

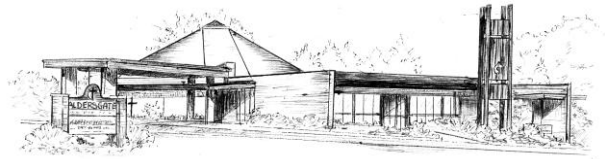
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*Open Hearts,
Open Minds,
Open Doors*



Aldersgate Church...United Methodist

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Church Office Hours

8:30 am – 12:30 pm

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 Worship -- *Traditional yet informal*

AUGUST 2021

Sunday, August 1 – 10th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, August 8 – 11th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, August 15 – 12th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, August 22 – 13th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, August 29 – 14th 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*

AUGUST, 2021

FROM THE



PASTOR

HATCHING A PLAN. This is the second year raising chickens on the ranch and next year should be “funner”. Yes, the word “funner” is a word. Why will it be “funner”? Hopefully, if everything works out, we will be hatching little chicks in the incubator in the spring. Can you imagine all the little chicks running around chirping? However, to do this, we are going to have to hatch a plan to get us to the place we want to be.

In your Christian walk, it is also important to hatch a plan to get you to the place God wants you to be. The Bible says, Proverbs 16:9, *“The human mind plans the way, but the Lord directs the steps.”* You make the plan and God will direct your steps all the way. No matter how big or small your plan may be, God will be at your side to see your way through. But you have to have a plan.

Intentional Christians Make Plans. It is true, Jesus made plans and so did his disciples. They did not aimlessly wander about with no plan. Even Jesus understood that planning and completing the plan was essential. This is what he said in the Bible, John 4:34, *“My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.”* What is your plan and are you working to complete this plan? If you haven’t already “hatch and plan” are you ready to plan and watch God direct your steps? Don’t aimlessly wander about, rather, put God in your life and watch the miracle of God’s love take you places you have never been.

Let’s pray: It is me again God. I need a plan and I need you to guide my steps. For too long I have wandered here and there feeling like I’m getting nowhere. But I know with you, all things are possible.

Amen.

SERMONS FOR AUGUST 2021

August 1st – “As Gentle As A Wet Nurse”

August 8th – “Saturated With Passion”

August 15th – “Born To Raze Hell”

August 22nd – “Counted Among The Honored”

August 29th – “Sooooo Big”



READINGS FOR AUGUST

August 1

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
Psalm 51:1-12 (UMH #785)
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

August 8

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Psalm 130 (UMH #848)
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

August 15

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14
Psalm 111 (UMH #832)
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

August 22

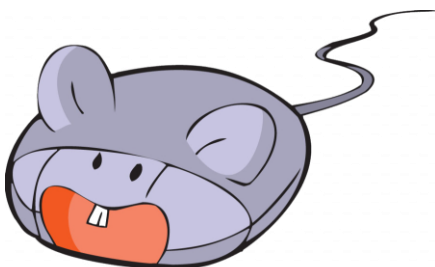
1 Kings 8(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84: (UMH #804)
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

August 29

Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 or Psalm 72 (UMH #795)
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

SQUEEK DEADLINE

Thursday, August 19th is the deadline for the September, 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.



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.

If you need transportation, contact the church office.

Each month, a Sign-up sheet will be on the church bulletin board. You can also contact Bernice Johnson or the church office to be signed up. Hope to see you there.

A GROCERY CART?

I suppose it's probably a little weird to walk into the narthex and see a grocery cart by the sitting area. What is it doing there and where did it come from? Let's start with the first question. Since the late 1990's that shopping cart has been in the church narthex. Church members are encouraged to fill up the cart with non-perishable food items. When it is full, a call is placed to the Rock River Food Pantry. The cart's contents are picked up and distributed to needy families in the stateline area. That cart is emptied out at least a dozen times a year. It is one small way that Aldersgate helps it's community in need year round. So now that you know or have been reminded about the purpose of the grocery cart, let's see if we can get it filled up on more than a monthly basis.



AUGUST



01 Zach Wirtz	07 Adam Thurman	20 Doug Anderson
01 Kelsey McNames	07 Ken Whitford	22 Jean Ewaldz
02 Dale Brown	09 Rena Borgmann	25 Rose Dolezalek
03 Bradley Boeke	09 Kristen Perrot	25 Allison Ingham
04 Richard Manrod	13 Matt Champeny-Johns	27 Scott Miller
04 Logan Anderson	13 Shaun Perrot	27 Robin Baker
05 Judy Gsell-Kittel	15 Michele Wirtz	28 Dorothy Robinson
06 Anne Niday	17 Ian Haynes	30 Gene Franseen
06 Lucy Alms		



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

03 Bill & Viki Gridley
 09 Jim & Debbie Sohner
 11 Jay & Deb Alms
 12 Ken & Beth Whitford
 12 Megan & Jason Street
 13 Pete & Jan Weller
 16 Tim & Debby Dimke
 24 Stuart & Monica Glenly

Remember In Your Prayers

Those in the congregation, who are experiencing physical or emotional distress.

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
Jean Hackenburg	Bill Rhodes
Rachel Baskerville	Sandi Johns



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

Names of persons will be maintained on the prayer list for three weeks. It may be determined to discontinue or be continued for an additional three weeks.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 6th, in observance of Labor Day.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Please let the church office know when the various committees will be meeting so we can have the information on the calendar for the Weekly, the Squeek and the bulletins and website.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Nelson Flowers will provide altar flowers again as needed at a cost of \$25 with a Friday morning delivery. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board outside the office. You may also call or email the church office.

TOY MINISTRY: The Toy Ministry is in need of about 20 of the large yellow Purina Tidy Cats buckets. We also have a need for cardboard boxes about the size of a carton of copy paper.

EMPTY PILL BOTTLES: One of our church families is collecting empty pill bottles to be donated to a local group. You can bring them to the church on a day when the secretary is in the office.

COLLECTING BOOKS AND MAGAZINES:

One of our church families is collecting used books and magazines and old newspapers to be donated to a local group. You can bring them to the church on Sunday and weekday mornings.

.ALDRSGATE TOY MINISTRY NEWS FOR AUGUST 2021

🎵🎵 *In the good old summertime, in the ...*🎵🎵

For the most part, cutouts have been done and now we are gathering materials for the final stages of assembly, which includes buying paint pencils for detail work (\$4.00 each at Menards, only 2.99 at Hobby Lobby! But the H L versions had rounded tips while M had square tips- we need square). Then there are decals. We print them on 8.5 X 11 shipping label material and give the sheets to Pat Clankie who has dies to punch them out. She just received 11 sheets of Batman (300 + labels) and 10 sheets of Red Crosses for the Ambulances (200+ labels). Thanks Pat!

And now we are getting down to the nitty-gritty of painting. All of our painters do Fabulous work (Gene, Joyce, Nancy, Theresa who paint and detail the toy bodies) and there are a multitude of painters doing wheels, and while these are essential, the toy bodies is more critical

.. And while we mentioned the painters that do the fantastic job, we want to highlight Jane Nihan because Jane has a little neighbor girl helper named Anita, who just loves to help Jane paint. Not knowing about Anita when Jane turned in her batch of 50+ Bug cars (which she was slightly late getting done because she wasn't satisfied with the results and some more work on them, and Anita helped. So after Jane said she had brought the cars in, we had to take a look. And what we found was a FABULOUS paint job complete with windows painted! We immediately called Jane and thanked her for her splendid work! Take note that we did not know about Anita at this time

As it turned out, right after our call was made; Anita called Jane to see if we had said anything about the paint job. Needless to say, Anita was overjoyed when she heard about our call. Good job Anita! You never know....

So may God Bless You ALL and may God Bless this Ministry of Aldersgate! And a Special Blessing for Anita!



AUMC FINANCE REPORT FOR AUGUST 2021

This report is the same as what would be given at the monthly Finance meeting. We haven't had a meeting for a couple of months, so this serves that purpose as well.

FIANCE COMMITTEE: MIKE O'HEA, ANDY GLOOR, JAY ALMS, KEITH BOEKE, J ENNY 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 JUNE 2021	15,135.14	14,810.71 (Apport Arrears 10,500)
	JUNE 2020	7,900.32	- 9,729.78
YEAR TO DATE (BUDGET)	2021	114,873.58	102,466.45
LAST YEAR TO DATE (BUDGET)	2020	92,664.96	- 90,675.76
MONTHLY INC-EXP (DESIG)	JUNE 2021	3,037.70	- 37.06
YEAR TO DATE (DESIG)		27,515.99	- 13,195.09

BALANCE SHEET AS OF 06/30/2021

CURRENT CHECKING CDM 33,434.43 (reconciled)

Balance for the budget is: 25,102.25

BUILDING CHECKING CDM 23,339.39 (reconciled)

DESIG – BELL CHOIR, YOUTH, COFFEE HR, TOYS, MISSIONS-2020 SPEC.SUNDAY, CROSSROAD KIDS
1,354.74 74.00 0.00 563.22 3,390.05 .00 1,495.29

DISCRETIONARY FUND:567.00*, PRAYER SHAWLS: 64.12 ADVANCED GIFTS 2020: 00 FEED STARVING CHILDREN: 00

MISC. DESIGNATED: 823.76

TOTAL DESIGNATED: 8,332.18

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

TRUSTEE REPORT: FINANCE REPORT, STATUS OF WH PAYMENTS, OTHER: : Managed-Dec:\$865,942, WH:FEB: 6,855 MAR., CD 5,195

TREASURER'S/ASSISTANT COMMENTS:

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 TOTAL: 118,005

OLD BUSINESS:

1. An audit of the Trustees Investment account has been suggested
2. 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.
3. Discuss Apportionments (Plan to pay 6 months in July)
4. Discuss Income status and whether action is required.
5. A request has been made to make ACH contributions available. Re Hartford UMC in Hartford, Wi.
6. A request has been made to put church utility bills on ACH autopay.
7. Contribution Statement cycle changes were reported in July

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship Service 9:30am	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Worship Service 9:30am	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Worship Service 9:30am	16	17	18	19 Squeek Deadline	20 Lunch & Leisure	21
22 Worship Service 9:30am	23	24	25	26 Squeek is sent out	27	28
29 Worship Service 9:30am	30	31				