

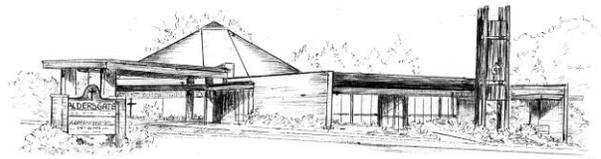
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Open Minds,
Open Doors*



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 Worship -- *Traditional yet informal*

JUNE 2021

Sunday, June 6 – 2nd Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, June 13 — 3rd Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, June 20 – 4th Sunday After Pentecost
Fathers' Day

Sunday, June 27 – 5th Sunday After Pentecost

The Core Values of our church: Family, Love, Compassion.

A Family of God
United in Love
Moved by the Spirit of God
Committed to the Ministry
of *Compassion*

PASTOR'S LETTER - JUNE, 2021



*"My ground is the Bible.
Yea, I am a Bible-bigot.
I follow it in all things, both great and small."*

--John Wesley's Journal: "June 5, 1766"

Methodists in years gone by were Bible-toting Christians who proudly considered themselves people of the Book, the Bible, yes, "Bible Bigots". Though the Bible is primary for understanding our faith and history, most of us would not consider ourselves to be "Bible Bigots" and thank God for that. Keep in mind, in the Bible, you can find a whole lot of racial and gender discrimination, misogyny, and abuse across the board. I'm sure the women who are reading this remember the words of Paul, 1 Corinthians 14:34-35, "...women should be silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak but should be subordinate, as the law also says. If there is anything they desire to know, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church."

This being said, it is important for Christians to keep the Bible in proper perspective. Yes, there are many truths in the Bible that can be helpful in our daily walk with God. But, there are also a lot of untruths that can be harmful and even deadly.

One might say, "But isn't the Bible inspired, and aren't we to follow its every word?" Simple answer, "No." This is why we are to study the Bible, day in and day out so that we can "rightly divide the word of truth" from untruths (2 Timothy 2:15).

(For you Greek scholars out there, the word "inspired" (θεόπνευστος) as found in 2 Timothy 3:16 should be correctly translated, "life-giving" and not inspired.)

As we move forward to new normalcy, I hope you will join me in learning more about the Bible in our worship services and Bible studies so we can learn more about our faith as followers of Jesus. Come to worship and to our Bible studies with the expectation of learning something new, something you have never thought about before. Join me as we open the Bible for the first time, once again.

JUNE 2020 SERMONS

- 6th Befriending Your Brokenness
- 13th Living The Priesthood
- 20th Without Spot Or Wrinkle
- 27th Embracing The Paradox

Blessings, Brett

WORSHIP SERVICE UPDATE FROM OUTREACH-NURTURE COMMITTEE

Aldersgate is committed to outdoor worship services as long as the weather permits. We encourage you to bring your own chairs and celebrate the great outdoors. The Outreach/Nurture Committee believes an outdoor service is safer for all and it will provide us a few more options. CDC guidance says even the fully vaccinated can get COVID-19 or a variant. It's not unlike a flu shot. Those who get the yearly flu shot can still get the flu. The CDC also says COVID spread is more likely indoors than outdoors. For those reasons, we plan to continue outdoor services. We simply believe it is safer for all in our congregation.

At outdoor services mask wearing is OPTIONAL unless when singing. Yes, there will be singing. Masks must be worn when singing. If weather forces us inside, as per the Northern Illinois Conference, masks must be worn for the entire service and there can be no singing.

As Illinois Health Department and Conference guidelines loosen, we can look to return to the sanctuary. Until then, we believe outdoor worship is the safest, best way to worship as a church family.

Thanks, Outreach/Nurture



READINGS FOR JUNE

June 6

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 8:4-20 (11:14-15)
Psalm 138 (UMH 853)
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

June 13

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
Psalm 20 or Psalm 72 (UMH 795)
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17
Mark 4:26-34

June 20

4th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 17(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49
Psalm 9:9-20 (UMH 744)
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

June 27

5th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
Psalm 130 (UMH 848)
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

LUNCH & LEISURE

Remember when every month we had the LUNCH AND LIESURE group meet at different restaurants? Do you realize the last time was February of 2020!! We are actually thinking of starting again. We did not start yet, but hopefully we can begin meeting soon. We will keep you informed at the beginning of each month.

WHAT IS LUNCH AND LEISURE? We are a group from Aldersgate United Methodist Church that meets every third Friday of the month for a time of food, fun and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!! Come and join us!! Lunch & Leisure is a casual time to eat & talk; to socialize with good food, good fun, and good fellowship.

ALDRERSGATE TOY MINISTRY NEWS FOR JUNE 2021:

A lot has happened in the last month and a half since April 9th. That's when Roland Wenig and Jose Seico announced to a meeting of the Toy Ministry, that the woodshop at Wesley Willows had been opened for use again for the first time since the Pandemic began. So, members of the Wesley Willows Woodworking Gang (WWWG) could go back to work producing toy bodies for the AUMC Toy Ministry. And go back to work they did – with exuberance!

Just 45 days since the 9th of April, until Thursday May 20th when Jose called and said they were done with their assignment of the **eight hundred** toy bodies! These had been produced by the WWWG consisting of Roland, Lute, Lyle and Jose. Not only did they produce the toys, but they prepared the wood that had been donated to the Toy Ministry by Premier Woodworking on 7th Street by planing the wood to the proper thickness. This wood consists of small pieces too small for their production and is all hardwood varieties of Oak, Walnut, Cherry, Ash, Birch, and maybe Hickory. There was a suggestion to finish the toys naturally because the wood is so pretty, but for toys for children, we decided to paint them colorfully!

And painting is what we are doing now. Gene Skoglund, Joyce Hart, Nancy Whitson, Jean Hackenberg and Jane Nihan are presently busy at that job with more volunteers to come.

Altogether, by the time we distribute toys in November, we will have produced 1,146 new toys and still have the leftovers from last year. Of the new toys, WWWG is doing 800 and the AUMC crew is doing 346. Models this year are the Ambulance, Batman, Bug, Daisy, Fire Truck, Police, Race Car and Princess. We did try a production shortcut this year by eliminating the window holes on the AUMC production to save painting time, but the WWWG production still has windows.

So onward we go! And as usual, THANKS BE TO GOD and to ALL VOLUNTEERS IN THIS REWARDING MINISTRY. MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!

Jon Boettner

JUNE

01	Corey Gloor			22	Sam McNames
02	Marge Huenkemeier			23	Mark Ingham
04	Abigail & Madeline Champeny Johns	15	Ruth Kinsman	24	Jordon Brown
07	Megan Alms	15	Tracy Perrot	25	Nick Johns
09	Jane Sohner	15	Shon Maurici	27	Brittany Swartout
09	Sydney Didier	16	Jack Axford	28	Laura Stephenson
11	Connie Dorsey	16	Joy Ray	28	Annalise Downs
13	June Foster	17	Lukas Ball	29	Cathy Anderson
13	Scott Gould	19	Ray Boeke	29	Josh Gorham
		21	Jon Boettner	29	Ayden Schap



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

06 Ryan & Charlotte Alms
 19 Joe & Kelley Beard
 22 George & Myra David
 23 Jerry & Marilyn Lang

Remember In Your Prayers

Barb Hoey Rena Borgman
 Covella Weller Mark Hoey
 Ron Niday Sandy Wenig
 George Franklin Don O’Hea
 Cloe Sturner Karla Burrows
 David Levine Pete Weller
 Jennifer Hardwick Martin
 Linda Earlywine Jean Hackenburg
 Scott Miller



Also please pray for people around the world, especially people who are suffering with Corona virus.

For medical and health workers, first responders, and volunteers

Note: After the printing of this *Squeek*, there may have been others hospitalized or ill. We need your help. Please notify the Church Office. Thank you.

SQUEEK DEADLINE

Thursday, June 17th is the deadline for the July, 2021 Squeek. Please have your articles in by this date. We would be happy to have you join the “Squeekers.” Any and all help is appreciated. Thank you.

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Congregation:
 Thank you for the 83 pounds of food and for supporting the Rock River Valley Pantry! We are so fortunate to have donors like you who allow us to provide for those in our community that face food insecurity on a daily basis. Did you know that the majority of our neighbors who visit the Pantry need only temporary help? In fact, more than 65 percent of our clients receive our assistance only one to three times per year. Whether it’s an unexpected medical expense, car repair bill, or reduced hours at work, something brings them to the Pantry looking for a little help to get them through a rough time.

While you may never know the individuals that you’ve helped, you will know that you’ve made a difference, and they know that someone cares.

Sincerely,
 Kim Adams-Bakke, Executive Director
 Rock River Valley Pantry



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN OF ALDERSGATE BECOME INACTIVE

On Thursday, May 20, 2021, the Aldersgate unit of United Methodist Women voted to become inactive. All members were contacted by letter. The decision was unanimous by those responding. The realities of age and no new members caught up with us and our unit was no longer able to provide necessary leadership or woman-power for our purpose.

For the church, this means there will not be any more rummage sales, UMW-staffed funeral fellowship luncheons, or anniversary/wedding receptions. This was a difficult decision.

(A side note: any women can be a part of United Methodist Women beyond the local church at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org)

We closed our final meeting noting almost 59 years of Women's Society of Christian Service (WSCS) and then United Methodist Women by the women of Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Kay Glenny, who has been a part of all 59 years, summed up the feelings of many of us. She shared this with our unit and with her permission, I share with all of you.

Coralee Hardwick, convener

In 1962, 59 years ago, Tom and I became a part of organizing a new church decreed by the Conference in the northwest area of Rockford on 6 acres of bare land.

Lewis Currie was in charge of setting up the church structure. That church became Aldersgate Methodist.

I was in a small group of women who were given the task of organizing the Women's Society of Christian Service under the guidance of the Conference and By-laws.

Our first meeting was held in a home on September 12, 1962. I was 31 years of age. It was founded for missions and the welfare of women and children in the community and around the world.

Since that early beginning we formed into 5 circles – 3 meeting at night as many of our members worked outside of the home, and 2 during the day. The three night ones were named Deborah, Ruth, and Rebekah. The daytime ones were Susannah Wesley and Mary-Martha. Each one had approximately 12 to 14 members with a combined membership of 60-70 women.

We embraced the calling of our Purpose, as we still do to this day. With a larger, younger active group we were able to have a variety of events and projects that supported mission in our community and abroad.

Much as evolved in our years as a unit, not only in our personal lives but in outside, unforeseen events which has brought us to this day.

We are not alone as United Methodist Women to be faced with this decision: the passing of members, moving away, dis-interested younger people to recruit, not to mention the Pandemic...has restricted us.

Our unit has provided many positive influences that have enriched my life. Members were varied throughout the years...with former pastors' wives, missionaries and the faithful who have made a definite contribution through their own experiences...I have drawn from that wisdom and put into practice in my own life.

As we make this difficult decision, we remember that the past has enhanced the character of the women we are and the way we have grown in knowledge and compassion. It does not stop us from applying the use of what we have learned in the UMW, as we continue to live out our lives with our friends and the people and the situations we meet.

Kay Glenny

AUMC FINANCE REPORT FOR MAY 2021

Jon Boettner, Finance Chair

This report will serve as both an information update to the members of the Finance Committee listed below as well as a report to the congregation.

Finance Committee Members; Mike O’Hea, Andy Gloor, Jay Alms, Keith Boeke, Jenny Graham, Anne Niday, Steve Carlson, Margaret Kasak, Beth Boettner, Jon Boettner, Jerry Robey, Pastor Brett Todd

FINANCE REPORTS: BUDGET FOR 2021 – Grand total is \$202,821 (ADJUSTED)

MONTHLY INC-EXP (BUDGET)	FOR APR 2021	25,778.81	18,263.50 (Apport Arrears 7,000)
	APR 2020	27,461.84	- 16,375.08
YEAR TO DATE (BUDGET)	2021	92,615.75	78,829.45
LAST YEAR TO DATE (BUDGET)	2020	74,514.49	- 60,292.52
MONTHLY INC-EXP (DESIG)	FOR APR 2021	6,478.71	- 3,296.80.
YEAR TO DATE (DESIG)		22,031.13	- 12,654.45

BALANCE SHEET AS OF 04/30/2021 **CURRENT CHECKING CDM** 36,542.67 (RECONCILED)
Balance for the budget is: 29,042.03
BUILDING CHECKING CDM 21,593.51 (reconciled)

DESIG – BELL CHOIR, YOUTH, COFFEE HR, TOYS, MISSIONS-2021 SPEC.SUNDAY, CROSSROAD KIDS
1,328.24 74.00 0.00 744.38 2,482.05 .00 1,495.29
DISCRETIONARY FUND:489.00*, PRAYER SHAWLS: 64.12 ADVANCED GIFTS 2020: 00 FEED STARVING CHILDREN: 00
MISC. DESIGNATED: 823.76 **TOTAL DESIGNATED: 7,500.64**

CURRENT AND BLD FUND RECONCILIATION REPORTS: Keith reported both accounts are in balance.

TRUSTEE REPORT: FINANCE REPORT, STATUS OF WH PAYMENTS, OTHER: Managed-:\$855,679, WH:MAR: 6,855 APR:, CD 5,195

TREASURER’S/ASSISTANT COMMENTS Decided to go paperless instead of ACH on utility bills. Printer in Finance Office malfunctioning – may have to be replaced.

FINANCE SECRETARY: Stewardship results

(2021 results) Cur:43@\$82,026 Bld:15@\$7,043 Mis11@3,132: TOTALS:\$92,200 NOTE:

The above Cur amount has increased due to a recent Tithe gift of \$12,000.

(2020—results) Cur: 59 @90,008, Bld: 17 @ 9,640, Mis: 13 @5,284, TOTALS: \$104,932

(2019 – results) Cur: 58 @99,327, Bld: 17 @10,576, Mis: 15 @8,102, TOTALS: \$118,005

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Concerns about income expectations in 2021 if Pandemic continues and Rummage Sale and Corn Boil are cancelled.
2. An audit of the Trustees Investment account has been suggested
3. Contracts: AUMC has many contracts in force, It has been suggested we get copies of all existing contracts with person responsible. These copies will be filed in the Finance office.
4. Discuss Apportionments (Held over)
5. Discuss Income status and whether action is required. (Held over)
6. A request has been made to make ACH contributions available. Re Hartford UMC in Hartford, Wi. (In process)
7. A request has been made to put church utility bills on ACH autopay. (Passed unanimously) See further decision above.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Printer for Finance decision
2. Bring back Apportionment discussion
3. Bring back income discussion
4. FYI: Quarterly Statements for members are late and will include January thru May. Will be available early June.
5. Discussion on signers for Trustee Investment account.

June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Squeek Deadline	18	19
20 Father's Day	21	22	23	24 Squeek	25	26
27	28	29	30			