

The Parish Visitor

May 2021



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Where's Your Aldersgate?

Monday, May 24 is Aldersgate Day; without it, Methodism would've likely died an early death, barely deserving of a footnote in history.

In 1725, John Wesley was ordained as a deacon in the Anglican Church. In 1728 he became a priest in that denomination.

Wesley was always a man of great discipline and that discipline became an important part of how he conducted his faith. Along with his brother Charles, Wesley began leading a "Holy Club" at Oxford, England. However, their critics began making fun of the club's emphasis on discipline by calling them "Methodists." Although it was originally intended to be derisive, the name stuck and today we proudly profess that we are Methodists.

In 1735, both John and his brother Charles left for Savanna, Georgia with hopes of bringing the gospel to Native Americans. This was just two years after the colony had been founded. The brothers nearly died at sea, however, because on the way their ship encountered a terrible storm at sea. The two were shaken to the core as the ship's main mast broke.

They finally arrived safely at Savannah, Georgia on February 6, 1736. Although the pair arrived with glorious intentions, their ministry in America was not only short-lived, but a miserable failure as well.

Charles returned to England after just a few months. However, John stayed for nearly two years by which time he was regarded as a miserable failure. Depressed, he wrote in his Journal: *"I went to America to convert the Indians; but O! Who shall convert me?"*

Back in England, John remembered the faith of the Moravians during the storm at sea, so he sought them out in London, and found them at a prayer meeting just off Aldersgate Street. More importantly, three days later he found Christ there on May 24, 1738. Of that encounter, Wesley wrote, *"In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given to me that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."*

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SPECIAL DATES:

- May 2 Communion & Food Pantry Sunday
- May 2 Graduation Sunday
- May 6 Caring Hearts Food Prep 9AM
- May 8 Relay for Life Pork Chops at Mercer Market 10:30AM-1PM
- May 9 Mother's Day
- May 11 Loving Hands Food Prep 1:30PM
- May 14 Fleurette Graduation Party 4-7PM
- May 16 Mission Meeting 5:15PM
- May 16 Trustees Meeting 6PM
- May 16 Finance Meeting 6:45PM
- May 16 Administrative Council Meeting 7:30PM
- May 17 UM Men Meeting 6PM
- May 20 Parish Visitor Deadline 8AM
- May 20 Caring Hearts Food Prep 1PM
- May 24 Endowment Meeting 6:30PM
- May 24 PPRC Meeting
- May 25 Loving Hands Food Prep 1:30PM
- May 27 Women's Bible Study 6pm
- May 31 Memorial Day, Office Closed

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Eleven Days later Wesley preached, "By Grace Are Ye Saved through Faith" which became the theme of his life.

Was John Wesley a Christian before his Aldersgate experience? Who can say for sure? However, what we can say for sure is that John Wesley had a life-changing experience with God at Aldersgate. And it was an experience that not only changed him, but the world.

As I consider afresh the story of John Wesley, I have to ask myself, Have I had my Aldersgate experience? Has my heart been strangely warmed by the Spirit of God?

Have you?

Connecting People to Christ with you,

Pastor Dave

Connecting with the Word

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are shaped by the Word of God, knowing that Christ revealed himself as the Living Word. We will continue to follow the scriptures suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary, and those scriptures are listed below. Each week, I encourage you to read the passages suggested for each Sunday in order to prepare your hearts for worship, whether in-person, on the radio, or on Facebook. Kathleen's Children's Moments will be drawn from each Sunday's Gospel reading.

May is a month for honoring others. We will begin the month on May 2 by honoring our graduates. Communion will be also served. If you're joining us virtually, please have some bread and grape juice ready. The elements may not be properly consecrated, but Christ will be properly remembered. Scriptures include Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; and John 15:1-8.

Mother's Day is May 9, so we will be honoring Moms in all services. Scriptures include Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6 and John 15:9-17.

Thursday, May 13 is Ascension Day, and while we won't be having a service that day, I encourage you to read the scriptures which pertain to the Ascension of Jesus: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23 and Luke 24:44-53.

Scriptures for Sunday, May 16 include Acts 1:15-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13 and John 17:6-19.

Pentecost Sunday is May 24 and marks the birthday of the church. We'll also be honoring our four confirmation students at the 10:30 service. Scriptures include Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104; Romans 8:22-27 and John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15.

We wrap up the month with Trinity Sunday on May 30; it is also Memorial Sunday. Scriptures include Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17 and John 3:1-17.

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2021 Rhubarb Fest is Happening!

Also the Vietnam Tribute Wall, an 80% replica of the wall in Washington D.C., will be in the Monument Park just 2 blocks west of our church June 3rd – 6th!

We will be serving food in the “Green Space” west of the church building.

Whole rhubarb and strawberry-rhubarb pies will be sold on Friday and Saturday.

As you look at the information outlined below, you will notice the needed changes to our menu *for this year only* since all meals will be carry-out and served outside under canopies.

Many volunteers are needed to bake pies in our certified kitchen at church. We also need help preparing and serving food. Instead of our usual soliciting for food items, this year we are asking for monetary donations only. Please consider giving a generous donation so we can purchase the necessary items for this BIG event. (Just send your donation to the church office marked UMW.) Say “YES” when you are asked to volunteer.

OUTDOOR MEALS NEAR VIETNAM TRIBUTE WALL

2 BLOCKS EAST IN AUMC GREEN SPACE

THURSDAY, JUNE 3RD 4 – 8 PM

GRILLED PORK CHOP OR HOT DOG MEAL



RHUBARB FEST

JUNE 4TH AND 5TH
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM



ALEDO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GREEN SPACE WEST OF THE EDUCATION WING

THIS YEAR'S MENU

GRILLED PORK CHOP OR HOT DOG OR SLOPPY JOE SANDWICH;

POTATO CHIPS; GRAPES;

PIE SLICE OR BROWNIE & BOTTLED WATER

(SANDWICH ONLY IS ALSO AVAILABLE ALL DAYS)

WHOLE RHUBARB OR STRAWBERRY RHUBARB PIES

Hostas for Joanne

ALEDO UNITED METHODIST MEN NEED YOUR HELP

When Joanne moved to her new home the UMM helped her with some preparations, like painting, storage needs, patio work etc.

But we saw an opportunity to surround Joanne with something more. The love of her church family and friends, with flowers. Joanne has flower beds all around her house, but few flowers. Here is where we need your help.

As you are working in your flower beds this spring, you may have hostas that need to be split. Come to the church office and get a small bucket, or 2 or 3, and share your hostas. Return those buckets and your hostas to the office foyer and the UMM will see to it that they are planted to surround Joanne's house.



MORE REGISTRATION PERSONS AND HOSPITALITY GREETERS NEEDED!

If you have wondered why we continue to have a sign-in sheet or use name tags as you enter the building, here is the explanation: We are required to keep track of everyone who is in the building and for what time period in the event that Covid Contact Tracing would be needed.

On Sundays we need two people actively registering people and at the same time we want to be able to properly greet and welcome everyone, so we are expanding our greeter team. One person will be in the Fellowship Room by the bulletins for a friendly greeting and available to answer any questions.

If you would like to participate as a Greeter, please contact the office or Ruth Dulaney

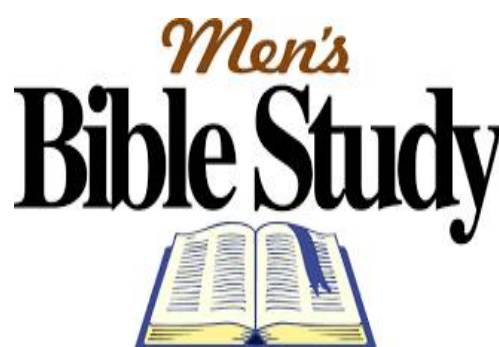
Recognizing our Faithful Tech Booth Team!

A big thank you to those dedicated servants who are an important part of our worship services each Sunday, the computer and sound techs!! You are so appreciated!

We have openings for more to join this team.
Training will be provided, just contact Mike Millar or Ruth Dulaney

CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES

**Bible Boys Men's Bible Study
has resumed!**



Beloved Disciple: "The Life and Ministry of John"

by Beth Moore

WHAT: Wednesday morning MEN'S Bible Study with Gary Heard

WHEN: Wednesdays @ 6:30AM

WHERE: In the Fellowship Café, next to the Sanctuary

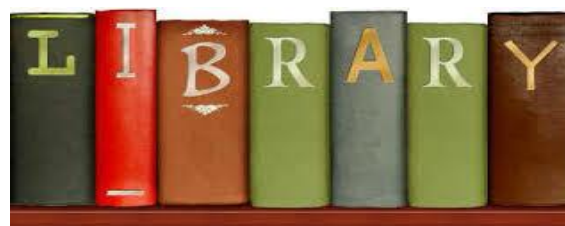
WHY: John's legacy was love. Perhaps like no other disciple, John understood that relationship is the point. Every command of Christ and call to obedience is to enhance relationship and place the recipient in a posture the Giver can bless.

WHAT ELSE: Books are \$16

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



**Come and "check out" our
Church Library in the
Fellowship Café area!**



HyVee Bread Product Delivery

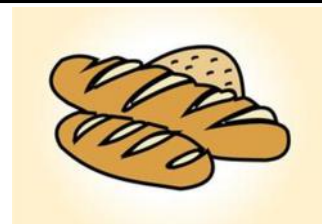
Each Saturday

The bread products are available before and after each Sunday Service in the South end of the Fellowship Room next to the Sanctuary.

Stop by and help yourself! Take some to your neighbor!

The bread racks are then moved to the church lobby and are available there until 11:00 AM. Monday. Any leftovers are shared with the residents at Vashti and Mercer County Health Department visitors.

Would you like to join the Bakery Team who count and sort the products on Saturdays at 10 AM? We need more team members!



BILL-PAY GIVING

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!

Your banks probably offers online "bill pay". With that service you can set up your church giving for whenever and however much you want it to be. It's simple, easy and dependable. Won't you consider electronic giving?

CALL-EM-ALL UPDATE

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

ARE YOU READY FOR A STORY?

Do you have a young person in your life that loves stories? Do YOU like to listen to stories? Join Kathleen every Tuesday morning at 9 am for "Are You Ready for a Story?" Kathleen shares stories from Franklin, Patricia Polacco, Jan Brett and others with seasonal stories and stories to warm your heart. Set your device notifications to alert you to the live Facebook broadcast on the Aledo United Methodist Church Facebook page. Can't watch it live? Catch the recorded replay on the AUMC Facebook page. You'll find it under the video tab.



The United Methodist Men will meet on May 17, 2021. There will be a meal, a short business meeting, and lots of fellowship. All men are welcome!

AT-HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School packets for at-home study are available. These packets are for children/students pre-school aged through 12th grade. Please email Kathleen at kathleen@myaledoumc.com to get your At-Home Sunday School packets.

Church Website

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



Youth & Children's Page

THANK YOU!

Thank you, Tim Hay, for your generous donation to the 2021 Mission Trip to Louisville. Your donation will help get us to Kentucky so we can be the hands and feet of Jesus! Thank you!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Aledo United Methodist Men for your donation to the 2021 Mission trip to Louisville! We appreciate your generosity and support!

CONFIRMATION, 2021

Please help us celebrate our confirmands Josie Brown, Jaiden LaDue, Sophia Latko and Natalie Thomson as they become full members of the Aledo United Methodist Church on Confirmation Sunday, Pentecost, May 23, 2021 at the 10:30 service.

May God bless Josie, Jaiden, Sophia, Natalie and their families!

VBS – JOIN FRIDA THIS SUMMER!

Yes, Frida, there will be VBS this year!

VBS is going hy-brid this summer! Join us on Facebook Live (or catch the replay), Sunday, July 18 – Wednesday, July 21. We also will have limited in-person opportunities for local “campers.” More information will be coming soon! You won’t want to miss VBS!

If you are interested in helping this summer, please contact Kathleen, and she will put you on the team!

MISSION TRIP/CAMP STATUS MEETING – IMPORTANT!

The next mandatory mission trip status meeting will be Sunday, May 2 at 11:45 am (right after the 10:30 service) in the sanctuary. This is a switch in meeting day/time as the Second Sunday is Mother’s Day. ALL students going on the mission trip NEED to be in attendance. We will be discussing fundraiser updates and future important dates. Please mark your calendars and join us! Thank you!

SECOND SUNDAY SPECIAL

There will be no Second Sunday Special in May as it is Mother’s Day. Enjoy the day with your families!

LOOKING FORWARD TO FALL

We are looking ahead to fall and a (hopeful) return to more normalcy. If we reach Phase 5, WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS to join our teachers and nursery team, starting in September!

Teachers – we will need volunteers to teach Sunday School and Wednesday night classes for all age groups. We would love for YOU to join our teaching team!

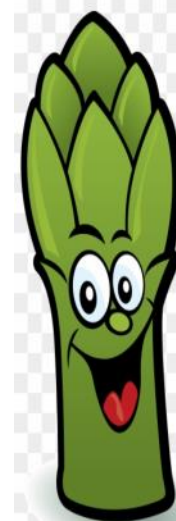
Nursery – we will need volunteers to help in the Nursery on Sunday mornings, during services. (Natalie works to make sure all staff and volunteers can attend a service in addition to working in the nursery.)

Do you love babies? Children? Jr. High students? High School students? We have a place for you to join our team! Please contact Kathleen or Natalie Nelson if you have questions or want to join us in these most important ministries!

We are looking forward to the day when we can all be together again!

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES IN MAY

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



SAVE THE DATE!

Save the date – Sunday, August 29 at 6 pm!

Tim Price and the Harvest Ministry Praise Band is coming for a worship concert for all ages, here at the Aledo United Methodist Church!

Bring your family, your friends, a lawn chair and enjoy the fellowship of a Harvest Ministry worship concert! You don't want to miss this!



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

05/03/2014– Jose & Kaitlyn Marceleno
 05/07/2011– Darren & Kia Winsor
 05/16/1958– George & Carole Korns
 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
 05/29/1993– Jeff & Trisha Hank



UM Women Golden Age Birthdays

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



The deadline for the next
 Parish Visitor is
Thursday, May 20 @ 8am.
 Please have all articles submitted
 by this date!

THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Chuck Alexander/health
 Alicia/cancer
 Amelia/breast cancer
 Audrey Anderson/health
 Kira Anderson/surgery
 & recovery
 Bishop Beard/leadership
 Genniene Billiet/cancer
 Julia Cirks/cancer
 Ashley Dewitt/health
 Adam Douglas/health
 Jim Droste/health
 Jimmy Dutton/kidney
 donor
 Lauren Eggen/cancer
 Don Franks/healing
 Carol Freeman/cancer
 Jeff Friday/surgery
 CJ Friedel
 Gail/chemo & radiation
 Gloria/cancer
 Susie Hall/health
 Jim Hanson/cancer

Bobbi Harker & daughter/Covid recovery
 Shirley Harker & Jeremy
 Lemon/Covid recovery
 Rita Harrison/health
 Tracy Hennenfent/chemo
 Parker Hopkins/2yrs/
 cancer
 Kyeleigh Hunn/13yrs
 old/cancer
 Jackson/CP
 Janet Jenson/cancer
 Jerry/cancer
 John
 Gilbert Johnson/cancer
 Terry Jones/cancer
 John Karwath/cancer
 Chad King/brain tumor
 Tom King family
 Jon Lee/cancer
 Nadine Liby
 Lisa/cancer
 Maddie/3yrs old/cancer

Eric Matich/6yrs/
 leukemia
 Marcia/cancer
 Linda Morrow
 Jody Newton/cancer
 Joel Noe/health
 Andrea Parker/healing
 Parky Parkinson family
 Perry/cancer
 Clara Recknagle/healing
 Judith Redlinger
 Ann Rogers/cancer
 Andy Rutledge/cancer
 Sharon/stem cell trans-
 plant
 Gary Smith/healing
 Judy Spellious
 Sydney/healing
 Joe Thibedoux
 Charley Thomas
 George Unsworth/health
 Rebecca Weihler/brain
 tumor

Marsha Whitman/cancer
 Dick Zimmermann
 Brandy Young/cancer
 Brookstone residents
 Shut-ins/Nursing Home residents
 Military & families
 All ill/in hospitals
 Our world leaders
 Our Church/congregation
 Those suffering from depression
 Marriages
 Coronavirus patients
 Our denomination/peace
 Our country/world
 Equality for all persons
 Safety for our police officers
 Victims of storms

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

Nursery News

The nursery at AUMC is closed until Fall, but we have made the Quiet Room in the Northeast corner by the Sanctuary available. It will NOT be attended by a Nursery attendant, so an adult needs to remain with any children. You can continue to watch the Service on the monitor that is in the room.



CONNECTION COINS FOR MAY

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

This month (May 9th), the Connection Coin offering will go toward another important ministry. The HyVee Bread Ministry touches so many in our congregation and beyond. Jerry, our bread delivery man, does this as a mission, asking for nothing in return. We help with the fuel expenses of this valuable ministry, giving him \$10 a week for gas. So, 100% of the money that is collected in the cans on the 9th of May will be used to help fund this valuable Ministry. What a GREAT way to help connect people to Jesus Christ. So, remember to bring your change on Sunday, May 9th!

You are invited!!

You are invited to a graduation party for Kierstin Benson. The party is May 22nd from 1-4 at the VFW (106 S.W. 3rd Ave) in the basement. Desserts and snacks will be served!

Graduation Party

**for Joe Reusch
May 14th 6-8 PM
Aledo Fire Station
Please join us!**

Our church family is invited to Brady & Brennan Fleurette's High School Graduation Open House Friday, May 14th from 3-6 p.m. in the AUMC dining room. Stop by to enjoy a treat and help us celebrate!

WORSHIP TECH OPPORTUNITIES

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.



GRADUATION SUNDAY

On **Sunday, May 2nd**, we will recognize High School graduates at all 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!

Please note: Dates for all church activities, including this one, may be modified due to Covid19 protocols.



MEMORIAL DAY



Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May (Monday, May 31st 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 30th we will honor those men and women who gave their lives for our country during our Worship Service. Please remember the ultimate price these brave people paid so that we might have freedom- including freedom to worship as we see fit.

MOTHER'S DAY

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



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

Need a ride to church?

Bus service has been suspended until the Care facilities reopen. Contact Greg Cobert at 309-737-5621, or the office at 309-582-2169 to make arrangements to be picked up.



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

Caring Hearts

Do you want to take some food to a friend who is ill or in need? Our Caring Hearts freezer, located by the elevator doors in the basement, has a variety of soups, casseroles, fruit, and desserts.

A group of dedicated ladies prepare the delicious homemade food twice a month for anyone who is in need of cheer.

Please help yourself!

DID YOU MISS SUNDAY'S SERMON?

If you miss church on Sunday, you can STILL experience the sermon. You can go to the church website, myaledoumc.com, to see a transcript of any of Pastor Dave's sermons that you missed. Please share this link with your friends and family.

Sponsors for our May Radio Broadcasts

May 2– Stan & Debbie Swank in honor of all graduates.

May 9– Available

May 16– Available

May 23– Diane Richardson in memory of loved ones.

May 30– Available



FINANCIAL MATTERS (WEEKLY NEED \$6,993.29)

Date	04/04/2021	04/11/2021	04/18/2021	04/25/2021
Attendance	187	113	128	111
Receipts				
(Toward Budget)	\$8,884.00	\$4,570.00	\$8,898.00	\$1,950.00

