



Allegan United Methodist Church -March



HEALTH CONCERNS:

Emberly DeBruyne, Mike Walsh, David Goodrich, Jim Elmore, Mary Kay Borgman, Andy Branham, Karen Rouse, June Fullerton, Trevah Dalrymple, Dick Rasmussen, Wrenley Harris, Shari Bradley, Karen Rambadt, Tim Closson, Eric Medemar, Matthew Creech, and Ed Garvin.

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY (Those connected with this congregation):

Alyssa Chamberlain, Sadie Evans, Andrew Cowen, Jacob DeBruyne, Stephanie Hadley, Isaiah Hadley, Kyrel Hall, Aaron Maule, and Dan Wrobleski.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR THOSE BATTLING CANCER OR HAVING TREATMENT:

Mytron Lisby (Rambadt), Juanita Ellis, Ben Wood, Kim Emmons, Christina Thompson, Terry Brink, Adam Hughes, and those known but unnamed.

If you have any joys or concerns you would like announced on the live stream Sunday Service, please contact the church office(phone/email) no later than 11:30 a.m. Thursdays.



- 2-Cory Kasprzyk
- Chris Anderson
- 16-Kalyn Salisbury
- 17-Sarah Van Order-Myers
- 19-Lisa Moore
- 21-Megan James
- 25-Dick Randels
- 26-Abigail Hall
- 27-JoAnne Giles



- 14-Terry & Donna Skoglund
- 17-Mike & Lydia Walsh
- 31-Tom & Jan Tuffelmire



We have been blessed with some awesome weather recently as we see glimpses of spring. Walking out the door in the morning I hear birds singing and it warms my heart for their songs bring me hope that spring is not far away. Our porch still has Willard's childhood sled on it and hanging on the sled are ice skates. The sign on the porch says "Flurries tonight, bundle up tight." The wood glider sits idle waiting for warm spring/summer days. I ventured out on the porch recently but it was still too cold to sit out there but I did view the neighborhood with the snow all gone, sticks and debris left from the last winter storm, and fat squirrels running to and fro. The sun was shining and it reminded me that whatever we are going through the sun is like God's smile to us letting us know He is there and He cares.

This last month has been a painful one for our family as it's hard to see your adult kids and grandkids grieving. You want to be there for them but you are hurting yourself. One might say Cancer won but we won as Jordan showed us how to fight Cancer with strength and positivity as she never questioned "why me", she never complained, and each and every time they brought in a new treatment she said "whatever it takes." A nurse who cared for Jordan a lot, and was there on Jordan's last day, said that Jordan changed her as a nurse and on that day she cared for the whole family. When the family was leaving the hospital she told them she was going to take her break and sit with Jordan. Bless that caregiver as on that day she cared for the whole family on one of the worst days of their lives. Because we knew Jordan we have been changed for the better as she has left her handprint on our hearts.

Blessings my friends for all the love you have shown to us, the many cards we have received, the gifts of food, the calls, the hugs, as you have left your handprints on our hearts.

With love and appreciation, Willard and Judy



United Women in Faith

The recognition pin has been a part of UWF for many years. When a woman has completed her four-year term as an officer on the district or conference team, she will receive a pin as a thank you. An individual or UWF Unit may give a pin as part of becoming a 5-star person/Unit. The price of the pin goes to a special mission.

Our Unit recognizes individuals who stand out for their service as part of Allegan UMC. Both women and men may receive this honor.

This year's first honoree was Barb Sanborn for her service on many committees over the years, past secretary for the Unit and Sarah circle to name a few. Arlene Branham for the years of service with UMW and the hours of time as setup/worker for Hands of Grace Food Pantry. We also honored her side kick Andy Branham for his time and muscle as a food stocker for the pantry. Lastly was Eileen Brink. She has held the position of the our Unit for many years. Eileen has also been family camp coordinator, been on the library



treasurer of committee,

Congratulations to Barb, Arlene, Andy, and Eileen for their time, talent, and service!

Don and Helen Remington were both very active members of our church for many years until they moved to Florida 21 years ago.

Don will turn 100 on March 9th; and if any of you knew Don and Helen and would like to send Don a birthday card, their address is:

8305 Arbor Court
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Don and Helen still receive our church newsletter and always enjoy reading about people they know and about what's happening here.



MARCH

(Volunteer) WORSHIP SERVERS FOR THIS MONTH

	3/3	3/10	3/17	3/24 Palm Sunday	3/31 EASTER
Pianist	Wende Coffindaffer	Lisa Campeau	Ireland Armintrout	Sari Hammon	Ellen Bierlein
Liturgist	Daryl Waggoner	Patricia Huth	Kathie Arney	Ellen Bierlein	Mark Bolyen
Ushers	Linda Flynn Joan Rininger	Don and Barb Sanborn	Kevin and Beth Ann DeLaet	Daryl Waggoner Lori Austin	Lisa and Brendan Campeau
Music	Choir	TBA	Choir	Choir/Bells	Choir
Camera	Sarah Austin	DeLaet	Sarah Austin	Rod Rambadt	Amanda Blom
Sound Tech	Jon Brink	Tim Borgman	Jon Brink	Amanda Blom	Jon Brink
Media	Amanda Blom	DeLaet	Amanda Blom	DeLaet	Amanda Blom



🎵 **Make me a servant, Humble and meek...** 🎵

If you were wondering/praying what you might add to your life this year that would be a positive influence, how about joining in worship by serving in one of the following ways. You can choose the days you are able to serve as well. It doesn't get any easier than that. 😊

Sound/Video/Tech: Sunday Mornings
Contact Amanda Blom: woodamanda211@gmail.com

Food Pantry: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.
Contact Chris Jurkas : cjurkas@chartermi.net

Liturgist: Sunday Mornings
Contact Patty Anderson: panderson@alleganps.org

Ushers: Sunday Mornings
Contact Lori Austin: secretary@allumc.org

Chancel Choir: Wednesday nights at 7pm
Directed by Daryl Waggoner: daryl.waggoner@icloud.com

Chancel Bells: Sunday mornings at 10:30am
Directed by Ireland Armintrout:
irelandarmintrout@hotmail.com



Would you like to learn how the camera or sound is run for Sunday Worship?
Amanda Blom will be doing a refresher and training session this coming spring for anyone interested.
More information to come!



Car rides needed for Sunday service for Jeff and Barb
Please the sign-up sheet on the Easel in the Fellowship Hall.
Thank you!



The Volunteer Spotlight shines on Linda Flynn. Linda is one of our quiet volunteers who often can be found in the kitchen when special events at the church are happening. She heads the kitchen for the bazaar, getting there in the wee hours of the morning to get the cinnamon rolls out to rise. She is very quick to offer cookies or brownies for any happenings at the church. She, for a long-time, help plan and organize funeral luncheons, did set-up, and stayed to help with cleanup. Administrative Board was blessed to have her as their recording secretary for several years. She is treasurer of her church circle and serves as our Communion Steward. Linda Flynn, a blessing in our midst, be sure to thank her for sharing her gifts with our church.



Sarah Circle 1:00 pm March 21st in Fellowship Hall. If you have ever thought about being part of Sarah Circle we welcome you to come to our monthly meetings. We open with a short devotional, have our business meeting, enjoy hearing from one of our members as she shares with us something that has touched her life, do a round table of sharing of joys and concerns, and have refreshments. This circle has been in existence for over 50 years and we are the last circle still meeting and serving our church in various ways. We have adopted, as our mission, the Wings Home and supply them with gift cards to purchase items to make those who visit their loved ones comfortable. Questions, call Judy Jennings at 673-4989 or talk to any circle member.



Sunday School for all ages. Sunday's at 10:45am September-May. Adults meet in Fellowship Hall and Youth are downstairs. All are welcomed.



Youth Group is a great way to meet people of your own age.

Youth group is for the Junior High and High school ages.

They meet during Sunday School hours downstairs and have FUN outings throughout the year.

Please reach out to Pastor Julia or JoAnn Giles (673-6749) and keep watch in the monthly Newsletters for upcoming outings.



Come and sing with us!

Choir is for ages Junior High and up.

We meet for practice every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Choir room which is located off the Fellowship Hall.

The choir sings in worship the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month and on certain Holidays.

We'd LOVE to have you sing and worship our Savior through song.

Director Daryl Waggoner: 616-238-7955



Come join the Praise Choir

Our 1st Scheduled practices for March are 6th, 20th and 27th. Please meet in the FH.

If you have any questions please call Ellen Bierlein 269-377-9813



Another great way to meet new people is through our Hand Bell Choir.

The Bell Choir is for ages Junior High and up.

Our practice is on Sunday's following worship at 10:45am.

We play in worship every 4th Sunday of the month and on certain holidays.

We'd LOVE to have you join us. Please contact Director Ireland Armintrout: 269-941-3114.



Food Pantry is a FUN way to get connected not only with our church family but also with your community.

Helpers are on a rotation of days and you can CHOOSE the days you want to serve.

Tuesday 9am-11:45am, Wednesday 9am-11:45am & 5-7pm, Friday 10-11:45am.

Please let Chris Jurkas know how you'd like to serve.

Ways to serve: week day food distribution to families, van driver on Friday mornings to pick-up bulk food, and Friday morning helper with putting bulk foods into smaller portions.



Lenten Supper and devotional
 Allegan UMC Fellowship Hall
 Wednesday March 13th at 5:45pm
 Come join us for a warm meal and fellowship



Palm Sunday March 24, 9:30am Worship
 Maundy Thursday March 28, 7:00pm Communion Worship
 Good Friday March 29, 3:00pm (Hope Lutheran, Plainwell)
 Easter Sunrise March 31, 7:30am (Sanctuary steps)
 Easter Worship March 31, 9:30am

**UPCOMING
 EVENTS!**



Dinner with Sinners (that means us 😊) is a new fellowship opportunity that will meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month. We will dine together and share our life thoughts and experiences which will be prompted by premade questions.

Our 1st gathering will be on Thursday April 11th at 6:00pm, at Trestle Stop, 3366 M-40 in Hamilton.

We will be ordering off the menu at your own expense.

Please see the signup sheet in the FH, so we can make reservations.

For more information please contact the church office or Ellen Bierlein 269-377-9813.

Won't you come and Chat and Chew with us.

**MAY
 THE
 4TH
 BE WITH
 YOU**

as you start this year's Spring cleaning!

Our Church Garage Sale will be held May 4th 7am-4pm

Donations can be put in the Bell room downstairs starting March 1st.

A pick-up service will be provided on May 2nd and 3rd if you have large item donations. Please call church office to schedule. Proceeds from the sale will be put toward the shingling of our Sanctuary roof.



Coffee & Fellowship time is offered the 1st Sunday of each month. Coffee will be served after worship so don't be in a hurry to get home.

Please see the sign up sheet if you'd like to host a month

2024 ALLEGAN UMC FAMILY CAMP

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2024 Family Camp will again be held at Lake Michigan Camp & Retreat near Pentwater. The dates are Saturday, June 29 thru Saturday, July 6. If you haven't already done so, please call the camp at 231-869-5627 to make reservations.

Make sure you let them know you are part of the Allegan UMC group. Past campers always have a good time at camp and new campers are welcome.