

WINDOW TO THE WORLD

ALLEGAN UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

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Gathering Music 9:10 a.m.
Welcome & Announcements
9:25 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship
9:30 a.m.

Sunday School
11:00 a.m.

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**ALLEGAN UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
is a caring, dynamic community of faith where all people are invited to encounter God and to celebrate a Risen Lord. Through God's Spirit we grow spiritually, emphasize the individual's relationship with Christ and others, and change with and serve the needs of the community.

JUNE 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

New AUMC Staff -Amanda Blom, Church Secretary - Judy Curry, Kids Hope Director - Barb Gibson, Pastoral Care Coordinator - Daryl Waggoner, Chancel Choir Director; Audrey Brink earned her Girl Scout Silver Award. It is the highest award a cadet can earn;

THANK YOU

Jacque James is thankful for all your prayers, cards and visits for Jimmy; Ken Gallagher thanks Pastor Bob for baptizing a member of the Allegan County Medical Care Community; Thank you and wishing you the best to Karen Rambadt and Linda Flynn who are retiring and Ellen Bierlein as she begins her ministry as the pastor at First United Methodist Church in Buchanan; Lyn McQuaid is thankful for your prayers; All moms and women in our lives;

JOYS

Jimmy James was in Worship! Ellen Bierlein's nephew and wife, Jay and Jen, adopted a 5-year old girl from India; Tom and Tori Lindsley family have decided to stay in Michigan. Barb Simpson celebrated her 11-year church membership.

JUNE 2018 PRAYERS AND CONCERNS



Prayers for our military:

Those connected with this congregation: Ryan Balgoyen, John Barber, Alyssa Chamberlain, 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, 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.

Concerns: Strength and love for the Otsego 5th grader who tried to commit suicide; Violence in the schools.

Health Concerns: Lyn McQuaid's is recovering from her thyroid surgery that went well; Tim and Judy Curry's friend, Erica who is graduating in the top 10% of her college class and facing cancer for the third time; Marty McKellips is having fusion surgery on his neck to repair damage done during a fall from March. Morgan Sturman injured leg while playing soccer and no surgery is required at this time, only a brace and time to heal. Don Jurkas is home and recovering from a stroke.

Prayer Shawls: Don Jurkas

Please remember them in your prayers.



June 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Location Key DS - Downstairs FH - Fellowship Hall KT - Kitchen LB - Library MS - Middle School SA - Sanctuary TR - Tops Room YR - Youth					<i>1</i> 8 am Food Pantry Delivery 1:30 pm Food Pantry Delivery 4 pm Briarwood Singalong Annual Conference (Traverse City)	<i>2</i> Annual Conference (Traverse City) 2-6 pm FH, KT Girl Scouts
3 Annual Conference 9:30 am Worship 11 am Sunday School <i>Last day Sunday School—ice cream party at park</i> 2:30-7:30 pm Girl Scouts(DS)	<i>4</i> 10:30 am Vision Impaired (FH) 6-7:30 pm KH Party(FH) (FH/KT)	<i>5</i> 6 pm Pastoral Care (FH)	<i>6</i> 8:30-10 am Tops (TR) 6:30 pm Finance (FH)	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> 8 am Food Pantry Delivery	<i>9</i> 12 - 6 pm FH/KT Dangremond
<i>10</i> 8:30 am Chancel Choir 9:30 am Worship 1-5 pm Girl Scouts (FH)	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> 8:30-10 am Tops (TR)	<i>14</i> 5:30 pm Youth Praise Choir 	<i>15</i> 8 am Food Pantry Delivery 10 am Food Pantry Committee (FH)	<i>16</i>
<i>17</i> 9 am Youth Praise Choir 9:30 am Worship 	<i>18</i> 4 pm Missions Committee	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> 8:30-10 am Tops (TR)	<i>21</i> First Day of Summer 8:30-10 am Tops (TR) 12:30 Sarah Circle (carpool to Hamilton) 6:30 pm Ad Board (FH)	<i>22</i> 8 am Food Pantry Delivery	<i>23</i>
<i>24</i> 9:30 am Worship 12 pm Newsletter Deadline	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> 8:30-10 am Tops (TR)	<i>28</i> 9 a.m. Men's Fellowship (FH)	<i>29</i> 8 am Food Pantry Delivery	<i>30</i>

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

THOSE WHO SERVE IN June 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

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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

ACOLYTES

3 - Abby Hall
William Ruiz
10 - DeLaet children
17 - Alex Foune
Morgan Foune
24 - Audrey Brink

COMMUNION SERVERS

3 - Cary and Pat Hammon
Willard and Judy Jennings

FELLOWSHIP TIME

3 - JoAnne Giles and UMYF
10 - Clyde DeLaet Brunch
17 - Janet Earle, Abby Hall
24 - Lisa Campeau

GREETERS

3 - June Querback
Rod and Karen Rambadt
10 - Kathi Tice
Tom and Jan Tuffelmire
17 - Doug Duryea
Patrick and Leslie
Ballard
24 - Bobby Tremaine
Ginny Borgman

LITURGIST

3 - Joan Rininger
10 - Joan Rininger
17 - Bobby Tremaine
24 - Bobby Tremaine

NURSERY

3 - Kristy Milbocker
10 - Tori Lindsley
17 - Chris Jurkas
24 - Lisa Campeau

PIANISTS

3 - Wende Wood
10 - Amanda Blom
17 - Sari Hammon
24 - Ireland Armintrout

SOUND

3 - Tim Borgman
10 - Ed Garvin
17 - Hanford Brink
24 - Tom Lindsley

USHERS

3 - Mike and Virginia Conklin
10 - Corlee Harris
Patty Anderson
17 - George and Emmie Babcock
24 - Joyce Brink
Lisa Campeau

VIDEO

3 - Clyde DeLaet
10 - Tom Lindsley
17 - Naomi DeLaet
24 - Barb Gibson

JUNE

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Bonnie Olcott
- 2 - Joyce Hard
- 6 - Eilene Brink
Terry Brink
- 7 - Cade Thiel
- 8 - Joyce Brink
- 9 - Tessa Armintrout
- 11 - Gene Wood
- 14 - Ray Kinney
Bailey Weaver
- 15 - June Querback
William Armintrout
- 18 - Ami Salisbury
- 21 - Jennifer Dunning
James Flynn
- 22 - Paul McQuaid
- 23 - David Armintrout
Jack Rininger
- 26 - Karen Rambadt
Alyssa Trutsch
- 27 - Chris Stewart
Rhonda Griffin
Barb Simpson
- 30 - Nancy Armintrout



ANNIVERSARIES

- 1-Joshua and Amanda Blom
- 10 - Rick and Linda Flynn
- 13 - Bob and Kim Leslie
- 20 - Mike and Virginia Conklin
- 22 - John and Pat Cantwell
- 23 - Norm and Margaret Pierson
- 24 - Paul and Rhonda Griffin
- 26 - Vern and Bonnie Olcott
- 29 - Willard and Judy Jennings
David and Nancy Armintrout

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

Allegan Umc continues to be in the midst of transitions! We properly celebrated on May 20th the Farewell of our three staff members in our church to thank them for their commitment to the ministries of Allegan UMC! **Many thanks to those who contributed to the combined love offering (\$1200)!** We were able to provide a nice collection of gift cards and cash to each of our staff members! So God's Blessings to Our Kid's Hope Director, **Karen Rambadt, Linda Flynn**, Church Secretary and **Ellen Bierlein**, serving as Choir Director and helped 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 1st UMC as Pastor!

We now transition to welcome our new Staff members! Please pray for all our Church 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!



Judy Curry



Amanda Blom



Barb Gibson



Daryl Waggoner

Judy Curry is our new Kid's Hope Director! A mentoring outreach ministry to North Ward Elementary School and vital ministry of Allegan UMC! Providing hope through one-to-one contact to elementary youth!

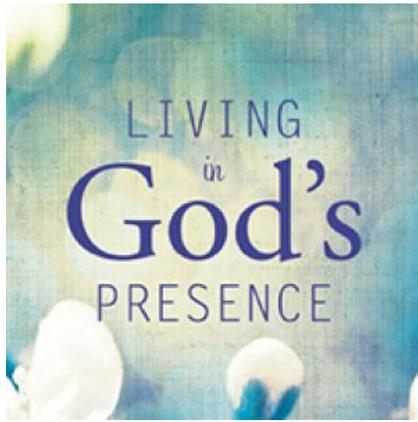
Amanda Blom is our new Church Secretary: An important ministry of providing administrative skills of communicating to church members and local community! Often the first voice or face a potential new member meets or hears on the phone!

Daryl Waggoner is our new Church Choir Director: An important and essential part of worship of organizing, practicing and implementing the proper atmosphere of music in our Sunday mornings!

Barb Gibson is our new Pastoral Care Coordinator: a new position to assist Pastor Bob in caring for our home bound 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 good bye 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!

Transitions can help us all Grow to Love God in new and exciting ways!



PREACHING THE PSALMS: SUMMER 2018

Even though most of us have favorite Psalms, we often tend to take the Psalms for granted. We may not realize that the Psalms hold a unique place in Scripture. Though we affirm that the Bible is God's inspired Word, much of the Bible is, at the same time, human words written for human readers. The Psalms, on the other hand, are expressions of deeply felt prayers addressed to God. The Psalms are truly filled with the deepest feelings and longings of human beings.

Starting in June, I would like to focus on the Psalms for my Summer Sermon Series. Since every psalm is related to the fact that God is present in the world and that human beings experience that God and responds to that presence, certainly creates proof of God's existence! Sunday sermons will focus how the people of God are called to praise God who creates and sustains, acts on behalf of God's people, delivers them from trouble, and knows and cares for them. I believe we will find that the psalms are not only beautiful prayers but are rich in Theological meaning, relevant in historical background about when they were written and practical application possibilities that any sermon series only barely scratches the surface of the Psalms.

So, bring a friend, Invite a neighbor, Tell your family! Don't miss the summer sermon series on Psalms: Living in God's Presence, Sunday June 3rd through August 26th!

June

June 3, 2018 "Say Amen, Somebody" *Psalms 1* Unless the dominant chords of your church are praise and affirmation, it may need an attitude adjustment!

June 10, 2018 "Don't Make Me Think" *Psalms 4* Steered by clear thinking and powered by rich faith, we can do the will of God.

June 17, 2018 "The Problem with Boundary Lines" *Psalms 16* God gives us "boundaries," but some of us have a harder time living within those boundaries than others do.

June 24, 2018 "Wounding Love" *Psalms 23* The church has always called on its members to "love one another," to love "because God first loved us." Indeed the marvel of the ancient world was "Look how these Christians love one another."

2018 FAMILY CAMP UPDATE

Faith – Fellowship – Family – Friends – Fun

Family camp is June 30-July 7 (Saturday to Saturday). We have a pretty full camp this year. Reservations have been turned in for all those who signed up.

A big THANK YOU to all who helped with the spring clean-up day at Pentwater. Our group was about 20 strong and we moved huge piles of leaves, helped put up tents and did other cleaning and setting up around camp. Good job!!!

Terri Maule is coordinating activities this year. If you have any ideas for a theme day, games, or other activities, please let Terri know (FB message her or call 616-681-2528).

This is what we have scheduled so far:

DEVOTIONS each morning, Monday-Friday. If you can help please see Jon Brink.

SUNDAY, JULY 1 -

Pancake Breakfast -9:30 a.m. -the Jennings and Rambadt families will cook pancakes and sausage for us. Bring your own table service, syrup, beverage and anything else you would like.

All-Camp Potluck at 6 p.m. followed by a Vesper Service led by Jan Denton.

FRIDAY, JULY 6 - Camp Pie Night - Bring your camp pie cookers and fillings to share.

CRAFTS - Andrea Creech is planning some crafts, more information to come.

PAINTING SESSION (for adults) - led by Brenda DeZeeuw. More information later.

Also, check the Allegan UMC Pentwater group on Facebook for updates.

See Hanford and Eilene Brink (269-673-6031) if you have any questions.

United Methodist Women



ASSEMBLY 2018

Every four years there is a national gathering/convention of UM Women. This year it was a celebration of 150 years of United Methodist Women in mission. I traveled to Columbus, Ohio; with about 6000 women. Key speakers were Leymah Gbowee, Nobel Peace Prize Winner; Michelle Alexander, author of the book The New Jim Crow; Marian Wright Edlerman, founder of the Children's Defense Fund. There were workshops and opportunities to purchase crafts from fair trade sites. We could talk with representatives of service organizations such as Heifer Project or McCurdy Ministries. There was great music and entertainment.

Google or Facebook for more information and pictures.

Thank you to all who helped with our annual Grad breakfast. We served about 18 guests egg casseroles, fruit cups, and cinnamon rolls. Alli, Bailey, and Emily were presented with the book Jesus Calling.

We have scholarships for you to go to Mission U at Albion College in July. Questions ask Cindy or Sari!

UMW pledge

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedoms as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Thankful Corner



Memorial Day is fast approaching, and as I visit gravesites for family members I am reminded of how much loss my family has endured. My parents were both 70 when they died and they had lost three children, ages 3, 12, and new-born. Since they have been gone, my three brothers died at ages 59, 72, and 68. My, that is a lot of loss and now I am the only one left! I can't help but grow sad when I look at photographs of my lost loved ones, but I have hope that we will see one another again. Having had a birthday recently, I am reminded that every day is a gift, and I must celebrate that gift every day. There is a part of me that wonders why am I still here and they are all gone? I must believe God has a purpose for my life, and my job is find that purpose and act on it. Perhaps I am to be an example of caring and kindness and reach out to others with calls, cards, and genuine love. Maybe I am to let others see Jesus in me and live a life that is pleasing to Him. Or am I to be a healer of those who hurt? Oh, that would be me! I am suffering from a broken relationship and can't seem to heal it. I ask God daily for a sign or direction on what to do or say, but still the relationship is broken. Someone told me, "You can't fix broken." Well, I don't want to believe that, but as time goes on I sort of wonder if that isn't a true statement. Being a mom, who is supposed to be able to fix everything, I want to make things better and thus far I have not been able to do it. No progress has been made, no healing has taken place, and yet I do not want to give up, nor will I.

Dear God, I know others have suffered great heartaches at losing loved-ones and I ask You to comfort them. I also ask that You help those of us who have relationship hurts to find healing in Your time. For it is in You that we find our strength and our hope even when we feel hopeless. Amen.

Judy