

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 (June 9th), the Connection Coin offering will go toward another important ministry, this year's Vacation Bible School (July 14-17). Each summer, dozens and dozens of kids visit us to learn more about their faith. Your coins will help make that happen. So, 100% of the money that is collected in the cans on the 9th of June will be used to help fund this valuable ministry. What a GREAT way to help connect people to Jesus Christ. So bring your change on June 9th!



## FLAG DAY

In the United States, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14th (a Friday this year). It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened that day, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress, in 1777. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; in August 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress. Flag Day is not an official federal holiday, though on June 14, 1937, Pennsylvania became the first (and only) U.S. state to celebrate Flag Day as a state holiday. The longest-running Flag Day parade is held an-



nually in Quincy, Massachusetts, which began 1952 and will celebrate its 59th year in 2009. The largest Flag Day parade is held annually in Troy, New York, which bases its parade on the Quincy parade and typically draws 50,000 spectators. The week of June 14 is designated as "National Flag Week." During National Flag Week, the president will issue a proclamation urging U.S. citizens to fly the American flag for the duration of that week. This year, remember the freedom that our flag represents, and thank God for that freedom- including the freedom to worship.

## **NEW/CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES**

### "Growing Older and Wiser" by Dale & Sandy Larsen

WHAT: Mike Millar's current Tuesday morning Bible Study

WHEN: Tuesdays @ 9AM

WHERE: In the Fellowship Café, next to the Sanctuary

**WHY:** Whether we consider ourselves "young" or "middle-aged" or "senior citizens" or prefer no age label at all, we will grow wiser as we consider and apply the timeless truths of Scripture. This Life Guide Bible study will cover nine weeks.

WHAT ELSE: This study started April 16th, and it is not too late to join! Books are \$8.

#### "Quiet Strength" by Tony Dungy

WHAT: Current Wednesday morning MEN'S Bible Study

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.

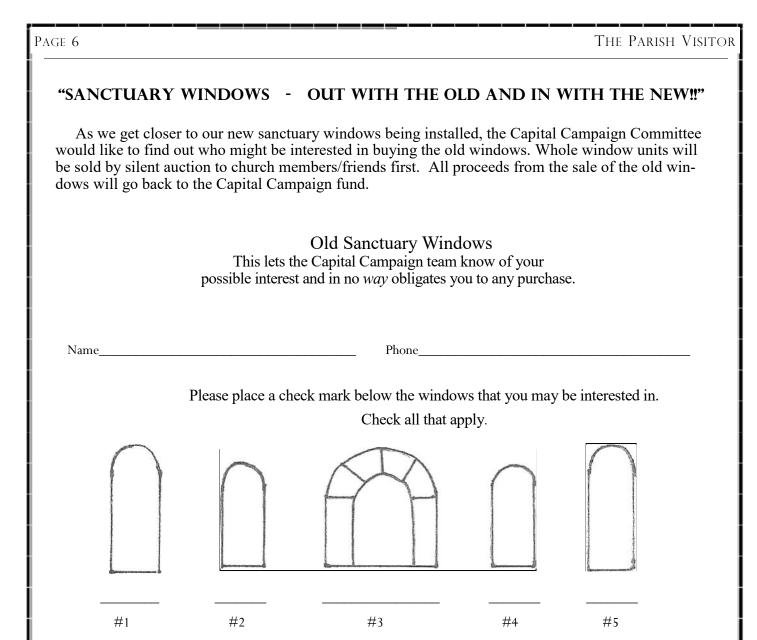
WHAT ELSE: The books are \$10



## SUMMER SOLSTICE

Have you ever heard of the Summer Solstice and wondered what exactly that was? The word "solstice" derives from a combination of two Latin words: "sol" meaning "sun" and "sistere" meaning "to stand still." As the days lengthen, the sun rises higher and higher until it seems to stand still in the sky. The Summer Solstice marks the longest day (and the shortest night) of the year. In the Northern Hemisphere, Summer Solstice begins on Friday, June 21, 2018 at 5:07 AM CDT.

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Windows are numbered as you face them from inside the sanctuary.

If you are possibly interested in purchasing any of the 5 window units, please leave your name, phone number and which window(s) you might be interested in buying.

## 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.

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

06/01/2002– Matt & Krystal Jungmann 06/03/1967-Bill & Ila Bertrand 06/04/2011– John & Nicole Taylor 06/08/1968- Hal & Linda Earl 06/08/1974- Tom & Barb King 06/09/2006– Jayson & Jessie Thomson 06/11/1994– Cliff & Jennifer Anderson 06/12/1976- Rick & Kathy Newswander 06/13/1981- Gary & Anita Heard 06/13/2015- Alex & Ashley Stice 06/14/2003– George & Glenda Foy 06/15/2017- Andy & Laura Mehl 06/21/1953- Dick & Liz Zimmerman 06/22/2013- Dan & Cara Magedanz 06/24/1973– Danny & Linda Schrock 06/24/2006- Ryan & RaeAnn Latko 06/28/1999- Bradly & Janean Ottoson 06/29/1991- Don & Lyn Franks

## UM Women Golden Age Bírthdays

- 06/03– Carole Korns 06/05– Bonnie Ricketts 06/09– Diane McIntyre 06/11– Carol Ann Boney 06/19– Sonjia Fell
- 06/30– Nadine Liby



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

## THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Betty Allan Amelia/breast cancer Sandy Anderson/health Jerry Baker/health Phyllis Batson/health Robbie Beard/lymphoma Linda Beguelin/brain bleed Bentley/6yrs/cancer Bob Bocox/cancer Brian Boenkamp/coma Brenda Brandt Garv Brown Holden C/heart Betty Chapel/recovery Robin Ciccotelli/chemo Julia Cirks/cancer Britt Collier Tricia/Rory Conway/Lymes Hurley Crossman/cancer Brian Day/leukemia Stacey DeSpain/6yrs/health Dick/cancer Dick & Bev Jim Droste Chase Duff/health Lauren Eggen/cancer Evelyn/1yr old/cancer Sandi & Brooke Fausett

Sonjia Fell & family/health Mary Flint/healing Don Franks/health Carol Freeman/cancer CI Friedel Gail/chemo & radiation Liz Gardener Gavin/healing Bill Glenn Rodnev Glidden/cancer Karen Greer Tommy Greer Austin Hains Bruce Hall Susie Hall/breast cancer Rev Mark and family Pam Heath Parker Hopkins/2yrs/cancer Jackson/CP Janet Jenson/cancer Amy Jones/health Debbie Jones/heart Terry Jones/cancer Ouincy Jones/broken leg John Karwath/cancer Kaycee/pregnancy Annabell Kell/hospice

Jaime Kernan/loss

Kevin Aubrey King family Chad King/brain tumor Martha King/heart Jean Kinnamon Jon Lee/cancer Nadine Liby/health Henry Leichty/9 yrs /health Kellv Mack/cancer Eric Matich/6vrs/leukemia Jackie McKnight Connie Midkiff Pat Mueller/healing Jody Newton/cancer Ruby Nimrick/healing Joel Noe/health Ember Pappas/cancer Bob Parker Dave Pederson Maddie Perry/cancer Bill Pollock/health Bryce Rathje Susie Rice/surgery Pauline Schmidt Sara Schrock/hospice Barb Schustfeldt/healing Donny & Pat Short

Missy Kernan/heart surgery

Gary Smith/health Lucas Smith/blood disorder Pat Stevens/cancer Sandy Stinson/health Kris Taylor Dennis Terrill/heart Joe Thibedoux/lymphoma Connie Thomas George Unsworth/healing Nena Visser/health Bennett Ward/baby Rebecca Weihler/brain tumor Shut-ins/Nursing Home residents Military & families All ill/in hospitals Our world leaders Our Church/congregation Flooding victims Those suffering from depression Victims of weather events Graduates Travel mercies for travelers

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

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## Youth & Children's Page

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Meet EP3-20! He is this summer's VBS mascot. EP3-20 is ready to take kids ages 3 years old to 4th grade on an adventure "To Mars and Beyond!"

Mark your calendars for this summer's Vacation Bible School - VBS will be held in the evenings of July 14-18. Make plans to blast off with us this July!

### NURSERY NEWS

"Nursery Open House"

Come meet the staff, see the exciting additions and changes, and experience the nursery during our Open House on Sunday, June 2! We would love to show you what we are doing with our littlest church goers to share God's love! The nursery kids will be providing special music at the

10:30 service on Sunday, June 2. We invite you to join us in the nursery following the service! See you there!



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

On Wednesday, May 15, participants in FUEL and the junior high/high school Bible studies celebrated the end of Wednesday Night Fellowship with pizza, snacks, treats and games. The evening ended with everyone decorating the south sidewalk with beautiful chalk artwork. We are now officially on break until the fall! Have a fun and safe summer!

Thank you to all the volunteers who made this program a success: Wanda Cobert, Diane Engstrom, Sonjia Fell, Janet Hunter, Jennifer Mattson, Kelly Miller, Dennis Palmer, Vicki Palmer, Candy Terrill, Dick Zimmerman and Liz Zimmerman. We couldn't have this wonderful fellowship and learning experience without all of you!





### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School continues through the summer months at 9:15 am. Thank you RaeAnn Latko, Joan Reynolds, Amy Studer, John Taylor and Nicole Taylor for teaching Sunday School and sharing the love of Jesus with our youth!

#### 4s iron sharpens iron, one man sharpens another. Proverbs 27:17

### THE FORGE

On Sunday, May 19, members of the Forge celebrated the end of the year with taco haystacks, games and fellowship. We all had a great time! We are now on break until after Labor Day. Have fun and be safe this summer!

Thank you to Nicole Taylor, Tami Hevland, Laura Patterson and Dennis Palmer for your help with the Forge and Study Hour! We are so blessed you all are on our team!

### SUMMER CAMP

We have seven campers this summer! Please keep Keeghan Benson, Abby Blaser, Hazel Dennison, Gracie Hevland, Iliawna Hook, Andrea Noble and Alexsis Taylor in your prayers as they head to summer camps at East Bay in Hudson, IL and Pictured Rocks in Monticello, IA. Have fun and be safe, campers! We can't wait to hear your stories when you get back!

Thank you Endowment Fund and the Aledo United Methodist Women for scholarships to get to camp! We are so thankful for your generosity!

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## 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 BE-CAUSE 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 timewhich 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!

## WORSHIP TECH OPPORTUNITIES

AS we prepare to expand our Sunday morning worship opportunities, the need for "worship tech" also increases. Do you like electronics? Then your church needs YOU! We need people to help operate the sound system and computer during Sunday morning worship services. What do you need in order to run these things? The list is LONG- a willingness to serve, and...that would be about it! The systems, designed specifically for churches, are quite simple to operate. (Don't let all the knobs and switches intimidate you!) The great part about this ministry is that it happens during worship, when you're in church anyway! Do you feel God calling you to step up and help? Talk to Mike Millar or Ruth Dulaney.



Where do I fit in?

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



## **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 <u>revmark@stickwithjesus.com</u>.



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## THE NURSERY

Have you ever wondered why churches need good, safe, wellstaffed 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 churchthey are very much an active, important part of its present!





### ARE YOU AWARE WHERE AUMC'S FIRST AID KITS ARE LOCATED?

We have two "super" First Aid Kits prepared and maintained by our Safety team.

They are located on the shelves above the coat racks in the Fellowship Room and the Dining Room.

### What is a "super" First Aid Kit?

They each contain a blood pressure cuff, flashlight, glucose monitoring meter, gloves, large bandages, antiseptic ointment, hand sanitizer, nosebleed kit, and instant cold packs that should be used instead of ice when needed.

A blanket and safety cot (in a green bag) are also in the same locations.

Incident report forms are in the kits which should be filled out when an issue is witnessed.

Smaller First Aid kits are located in the kitchen and the education wing shelves. Please check out these kits to be aware of their contents and locations for your safety and serving the safety of others.



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THE PARISH VISITOR

# JOIN US AT

# United Church

# Luncheon Methodist Friday & Saturday 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Rhuberb Fest

**JUNE 7TH** AND 8TH **BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!** 

The homemade menu includes chicken salad on a croissant or on a lettuce leaf, or ham and cheese on wheat 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 online or at the church office.

This is your opportunity to connect – thank you for serving!

WE NEED WORKERS Thursday, Friday and Saturday!

Workers on Friday & Saturday – Wear pink or green shirt and a cap

### Bring perishable food for potato & chicken salad by Thursday 8 AM

Bring lots and lots of fruit pies by 8 AM Friday or Saturday

### LOST AND FOUND

Assorted pans and dishes are located in the **Caring Hearts Storage Room. Please retrieve** yours as soon as possible. We will need the space for Rhubarb Feast.



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

Thank You! Thank you for teaching our Confirmation class. It is what I looked forward to each Sunday. Also, thank you to the congregation for holding our reception in the Café.

Luke Jungmann

### 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

Thank You! Thank you so much for your prayers, gifts, and words of kindness as I celebrated my Confirmation in Christ. I am so blessed to have such a wonderful church family to surround me as I grow! Thanks and blessings, *Olivia Meskan*  Thank You! Thank you for guiding me and the other confirmands through 7 weeks of Confirmation Class. I enjoyed it very much. Thank you to the congregation for hosting the reception after the Service. Jack Jungmann

## **ONLINE GIVING**

by Rev. Mark

More and more of you are now making your weekly/monthly/yearly offering to your church online! If you go to the home page of the church website (<u>www.myaledoumc.com</u>) 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 setting it up 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	05/05/2019	05/12/2019	05/19/2019	05/26/2019
Attendance	255	272	220	235
Receipts				
(Toward				
Budget)	\$8,071.50	\$3,092.50	\$6,479.50	\$5,162.26



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