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Allegan United Methodist Church - October 2019

FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR
REV. BOB LYNCH

Allegan UMC Synergy: The Power of Togetherness "Growing people to love God"

Allegan UMC Synergy is based upon a covenant partnership of shared values and goals for ministry where we are committed to grow people to love God.

Our Annual Church Conference is **Wednesday October 23rd @5pm** this year. Our Worship Committee is offering a simple soup with bread meal to eat during the Conference. Please plan to attend this important gathering and welcome our **District Superintendent Dwayne Bagley!** Church Conference is also a time to review Allegan UMC past year events since our last Church Conference showing the power of togetherness!

1. Thanks to the Mission Committee for another successful Christmas basket event serving 13 families in our area. Thanks to the Middle School Student Council for providing some toys to the children, to Village Market for preparing food baskets and Chris Jurkas and "Hands of Grace."

2. What a wonderful turnout for Carols by Candlelight, the combine choir Christmas party AND the bazaar!

3. Thanks to our Girl Scout Troup led by leader Amy Brink for their holiday contributions.

4. Thanks to the Finance Committee, especially John Watson and Scott Dangremond for the re-organizing of the Committee to meet the guidelines of the Discipline of the United Methodist Church. Thanks for organizing wonderful fund raisers, (Church wide garage sale and Harvest table) to meet the financial needs of our General budget.

5. Thanks to the Board of Trustees, especially Sandy Oetman, as they faced the ongoing needs of the church building and property.

6. Thanks to the Worship Committee for the ongoing commitment for providing video attendants, ushers, greeters, Liturgists and Acolytes for our vibrant worship. Special thanks for the special worship with "Proclamation Brass" and the pot-luck that followed the worship!

7. Thanks to the choirs and their directors that faithfully prepared and implemented great moments for our vibrant worship.

8. Thanks to the "Living Faith Committee" that attended another "Turn around church" Conference and are trying to implement what they learned at the event!

9. Thanks to the UMW and UMM and the many circles that connect our family of believers.

10. Thanks to our new "Pastoral Care Committee" that meets the needs of our home-bound members through visits and notes of love!

11. Thanks to all our "volunteer ministers" that provide leadership and faithfulness to our nurturing and Outreach ministries.

I am sure I have missed a group or ministry so make sure you attend the Church Conference on **October 23rd @ 5p.m.** to add to our Church Story!



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- 1 – Nathan Lynch
- 2 – Anita Sponseller
Kyrel Hall
Joseph Thomsen
- 3 – Keith Heckman
Leslie Lynch
- 4 – Lois Giles
Tim Dickinson
- 7 – Joy Masek
- 8 – Jaime Spreitzer
William Thomsen
Wende Wood
- 10 – Ashley Weaver
- 13 – Mary Anderson
Matt Creech
- 14 – Jo Tibbitts
Nathan Weaver
- 15 – Al LeMaire
- 16 – Naomi DeLaet
Mike Walsh
- 21 – Finnley Blom
- 27 – Ryan Brink
- 28 – Jimmy James
- 30 – Kim Leslie
Nathan Parrish
- 31 – Yvonne Reimink
Paul Griffin Sr.

BIRTHDAYS

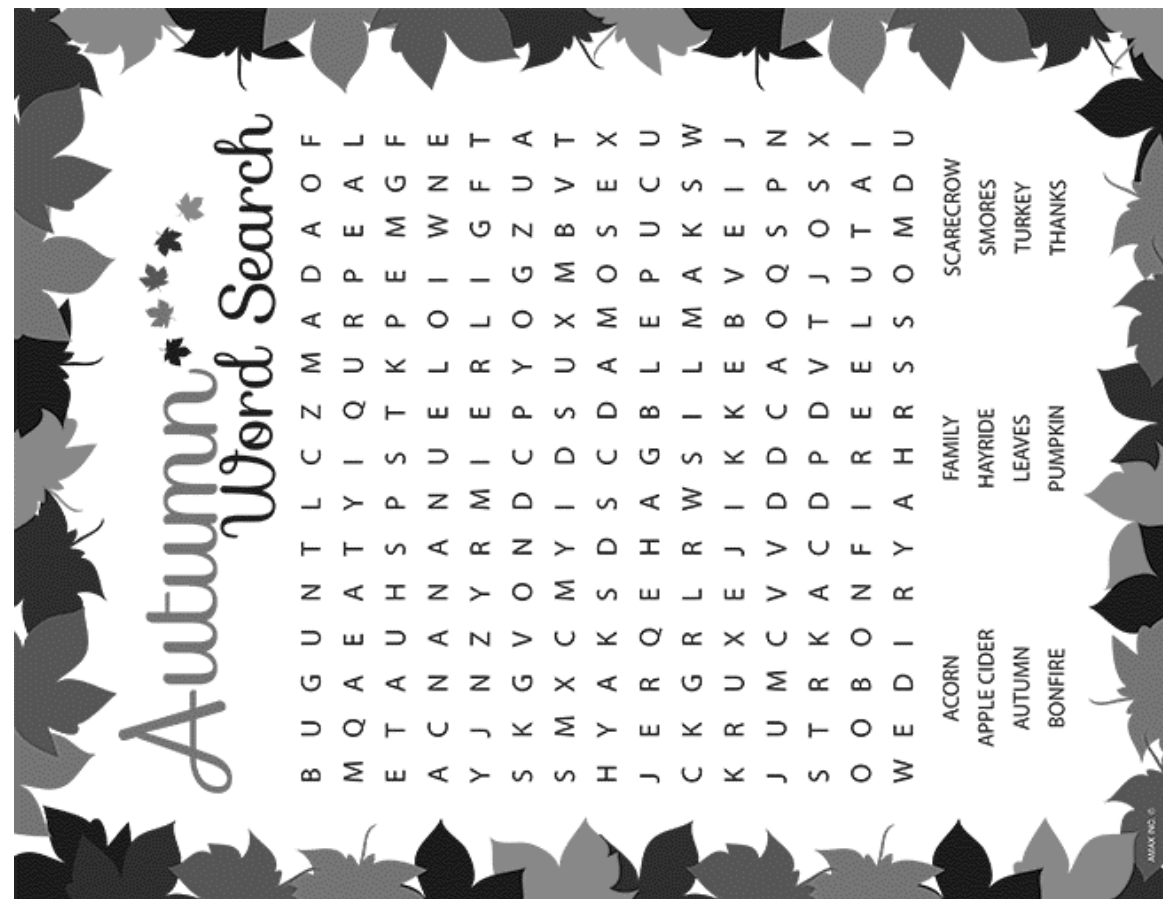
ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 – Jerry & Joy Masek
- 21 – Bob & Sheryl Parrish
Jim & Vicki Sebright
- 24 – Scott & Connie Dangremond
Jim & Deb Jennings
- 28 – Marc & Mary Wilcox

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The diaper sewing Mission Challenge brought in 968 diapers at the District meeting in Vicksburg. Climax UMW won with 240 diapers—Allegan UMW came in second with 147.

A breakfast is being planned for October 20th in honor of Helen Darby.

Do you know what she did for United Methodist Women and for the church? Come hear her legacy. Look for a sign-up sheet in fellowship hall.

Also, Sunday October 20th is Laity Sunday. Sari Hammon, Nancy Peabody, and Cindy Thiele will be sharing some of the three studies that were offered at MissionU in July.

Now is the time to begin thinking Bazaar. What do you have to offer in sale items, time, and talents?

From our Treasurer: We have paid the fee to renew the food service license to use the kitchen, purchased another case of dishwasher detergent, and restocked supplies for fellowship time. Also, a donation was made to UMCOR. (On a personal note—another mission is to give to Chef Jose at World Central Kitchen.)

Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You something to drink? Matt. 25:37

2019 September Newsletter Financial Corner

The 2019 Annual Budget goal is \$203,268, which equates to \$16,936 income per month.

Our financial trends for the first 8 months remain very good. Through 8 months we are at \$140,304 income vs. a plan of \$135,488. We are doing very well on our spending for the year, as we have spent \$131,354 vs. a plan of \$135,488! – Thanks to all of you for your faithful donations and your watchful spending needs.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- The Finance Committee is working on the Pledge Drive for 2020. We will be having speakers 4 Sundays in a row starting in November and the Pledge date is Sunday December 1st. Speakers will be John Watson, Sandy Oetman, The Dead Sea Players and June Quereback.
- The Bake/Craft/Ag table will continue through the end of October – we would like to thank all of the support from individuals for bringing the goods and to all of the buyers from this table.
- The Finance committee has been working on some very needed projects to date.
 - Updated signers for our Banking needs. We now have 7 signers for our financial needs as we update our programs to align with the Book of Discipline for the Methodist Church.
 - Updated Job Descriptions have been developed and approved for the Finance Committee as well as each of the positions within the Finance team.
 - A new Standard Operating Procedure for the Financial Spend has been developed, trial period and now approved procedure is in place and has been running since August 1st. This procedure requires initials of a Finance Committee Team member for the approval of the payment for the invoice and another team member to sign the check for that invoice.
 - The Finance Committee is planning to have a Pie or Dessert Sale for Thanksgiving this year. We are looking for Pie makers to make pies and we have a sign-up sheet for those who want to orders pies for Thanksgiving. Pies will be able to be picked up at the church on Tuesday and Wednesday November 26th and 27th.
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Finally, copies of the new Procedures are available in the Church office. Please take notice of the bulletin boards in the Church for continued information. Thank you to all for your continued help and support of our Allegan United Methodist Church.

Thank you, The Finance Committee

Church and Parsonage Expenses - August 2019

Income \$ 13,511.00

Church Expenses

705	Administrative Misc.	\$	120.45
602	Charter (Internet, Phone)	\$	180.81
606	Church Maintenance	\$	55.97
602	City of Allegan (Water, Sewer)	\$	55.67
1006	Cokesbury (Christian Education)	\$	499.96
709	Machine Maintenance (Konica Minolta)	\$	102.20
602	Michigan Gas	\$	51.01
702	Office Supplies	\$	123.85
602	Republic Services (Garbage/Recycle) (Church & Parsonage)	\$	69.31
126	Upper Rooms	\$	76.50
	Wages	\$	8,787.26
	West Michigan Conference & Insurance	\$	3,857.42
903	Worship	\$	225.00

Total Church Expenses for August 2019 \$ 14,208.31

Parsonage Expenses

603	Charter (Phone, TV, Internet)	\$	161.38
603	Consumers Electric	\$	211.08
603	Michigan Gas	\$	20.32

Total Parsonage Expenses for August 2019 \$ 392.78

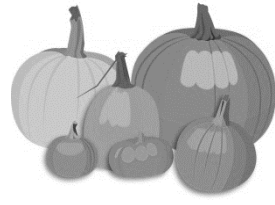
(Non-Audited) Total \$ 14,598.09



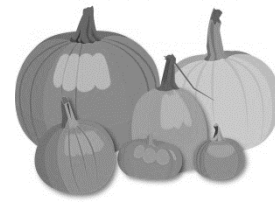
PANCAKE DAY!!

Lions Club will be having their annual Pancake Day on Saturday October 19th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This year they will host this event at the Blessed Sacrament Church, the Catholic Church next door to our church.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS



THOSE WHO SERVE IN October 2019



ACOLYTES

- 6 – Audrey Brink
- 13 – Alex & Morgan Founé
- 20 – DeLaet Children
- 27 – Audrey Brink

NURSERY

- 6 – Chris Jurkas
- 13 – Abby Hall
- 20 – Jill LeMaire
- 27 – Cathy Founé

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

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

COMMUNION SERVERS

- 6 – Andy & Arlene Branham
Willard & Judy Jennings

FELLOWSHIP TIME

Sarah Circle

GREETERS

- 6 – Kathi Tice
- 13 – Chris & Patty Anderson
- 20 – Tim & Elizabeth Closson
- 27 – George & Emmie Babcock

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 23RD

**CHURCH
CONFERENCE**

OCTOBER 31ST



TV MEDIA

- 6 – Ireland Armintrout
- 13 – Nathan Parrish
- 20 – Rod Rambadt
- 27 – Alex Founé

PIANISTS

- 6 – Wende Wood
- 13 – Amanda Blom
- 20 – Ireland Armintrout
- 27 – Lisa Campeau

SOUND

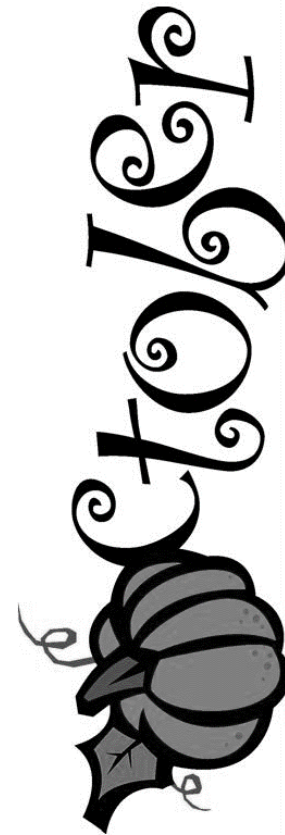
- 6 – Jon Brink
- 13 – Tim Borgman
- 20 – Hanford Brink
- 27 – Willard Jennings

USHERS

- 6 – Joyce Brink
Jo Anne Giles
- 13 – Joshua & Amanda Blom
- 20 – Tim Borgman
Bobby Tremaine
- 27 – Mike & Virginia Conklin

VIDEO

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 8:30 am Youth Bells 9:25 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Sunday School 12-1 pm UMYF Devotional	7 9-11:45 am Food Pantry 6:30 pm Trustees 7 p.m. Chancel Bells	8 9-11:45 am Food Pantry 6:30 pm SPRC	9 8:30-10:30 am TOPS 9-11:45 am Food Pantry 5-7 pm Food Pantry 7 pm Chancel Choir	10 9-11:45 am Food Pantry	11 8 am Food Delivery 10-11:45 am Food Pantry	12
13 8:30 am Youth Bells 8:50 am UMW 9:25 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Sunday School	14 9-11:45 am Food Pantry 10-12 am Visual Impaired 7 p.m. Chancel Bells	15 9-11:45 am Food Pantry	16 8:30-10:30 am TOPS 9-11:45 am Food Pantry 5-7 pm Food Pantry 7 pm Chancel Choir	17 9-11:45 am Food Pantry 6:30 pm Ad Board	18 8 am Food Delivery 10-11:45 am Food Pantry 5:30-8:30 pm Girl Scouts	19
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Sermon Themes



- October 6, 2019 "Called to the Power of Love" 1 Corinthians 13:1, 4-7, 13
Paul ventures into Europe and witnesses the power of love in different cultures.
- October 13, 2019 "Called to Faithfulness" Acts 19:8-17.
In Ephesus, Paul meets some people who closed their minds.
- October 20, 2019 "Laity Sunday" 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5
Laity Sunday has been a part of the church calendar since the late 1920s and 1930s. It honors the baptismal call of all Christians to ministries of teaching the faith, reaching into the community, witnessing to the gospel, and working to transform lives.
- October 27, 2019 "Searching for Unity and Community" Luke 18:9-14
In worship, we cannot engage Reformation Sunday without acknowledging the brokenness in the wider church and our brokenness.

WINDOW TO THE WORLD



Joys: Lyn McQuaid asks for travel mercies for Luiz, a foreign exchange student she and her family hosted a few years back, as he is visiting for a month. Congratulations to Katie Anderson, at the purchase of her first house.

Health Concerns: Continued prayers for Norm Pierson, Judie Randels, Kim Leslie, Annie Ward. Prayers for Bobby Tremaine in healing mentally and physically. Prayers for Doug Duryea's friend as he struggles with health issues.

Prayers for our military: Those connected with this congregation: John Barber, Alyssa Chamberlain, Sadie Clark, Zachary Cooke, Andrew Cowen, 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: Jane Allen, Tom Arlington, Evelyn Bierlein, Terry Brink, Ed Bronson, Paul Buckler, Denise Cherry, Jim Conlon, Stacy David, Jessica Green, Bud Harney, Vic Hitchcock, Ryan Howrigan, Lesley Kibiloski, Kim Leslie, Lyn McQuaid, Bruce Mejeur, Philip Nicolai, Michele Randal, Judie Randels, Terri Stapleton, Toby Star, Judy Stark, Jackson Stout, Florene Stultz, Mindy Sturman, Deb Stutzman, Cessily Wotring Thackler, Nola Thole, Danny Truong, Jenny Walsh, Jen Wessman & those known but unnamed.

Concerns & Sympathy: Prayers for the friends and family of Harvey Brady, Joyce Brink's brother, at his passing. Prayers for Samantha (Wood) Fontanez; prayers for our schools and their teachers and students this year; Prayers for Bobby Tremaine's son as he moves to San Diego from Salt Lake City. Continued prayers for those unnamed, having health problems, or have suffered loss.

A lot of people in our congregation are fighting some really big battles with their health, mental ability, and emotional stress. I am sure they feel very alone in their fight as during their dark moments of despair they wonder, "Where are You, God?" It is hard as a congregation to reach out to them and let them know You are there and that You care. A card, call, or visit is a good way to let them know you are aware of their situation and truly care how they are doing. Prayer is always, always a way to ask God to sustain them through whatever they are going through. Annie Ward is still hospitalized after having a heart transplant this summer. She has had several procedures since the surgery and has had an infection that took its toll on her, but she is still fighting to regain her health and begin life anew with her new heart. Kim Leslie is in a very hard, hard battle with cancer that has revisited her time and again. She continues to hold onto her faith through all the many challenges that have come her way. What an example of true grit she is. Judie Randels has been sidelined with health issues and must feel very isolated as illness keeps her pretty close to home. Here she and Dick are in their retirement years and have not been able to do all the things that they had dreamed of doing. We visited her one Sunday evening, and she was so happy to see us, and it was very good to see her. Chris Nielsen fell and severely injured her shoulder but has been surrounded by her adopted Nebraska family. During her recovery, amidst all the help she received, she missed her mom, our dear Eleanor Nielsen, and it was very emotional for her. Barb Brewster, who loves our church and its people, can no longer drive and her heart hurts that she cannot be with us on Sundays. Living out of town as she does, it makes it very difficult for someone to pick her up. There are so, so many more that it would be hard to name them all, but please remember to reach out to them in some way. We must lift up their caregivers as they walk the journey along with them, and they too must feel so helpless as they watch someone they love struggle to regain their health. "He never said you'd only see sunshine, He never said there would be no rain, He only promised a heart full of singing about the very things that once brought pain. Give them all, give them all, give them all to Jesus, your shattered dreams, wounded hearts, and broken toys." I just hope they feel the love, support, and prayers of their church family and that, we their church family, let them know we care!

Judy

CHURCH CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 23RD @ 5:00 P.M.

Soup, bread & dessert will be provided for the conference this year!