

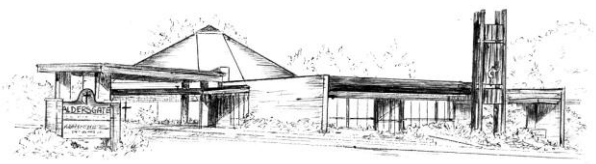
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Open Hearts,
Open Minds,
Open Doors



Aldersgate Church...United Methodist

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

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CURRENT SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 Worship

OCTOBER 2021

Sunday, October 3 – 19th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, October 10 – 20th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, October 17 – 21st Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, October 24 – 22nd Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, October 31 – 23rd Sunday After Pentecost

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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*

OCTOBER, 2021

FROM THE



PASTOR

I am far from perfect. I embarrass myself more than I like. Then I find myself saying, why am I so sensitive and not laid back like my neighbor across the street. Have you ever met folks like that, it seems nothing bothers them. Me, well, I'm on the other side of the street of this calmness. I'm more like a Mexican jumping bean (*frijoles saltarines*) trying to escape the heat of a conflicting moment. Let me jump and hide.

Peaceful and harmonious living with God and others begins by having a love affair with life. Seek to enjoy the gift of life by enjoying each and every moment whether it be rain or sunshine, conflict, or respite--you are alive. Block out the worries of life by seeing God's creation for the first time, again, in the silence of the wind, the stirring of the trees, the chitter-chatter of the birds, and the soft landing of the leaves in the symphonic garden of God's love. Feel the gentle hand strokes across your cheek and the security of a child's hug--yes, you are alive.

Even in the midst of death, there is reason to find peace and harmony. The reason for this is because even in death we can have a love affair with life. There is always life because there is always a resurrection. This is what Jesus said in the Bible, John 11:25, "*I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live...*"

God is here to light your path, the Bible says, Psalm 119:105, "*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path...*" You see, no matter what you face, peaceful and harmonious living with God and others is possible when you are wrapped in a love affair with life.

Let's pray: It is me again God. I want to have a love affair with life. I want to feel your love as I sit in the stillness of your creation and experience the hug of a child. Help me to see good in every situation. Help me to live in peace and harmony with you and others. Amen.

OCTOBER 2021 SERMONS

October 3,	"The Gentle Whisper"	John 14:6; 16:13
October 10,	"A Little Is Enough"	Mark 6:30-44
October 17,	"The Gift Of Giving"	2 Corinthians 9:1-15
October 24,	"The Blessing Of Giving"	Acts 20:32-38
October 31,	"Great Power And Grace"	Acts 4:32-37

ALDERSGATE TOY MINISTRY NEWS FOR OCTOBER 2021;

This is a short note to remind EVERYONE that time is closing in to complete this project for 2021. And thank all of the Toy Makers for everything they have done so far. MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU and the TOY MINISTRY of ALDERSGATE!

The existing inventory left over from 2020 is ready for the annual distribution to about 16 different organizations. We will be adding new inventory from this year's production of approximately 1400-1600 vehicles. We rely on Andy Gloor for contacting and delivering again this year due to covid issues. Thanks Andy!

Meanwhile, George Franklin is doing final assembly work on approximately 1100 parts, Theresa O'Hea is doing details on Bug cars and Daisy cars. Gene Skoglund and Joyce Hart are doing odds and ends of painting.

There remains a lot of work to finish this year's production before thinking about next year, but it will be here before we know it!

Jon

2021 CROP HUNGER WALK GOES VIRTUAL

With four weeks to go before the CROP Hunger Walk it has been decided the event will be virtual once more, but you are still urged to participate in spirit. Please contact Mindy Ambrose for details on how to participate and/or contribute.

CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. Because last year's virtual Hunger Walk was a so successful an ambitious goal of \$40,000 has been set for this one. Why? Because Covid-19 continues to make the war against hunger and poverty an even greater struggle. Please join in this year's virtual CROP Hunger Walk. Your response to a world of sick and hungry people is more important than ever before.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Rockford's CROP Hunger Walk.

AUMC FINANCE REPORT FOR OCTOBER 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. NOTE; Due to timing of accounting periods, the data being reported is from the end of August.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 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 AUG 2021	20,138.00 - 13,025.06 (Apport. Arrears - 10,500)
	AUG 2020 13,378.33 – 13,199.16
YEAR TO DATE (BUDGET)	2021 141,894.38 - 147,382.06
LAST YEAR TO DATE (BUDGET)	2020 125,395.68 - 118,892.97
MONTHLY INC-EXP (DESIG) FOR AUG 2021	3,066.99 - 997.00
YEAR TO DATE (DESIG)	27,515.99 - 13,195.09

BALANCE SHEET AS OF 08/31/2021 **CURRENT CHECKING CDM** 25,926.76 (reconciled)
Balance for the budget is: 16,305.93
BUILDING CHECKING CDM 22,294.74 (reconciled)

DESIG – BELL CHOIR, YOUTH, COFFEE HR, TOYS, MISSIONS-2020 SPEC.SUNDAY, CROSSROAD KIDS
1,379.49 74.00 300.00 613.12 4,304.05 .00 1,495.29
DISCRETIONARY FUND:567.00*, PRAYER SHAWLS: 64.12 ADVANCED GIFTS 2021: 00 FEED STARVING CHILDREN: 00

MISC. DESIGNATED: 823.76

TOTAL DESIGNATED: 8,632.18

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

TRUSTEE REPORT: FINANCE REPORT, STATUS OF WH PAYMENTS, OTHER: : Managed-Aug:\$868787, WH:FEB: \$5300 MAR:, CD 5,195,UMF \$60,500

TREASURER'S/ASSISTANT COMMENTS:

FINANCE SECRETARY: Stewardship results and **ACTUAL GIVING thru September:NON PLEDGE GIVING \$40,780**

PLEDGING GIVERS: \$ 47,450. This represents 85% of the pledge to date;

(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. An audit of the Trustees Investment account has been suggested
2. **Contracts:** AUMC has many contracts in force, It has been suggested to get copies of all existing contracts with person responsible. These copies will be filed in the Finance office.
3. Discuss Income status and whether action is required.
4. A request has been made to make ACH contributions. Re Hartford UMC in Hartford, WI.(NO ACTION)
5. A request has been made to put church utility bills on ACH autopay. (DROPPED)
6. Contribution Statement cycle changes was reported in July

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Authorization to pay the following 2020 contributions for Missions: Rockford Rescue Mission \$125.00; Red Bird Mission \$100.00
2. Authorization to make Rainbow Pledge and payment to NIC 6 Bands, same as 2020 at \$75 per band= \$450 total
3. Request to donate \$xxx.xx to Rescue Mission for Thanksgiving dinners. Amount to be determined
4. Authorization by Missions to plan use of remaining Mission funds for remainder of 2021
5. 2022 Current and Building Fund drives
6. 2022 BUDGET

READINGS FOR OCTOBER

October 3

Job 1:1; 2:1-10
Psalm 26 or 25 (UMH 756)
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

October 10

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm 22:1-15 (UMH 752)
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

October 17

Job 38:1-7 (34-41)
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c (UMH 826)
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

October 24

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22) (UMH 769)
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

October 31

Ruth 1:1-18
Psalm 146 (UMH 858)
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

SQUEEK DEADLINE

Thursday, October 21 is the deadline for the November, 2021 Squeek. Please have your articles in by this date. The Squeek has to be ready to print on Wednesday October 27 and it takes a little time to arrange the articles to fit each page.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

01 Baylee Didier	01 Breanna Wilburn
04 Loretta Glenny	05 Wes Franklin
06 Marilyn Lang	07 Clay Sohner
07 Alexa Baker	09 Bill Brown
09 Rich Thurman	10 Linda Ruhl
11 Diane Helsel	13 Karl Johnson
13 Debby Dimke	15 Ryan Alms
16 Alice Rice	17 Ramona Barker
18 Tammy Bartolomei	18 Mindy Ambrose
19 Amanda Thomas	19 Ashley Thomas
20 Tracy Marsh	20 Kitty Ganzel
21 Vanessa Thurman Monson	
23 Alice Nelson	24 Joan Wenger
24 Mike O'Hea	31 Melissa Hoey

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:

03 Steve & Michele Wirtz
04 Doug & Jenny Graham
06 Bob & Pat Shaw
25 Geoff & Connie McNames

PLEASE 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
Karla Burrows	David Levine
Pete Weller	Bill Rhodes
Rachel Baskerville	Sandi Johns
Bev Hollar	Marylon Cole
Jack Axford	Thomas Hardwick



For Mary Lou Gaziano and the Getz family, on the loss of their sister Rosie

For the Family and friends of Lois Harding who passed away on September 12

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 a month. It may be determined to discontinue or be continued for an additional month.

2021 CHURCH CONFERENCE

2021 CHURCH CONFERENCE will be Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 6:30 PM in person at Aldersgate. The SPRC will meet at 5:45 PM on the same date.

Also, all reports for the 2021 Church Conference are due online by Tuesday, November 23. And a copy must be given to the church Office.

LUNCH & LEISURE

Lunch & Leisure will meet on Friday, October 15th, 11:30 am at Jerry's Café Brynwood, 2601 N. Mulford Road in Rockford. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the church office. Or contact the office or Bernice Johnson by Wednesday, October 13th if you are attending.

SPIRITUAL RESOURCE CENTER

SPIRITUAL RESOURCE CENTER: The AUMC Spiritual Resource Center (SRC) is up and running. You are welcome to browse the resources and check out any item or sit in the area to read, watch a video of your choice, etc. The SRC area in the alcove of Fellowship Hall may also be used for small meetings. There are Bibles, DVDs and VHS tapes, CDs, Devotional books/ booklets and other items. On Sunday, October 10 after the service and during the Fellowship time, there will be a short introductory session in the SRC area, around 10:30 AM. If you would like to know more about the SRC, please join me then. On Tuesday, October 19 at 10:00 AM there will be a DVD presentation, TBD. If you have a suggestion as to what is to be shown, let me know. Stay tuned!

Margaret Kasak

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UMW GUEST SPEAKER: The Court Street UMW will have a guest speaker on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 10:00 AM. Jane Rubietta will give a program titled "Worry Less so You can Live More". Court Street UMC is located at 215 N. Court Street in Rockford and is Handicap Accessible. All are welcome to attend. A free-will offering will be collected.



October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Trustees 5:00 PM	8	9
10	11	12 P.E.O. 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM in Fellowship Hall	13	14	15	16
17 Virtual Crop Walk	18	19	20	21 Squeek Deadline Tentative Church Council meeting	22 Lunch & Leisure 11:30 AM	23
24	25	26	27	28 Squeek mailed- emailed	29	30
31						