

# WINDOW TO THE WORLD

MAY 2018

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

Listed below are some of the Joys and Concerns heard during recent worship services. We carry each other's burdens and dance dances for all of God's children. Reach out and touch someone's life as you pray for them.

### JOYS

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Andy Branham and Tom Giles participated in the Talons Out Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. for the day! This was a great honor and thank you for your service! Our 2018 High School Graduates - Alli Dangremond, Bailey Weaver, Emily Mancuso; Our College Graduate: PJ McQuaid - Masters in Public and International Affairs (MPIA) and major in Security and Intelligence studies - University of Pittsburgh; Paul and Lyn McQuaid celebrate their 35th anniversary; Happy Birthday Norm Pierson!

#### THANK YOU

Trevah Dalrymple thanks to everyone for coming for the special service April 15; Thank you to all men and women who have served our country; Ken Gallagher thanks Pastor Bob and the congregation for their continued prayers and visits to JoAnn; Tim and Mary Kay Borgman are thankful Mary Kay was not injured when she hit a deer and thanks Lyn McQuaid for taking them to Indiana for another vehicle, Barb Gibson is thankful for all your prayers for her son. His kidney function went from 19% to 25%!

### JOYS

Doug Duryea has returned from Florida and has his family with him during worship; Barb Simpson celebrates family birthdays; Bobby Tremaine is happy to be back in worship after being sick; Hanford and Eilene Brink attending grandson, Aaron, graduation from Basic Training; April 15 worship was filled with word and then song from the Proclamation Brass; Many enjoyed the all-church potluck; Trevah Dalrymple, Mission Chair, reminded us that we average around 8 youth who attend church camp during the summer and we provide half a campership for each and funds are needed; Pastor Bob visited Doris Fuller and she is doing well.

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Gathering Music 9:10 a.m.  
Announcements 9:25 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship  
9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.

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PRAYERS AND CONCERNS



**Prayers for our military:**

Those connected with this congregation: Ryan Balgoyen, John Barber, Sadie Clark, Andrew Cowen, Thomas DeBruyne, Evan Deniston, Matt Fullam, Stephanie Hadley, Isaiah Hadley, Michael Hileski, Aaron Maule, Gregory McIntire, Chelsea Reed, Jason Star, Dai Wessman and Dan Wroblewski.

**Continued prayers for those battling cancer or having treatment:** Patty Anderson, Jane Allen, Tom Arlington, Tink Blackman, Evelyn Bierlein, Ed Bronson, Erin Brown, Paul Buckler, Bill Carr, Denise Cherry, Jim Conlon, Tammy Christy, Stacy Davis, Doug Duryea; Bud Harney; Vic Hitchcock, Ryan Howrigan, Lesley Kibiloski, Monica Kraai, Kay Kool, Kim Leslie, Ardis McIntire; Lyn McQuaid; Bruce Mejeur, Gene Modreske, John Murphy, Philip Nicolai, Gerry Olson, Larry Parrish, Linda Pullen, Michele Randal, Judie Randels, Rhonda Robinson, Mary Shaner, Toby Star, Florene Stultz, Bob Thomas, Terri Stapleton, Jackson Stout, Deb Stutzman, Cessily Wotring Thackler, Nola Thole, Daniel Trevino, Trappy Truman, Danny Truong, Naomi Watts, Jenny Walsh, Jen Wessman and those known but unnamed.

**Health Concerns:** Continued prayers for healing for Chic Heckman; Barb Simpson's sister, Becky, who has pneumonia; Norm Pierson back at Bronson Commons and safe travel for Margaret; Tom Giles recovering from norovirus and pneumonia; Tom Lindsley's co-worker's wife auto immune problems; Continued prayers for Jimmy James who is at home recovering from a fall; Don Cook in a hospital in Florida; Dr. Liepman on medical leave; Continued prayers for Barb Gibson's son; Daryl Waggoner's daughter youth leader who is pregnant and just found out she has stage four stomach cancer; Jon and Joyce Brink's friend in a nursing home showing signs of dementia;

**Sympathy:** Barb Simpson lost her sister six years ago.

**Prayer Shawls:** JoAnn Gallagher, Norm Pierson

Please remember them in your prayers.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 8:30-10 pm Tops (DS) 7 pm Chancel Choir (Congregational Church)	3 <b>Natl. Day of Prayer</b> 12 & 7 pm Mahan Gazebo 5:45 pm Youth Praise Choir <b>6:30 pm Finance (FH)</b>	4 8 am Food Pantry Setup 1:30 pm Food Pantry Del. 4 pm Briarwood Singalong	5 8 am - 2 pm Recital Rehearsal- Walstrum <b>9 am Pentwater Spring Cleanup</b>
6 8:30 am UMW (FH) 8:40 am Joyful Noise 9:30 am Worship 11 am Sunday School <b>12-1 pm UMYF (FH)</b> 3 pm Recital (1-6 pm) 2:30-7:30 pm Girl Scouts (DS)	7 <b>KHPies for NW Staff</b> 10:30 am Vision Imp (FH) 7 pm Chancel Bell Choir	8	9 8:30-10 pm Tops (DS) <b>12:30 pm SonShine (Mug Shots)</b> No Chancel Choir	10 5:45 pm Youth Praise Choir <b>6 pm Pastoral Care (FH)</b>	11 7 am KH Muffins N.Ward 8 am Food Pantry Setup	12 8 am-5 pm FH, KT,Tops,1 classroom Girl Scouts
<b>13 Mother's Day</b> 8:40 am Joyful Noise 9:30 am Worship 11 am Sunday School 4:30 pm Boy Scouts (DS)	14 <b>11:30 am Food Pantry Closes</b> <b>12 pm KH Luncheon (FH)</b> 7 pm Chancel Bell Choir	15 <b>7 pm Living Faith (FH)</b>	16 8:30-10 pm Tops (DS) 7 pm Chancel Choir	17 <i>Food Pantry Closed</i> <b>12—5:45 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (FH/KT)</b> <b>1 pm Sarah Circle (TR)</b> 5:45 pm Youth Praise Choir	18 8 am Food Pantry Setup <b>10 am Food Pantry Committee (FH)</b>	19
<b>20 Pentecost Sunday</b> <b>8 am Graduate Breakfast</b> 8:40 am Joyful Noise 9:30 am Worship 11 Sunday School <b>12-2 pm UMYF (FH)</b> 4:30 pm Boy Scouts (DS)	21 7 pm Chancel Bell Choir	22	23 8:30-10 pm Tops (DS)	24 <b>9 am Men's Fellowship (FH)</b> 5:45 pm Youth Praise Choir <b>6:30 pm Ad Board (FH)</b>	25 8 am Food Pantry Setup	26
<b>27 Ag/Food Table Begins</b> 8:40 am Joyful Noise 9:30 am Worship <i>No Sunday School</i> <b>12 pm Newsletter Deadline</b>	28  Church Office Closed Food Pantry Closed	29	30 8:30 - 10 Tops (DS)	31 5:45 pm Youth Praise Choir  Annual Conference (Traverse City) Pastor Bob @ Conference		<b>Location Key</b> DS - Downstairs FH - Fellowship Hall KT - Kitchen LB - Library SA - Sanctuary TR- Tops Room YR - Youth Room

**From the Heart of the Pastor**  
**Rev. Robert Lynch**  
**Allegan UMC Synergy: The Power of Togetherness!**  
**“Growing People to Love God”**



**Allegan UMC is in the midst of transitions!** We are currently finishing up interviewing positions for four staff positions in the church! These positions reflect **what our church sees as important and a priority!** I encourage you to contribute to a special “Love Offering” that will be divided into gift cards for each of our three retiring staff members as well as participating in a card shower for each of them.

It is an important time in our church to first properly thank our Kids Hope Director, **Karen Rambadt**, retiring after 7 years, **Linda Flynn**, Secretary, retiring after 6 years, and **Ellen Bierlein**, serving as Choir Director for 13 years and helping initiate our new Pastoral Care Position for our home bound folks. Even though, we hope that Karen and Linda will continue to be present and involved in the life of Allegan UMC, we are excited to commission Ellen to Buchanan 1<sup>st</sup> UMC as Pastor!

Please pray for all our Staff positions as we seek to find the right people to continue the excellent ministries that are part of the great tradition of Allegan UMC!

**Kids Hope:** A mentoring outreach ministry to North Ward Elementary School and vital ministry of Allegan UMC! Providing hope through one-to-one contact for elementary youth!

**Church Secretary:** An important ministry of providing administrative skills of communicating to church members and local community! Often the first voice or face a potential new member meets or hears on the phone!

**Church Choir Director:** An important and essential part of worship of organizing, practicing and implementing the proper atmosphere of music for our Sunday mornings!

**Pastoral Care Coordinator:** A new position to assist Pastor Bob in caring for our at-home folks! A reduction in the pastor’s financial compensation package (with Pastor Bob’s consent) has created funds for this important ministry and committee to be formed!

Transitions can be difficult as we say goodbye to the way things have been done in certain ways and personalities we have grown to enjoy and accept. We need to open ourselves to the newness that our new staff personnel will bring to the positions! We need to appreciate their unique talents and gifts and make them feel accepted and welcomed!

Please continue to pray for our interview teams that have done an excellent ministry interviewing as well as the candidates that have placed their names to be interviewed for the positions! As your Pastor, I feel that it has been a challenging but rewarding process!



Our second series, “**And the Power of the Holy Spirit,**” we will explore what it means to be a church powered by the very Spirit of Christ. All of this will culminate on the final day of the season as we celebrate the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit that gave birth to the church on the day of Pentecost!

**And in the Power of the Holy Spirit** *The readings in Acts from that point forward reveal the heart and diversity of the power of the Holy Spirit at work through and beyond the communities of disciples of Jesus. They make clear just how broad, deep, and high God’s saving love reaches and seeks to reach through us, and so support the work of formation groups throughout these weeks to help persons, especially the newly baptized or confirmed, discern their spiritual gifts and identify directions for ministries they will begin pursuing after their commissioning into ministry in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit at this season’s culmination, Pentecost.*

<b>Week 1: April 29</b>	<b>“We Join the Outsiders...”</b>	Acts 8:26-40
<b>Week 2: May 6</b>	<b>“The Outsiders Join Us...”</b>	Acts 10:44-48
<b>Week 3: May 13</b>	<b>“Leaders Are Raised Up”</b>	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
<b>Week 4: May 20</b>	<b>“Pentecost: Proclaim Jubilee!”</b>	Acts 2:1-21

### **The Spiritual Life Plan Questions.**

1. **In which spiritual discipline(s) do you want to grow?**

One of the foundational aspects of United Methodist Christians is the way they approach the spiritual life as an ongoing process of growth and maturity. The early Methodists talked about Wesley’s Means of Grace, that through the practice of spiritual disciplines, a believer’s life is formed in Christ. In the earliest forms, Methodists met on a regular basis in classes to hold one another accountable for the way they were growing in faith in practice.

2. **What is your plan for continued spiritual growth and development?**

**How do you connect with God?** It is easy to get so caught up in the work of the church that we forget that at its most basic level Christianity is about having a relationship with God through our faith in Jesus Christ. Paying attention to our relationship with God is key to our personal vitality.

**How are you connecting with others?** Like our relationship to Jesus, our relationships with those around us need our attention and focus. Each moment we spend with another person is an opportunity to share the grace of the moment. Just as others need us, we need them to shape us and to form us into mature followers of Jesus Christ.

**What arts feed your soul?** The Creator has equipped us to be creative. Take time to develop your artistic side – it will both feed you and connect you to others in different ways.

**How are you taking care of your body?** We are physical beings and as a result the way we take care of our bodies affects every aspect of our relationship to God and to others. When we invest time in exercise and healthy eating we are enhancing our ability to be effective in ministry.



## *Food Pantry -- 2018 Report*

Month	2017 Visits	No. of People	2018 Visits	# Of People	# Of Kids
January	90	269	98	344	138(thru 1/31)
February	98	317	82	275	99(thru 2/28)
March	88	267	74	221	70(thru 3/31)
April	103	331	57	190	384(thru 4/19)
May	114	356			
June	114	354			
July	90	296			
August	120	382			
September	101	304			
October	105	334			
November	110	355			
December	96	310			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,229</b>	<b>3,875</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>1,030</b>	<b>384</b>

Total Number of New Households YTD

2017	39 Total	2018	35 YTD
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### We just received a grant from Perrigo Company Foundation for \$2,500!

- **Donations:** March: 19 cans of green beans, 38 jars/cans of pasta sauce, 48 rolls of toilet paper, 3 miscellaneous. April: 39 boxes of cereal, 10 16 oz. of coffee, 12 1.75 bags of coffee, 11 pasta sauce, 12 rolls of toilet paper, 72 boxes of crackers, 60 cans of pork and beans, 1 miscellaneous.
- **May Donation Request:** Tuna
- **Purchased Items:** If you find any of these items on sale, please feel free to purchase:

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Cereal                 | Mustard               |
| Chicken Noodle Soup    | Noodles/Pasta         |
| Corn                   | Oatmeal               |
| Crackers               | Peanut Butter         |
| Cream of Mushroom Soup | Pork and Beans        |
| Green Beans            | Spaghetti/Pasta Sauce |
| Jelly                  | Toilet Paper          |
| Ketchup                | Tuna                  |
| Laundry Soap           |                       |

# *NEWS FROM THE PEWS*

## THOSE WHO SERVE IN May 2018

### WHAT DO WE COLLECT? CHECK OUT THE ROUND TABLE OUTSIDE THE OFFICE

Box Tops for Education for  
North Ward Elementary  
Lions Club - Glasses  
Loose Change/Pennies -  
Missions  
Pop Tops from cans- Burn  
Center in Chicago

*Spend time counting your  
blessings, not airing your  
complaints.*



### ACOLYTES

6 - DeLaet children  
13 - Allison Wiley  
20 - Alex Foune  
Morgan Foune  
27 - Audrey Brink  
Olivia Wiley

### COMMUNION SERVERS

6 - Joan Rininger  
Corlee Harris  
Willard Jennings  
Sari Hammon

### FELLOWSHIP TIME

Sarah Circle

### GREETERS

6 - Kevin and Beth Ann  
DeLaet family  
Scott and Connie  
Dangremond family  
13 - Woodie and Barb Gibson  
George and Emmie  
Babcock  
20 - Tom and Lois Giles  
JoAnne Giles family  
27 - Jerry and Joy Masek  
Chris Jurkas

### LITURGIST

6 - Daryl Waggoner  
13 - Alex Foune  
20 - Daryl Waggoner  
27 - Cathy Foune

### NURSERY

6 - Abby Hall  
13 - JoAnne Giles  
20 - Abby Hall  
27 - DeLaet girls

### PIANISTS

6 - Wende Wood  
13 - Amanda Blom  
20 - Sari Hammon  
27 - Susan Thiel

### SOUND

6 - Ed Garvin  
13 - Hanford Brink  
20 - Tom Lindsley  
27 - Ed Garvin

### USHERS

6 - Irene Waanders  
Tim Borgman  
13 - Bill and Tita Balgoyen  
20 - Ed Garvin  
27 - Lois Giles  
Kevin DeLaet

### VIDEO

6 - Naomi DeLaet  
13 - Bobby Tremaine  
20 - Barb Gibson  
27 - Jon Brink

# FINANCE CORNER

## Did you know?

Did you know that in the year 2000 the AUMC Finance Committee opened up Mutual Funds with Edward Jones?

From 2000 – 2018, the AUMC has received gifts from church members and friends that continue to be deposited into these Mutual Funds.

These funds have weathered the “.com” crash in 2000 and the “Stock Market Crash” in 2008. With these two dramatic events, these funds have grown all these 18 years at an average rate of 6%!

The AUMC members have been the beneficiary of many improvements over the years from these funds.

2007 - \$15,000 was spent on new carpet in the Sanctuary.

2008 - \$10,000 was spent on the roof.

2016 - \$7,000 was used to help balance the General Fund budget.

2017 - \$6,000 was spent on the new lights in the Fellowship Hall.

\$10,000 was used to help balance the General Fund budget.

2018 - \$10,000 was used to help balance the General Fund budget.

We have seen \$58,000 used to help keep our church a continuing place of worship and service to the community.

The Finance Committee would like to thank those families for these gifts over the past 18 years. We hope that other families in the future would consider donating to these funds to help continue the ability of the AUMC to be a place of worship and to continue to serve our community.

## Ministry Shares 2018

The Finance Committee has also been working for ways to support our Ministry Shares for 2018. After careful review, they have decided on the following activities. We have coordinators for each one and will be looking for others to assist. If you would like to help, please contact the church office at 673-4236. Please remember this outreach in your prayers.

1. **Agriculture/Baked Goods Table**  
(Coordinators – Isabelle DeLaet, Morgan Foune)  
(Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall beginning May 27)
2. **Swiss Steak Supper Dinner - September 22**  
(Coordinators – Kevin DeLaet, Bobby Tremaine)
3. **Michigan State vs. University of Michigan Football Game – Chili/Soup Cookoff!**  
**Date – October 20 – Time depends on their standing before the big game.**  
(Coordinator – Kristy Milbocker)  
There will also be a silent auction.





## Mission Moments for May

This month's project of the month are several, which are in conjunction with the 2018 Offerings at the United Methodist Church Annual Conference. This year, three emerging needs have been identified, Haiti, Liberia, and Puerto Rico.

The Bishop identified the continued need of immediate relief for those living in Puerto Rico following the devastation of Hurricane Maria. A tithe of our offering will be sent to the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico for the needs identified.

The remaining ninety percent of the offering will be split between the Haiti Hot Lunch program and the Bishop Judith Craig's Children's Village in Liberia.

Haiti is an impoverished island nation that has been gripped by three natural disasters in a decade, the last disaster being Hurricane Irma this year. The needs are so urgent for children in Haiti. For \$2.00 a day, a child can be provided a nutritious meal. Without these live-saving meals, thousands of children in Haiti would be anemic and malnourished and facing starvation.

Bishop Judith Craig's Children's Village provides basic needs, education, counseling, and healthcare to orphaned children. The Ebola virus left behind many orphans and single parent children in Liberia. In addition to providing basic needs for children, the village also focuses on education to help reduce illiteracy and future crime rate in the country.

Won't you please prayerfully consider your donation to our church's life-saving projects during the month of May? Your donation can just be designated Project of the Month. Pastor Bob will take a check with our church's donations to the Annual Church Conference at the end of May.

The offering change and penny jar will continue to go towards the Ministry Shares.

Thank you for your consideration.

The Mission Committee



### *Looking Ahead*

*May 7, Pies for NW Staff  
Appreciation Week*

*May 11, 7:00 a.m. Muffins with Misses*

*May 16, 2 Hr. Early Release*

*May 25, 2 Hr. Early Release*

*May 20, Memorial Day (No School)*

*May 31, Allegan HS Graduation*

*June 4, 6-7:30 pm KH Party in FH*

*June 7, Last Day for Students*

The search has ended and prayers have been answered. Most of you know that I have wanted to retire as KH director for the past year. It was time as I needed to address some health issues. It has been with a heavy heart that I made this decision as I love my job as director of KH. It has truly been a pleasure working with our church staff, our KH mentors and prayer partners, the NW staff and of course all of the wonderful NW students. I thank each and every one of my church family members who have supported our KH program the past 23 years. This is a wonderful mission for our church, and the support is greatly appreciated by the NW elementary staff and students. I know this support will continue.

Judy Curry is currently taking the training as a KHUSA director for our church. She is a life-long resident of the Allegan area, an Allegan HS graduate and is currently an APS bus driver and Kids Hope mentor. Judy is married to Tim, and they have three grown children, two of whom have been married in our church. Her bubbly personality makes it easy to get to know her. Say "hello" to Judy on Sunday in church and wish her well as she begins her new job as KH director this fall.

**Karen Rambadt, Kids Hope USA**