



Allegan United Methodist Church - July



HEALTH CONCERNS:

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

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

Alan Letson, Landon Jones, Alyssa Chamberlain, Andrew Cowen, Stephanie Hadley, Isaiah Hadley, Kyrel Hall, Jacob DeBruyne, and Dan Wroblewski.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR THOSE BATTLING CANCER OR HAVING TREATMENT:

Hanford Brink, 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.



- 4-Vicki Sebright
- 9-Chris Thomas
- 10-Sally Adams
- 12-Tita Balgoyen
Kristen Giles Haas
- 13-Joan Rininger
Leah Van Order
- 15-Erika Brower
- 16-Kara Dangremond
- 22-Marlene Milhiem
Becky Rininger
- 23-Linda Flynn
- 25-Sara Ramaker

- 26-Mark Brink
Nancy Brink
Audrey Brink
Jacob DeBruyne
- 27-Doug Brink



5-Matt & Kristy Milbocker

*Bloom where
you are planted*





My mom always said things happen in threes and that proved to be true as we have had 3 memorial services in less than a month. Much appreciation goes to Sandy Oetman and Elizabeth Closson as they head our Bereavement Committee and the many helping hands that helped serve.

My friend Andy Branham recently passed away after a long struggle with health issues. I called him Mr. B. and he called me Mrs. J. as we enjoyed each other's company and have been long-time friends. Mr. B. was a very kind and thoughtful man as I have letters that he has written me and in the last few months we had been messaging back and forth as I wanted to give him an uplifting note to start his day. He would sometimes reply and tell me how his night or morning had gone and ALWAYS he would praise Arlene for all she did to help him through another day. Some days were really hard as something would go wrong with his home dialysis system and they would have to try to fix it or call the helpline for how to fix it. They made many trips into Kalamazoo to see the many doctors and technicians who cared for him. Always they came back with a new plan and Arlene would set that plan in place. Daughter Linda lives near Detroit but was over here often as she went to many of his appointments with them. So you can see this family was a team. They have been through a lot together over the years and were always there for each other. One of the hardest storms they went through was the death of Randy, Arlene and Andy's son and Linda's brother. That storm nearly knocked them overboard but they held on to their lifeline, their faith. Mr. B. had a really hard time after Randy's death as not only was he his son but his fishing buddy as well. One wondered if he would be able to get back in the boat without him. On one particularly hard Sunday when we were singing our closing song, "On Eagles Wings," a little girl took ahold of Mr. B's hand and that little girl was the lifesaver he needed. I believe God placed her there and placed upon her heart to grab his hand and become his lifesaver. He embraced her whole family as they all became very special to him and Arlene. Mr. B. fought hard and long and when the time came for him to rest he quietly slipped away with Arlene and Linda by his side. I already miss his humor, his laugh, his lining 12 cans in a row at the Food Pantry, his hugs, and I miss our morning messages to one another. Rest easy Mr. B. you fought the good fight and have earned your reward, fly high.

Blessings my friends, Judy



United Women in Faith

Are you taking advantage of all that United Women in Faith offer?

***Sari and I drove to Mission Night at Bangor Simpson UMC Wednesday. At this District event the women shared their mission of 'sewing sisters' from a start making Covid masks, to vet quilts, to blankets for couch surfers, to cot sheets, to mission challenge boy's outfits and much more. (Check out the pictures on Facebook Greater Southwest District UWF) What a community outreach!

***There was an online/zoom book discussion lead by our Conference 'Book Lady' Thursday evening -- The Sum of US: What Racism Costs Everyone by Heather McGhee wasn't the easiest book to read, but what an eye opener. (Now available in our church library.) Both Sari and I joined the discussion and learned a lot. What books from the reading list have you read?

***In July is Mission u—a 2 day Bible retreat/gathering for womenand children/grandchildren. It will be held at the Mt. Pleasant UMC in Mt. Pleasant. This study will be offered throughout the USA produced by the national UWF. I have gone every year for many, many years. More information is on the UWF bulletin board.

United Women in Faith shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom 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.



Thank you for all your help with Norm's celebration of life.
We appreciate you all.
God Bless,
Margaret, Neil, & Beth Pierson

AD BOARD REPORTS

June 20, 2024

Scouting- Amy Brink and Joan Rininger

Girl Scout Troop 80500 ended the regular meeting season with a Court of Awards Ceremony on June 2nd where one girl bridged to Adults. The troop will be heading to Mackinac Island in July.

Troop 91/191 is once again proud of a new Eagle Scout, Brodie Morton. This is our second Eagle in 2024 and there are two more scouts nearing the final project requirement – each only has a couple more badges to earn. There are now 22 scouts, two Scout Masters, and several certified adult leaders/chaperones. Two summer camps are scheduled; a trip to Dollywood for Troop 191; future fund raisers are meat stick sales and Pizza Hut nights. The excitement and plans for the trip to the national 2025 session in Switzerland is growing by leaps and bounds! First payments are due by June 29 – all in Swiss franc!!!

Membership-Joan Rininger & Judy Jennings

The AUMC membership is now 170 (death of Andy Branham) and the constituent list remains at 55.

UMW-Cindy Thiele

- *There have been 3 funeral receptions- June, Norm, and Andy. Thanks to Sandy Oetman and Elizabeth Closson as the bereavement team.
- * I'm working on recruiting a team to cover custodial duties.
- * I attended the North Central Jurisdiction conference in Indianapolis enjoying workshops, worship, and networking. I will be attending Mission Evening in Bangor June 19th. Also, I will be attending Mission u in Mt. Pleasant July 18-20.

SPRC-Kevin DeLaet

We met, minutes were kept. We will meet again on June 25 at 5 PM.

JULY MISSIONS PROJECT OF THE MONTH & COMMUNION DONATION REQUEST:



MICHIGAN AFTER THE STORM

This nonprofit organization launched by the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church in 2022. It provides Disaster Case Management which is a client-centered approach to assisting survivors of natural disaster achieve their long-term recovery goals.

Donations will help communities like Portage impacted by recent tornadoes that have devastated this area & our state.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Hands of Grace Food Pantry

JULY Newsletter

Donations:

April: Village Market: 36 bread, 25 rolls & buns, 121 bakery, 12 vegetables, 4 soup, 2 fruit, 2 cereal, 10 chips, 5 rice cakes, 1 oatmeal, 2 mac & cheese, 7 granola bars, 5 coffee creamers, 3 taco shells, 5 24 qt liquid creamer, 14 boxes of Keurig coffee, 4 bags ground coffee; **May: Donations:** 36 green beans, 1 corn, 2 gravy, 1 coconut hummus, 1 green chilies, 1 tuna packet, 1 Ketola snack, 1 can Jalapeno, 2 Velveeta skillet dinners, 1 pasta, **Cereal: 38**, 8 mac & cheese, 1 rice, 20 jelly, 8 beans, **Postal Worker Food Drive:** 725 lbs. of food, totaling 615 food items; **Village Market:** 175 bakery, 133 bread, 37 buns & rolls, 7 taco shells, 35 pies, 4 banana & Boston crème pies, 2 bagel, 17 black eye peas, 65 frozen bacon, 1 wrap, 11 Maxwell House Iced Latte, 11 Mexican Velveeta; **June: Donations:** 9 Light & Fit drinks, 56 pasta sauce, 10 pkgs spaghetti, 1 Zatarains red beans & rice, 4 green beans, 1 pkg cookies, 2 bars soap, 1 can of snack cheese, 1 ready rice, 1 tortilla chips; **Village Market:** 46 buns & rolls, 74 bread, 85 bakery, 9 frozen potatoes, 1 meatballs, 2 corn, 12 pizzas, 18 bacon, 2 garlic bread, 1 chip, 31 taco & tortilla shells, 5 bologna, 16 freezer items **Watson's:** 36 tubes of toothpaste; **Episcopal Church:** 3 nonfat dry milk, 13 pkgs cookies, 3 #10 cans, 3 cans vegetables, 1 26oz chilies, 1 juice, 2 bags individual syrup, 1 bag mustard, 10 pkgs tortilla wraps

NOTE: WE ARE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO RECEIVE AN ABUNDANCE OF FRESH, FROZEN and CANNED FOOD/SUPPLIES EVERY WEEK/MONTHLY FROM THE FOLLOWING PLACES:

BI-WEEKLY – VILLAGE MARKET

WEEKLY - FIRST CONGREGATIONAL WAREHOUSE IN ALLEGAN

MONTHLY – HUNGRY FOR CHRIST IN HAMILTON

JULY donation needed:

In high demand- SALTINE CRACKERS-



Food Pantry Freezers: The basement freezers were icing up again. Salesperson was called and the freezers have been now fixed.

Kids Cereal for Summer: We do not have much cereal to hand out, so kids only receive 1 box per child. We may receive other cereal from Allegan County Community Foundation at a later date.

Allegan County Community Foundation: The grant submitted to ACCF was denied. Our grant writer is checking why it was denied.

Church and Parsonage Expenses-May

Income \$12,769.67

102	Safe Harbor (Aprils POM)	\$	198.00
165	Ministry Shares (March/April)	\$	50.00
300	Michigan Conference "Benefits"	\$	661.24
502	Michigan Conference "Health"	\$	1,778.00
602	City of Allegan	\$	55.03
602	Charter Communications	\$	185.72
602	Michigan Gas	\$	136.66
602	Consumers Energy	\$	485.10
602	Republic Services	\$	218.36
606	Andy's Ace Hardware (church maintenance)	\$	62.33
702	Smart Business Source(Janitor supplies &sticky notes)	\$	109.52
705	Allegan County News (advertise Garage Sale)	\$	240.00
705	Michigan Annual Conference (offering)	\$	300.00
709	Printer Machine Maintenance (Konica Minolta)	\$	230.00
	WAGES	\$	8,830.41
	TOTAL CHURCH EXPENSES FOR MAY	\$	13,540.37

PARSONAGE EXPENSES

603	Consumer Energy	\$	52.70
603	Spectrum (Phone, Internet)	\$	104.98
603	Michigan Gas	\$	62.26
	TOTAL PARSONAGE EXPENSES FOR MAY	\$	219.94
	TOTAL (NON-AUDITED)	\$	13,760.31



This year's "Change Jar" donations will go toward our Church Trustees budget to help with the upkeep of our Sanctuary and property.

For the month of May we collected \$50.00.

We will continue with the "Change Jars" through out this year.

Thank you.

THE AG/BAKE TABLE IS BACK

Calling all bakers, gardeners, and fishermen, we NEED you.
Get your recipes out. Gardening gloves ready and fish bait bought.

Please bring your goodies to the Ag/Bake Table

by 9:15am on Sunday mornings.

**ATTENTION
PLEASE!**



Church Family Stop by the Ag/Bake table in the
FH after Sunday worship to see what goodies we have.





WORSHIP SERVERS FOR THIS MONTH

	7/7	7/14	7/21	7/28
Pianist	Wende Coffindaffer	Ellen Bierlein	Sari Hammon	Ireland Armintrout
Liturgist	Daryl Waggoner	Ellen Bierlein	Elizabeth Closson	Patricia Huth
Ushers	Corlee Harris Linda Flynn	Lori Austin Daryl Waggoner	Kevin DeLaet Joan Rininger	Kevin DeLaet Chris Jurkas
Special Music	Jerry Masek	Piper Raab	TBA	TBA
Camera	Sarah Austin	Rod Rambadt	DeLaet	DeLaet
Sound Tech	Tim Borgman	Tim Borgman	Jon Brink	Jon DeLaet
Media	TBA	Samantha McPharlin	DeLaet	Samantha McPharlin



🎵 **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, and 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



July and into August our Media/Sound Lead will be out on maternity leave. Please bear with us as our Media Team does their best to provide you with worship online and in person.



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



Our Volunteer Spotlight shines on Corlee Harris. Corlee serves on the Finance Committee and is the Co-Chair Treasurer with Scott Dangremond. She can often be found in the church basement on Monday mornings counting and recording the gifts that have been given to the church. Corlee can always be seen working the check-out table at our various fund raisers as she is always a willing helper. She does the Hands of Grace volunteer calendar even when she is in Arizona for the winter! She is also an intake person for the Food Pantry. Her smiling face can often be seen ushering on Sunday mornings. Corlee is a blessing in our midst. Be sure to thank her for all she does for our church.



SOMEWHERE IN TIME BAND (20's, 30's, 40's...the golden age of music!)
Allegan-Good times at the Gazebo
Saturday July 6, 2024 7:00pm
Mahan Park on Brady Street
Bring your lawn chairs and friends.



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Mission u in Mt. Pleasant July 18-20

Please speak with Cindy Thiele if interested in attending.
July 10th is the last day of registration.
There is a UWF Scholarship available as well.



JULY 21st United Methodist Church Day at the Ballpark
Gates open: 12:35pm
First Pitch: 1:35pm
KALAMAZOO-GROWLERS.NWLTICKETS.COM
Promo Code: UMC24
\$14 per ticket
Questions call Tyler Notman 269-492-7965



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 September 8th.



Coffee & Fellowship time is offered the 1st Sunday of each month.

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

UPCOMING



Invite a friend to church and stay afterwards for food and fellowship.

Sunday August 4th, is Friendship Sunday.

We'll be hosting a potluck BRUNCH that will follow right after worship service.
No signup sheet, just come and enjoy and bring your favorite Potluck dish if you'd like.