

The Parish Visitor

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Miracles Still Happen!

By Rev. Mark

I think there is this somewhat pervasive notion that miracles are things that happened in the Bible and no longer happen. I mean, you don't see anybody having folks open up a grave after someone has been buried for four days and then calling them back to life. No burning, talking bushes. No seas being parted. So, in that respect, I "get" why people would adhere to the "no miracle" thought.

And I can say, "But a new-born baby is a miracle", and people who are skeptics will smile, either condescendingly or patronizingly and say, "Yes, that is a beautiful thing!" Sunsets. The change of seasons. A flower opening in the Spring. "Sure, sure, sure, Pastor. Miracles. That's LOVELY!" But it seems as if miracles, for the most part, are relegated to the pages of "The Good Book" for a LOT of people.

But there are miracles still happening every day. Over the last 10 years or so, this church has done miraculous things. Or, I should more properly and accurately say that GOD has done some pretty miraculous things in, for and with this church in that time. Literally 100's of thousands of dollars has been spent...invested...in making the church-owned buildings more secure and better able to be used to their fullest for ministry.

In more recent years, we raised \$65,000 in about 3 weeks when our old handicapped-accessible church bus suddenly "gave up the ghost". We also raised tens of thousands of dollars to help fund an assist dog for a family in the congregation. We needed to carry out major renovations to the church organ (\$150,000 estimate, and NO...I am NOT exaggerating!), just to have no one who was capable of playing it. We raised \$11,000 in 2 weeks to get a Clavinova electronic organ/keyboard.

More recently, we undertook a Capital Campaign that, since October, has raised over \$150,000 for Phase One (new handicapped-accessible restroom-done), Phase Two (3 new roof-top air conditioner units- done) and a good running start at Phase 3 (new stained-glass windows in the sanctuary to replace the 100+ year-old one that are brittle, fragile and in constant danger of crumbling in the next strong wind. All of this in the past 12 years!

And that brings us to today. We suddenly had the opportunity to purchase a house and lot immediately adjacent to the church property. We are COMPLETELY land-locked and trying to make the best use we can of our facility as we continue to grow. We made a bold proposal to the congregation to vote to amend the bylaws of an Endowment Fund the church owns so that we could get a grant from that fund to buy the property with no pay-back. Then, two days before the vote, I got a text from a church leader that an anonymous donor from within the congregation had come forward to donate the ENTIRE purchase price of the property in question! That means that The Endowment Fund could keep their money and continue to use it to provide scholarships and fund start-up ministries! When that most recent news was announced to the congregation...there was an audible "gasp"!

The actual result of the all-church vote? It passed with a 99%+ yes vote! We witnessed nothing short of a miracle. We have been witnessing them for years here. The Bible says that we are trusted with a little. And if we do well with that, we are trusted with more. We are living that out day by day here, constantly trying to make adjustments in our approach just to keep up with what God is doing here! It is, in a word... miraculous!!

SPECIAL DATES:

- Oct 1 Missions Meeting 6:30PM
- Oct 4 Caring Hearts Food Prep 9AM
- Oct 6 Josephs Host Open House for Swing Choir Director 1-3PM
- Oct 7 Communion & Food Pantry Sunday
- Oct 8 Office Closed for Columbus Day
- Oct 9 Work at Food Pantry 5:30-7:30PM
- Oct 9 Holiday Bazaar Craft Time 6:30PM
- Oct 12 Work at Food Pantry 8AM-noon
- Oct 18 Caring Hearts Food Prep 1PM
- Oct 18 UMW Exec Meeting 4:15PM
- Oct 18 Holiday Bazaar Pet Treat Making 6PM
- Oct 21 CIA Luncheon 11:30AM
- Oct 21 Safety Meeting 5:15PM
- Oct 21 Trustees Meeting 6PM
- Oct 21 Finance Meeting 6:45PM
- Oct 21 Administrative Council Meeting 7:30PM
- Oct 22 UM Men's Meeting 6PM
- Oct 23 Holiday Bazaar Craft Time 6:30PM
- Oct 23 Parish Visitor Deadline 8AM
- Oct 25 Women's Bible Study 5:30PM
- Oct 31 Trunk or Treat 5-7PM No WNF

NEW/CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES



Grace: More Than We Deserve, Greater Than We Imagine

WHAT: Tuesday morning Bible Study

WHEN: Tuesdays at 9AM

WHERE: In the Fellowship Café next to the Sanctuary

WHY: Max Lucado calls readers back to consider the abundant richness of God's offer. It's an offer to live a changed life, a call to genuine transformation and the courage to see it through. Don't let grace pass you by. When you let it in, it will rock your world, and change your heart.

WHAT ELSE: The books are

Ten Men of the Bible: How God Used Imperfect People to Change the World

WHAT: Current Wednesday morning MEN'S Bible Study

WHEN: Wednesdays @ 6:30AM (Coffee, breakfast pizza AND donuts EVERY week!)

WHERE: In the Fellowship Cafe' next to the sanctuary

WHY: The men of the Bible aren't depicted there because they were perfect, but to highlight their faithfulness to God! In this 10-session study guide, Max Lucado looks at the stories of some of these Scriptural characters, pointing out key decisions they made - and the good or bad consequences that resulted. Each session includes discussion questions.

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

The Book of James, Practical Wisdom

WHAT: Current Wednesday Night Bible Study

WHEN: Wednesday Night at 6PM

WHERE: Fellowship Café next to the Sanctuary

WHY: The strength of this bible study is that it helps you to apply what you study in the book of James to your everyday life. It also asks some very thought-provoking questions.

WHAT ELSE: The books are \$8 and it is not too late to join.

TOWN HALL MEETING/ CHARGE CONFERENCE

This year, Charge Conference (our annual "meeting" to set both the budget and ministry teams for the coming year) is a bit different. It is on Monday, November 5th at 6:30PM at the Reynolds United Methodist Church. Our District Superintendent Rev. Steve Granadosin will be joining us that day. His approach this year is simple - get the "business" out of the way as quickly as possible and spend the rest of the hour sharing what's going on in our church. He wants to hear what we are doing. He wants to hear what our vision for the future is. He wants to learn more about why we are growing and thriving. Join us as we spend an hour with Rev. Granadosin, sharing about what God is doing here at AUMC!



CURRENT/NEW SERMON SERIES

by Rev. Mark

Much has been written about developing and practicing effective leadership skills. Books by Jim Collins, Stephen Covey, Dale Carnegie, Jack Welch and Lee Iacocca, to name just a few, have addressed this topic from several perspectives. Thousands of articles have also delved into this subject. But what IS leadership? And who does it apply to?

On Sunday, September 9th, we start a brand-new sermon series- Are You Leading or Taking a Walk? This series is NOT simply for “church leaders” but for...everyone. We are ALL called to be leaders- in our homes, our church, our community and the world. We are called to help lead by connecting people to Jesus Christ. This series will focus on the qualities of a good leader and the weeks of the remaining weeks of the series look like this:

Sunday October 7- Communication (Luke 6:12-16)

Great leaders don't have to be great speakers or exceptional writers. They need to be inspirational and persuasive.

(Proverbs 15:1-2, Colossians 4:5-6)

Sunday, October 14- Team Building (Luke 1-11)

Great leaders build teams. This requires, first and foremost, the ability to attract and retain top talent.

(Proverbs 27:17, Matthew 18:19-20)

Then, our next sermon series will focus on **John's 3 Letters** found near the tail end of the New Testament. They are rarely read, rarely referenced, but have a lot packed into their short length. Three different letters, written at three different times, to three different people- yet they're all tied together by the same ideas. The weeks of the sermon look like this:

Sunday, October 21, 2018 Love and Hatred (1John 2:7-11)

Everything old is new again.

(Proverbs 8:12-13, 1Corinthians 16:13-14)

Sunday, October 28, 2018 Water and Blood (1John 5:1-8)

We are spiritual beings on an earthly journey.

(Psalm 19:13-14, John 20:29)

Sunday, November 4, 2018 The Lady and Her Children (2John 1:1-6)

Children are a gift and should be treated as such.

(Proverbs 22:5-6, Ephesians 6:1-4)

Sunday, November 11, 2018 Don't Lose What You've Worked For (2John 1:7-12)

Be careful what you bring into your home.

(Micah 3:5-6, 2Corinthians 11:12-15)

Sunday, November 18, 2018 Gaius the Faithful (3John 1:1-8)

Let no one be a stranger.

(Jeremiah 22:3, Hebrews 13:1-2)

Sunday, November 25, 2018 Diotrephes the Unwelcoming (3John 1:9-14)

What you DO reflects how you see God.

(Psalm 37:1-4, Galatians 3:26-29)



Come each week expecting to hear from God!

TRUNK OR TREAT

by Rev. Mark

On Wednesday, October 31, your church will hold its 7th Annual Trunk or Treat event. Starting at 5PM that evening, church members will have their cars parked along the edges of 3rd Street outside the church...trunks open! The children of the community will be invited to come and "trick or treat" among our church members. Along with candy and warm greetings, they will receive a handout that explains our Youth and Children's Ministries.) In addition, the United Methodist Men will again be offering FREE hot dogs to everyone! (We will be asking for donations for A. Candy, B. Hot Dogs/Buns, C. Bottles of Water and D. Money to cover costs!)

Many churches struggle with participating in Halloween-related events and I understand that. BUT...it seems to me that the community is going to observe Halloween regardless of what the church does. Therefore, we have a choice to make: we can refuse to be involved and unconsciously widen the gap between the Church and the community. OR...we can choose to be involved and do so in such a way that the community sees us a willing partner.



So, on Halloween night, we will put our best foot forward, invite the community into "our world" and have a GREAT time doing it! If you would like to bring YOUR car and some candy that night and be a part of this fun event, watch for the sign-up on Sunday mornings!

VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVANCE

Veteran's Day is on Sunday, November 11. That day, we will honor veterans at all 3 worship services. And this year, we are continuing an important part of the observance. We are asking you to submit a picture of your veteran(s) to include in a slide show we will run as part of worship that day. If you would like to submit a picture, you can either email it to the church (office@myaledoumc.com) or bring a "hard copy" to the church office. (If you bring a "hard copy", please put it in an envelope or folder and clearly mark both the envelope/folder AND the picture with A. the name of the person in the picture and B. who the picture should be returned to.) The deadline for submission is Sunday, November 4. **If you submitted one last year, you do NOT need to submit again.**



As a lead-in to our Veteran's Day observance, starting on Sunday, October 14th, everyone will be encouraged to select a plastic figure from a basket in the sanctuary. The figures will represent members of the Armed Forces, along with Police and Fire Personnel. You are encouraged to put your figure in a prominent place, reminding you to pray for our veterans and first responders- those who put themselves in harm's way for our protection!

Thank You

I want to thank everyone for the beautiful birthday cards. I read every one and enjoyed them. Thanks again,

Katharine Jones



Thank You:

To all the Methodist Church, United Methodist Men, and all others who worked to give me such a beautiful porch. Thank you all for giving up golf and other planned activities and especially do not forget "Honey Do" jobs. Do not ease up as you are not home free yet. Honey will not forget. I won't forget what you did for me.

Thank you everybody,
Dora Mae



THANK YOU!

The Power Pack Ministry gratefully acknowledges each person and group who has contributed to this ministry. We could not run this program without your generous donations. Thank you!

C.I.A. (Caring Individual Adults) Luncheon October 21st

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, October 21st, 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 21st of October at 11:45AM!

Do you want to take some food to a friend who is ill or in need?

Our Caring Hearts freezer, in a new location 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!



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

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

WRMJ RADIO BROADCAST

On the 4th Sunday of each month, and now on any 5th Sundays, we broadcast our 10:30AM Worship Service live on WRMJ. Would you like to sponsor this?

It costs \$70 to sponsor a Sunday broadcast, and is a wonderful way to get our Services out to the public and to those who cannot make it to church. If you are interested, let the office know at 582-2169. If you would like to sponsor in memory of a loved one, give us the information and we will acknowledge it in the bulletin and in the announcements.



CONNECTION COINS FOR OCTOBER

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 (October 14th), 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 14th of October will be used to help cover the costs of this powerful ministry. What a GREAT way to help connect people to Jesus Christ. So, bring your change on October 14th!



LOST AND FOUND:

THE ABANDONED DISHES AND PANS ARE PLACED ON A TABLE IN THE BACK OF THE BASEMENT. PLEASE CHECK TO SEE IF YOU ARE MISSING ANY FROM YOUR KITCHEN. THE “ORPHANS” WHICH ARE NOT CLAIMED WILL BE PLACED IN THE CHURCH KITCHEN FOR GENERAL USE.

Where do I fit in?

What can I do?



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

As you probably know, Phase 1 (accessible bathrooms) and Phase 2 (air conditioners for the education wing) have been completed. We are currently working on the design of the stained glass windows for the Sanctuary which is Phase 3. When all of the current pledges have been paid we will be approximately \$25,000 short of completing the windows. Phase 4 is the expansion of the choir loft and making it accessible. The dollar estimate for Phase 4 is \$35,000. To complete the last two phases we will need to raise \$60,000. Please let the office know if you are able to contribute or pledge to complete the Campaign.

Capital Campaign Committee

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is off to a great start! Sunday School is held from 9:15 am – 10:15 am and includes the following groups:

Grades K-1	Grow, Proclaim and Serve
Grades 2-3	Grow, Proclaim and Serve
Grades 4-5-6	Bible Lessons for Kids:
	Special People in Hebrew History
Grades 7-8	Adam Hamilton's Unafraid
Grades 9-12	Adam Hamilton's Unafraid

Join us Sunday mornings!



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

10/06/2017– Gary & Renae Brown
 10/09/2010– Trevon & Sara Dunn
 10/12/1974– Bill & Molly Joseph
 10/18/2014– Jeffrey & Kaycee Stine
 10/23/1976– Lewis & Wava Minter
 10/25/1974– Doyce & Sue Hiscocks



UM Women Golden Age Birthdays

10/01– Barbara Etheridge
 10/09– Connie Midkiff
 10/15– Lois McCormick
 10/15– Barbara Runyon



The deadline for the next
 Parish Visitor is
Tuesday, October 23rd @ 8am.
 Please have all articles submitted
 by this date!

THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Betty Allan	Jenifer Franks/cancer	Martha King/heart	Nena Visser/health
Cindy Allen	Marie Fredrickson	Megan Klaur/no cancer	Christina Walsh
Sandy Anderson/health	Carol Freeman/cancer	Allison Kuk/remission	Arlene Walthall/heart
Sharon Andress	CJ Friedel	Jon Lee/cancer	Chris Waters
Anna	Gail/chemo & radiation	Mary Louck	Rebecca Weihler/brain tumor
Bentley/6yrs/cancer	Gavin/healing	Eric Matick/6yrs/leukemia	Gabby Whitehall/Lymes
Dale Bloomfield	Rodney Glidden/lung cancer	Jerry McAlister family	Dick Zimmerman
Bob Boco/cancer	Angel Goben/health	Penny Meskan	Eric Zimmerman
Brian Boenkamp/coma	Rita Haizlip	Violet Meskan/Lyme disease	AUMC church family
Renae Brown & baby	Susie Hall/breast cancer	Connie Midkiff	Shut-ins/Nursing Home residents
Steve Brown/health	Megan Harbor & family	Mike Newsom	Military & families
Holden C/heart	Rev Mark and family	Joel Noe/health	All ill/in hospitals
Robin Ciccotelli/chemo	Michael Harris	Bev Palmer/health	All who mourn
Julia Cirks/cancer	Tom Hasson/healing	Ember Pappas/cancer	An end to bullying
Tricia/Rory Conway/Lymes	Pam Heath	Connie Parkinson	Our world leaders
Hurley Crossman/cancer	Shirley Harker	Patrick/surgery	Broken marriages
Brian Day/leukemia	Marilyn Hessman/cancer	Bonnie Peterson	Opioid addictions
Bob & Marilyn DeClerk	Sheryl Hodges	Floyd Pullen family	People in North Carolina/hurricane
Jim & Dee Dellitt	Parker Hopkins/2yrs/cancer	Jim Stephens family	
Stacey DeSpain/6yrs/health	Janet Jenson/cancer	Rich Stirn	
Jim Droste	Carol John	Bryce Rathje	
Lauren Eggen/cancer	Debbie Jones/heart	Dick & Martha Rittenhouse	
Ruth Engle	Terry Jones/cancer	Joe Thibedoux/lymphoma	
Chris Engstrom	John Karwath/cancer	Charley Thomas	
Soni Engstrom	Missy Kernan	Connie Thomas/health	
Evelyn/1yr old/cancer	Aubrey King/cancer	Neil Truman/healing	
Bob Fausett/heart	Chad King/brain tumor	Pam Truman/health	
			Mercer County Schools Administration, Teachers, Students and Staff National and Local Governmental Leaders

Youth & Children's Page

POWER PACK

The Power Pack ministry is off to a great start! Each week, participants in The Forge are given a "power pack" - food that can be used to make a meal for the student's family and help foster family fellowship. The students have already been making dinners for their families and enjoying family time! We are grateful for all who have helped with our kick-off, but we still need your support. Donations needed include 15 oz. cans of peaches, pears, green beans, corn and black beans; 18 oz. jars of creamy peanut butter; 32 oz. jars of grape jelly; 16 oz. boxes of spaghetti; 24 oz. cans of pasta sauce; 48 oz. bags of white rice and 25 oz. packages of tortillas. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted. Thank you for helping us "power up!"

FATHER DOMINIC

We had a great visit from a wonderful guest on Sunday, September 16! Father Dominic, the Bread-Baking Monk, spoke to the junior high and high school youth at the Forge meetings and shared his talk, "What Bread Are You?" An all-congregation reception to welcome Fr. Dom was held between Forge meetings. Father Dominic shared his homemade cornbread with the students while they decided what kind of bread (Christian) each one is. The next time you see a member of the Forge, ask what bread he/she is!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

We continue our new season of youth programming with Wednesday Night Fellowship, FUEL and Bible study. Join us Wednesdays and enjoy a meal with your church family, then attend one of the following groups:

Grades K-1	Super Bible Games and Kids' Travel Guide to the 10 Commandments
Grades 2-3	Super Bible Games and Kids' Travel Guide to the 10 Commandments
Grades 4-5-6	Super Bible Games and Kids' Travel Guide to the 10 Commandments
Grades 7-8	Good Friends
Grades 9-12	Max Lucado's Ephesians Bible Study

Wednesday nights are fun and exciting!

THE FORGE

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." ---Proverbs 27:17

Enter The Forge and burnish yourself into the living Christ! Burn away the old as you grow into the new at The Forge! That's right! You do not want to miss the new, exciting teen opportunity for fellowship on Sundays.

Schedule:

4 pm – 5:15 pm The Forge (grades 6-8)

5:15 pm – 6:15 pm Study Hour (a quiet place to study or get homework help)

6:15 pm – 7:30 pm The Forge (grades 9-12)

Bonfire Fieldtrip! Forge members (junior high and high school together) are invited to a bonfire on Sunday, October 7 from 5 pm to 7 pm at the home of Bill and Carolyn Pollock. We'll be roasting hot dogs and making s'mores! Invite a friend (or two!). You don't want to miss this fun time to celebrate fall and friendship! (Permission slips are required for this activity. See Kathleen for more information.)





FOLLOW THE STAR

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2018 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM
& SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2018
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Our Famous Nativity Collections

Beautiful and unique Nativity set displays will “Connect our community to the birth of Jesus Christ”

Specialty Booths

Candy Cane Café – Will serve Friday evening meal and Saturday breakfast downstairs
The Country Store – All kinds of freshly baked goods, gifts in a jar, homemade breads.
Sweet Shoppe – Homemade Holiday cookies and candies – “Cookie/Candy Walk”
Creative Hands – Handmade crocheted items and aprons, pot holders, kitchen boas, kid’s pillowcases.
Dinner-To-Go – Stashu’s Pizza – frozen and ready to bake.
Hot Chocolate Bar - Delicious hot chocolate and all the trimmings
The Cutting Edge – *Rada* cutlery for your gift giving.
Deck the Halls – Christmas decorations and gifts.
Pampered Pets – Healthy homemade dog and cat treats and gifts.
Thanksgiving Blessings – Thanksgiving décor and gifts.
All Things Wooden – Many neat and creative wooden hand crafted items.
Homemade With Love – Handmade cards, stationery items, and lots of other clever gifts.
Clean Living - Homemade soaps, lotions, skin sensitive laundry detergent.

What can you do to participate in this big family event?

- Volunteer to work a booth - CONTACT RUTH DULANEY 309-738-6151 or CAROL BROWN 309-582-3644
- Attend the group work times
- Make unique items at home for the specialty booths
- Donate supplies when listed on a donation poster in Fellowship Room
- Lend your Nativity set(s) for our Nativity Collection Display
- Provide a card table.
- Help set up and clean up at the Holiday Bazaar
- Invite your friends and family to attend

Holiday Bazaar Group Work Times - Join the fun and fellowship!

Tuesday, October 9th – 6:30 PM	Craft Work Time	Seeker’s Room
Thursday, October 18 th – 6:00 PM	Pet Treat Preparation	Kitchen
Tuesday, October 23rd – 6:30 PM	Craft Work Time	Seeker’s Room
Tuesday, November 6 th at 5 PM	Pizza Preparation	Kitchen
Monday, November 12 th at 5 PM	Make Sweet Breads/Popcorn	Kitchen
Tuesday, November 13 th at 5 PM	Make Cookies/Candy	Kitchen
Wednesday, November 14 th after WNF	Set up booths, nativities	Basement
Thursday, November 15 th at 9 AM	Set up booths	Fellowship Rm/Basement
Friday, November 16 th at 9:00 AM	Complete set up	Fellowship Rm/Basement



Volunteer Ministries October Highlight

*We have a new opportunity to
serve our congregation and
community!*

Would you be willing to be part of an
“AUMC Transportation Team”?

We have members who need occasional transportation to
medical appointments out of town.

Please call the church office to sign up.



SPECIAL OBSERVANCES IN OCTOBER

Bet you didn't know that October is Adopt a Shelter Dog Month! How about Apple Jack Month? Or maybe Computer Learning Month? How about Cookie Month? Eat Country Ham Month? Sarcastic Month? These are the special days in October: the 1st- World Vegetarian Day, the 2nd- Name Your Car Day, the 3rd- Virus Appreciation Day, the 4th- Frappe Day, the 5th- Do Something Nice Day, the 6th- Mad Hatter Day, the 7th- Bald and Free Day, the 8th- Columbus Day, the 9th- Touch Tag Day, the 10th- Moldy Cheese Day, the 11th- Take Your Teddy Bear to Work Day, the 12th- Angel Food Cake Day, the 13th- International Skeptics Day, the 14th- Dessert Day, the 15th- White Cane Safety Day, the 16th- Dictionary Day, the 17th- Wear Something Gaudy Day, the 18th- No Beard Day, 19th- Evaluate Your Life Day, the 20th- Brandied Fruit Day, the 21st- Count Your Buttons Day, the 22nd- Nut Day, the 23rd- TV Talk Show Host Day, the 24th- Bologna Day, the 25th- Mother-In-Law Day, the 26th- Mincemeat Day, the 27th- Navy Day, the 28th- Plush Animal Lover's Day, the 29th- Hermit Day, the 30th- Candy Corn Day, and the 31st- Halloween (see accompanying article about our Trunk or Treat event). Celebrate the wonderful AND the weird in October!



Wednesday Night Fellowship October 2018 Meals

Come join us for FREE homemade meals on Wednesdays at 5:15 PM.

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| October 3 rd | Pizza Boats, Tossed Salad, Cottage Cheese, Peaches and Cake -
<i>WNF Volunteer Group</i> |
| October 10 th | Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Green Beans, Apple Sauce, Homemade
Cookies – <i>Lyn Franks, Denise Patterson, Ruth Dulaney</i> |
| October 17 th | Ham and Cheese Sliders, Chips, Relish Plate, Salads, Dessert –
<i>Diana Eggen and Bree Wood</i> |
| October 24 th | Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Chips, Mac and Cheese, Salads, Desserts –
<i>Stan and Deb Swank</i> |
| October 31 st | NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP – <i>Come enjoy <u>Trunk or Treat</u></i> |

Enjoy the food and fellowship!

SEWING DAY FOR THE FOLLOW THE STAR HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Monday, October 15th, 9AM-3PM
in the dining room. Bring a sewing
machine, if possible, or just
come to help.



**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**

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 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. Please share these links with your friends and family.

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 (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 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	09/02/2018	09/09/2018	09/16/2018	09/23/2018
Attendance	197	252	277	216
Receipts (Toward Budget)	\$6,287.56	\$6,828.00	\$4,294.69	\$5,316.75