



## *Allegan United Methodist Church - May*



### **HEALTH CONCERNS:**

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

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

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

### **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-Beth Pierson
- 3-Mark Giles
- Jill McKinley
- 5-Ken Gallagher
- 7-Isabelle DeLaet
- 8-Daryl Waggoner
- 10-Oliver Blom
- 14-Cathy Foune
- 15-Nick Brower
- Jessie James
- 17-Nan Tomanek
- 18-Jacque James
- 19-Ireland Armintrout
- 20-Leigh Letson
- 21-Judy Jennings

- 22-Jackie Thompson
- Nancy Gibson
- Aaron Dunning
- 25-Olivia Wiley
- Dave Foune Jr
- 26-Josh Blom
- 31-Renee Wirt



- 3-Larry and Lisa Campeau
- 16-Rick and Ellen Bierlein
- 17-Brad and Sari Hammon
- 22-Jack and Becky Rininger
- 27-Dan and Lori Barber



God  
IS MY  
refuge  
&  
strength

I have a new job and I didn't even apply for it! Almost 61 years ago I pledged in sickness and in health and that time has come. We are never ready for it, prepared for it, or anticipating it but sadly it comes. Our lives take on a whole new meaning as we become caregivers to those we love. It is not an easy job and there are no guidelines or job description to follow. There is no boss or work partners to lean on and you feel basically on your own. Life, as we knew it, is changed or non-existent and we must learn to adjust our lives accordingly. I have a dear friend who has been doing the job of caregiver far longer than I have and I admire her so much and she is a sounding board for me. We talk or message almost daily and share life's ups and downs. Sometimes we laugh, sometimes we cry for we are literally seeing the person we love diminish before our eyes. We both have families that support us but we are the 24/7 caregivers and we do get weary. In Psalm 34:19 it says "The good man does not escape all troubles-he has them too. But the Lord helps him in each and every one." God assures us, the caregivers, that whatever lies ahead He will be with us and guide us. He is our source of strength to face whatever the new day brings. As the hymn says "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine."

Eighteen years ago as we stood gazing down at our 3-pound 3-ounce grandson and we were in awe and wonder of this tiny little being. Perfectly formed but oh so, so tiny. My husband made a statement that he hoped he would be here to see him graduate from High School and I did the math and said "you will be 90 years old!" And now the time has come as that tiny little baby has grown to become such a wondrous blessing in our lives and will graduate next month.

God willing his grandpa will be there to see and enjoy this milestone in his life.

Blessings my friends, Judy



Dear church family,

Thank you for your kindness. Don so enjoyed hearing from our Allegan Church with your birthday greetings, such fond memories.

We live here at Shell Point in Assisted Living. We are happy here, but we are still Michigan Ganders. Go Blue, Go Green.

Blessings,

Don and Helen Remington



We welcomed Grace Ann Lytle to the family of Christ through Holy Baptism on Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>.





## Heifer International

### May Mission Project of the Month

Heifer International's mission is to end hunger and poverty while caring for the Earth. For 80 years, they have provided livestock and sustainable agricultural training to struggling communities around the world. They currently work in 19 countries, including the United States, supporting local food producers to expand their businesses and earn a living income.

**46.4 million**  
Households assisted since Heifer International began in 1944

**2.67 million**  
Households assisted since 2012



The world is facing an energy crisis — but the answer is right above our heads. At Heifer, we're passionate about powering our planet in a sustainable way.

When you donate on a monthly basis, you provide sustaining support to families in need. Donate today and your gifts will be matched for an entire year.



From Senegal's drylands to Mexico's seed sanctuaries, smallholder farmers are driving sustainable change.

# MAY

## (Volunteer) WORSHIP SERVERS FOR THIS MONTH

	5/5	5/12	5/19	5/26
Pianist	Wende Coffindaffer	Ireland Armintrout	Sari Hammon	Ellen Bierlein
Liturgist	Tim Dickinson	Daryl Waggoner	Patricia Huth	Ellen Bierlein
Ushers	Corlee Harris Joan Rininger	Lori Austin Barb Sanborn	Chris Jurkas Lisa Campeau	DeLaets
Music	Choir	TBA	Choir	TBA
Camera	DeLaet	Rod Rambadt	Sarah Austin	Rod Rambadt
Sound Tech	Jon Brink	Tim Borgman	Amanda Blom	Jon Brink
Media	DeLaet	Amanda Blom	DeLaet	DeLaet



🎵 **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](mailto:woodamanda211@gmail.com)

**Food Pantry:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.  
Contact Chris Jurkas : [cjurkas@chartermi.net](mailto:cjurkas@chartermi.net)

**Liturgist:** Sunday Mornings  
Contact Patty Anderson: [panderson@alleganps.org](mailto:panderson@alleganps.org)

**Ushers:** Sunday Mornings  
Contact Lori Austin: [secretary@allumc.org](mailto:secretary@allumc.org)

**Chancel Choir:** Wednesday nights at 7pm  
Directed by Daryl Waggoner: [daryl.waggoner@icloud.com](mailto:daryl.waggoner@icloud.com)

**Chancel Bells:** Sunday mornings at 10:30am  
Directed by Ireland Armintrout:  
[irelandarmintrout@hotmail.com](mailto: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 in May, for anyone interested.**  
**Tentative dates:** after church on May 19th and then during the week either Wednesday the 22nd or Thursday the 23rd at 5:30 p.m.  
**Please speak with Amanda if interested.**



**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 Sari Hammon. Sari grew up in our church and continues to be an active member. She is one of our Meditation Pianists and really stepped up when Jacque was gone for several weeks. The Church Library has become a recent passion of hers as she strives to update it and keep some current books within our reach. She is the Sunday School teacher for our younger children and is teaching them stories from the Bible. As a member of the Chancel Ringers she delights us with her dexterity. Sari has attended many gatherings for UWF, UMW, as she is always seeking to learn new things. She attends Bible Study where she shares her vast knowledge, as reading the Bible brings her pleasure. Sari, a blessing in our midst, be sure to thank her for the many ways she blesses our church



Our Church Garage Sale will be held **May 4<sup>th</sup> 7am-4pm**  
 Donations can be put in the Bell room downstairs and a pick-up service will be provided on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



**BREAKFAST after worship May 5<sup>th</sup>**. No cost, but a donation basket will be available. Donations will go toward the sanctuary roof repair.



Do you have an upcoming **High School Graduate** in your family?  
 We are looking for graduates in our church family to honor on **May 19<sup>th</sup>** with a recognition, breakfast 8:15am (FH), and gift. Please give the church office a call with the name of those graduating and how many will be able to attend the breakfast. (269)673-4236.

## Get Connected



**Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** Dinner with Sinners (that means us☺) is a new fellowship opportunity that meets monthly. We will dine together and share our life thoughts and experiences which will be prompted by premade questions.

We order off the menu at your own expense. Please see signup sheet for reservations.

We were blessed to have 17 at our last meal.

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



If you have ever thought about being part of Sarah Circle we welcome you to come to our monthly meetings. (September-May) 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.



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 proportions.



**\*Needed: Someone to head the prayer shawl ministry. One does not need to be a knitter. Basically it involves being aware of who may need a shawl and choose one from our current supplies. Please let the office know if you are interested.**



**Coffee & Fellowship time is offered the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month. Please see the sign up sheet if you'd like to host a month**



**Interested in becoming a Member of Allegan UMC? Or maybe you'd like to learn more about UMC or recommit your membership vows? Please speak with Pastor Julia.**



**Do you know of anyone who has a home for rent? We have a member of our church that is looking for a home to rent. If you have any information please contact the church office. Thank you.**

# UPCOMING



**Special Music for summer worship will soon be upon us. If you know of anyone who'd like to share their musical gifts with us, during our Sunday worship, please see the sign-up sheet on the easel in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office. 269-673-4236**

**Special Music begins Sunday June 9th and goes through Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup>.**



**Norm Pierson Celebration of Life  
Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00pm  
Light refreshments will be served in Fellowship Hall after the service.**



**Everyone is invited to celebrate Audrey Brink's Graduation Open House.  
Saturday, June 8th  
3pm-6pm at the church**



June 30<sup>th</sup> Praise Sunday Worship. We'll need your help with worship on this Sunday. Please be on the lookout for further information.



## Experience Greece and the Splendors of Egypt

Bishop David Bard and his wife Julie lead a 10-day tour November 10-20. The group will experience Athens and Corinth, with a focus on the ministry of the Apostle Paul throughout the region. Then, travel to Cairo for a Nile Cruise experience, with a focus on selected Old Testament scriptures. The tour finishes in Cairo, with time at the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities and an unforgettable visit to the Pyramids of Giza - including the opportunity to ride a camel into the desert area! The group will experience daily devotions and worship directly tied into the daily itinerary. There will be time for discussion, reflection and conversation as the group travels together. Pricing from Detroit starts at \$4,798 (pricing can also be arranged from Grand Rapids) and includes round trip international airfare, hotel, motor coach transportation, daily breakfast and dinner, professional tour guides, entrance fees and more! Need assistance? Please contact Project Coordinator Rev. Ann Emerson at (810)334-5799 or [annbythelakeshore@gmail.com](mailto:annbythelakeshore@gmail.com).



# MOM

Nutrition Facts	
Serving Size	1 Amazing Mom
Amount Per Serving	
	% Daily Value*
Unconditional Love	110%
Multitasking Ability	100%
Sleep	1%
Patience	500%
Caffeine	200%
Hardwork	100%
Regret	0%

\* Percent Daily Values Based On Your Mood