

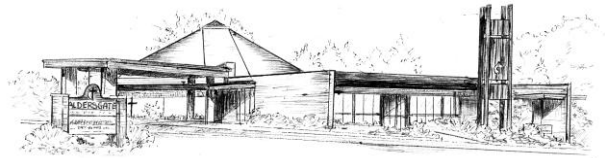
# THE SQUEEK

JULY 2021 Volume 21, Issue 7

Phone (815) 654-3800

E-mail: [unitedaldersgate@sbcglobal.net](mailto:unitedaldersgate@sbcglobal.net)

*Open Hearts,  
Open Minds,  
Open Doors*



## Aldersgate Church...United Methodist

Andy Gloor, *Lay Leader*

Jane Nihan, *Organist*

Mary Jensen, *Secretary*

Rev. Brett Todd, *Pastor*

**Church Office Hours**  
8:30 am – 12:30 pm

**Website:** [www.aldersgaterkfd.org](http://www.aldersgaterkfd.org)

**Check us out on Facebook:** Aldersgate Church

**AND Twitter:** @AldersgateUMC1

### WHAT'S INSIDE ?

Item	Page
Pastor Brett's Letter	2
Readings for July	3
Church Office Closed	
Thank You Notes	
Birthdays/Anniversaries	4
Remember To Tell Us News	
Squeek Deadline	
Remember In Your Prayers	
Finance News July 2021	5
Toy Ministry News July 2021	6
July Calendar	7

On Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, the Church Office will be closed in honor of Independence Day

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 Worship -- *Traditional yet informal*

### JULY 2021

Sunday, July 4 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, July 11 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, July 18 – 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, July 25 – 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

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

**A** Family of God  
**U**nited in *Love*  
**M**oved by the Spirit of God  
**C**ommitted to the Ministry  
of *Compassion*

## JULY, 2021

FROM THE



PASTOR

From the beginning of the Bible to the end, from Genesis to Revelation, stories unfold about God's angels at work in God's creation, especially that of human beings. Though the Bible does not specifically speak of guardian angels, the idea is not completely foreign to its teachings. One of my favorite Bible verses reads, Psalm 91:11, "*For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.*" So yes, James Stewart, it is okay if Clarence Obody played the part as your guardian angel in the movie, "It's a Wonderful Life".

If the truth be told, guardian angels come to us in many different shapes, and sizes, and colors, literally. It may be your friend at work, a stranger who was there for you during a difficult time, or your life mentor. But I cannot think of a better image of a guardian angel than a parent. Consider these Bible verses, Isaiah 66:13, "As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you..." Psalm 103:13, "As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him."

Who is your guardian angel? Your parents or a special friend? Today is a great day to show your appreciation for your Guardian Angel. Maybe you can't thank them for all they have done, face to face, but pick up the phone and dial that number. Tell your guardian angel how much you appreciate their support and everything they have done for you.

Let's pray: It is me again God. As you know, my parents and friends are not perfect. In many ways, they are just like me. I say that with a smile, God. I guess we all have our stuff, a story to tell. I know you know what I'm talking about. But one thing is true; I do love my parents and friends, my guardian angels. Thank you, God, for my Guardian Angel. Help me to show my gratitude by saying those three words, "I love you!"

Blessings,  
Brett

### SERMONS FOR JULY:

- 4th "The Journey Toward Reconciliation"
- 11th "The Journey Toward Reconciliation, Part 2"
- 18th "The Journey Toward Reconciliation, Part 3"
- 25th "The Philippians Encore: Have This Same Mind"

Please remember the pandemic is not over. We have now reached 600,000 deaths in the USA. Now great concern among experts that this fall, there will be a COVID surge among those who have not been vaccinated; especially our school children. Practice social distancing and wear your mask; especially when you are in public buildings. Protect the vulnerable and our children.

## READINGS FOR JULY

### July 4

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10  
Psalm 48 (UMH 782)  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
Mark 6:1-13

### July 11

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19  
Psalm 24 (UMH 755)  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:14-29

### July 18

2 Samuel 7:1-14a  
Psalm 89:20-37 (UMH 807)  
Ephesians 2:11-12  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

### July 25

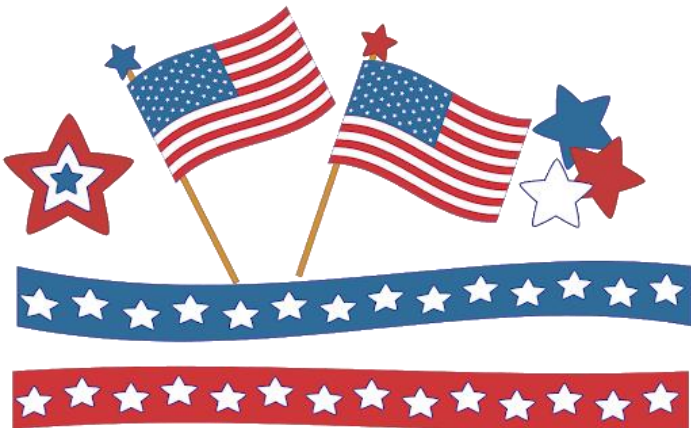
2 Samuel 11:1-15  
Psalm 14 (UMH 746)  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
John 6:1-21

---

## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be closed Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day.

---



## THANK YOU NOTES

Dear (Aldersgate UMW),

Sincere thanks for your generous gift of \$200.00 to the Good Samaritan Fund at Wesley Willows. Your gift will enable us to continue to provide a lifetime of care to our residents who have outlived their financial resources.

With your thoughtful generosity, you are embracing the spirit of caring that makes our Wesley Willows community so unique. It demonstrates an unwavering hope of a strong community. Each year, an average of 30 residents receives care thanks to the Good Samaritan Fund. Together, we are touching lives of individuals right here in our community; providing peace of mind for those who will need it most.

With Gratitude,  
Paula Capone, Director of Fund Development

\* \* \* \* \*

To our Church Family,

We would like to thank everyone for their love and concern on Hank's passing into new life. Pastor Todd gave a thoughtful message and Jane played beautiful music.

Thank you for all the beautiful cards and kind messages. Also, all the memorial money will be used to enhance the music program at Aldersgate.

Bev Hollar and Family.

\* \* \* \* \*

---

# JULY

02 Mason Alms  
 06 Tom Moore  
 07 John Goranson  
 08 Bill Gridley  
 08 Esther Crandall  
 09 Haiden Franklin  
 09 Holden Franklin  
 10 Zachary Connor  
 11 Patti Wilburn

13 Renea Swartout  
 13 Huntar Franklin  
 14 Lu Franseen Burgess  
 14 Amy Schreiner  
 15 Kay Glenny  
 18 Ruth Wood  
 18 Rachel Baskerville  
 18 Brianna Swartout  
 19 Gia Alongi

19 June Cummings  
 23 Joyce Brown  
 23 Lilyana Waugh  
 24 Bev Hollar  
 24 George Franklin  
 25 Reed Sohner  
 25 Susan Bernasek  
 26 Alice Jene Beard  
 29 Hailey Wilson  
 29 John Ruhl



## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

05 Mark & Shelly Fridley  
 05 Retha & Jack Alongi  
 06 Mark & Janice Ingham  
 07 Jim & Patty Wilson  
 11 Carl & Jean Hackenberg  
 11 Doug & Cathy Anderson  
 13 John & JoAnn Goranson

**REMEMBER:** If you want the Pastor to know about a sick family member, please contact the church office at 815.654.3800.

If you want news of a sick church family member relayed to the congregation for their prayers and support, **please make sure to let Pastor Brett or the office know.** We will then send out the info via email and in a timely fashion.

## SQUEEK DEADLINE

**Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup>** is the deadline for the August, 2021 Squeek. Please have your articles in by this date. The Squeek will be mailed/emailed on Thursday, July 22. Any and all help is appreciated. Thank you.

## 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  
 Linda Earlywine's friend, Donna



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

**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.*

# AUMC FINANCE FOR JULY 2021

Jon Boettner, Finance Chair

Reporting will be brief for July and will touch on these three items: YTD Income – Expenses for 2020 and 2021, Apportionments activity, and a new cycle for Contribution Statements for 2021.

## 1. INCOME VS EXPENSE 2021 VS 2020

Below is a report of our income versus expenses for 2021 compared to 2020

2020 Jan-May Income: \$ 84,764  
2020 Expenses: \$ 79,558 (Apportionments Paid \$7,000)  
2020 Budget for : \$198.733

2021 Jan--May Income: \$ 99,738  
2021 Expenses \$91,656 (Apportionments Paid \$-0-)  
2021 Budget for 2021 \$202,821

## 2. APPORTIONMENTS:

As you can see above, there hasn't been any payments made thru May however, in June, our Treasurers have been authorized to make 6 payments of \$1,750 each, totaling \$10,500 which will bring us current thru June

## 3. CONTRIBUTION CYCLES FOR 2021:

Statements are being distributed now for January thru May (5 months).  
The next cycle will be the next four months (June thru September)  
And the final cycle will be (three months) October through December.



## ALDRSGATE TOY MINISTRY NEWS JULY 2021:

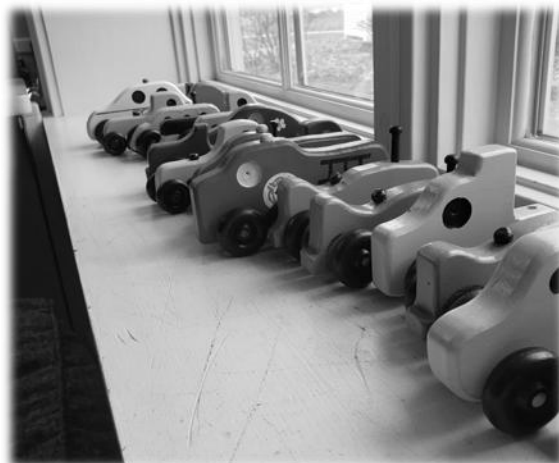
Well here we are at the start of summer outdoor activities which leave less time for the indoor activities like painting and assembling toys which could be a rainy day job. But remember, we need the rain! So what is happening now?

We do have painting and assembly work to be done. Painting is being done (about 70% complete) by the talented and capable hands of Gene Skoglund, Joyce Hart, Jane Nihan and Nancy Whitson who have nearly completed the toys produced by the Wesley Willows gang. Still remaining however, are the toys from the AUMC group, consisting of George Franklin and Jon Boettner who still have about 200 toy blanks left to finish.

There are about 600 – 800 toys that are ready to be assembled. We could use some help on this activity – anyone interested? As a prelude to the assembly work, the painters have, in addition to painting the car bodies, been painting axle tips and peg tips that represent emergency lights. Also we need decals for some of the toys; we have some left overs, but need additional. Pat Clankie is working on these items. Pat is also cutting out round yellow and black circles which will be inserted in the window holes to serve as windows, thus eliminating the need for painting the windows. We did remove the window requirement from the toys produced by the AUMC gang, so we will see how that all works out.

It's the beginning of July and we have July, August, September, October and part of November to get this all done, so I think we are in great shape!!

As always, Thanks be to God and to all of you good, faithful, loyal, talented and committed CHRISTIANS who joyfully participate in this real and fulfilling ministry! May GOD BLESS YOU in ALL that you do!!



# July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Independence Day	5 Independence Day Observed. Church Office closed	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Squeek Deadline	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Squeek Mailed -Emailed	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31