

The Parish Visitor



September, 2018

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VACATION. IS. OVER!

By Rev. Mark

There is just something...palpable in the air when school starts, isn't there? (Mary Flint says it's because, no matter HOW nice the weather is the week BEFORE school starts, it's going to be 105 degrees with a heat index of a million WHEN school starts!) But you know what I mean- there is just a different feel to life when school starts back up. (Hunter is ...gasp!...a Freshman in college!)

This time of year reminds us that things change. We get into the rhythm of summer and life has a different pace. But then fall comes and we remember that the leisurely pace of summer simply can't continue- it's time to roll up our sleeves and get back to work.

That fact is not only true of life in general- it's true of the Church specifically. Churches usually slow down in the summer. Attendance drops, giving drops... people have other things going on. But you know what? That wasn't so much the case here this summer. What that tells me is this- our congregation is growing. We enter the Fall averaging over 280 people/week in worship. And when THAT happens, well...vacation is over! You see, we WANT to grow. We WANT more people in worship. WHY? Because our stated mission is to connect people to Jesus Christ. And if connecting 280+ people to Jesus Christ every Sunday is good...then connecting 380+ people to Jesus Christ every Sunday is even BETTER!

Here's my challenge to you this fall- greet everybody you can when you come to church on Sunday...or Wednesday, or Tuesday, or...!) Make a point, force yourself if necessary, to initiate contact. Walk up, stick out your hand and say, "Welcome!" or "Good morning!" or "Glad you're here!" or "I don't believe we've met. My name is..." If everybody brought just ONE new person into the church this year...ONE person in a YEAR...we will have doubled our size in that one year! Imagine that!

In the end, people don't want to be dazzled by shiny programs and spiffy ad campaigns. They want to see that Jesus Christ is making a difference in YOUR life. And when they see that, they will want that in THEIR life. And that will enable us to connect MORE people to Jesus Christ!

AN OUTREACH IDEA

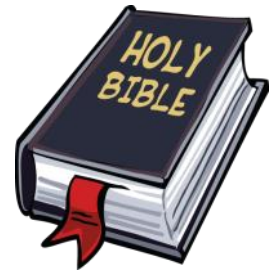
Here's a low-risk, easy way to introduce others to faith- share Rev. Mark's website with them. Described as "a daily look at life as a shaved-headed, earring-wearing, rock-drumming United Methodist minister", www.stickwithjesus.com features a "thought for the day", written by Rev. Mark- a new one is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



SPECIAL DATES:

- Sept 2 Communion & Food Pantry Sunday
- Sept 3 Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday
- Sept 4 Holiday Bazaar Planning Meeting 6:30PM
- Sept 5 Fall Kick-off for Wednesday Night Fellowship 5:15PM
- Sept 6 Caring Hearts Food Prep 9AM
- Sept 9 3rd Grade Bibles Presented all Services
- Sept 9 Fall Kick-off for the Forge Youth Groups 4PM (6-8 Grades), 6:15PM (9-12 Grades)
- Sept 16 CIA Luncheon 11:30AM
- Sept 16 Father Dom at Jr High Forge 4-5PM
- Sept 16 All Congregation Reception for Father Dom 5:15-6:15PM
- Sept 16 Father Dom at Senior High Forge 6:30-7:30PM
- Sept 16 Trustees Meeting 6PM
- Sept 16 Finance Meeting 6:45PM
- Sept 16 Administrative Council Meeting 7:30PM
- Sept 17 UM Men's Meeting 6PM
- Sept 20 Caring Hearts Food Prep 1PM
- Sept 20 Homecoming Parade 6PM
- Sept 21 Parish Visitor Deadline 8AM
- Sept 24 PPRC Meeting 6:30PM
- Sept 25 Holiday Bazaar Craft Time 6:30PM
- Sept 27 Women's Bible Study 5:30PM

NEW/CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES



Ephesians: "Where You Belong"

WHAT: Current Tuesday morning Bible Study

WHEN: Tuesdays @ 9AM

WHERE: In the Fellowship Café next to the Sanctuary

WHY: In the book of Ephesians, Paul reminds us that Jesus longs for the day He will be united with the church - His bride in all her beauty. Paul's letter

celebrates the beauty of the church. Ephesians gives us wonderful examples and basic overviews of a Christian life. Paul shows us how to walk worthy of Christ as we live our life for God. Paul's focus on the beauty of the church reminds us that through salvation we become a part of God's family: a place where we can experience true belonging.

WHAT ELSE: This study will conclude in the middle of September. Watch for information on the new Study to start after this one is complete.

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.

**KIDS, HAVE YOU SEEN
TYSON'S TALES?
STEP INTO THE WORLD OF
READING!**



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 series look like this:

Sunday, September 9, 2018- Honesty & Integrity (John 1:43-46)

Great leaders help create a culture built on a foundation of honesty and integrity.

(Proverbs 12:12, John 8:31-32)

Sunday, September 16- Self-Awareness (John 1:47-50)

A great leader understands their own strengths and weaknesses.

(Proverbs 21:1-2, 1Corinthians 13:12)

Sunday, September 23- Vision (Luke 5:9-11)

Strong leaders see the big picture and don't get too focused on specific tasks.

(Proverbs 29:18, Acts 1:8)

Sunday, September 30- Courage (Luke 5:9-11)

The strongest leaders are confident in themselves and their ideas, which allows them to be decisive.

(Joshua 1:7-9, Philippians 4:12-13)

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)



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!

ROCK AND WORSHIP

On Sunday, September 11, 2016, a new day dawned at The Aledo United Methodist Church. Our newest morning worship service- Rock and Worship- officially kicked off that day. This new service was built around electric guitar, drums and bass with a slightly shorter (50 minutes) format and featuring weekly Communion and a new original video Call to Worship each week that is based on the message for the day and built around a classic rock song. Two years later, it has CLEARLY found an "audience" and a voice. We celebrate the 2-year anniversary!

***Happy Anniversary,
Rock & Worship!***



VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES SPOTLIGHT

Thanks to the United Methodist Men



July 29th UMM served a Church Breakfast of egg & cheese casserole, biscuits and sausage gravy, pastries. It was well attended and enjoyed by all, and \$1800 was donated to the Capital Campaign!!

A big thank you to all who prepared and served the delicious breakfast. Thanks also to everyone who attended and generously donated to the Capital Campaign.

SILENT AUCTION



Nancy Robinson machine pieced and quilted this beautiful “Angel Armies” wall hanging.
Ruth Dulaney was the high bidder in this fun competition.

*Thank you, Nancy,
for sharing your
talents!*

To my Church family,

Thanks for helping celebrate my 90th birthday after Worship on July 15th. A special thanks to Debbie Swank for arranging and setting up everything. My family and I are appreciative of it all. I am so lucky to have such a great Church family.

Thanks again,
Phyllis Batson



THANK YOU!

The Power Pack Ministry gratefully acknowledges the United Methodist Women and the Mission Team for their generous donations to help establish and further this new ministry.
Thank you!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2018

Where did the summer go? It hardly seems possible but the time is here to start gearing-up for Operation Christmas Child. 2017 was a wonderful year with 226 boxes donated. It will be a challenge to clear that bar.....but that is exactly what we're going to attempt. 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 7th and collection will run through November 4th, the final collection date. You will be able to pick-up your boxes on the kick-off date along with a toothbrush and pencils/pens for every box. The postage and handling fee for each box remains at \$9.00. Candy, gum, and toothpaste are prohibited, but there are still countless items you can select. If you need ideas, or if you've 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", this is an excellent resource for new ideas....in other words, "don't be afraid to think outside the shoebox". While you're on this website, please take the time to click on the stories and see how God uses these shoeboxes to change lives. You will be amazed at 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** is the time to start collecting those gift items. Lastly, but perhaps most importantly, please lift this mission up in prayer as we continue, one-by-one, to connect people to Jesus.

Aledo United Methodist OCC Committee



Church Website

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

WRMJ RADIO BROADCAST

On the 4th Sunday of each month, and now on any 5th Sundays, we broadcast our 10:30 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.



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 Appleseed Day, the 27th- International Rabbit Day, the 28th- Ask a Stupid Question Day, the 29th- Confucius Day and the 30th- National Mud Pack Day.

Take some time this month to celebrate all that September has to offer!

LABOR DAY

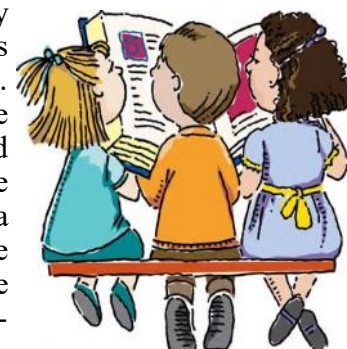
The first Labor Day was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City. The first proposal of the holiday described it as a street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations," followed by a festival for the workers and their families. 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!

C.I.A. (CARING INDIVIDUAL ADULTS) LUNCHEON SEPTEMBER 16TH

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 16th of September at 11:45AM!

BIBLES FOR THIRD GRADERS

On Sunday, September 9th 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!)



Share God's Word

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

09/01/2001– Robert & 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



UM Women Golden Age Birthdays

09/07– Marian Nesbitt
 09/10– Janet Hunter
 09/11– Katharine Jones



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

THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Betty Allan
 Cindy Allen
 Sandy Anderson/health
 Mike Anderson family
 Sharon Andress
 Anna
 Bentley/6yrs/cancer
 Dale Bloomfield
 Bob Bocox/cancer
 Brian Boenkamp/coma
 Renae Brown/baby
 Steve Brown/health
 Holden C/heart
 Robin Ciccotelli/chemo
 Julia Cirks/cancer
 Tricia/Rory Conway/Lymes
 Hurley Crossman/cancer
 Brian Day/leukemia
 Jim & Dee Dellitt
 Stacey DeSpain/6yrs/health
 Dick & Beverly
 Jim Droste
 Lauren Eggen/cancer
 Ruth Engle
 Chris Engstrom
 Soni Engstrom
 Evelyn/1yr old/cancer

Bob Fausett/heart
 Jenifer Franks/cancer
 Marie Fredrickson
 Carol Freeman/cancer
 CJ Friedel
 Gail/chemo & radiation
 Gavin/healing
 Rodney Glidden/lung cancer
 Rita Haizlip
 Susie Hall/breast cancer
 Megan Harbor & family
 Rev Mark and family
 Michael Harris
 Tom Hasson/healing
 Pam Heath
 Shirley Harker
 Marilyn Hessman/cancer
 Sheryl Hodges
 Parker Hopkins/2yrs/cancer
 Janet Jenson/cancer
 Carol John
 Debbie Jones/heart
 Terry Jones/cancer
 John Karwath/cancer
 Susie Kenny/new home
 Missy Kernan
 Aubrey King/cancer

Chad King/brain tumor
 Martha King/heart
 Kristin/healing
 Allison Kuk/remission
 Samantha Lake
 Jon Lee/cancer
 Mary Louck
 Penny Meskan
 Violet Meskan/Lyme disease
 Connie Midkiff
 Mabel Murphy family
 Mike Newsom
 Joel Noe/health
 Palmer family/loss
 Ember Pappas/cancer
 Connie Parkinson
 Patrick/surgery
 Bonnie Peterson
 Carol Peterson family
 Bryce Rathje
 Dick & Martha Rittenhouse
 Robert & Monica/health
 Neil Seaton/stroke
 Jim Stephens family
 Joe Thibedoux/lymphoma
 Charley Thomas
 Connie Thomas/health

Neil Truman/healing
 Pam Truman/health
 Nena Visser/health
 Christina Walsh/brain infection
 Arlene Walthall/heart
 Chris Waters
 Rebecca Weihler/brain tumor
 Gabby Whitehall/Lymes
 Kristin Wurzbarger/cancer
 Linda Zachert family
 AUMC church family
 Shut-ins/Nursing Home residents
 Military & families
 All ill/in hospitals
 All who mourn
 An end to bullying
 Our world leaders
 California fire victims
 Broken marriages
 Young adults entering college

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

Youth & Children's Page

FR. DOM RETURNS!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 16! We have a special guest scheduled to speak to the junior high and high school youth – Father Dom, the Bread-Baking Monk! Father Dom will attend The Forge meetings on Sunday, September 16 and share his talk, “What Bread Are You?” in the Sanctuary. The 4 pm – 5 pm session is open to all students in grades 6-8. The 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm session is open to all students in grades 9-12. An all-congregation reception for Fr. Dom will be from 5:15 pm – 6:15 pm in the dining room. Father Dom will have his greeting cards for sale, with the proceeds going to our stained glass window restoration project, and light refreshments will be served. Church members and those from the community are all welcome to attend. You do not want to miss the Fr. Dom experience!

Also starting Sunday, September 9 - **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, starting September 9th.

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)

POWER PACK NEEDS YOU!

Have you heard about the new youth ministry that works in conjunction with The Forge? It's called Power Pack and it is a feeding program through The Forge. Each week participants in The Forge will be given a “power pack” - food that can be used to make a meal for the student's family and foster family fellowship. 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. Will you help us “power up?”

FALL KICK-OFF FOR YOUTH

September marks our Fall Kick-off for the new season of youth programming! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 5 and Sunday, September 9!

Wednesday, September 5 marks the return of Wednesday Night Fellowship! Enjoy a meal with your church family, then join 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

Sunday, September 9 marks the return of Sunday School. Sunday School is from 9:15 am – 10:15 am 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	C.S. Lewis' The Screwtape Letters
Grades 9-12	C.S. Lewis' The Screwtape Letters





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

It's time to start thinking about our eighth annual Holiday Bazaar. The Bazaar team will meet Tuesday, September 4th at 6:30 PM for our first planning meeting and we welcome your new ideas for this year's event. **Come join our Holiday Bazaar Team!** Carol Brown and Ruth Dulaney, Holiday Bazaar co-chairman, are looking for booth or area coordinators.

Our popular booths will once again return with some new twists. Each booth area needs many workers, crafty items and donations. All profits from the Bazaar are given to local charities and church programs.

We will continue to display limited numbers of Nativities for our guests to "Follow the Star" to the Christ child. Are you are willing to loan a Nativity for the two day event? (Anyone bringing their Nativity set(s) will need to be responsible for setting up and taking down their own sets.)

This event has grown to involve the whole church family. **Join the fellowship & fun at these group preparation times!**

Tuesday, Sept 4th at 6:30 PM in the Seeker's Room	Planning Meeting
Tuesday, Sept 25 th at 6:30 PM in the Seeker's Room	Craft Work Time
Tuesday, October 9th at 6:30 PM in the Seeker's Room	Craft Work Time
Thursday, October 18 th at 6:00 PM in the Kitchen	Make Pet Treats
Tuesday, October 23 th at 6:30 PM in the Seeker's Room	Craft Work Time
Tuesday, Nov. 6th at 6:00 PM in the Kitchen:	Make Pizza
Monday, Nov 12 th at 5:30 PM in the Kitchen:	Make Sweet Breads & Country Store items

WHAT CAN YOU DO NOW TO PARTICIPATE? WE NEED AND WANT YOU!

1. We need woodworkers, crafters, sewers, bakers, and any way you want to share your talents.
2. Donate ½ pint, pint or quart jars for "gifts in a jar". (*Place these items in marked bin in Fellowship Room*)
3. Make items to sell – need ideas? Contact Carol Brown 309-582-3644 or Ruth Dulaney 309-738-6151
4. Volunteer to help in a booth, assist in planning, setting up, cleaning up – **there are opportunities for all!**

FUEL- OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

by Rev. Mark

Our Wednesday Night Children's ministry- **FUEL-** is BACK from hiatus! 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. 5!**





The month of September seems like a time of new beginnings for many things including new or revamped opportunities to serve at Aledo United Methodist Church. We recently hosted two informational lunches to highlight our many AUMC ministries. The Ministry Interest Surveys have been in the bulletins and are on the church website. Hopefully you have had time to pray about what God is calling you to do this coming year.

What do you enjoy doing? What passion stirs your heart to serve others? Perhaps you want to try serving with a different ministry, or serve with a different team than you have in the past. We each have God-given talents that we can share to help one another. Whenever you give of yourself, you receive joy and blessings in return tenfold, no matter how big or small the ministry.

If you have not filled out the Ministry Interest Survey yet or you want to add or change to a different team, it's not too late. Just contact the church office or send me an email ruthdulaney@gmail.com.

We all exist to connect people to Jesus Christ – this is your opportunity!

Ruth Dulaney 309-738-6151

Volunteer Ministries Director



WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEALS 2018 – 2019

SEASON REVAMPED STRUCTURE!

OUR NEW WNF SEASON IS HERE!

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR THE MEAL

AT 5:15 PM ON WEDNESDAYS

1. Most Wednesdays have menus planned, recipes available and cooking assistance, if desired.
All we need is for you or a group to sign up to prepare, serve or clean up the meal.
2. Open Opportunity dates are still available for groups to plan their own meals.
3. Monetary sponsorship is available if anyone wants to pay for a portion or all of the meal.
4. Groups can donate a portion or all of the ingredients.
5. This offers a low stress situation for individuals to participate in any portion of the meal preparation.
All can participate in the meal prep, serving, or providing food at some time during the season.
6. I will do the majority of the food shopping to save you time and energy.
7. I will still be asking for volunteers if you have not had a chance to sign up on the board in the back of the sanctuary.
8. Come, join in the fun of the meal preparation, serving and cleaning up for WNF.
9. **Enjoy the homemade meals and the fellowship around our tables on Wednesdays at 5:15 PM.**

Ruth Dulaney

309-738-6151



WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SEPTEMBER 2018 MEALS

**COME JOIN US FOR FREE HOMEMADE MEALS ON WEDNESDAYS
AT 5:15 PM.**

- September 5th Grilled Pork Chop Sandwiches, Cole Slaw, Cowboy Beans, Applesauce, Brownies and Ice Cream – *Stan & Deb Swank*
- September 12th Taco Haystacks and toppings, Cottage Cheese, Mixed Fruit, Homemade Cupcakes – *Tuesday AM Bible Study Group*
- September 19th Meat Loaf, Cheesy Potatoes, Corn or Green Beans, Rolls, Fruit, Ice Cream Sundaes – *Laura and Randy McGinnis*
- September 26th Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Pastries, Orange Juice, Milk
Doyce Hiscocks and Friends

Enjoy the food and fellowship!

Faith & Fellowship

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 9th), 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 9th of September 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 September 9th!



**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.

THE NURSERY

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



...a fun place to
play and learn!

FINANCIAL MATTERS

(WEEKLY NEED \$6,689)

Date	08/05/2018	08/12/2018	08/19/2018	08/26/2018
Attendance	246	201	232	227
Receipts				
(Toward Budget)	\$8,480.00	\$4,024.00	\$4,881.00	\$4,393.00

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