

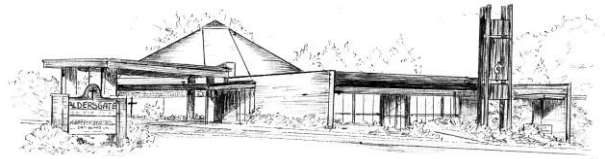
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*Open Hearts,
Open Minds,
Open Doors*



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 Worship -- *Traditional yet informal*

MAY 2021

Sunday, MAY 2 – 5th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, MAY 9 – 6th Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day

Sunday, MAY 16 – 7th Sunday of Easter/

Ascension Sunday

Sunday, MAY 23 – Pentecost

Sunday, MAY 30 – Trinity Sunday/Memorial Day Weekend

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*

MAY, 2021



“If you think well of others, you will also speak well of others and to others. From the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. If your heart is full of love, you will speak of love.”
~Mother Teresa

Have you ever noticed at the cashiers’ register all the tabloids? Yes, one gossip story after another. Gossiping has become an American pastime. Yet, in all honesty, there is nothing new under the sun, gossiping was a favorite pastime for those who lived in ancient times as well. A few weeks ago, I came across an ancient Greek manuscript, 2300-years-old, gossiping about Socrates and his wife. This is how it reads, “Wife: Guests are coming but we have no cups. Socrates: Don’t worry, if they are cultured, they won’t care, if not, we don’t care about them.” I hope you can pick up the snobbery in Socrates’ statement.

Some 2000-years ago, gossip had become such a problem in the church, yes, in the church, that we can find many passages about the evil and harm of gossip. The Apostle Paul felt gossip was such an evil thing he placed gossip in the same category as murder and God-haters (Romans 1:29-32) and he believed gossipers were damned to hell. Let’s be clear, the Apostle Paul was known for using some pretty harsh language, but all in all, the authors of the Bible all agree, gossip is diametrically opposed to godly living.

I understand, everyone else is doing it, so what’s the harm? Believe me, anyone who has been on the receiving end of gossip can tell you, it is harmful. George Harrison once said, “Gossip is the Devil’s radio!” and he is right. Gossiping about another person is beneficial to no one but the “devil”. All you are doing is becoming the mouthpiece for evil in its fullness. For this reason, the Bible says, Romans 12:10, *“love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.”* How do you outdo one another in showing honor? First, refuse to gossip about anyone. Second, speak only kind and uplifting words about others, even those who everyone else is cutting down. Gossiper: “Did you hear about Bob?” You: “Yes, I did. Bob is a good man and God loves him so much and so do I.”

Today, let’s chose the life of love by speaking well of others. Let’s outdo one another.

Blessings,
Brett



READINGS FOR MAY

May 2

Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31 (UMH 752)
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

May 9 *Mother's Day*

Acts 10:44-45
Psalm 98 (UMH 818)
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 16 *Ascension Sunday*

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1 (UMH 738)
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

May 23 *Pentecost*

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826)
Romans 8: 22-27
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

May 30 *Trinity Sunday/Memorial Day Weekend*

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29 (UMH 761)
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be closed Monday, May 31st, in observance of Memorial Day.



SO HAPPY TO BE BACK IN PERSON!!

A couple of reminders, if you come to the church, make sure you put on your mask before you enter the building and continue to wear your mask as long as you are in the building. And be sure to keep at least 6 ft apart from each other. Thank you.

For those who cannot attend in person, the video from each Sunday's Worship Service will be available for viewing on AUMC's YouTube channel, on our website, and on our FaceBook page by Noon the following Monday. The video will also be emailed to you on Monday morning.

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.

BATTERIES:

Aldersgate is no longer collecting batteries. Thank you for your past donations, but they are no longer necessary.

*"Oh the summertime is coming,
And the trees are sweetly blooming,
And the wild mountain thyme
Grows around the blooming heather..."*



MAY

03	Joanne McNames	11	Don Smith	20	Larry Garner
03	Lucy Henderson	11	Keith Boeke	20	Donelle Moyer
04	Bill Rhodes	12	Myra David	21	Noah Monson
04	Caramie Waugh	12	Nicole Barker	22	Jean Hackenburg
04	Nancy Byrnes	14	Ashleigh Smith	26	Dave Goranson
09	Andy Weller	18	Joe Beard	27	Barbara Stauffer
09	Nolan Dimke	18	Jerry Robey	30	Phyllis Manrod



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

10 Ron & Anne Niday
 15 Don & Ashleigh Smith
 18 Hank & Bev Hollar



Remember In Your Prayers

Barb Hoey Hank Hollar
 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
 Cindy Fisher's brother, Bob, recovering from surgery
 Barb Hoey's niece Mandy who is recovering from surgery.

Susan Bernasek who is recovering from surgery.
 Dick and Phyllis Manrod ask for your prayers as Phyllis recovers from surgery.
 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.

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, May 20th is the deadline for the June, 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.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

The United Methodist Women of Aldersgate United Methodist Church are discussing "deactivating" our local unit.

We technically cannot disband because of Paragraph 901 in *The Book of Discipline* of The United Methodist Church; however we can become inactive.

Current UMW members will soon receive a letter indicating the issues before us. Please give this serious consideration as we begin this process.

We will meet as a unit on Thursday, May 20th, at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to take action on this matter. Please remember to wear a mask and remain socially distanced. If you would like to discuss this issue further, please contact Coralee Hardwick. Thank you.





TOY MINISTRY NEWS FOR MAY 2021

Another month gone by! My how the time flies when you are trying to accomplish something. But, time has smiled favorably on the Toy Ministry of Aldersgate United Methodist Church this past month.

As of April 5th, the Wesley Willows Woodworking Gang (WWWG) consisting of Roland, Jose, Al, Lyle, Lute and Nate, is back in the woodshop at the Arbor and busily (and probably happily) back in the toy production business! And, the weather is actually on our side since all of these guys are gardeners and wet, cloudy, cold weather is not conducive to gardening, so they are spending more time on the toys

On the Aldersgate front, Gene Skoglund just finished painting 60 Big Rig Trucks left over from last year and has now moved on to wheels. But he has been promised that more toys are almost ready for painting, which will give the rest of Aldersgate painting crew something to do. (Aldersgate painters take note!) As this is being written, George Franklin is finishing his part of 56 Fire Trucks (cutting the body outline and sanding the edge) before passing them to Jon Boettner who will drill, route the edges and sand before passing them on to the painters. Meanwhile, Jon has outlined 34 Bug cars and drilled the axle holes for George to cut and edge sand before giving them back to Jon to finish. . See how this works! So Painters – GET READY!

As usual, THANKS TO ALL And THANKS BE TO GOD FOR THIS MINISTRY.



ALDRERSGATE FINANCE NEWS FOR MAY 2021

We had our first in-person Finance meeting on TAX DAY (April 15th). Six were in attendance including Mike O’Hea, Keith Boeke, Jenny Graham, Margaret Kasak, Pastor Brett and Jon Boettner. There were 6 items of New Business, (and some miscellaneous) the discussions of which will be the core of this article. Like most meetings, we did not always stay true to the Agenda, but we tried. The order of the items has no relevance on their priority.

Auditing the Trustee’s Investment (Managed) account: This account is professionally managed (Investment wise) by a firm in Janesville and is the responsibility of AUMC Trustee’s. There is a significant sum of money there, (over 800K). So we decided a review of the processes and rules is in order, thus the Audit. Mike will be discussing the details and process with Jay Alms, Trustee Co-Chair.

Contracts: We have several contracts in place and decided to collect copies of all in one central location. Contracts exist for: INTERNET and Main Phone, ELEVATOR, SMOKE AND FIRE, COPIER, Audio/Video, CDM -Online Accounting and support, Mike is collecting contracts and will place them in the AUMC Finance office.

Apportionments are the same as 2020 (\$21,000) and the question is – do we absolutely make the effort to pay them all or do the best we can with our income shortfall? See below discussion on income. The general consensus was to do the best we can with what we have. Basically like 2020.

Income status: Pledging for 2021 is down at \$92,200 vs. \$104,932 for 2020, but the contributions are up over \$8,000 for the current YTD vs. the same period in 2020. All of this higher amount in 2021 could be attributed to a unexpected gift of \$12,000. If this trend continues, (wouldn’t that be nice!) payment of Apportionments may not be an issue. We will follow this closely.

ACH Contribution program: This is a method by which contributions can be made electronically, such as thru your cell phone and the amount given appears immediately in the church’s bank account. Many churches are doing this and the concept is not new. Aldersgate has not done this although contributions can be setup thru one’s bank to send a check to the church on a regular basis without any further action on the contributors’ part. Many at Aldersgate use this method, We have been requested to explore the electronic approach and that task has been assigned to Jon.

ACH Utility Bill Paying: A request was made by a committee member to authorize this method of payment for Utility bills of which there are about 10 monthly. This action will relieve our volunteer Assistant Treasurer (Margaret Kasak) of time spent to do this. Finance voted to approve.

Mission Payouts: It was brought to the committee’s attention that certain mission funds collected for special purposes had not been paid out at year end. Jon will look into this.

And lastly, a question was raised about standing orders (goods that are ordered once then automatically renew on a certain frequency). Mike will be checking with committee chairs to see what exist and if they are necessary.

That’s it for now. See you in a month and may GOD BLESS YOU IN ALL THE GOOD THAT YOU DO!

Jon

Boettner

May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 <i>Mothers Day</i>	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 <i>Ascension Sunday</i>	17	18	19 <i>AWED 6:00 PM</i>	20 <i>UMW 1:00 PM Squeek Deadline</i>	21	22
23 <i>Pentecost</i>	24	25	26	27 <i>Squeek sent out</i>	28	29
30	31 <i>Memorial Day Office Closed</i>					