

Allegan United Methodist Church - *AUGUST*



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 Wrobleski.

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.



1-Jolene Cornell
 3-Jacob Sturman
 4-Jill LeMaire
 6-Kristy Milbocker
 8-Mackenzie Sturman
 Morgan Sturman
 9-Merle Dalrymple
 10-Patty Anderson
 11-Clyde DeLaet
 Lori Dickinson
 14-Thomas DeBruyne
 17-Fred Watstein
 18-Ben Anderson

19-Jan Edgerton
 Janice Tuffelmire
 Ruby Moore
 20-Tyler Brink
 Tom Tuffelmire
 21-Barb Brewster
 28-Lisa Sebright
 30-Jim Coffindaffer

10-Terry & Nancy Brink
 11-David & Sandy Oetman
 13-Lane & Mindy Sturman
 16-Hanford & Eilene Brink
 23-Don & Barb Sanborn
 24-Tom & Lori Giles
 Rod & Karen Rambadt



There is a song called "Love Grows Here" that describes our church to a T. The song says "Take a look around you, tell me what you see. People here to worship the Lord, just like you and me. Some have come in gladness, some have come in fear. But all have come because they know that loves grows here!"

Many of us have experienced that love that surrounds us and felt its overwhelming embrace at different times in our lives. We have felt that embrace as we walk through this new chapter in our lives. Our church family has reached out in so many ways and offered help through our ever-changing daily life. Warm brownies were delivered, a loaf of Willard's favorite bread dropped off, yummy cookies showed up, treats from the Ad/Bake table came, cake and potato salad were shared so you can see we are blessed. Notes, phone calls, hugs, and kind words sustain us. All of us have times during our lives that attempt to rock our faith but we know we must build our faith on the solid rock which is Jesus. He never leaves us helpless as he sends others to hold us up on down days. Losing our granddaughter Jordan, 5 months ago, nearly rocked our faith but again our church surrounded us and held us up. I know Arlene feels that love and support since Andy's death as she too has been surrounded with love from our church family. The song continues with "some of us are lonely some have many friends, some lives just beginning some are near the end. Yet we come together, knowing He is near. Once again, reminding us that love grows here. Yes, love grows here and all of us can share the wonder and joy that it can bring. For God is near, teaching us to care and showing our hearts how to sing. Yes love grows here, yes love grows here." Yes love grows at Allegan United Methodist Church and my prayer is you feel that love and you give that love to everyone who walks through our doors as that is what Jesus did as He showed love to everyone He came in contact with. When you encounter someone new, think What Would Jesus Do and do it.

Blessings my friends, Judy



United Women in Faith

Mission u was another great retreat. Check out the pictures on Facebook Greater Southwest United Women in Faith.

The study was on parenting and the home/church. Accepting each other where we are. Some memorable lines—Use immigrant in place of foreigner in bible text. A person may worship through serving, other than Sunday morning in a pew. Be ready... to be an 'Open Church'. Use different preaching styles because people listen differently.

The sharing of ideas, suggestions, stories, books and friendships are a big part of Mission u. I've been attending for about 20 years. There were two women who have attended over 50 years!

Put September 28 Saturday on your calendar to go to the District UWF celebration at Washington Heights in Battle Creek. A road trip!



Greater Southwest District

Michigan Conference

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Church Charge Conference is set for 2 different days.

SPRC will be held on Saturday August 24th at 10am.

Our Church Charge Conference is Sunday August 25th.

(A time has yet to be set).

More information is to come.

AD BOARD REPORTS

July 18, 2024

Scouting- Amy Brink and Joan Rininger

Troop 91/191 is in full "summer" mode with campouts, swimming opportunities for earning Merit Badges, a trip to Dollywood, fund raiser projects, and regular meetings held at outdoor locations. There are two scouts getting closer to being able to begin the process for Eagle Scout Rank. And yes, the troops are still excited about the 2025 Switzerland trip even though it means a lot more work on fund raisers!

Girl Scout Troop 80500 enjoyed their latest trip to Mackinaw City, St. Ignace, and Mackinac Island. The girls are planning a few smaller activities for this summer, including horseback riding and a zoo trip.

Membership-Joan Rininger & Judy Jennings

Total membership as of July 15 is 170. The constituent list is at 54 (two removed [moved to Florida permanently] and one new regular attendee has been added).

Missions-Chris Jurkas

August Missions Project of the Month and Communion Donation Request: Gateway Missions

Food Pantry-Rod Rambadt & Chris Jurkas

Financial: We currently have \$2,421.25 in our account.

Sarah Austin is in the process of submitting a grant to Perrigo Charitable Foundation for food and dinners (high protein items).

New Desk: We are in the process of ordering a new desk.

Hands of Grace Food Pantry AUGUST Newsletter Update

Donations:

June: Donations: 36 tubes of toothpaste, 4 pasta sauce; **Village Market:** 13 bread, 9 rolls & buns, 28 bakery; **July:**

Donations: 9 boxes saltine crackers, 1 large bag chips, 4 small chip bags, 1 Almond Flour, 3 mashed potatoes, 1 shrimp scampi skillet, 1 fish seasoning mix, 4 pasta sauce, 2 cans cranberry sauce, 1 cornbread crackers, 19 mac & cheese, 1 strawberry preserves, 1 instant coffee, 1 pkg tea, 2 diced jalapenos, 1 green chilies, 1 salsa casera, 2 herring fillets, 1 sardines, 2 gravy/beef stew mix, 16 shampoos, 5 green beans, 5 spaghetti, 4 corn, 2 pork & beans, 1 pear, 4 pop tarts;

Village Market: 69 bakery, 80 bread, 107 buns & rolls, 24 hot dogs, 6 taco shells.

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

AUGUST donation need is:

PORK & BEANS



AUGUST MISSIONS PROJECT OF THE MONTH & COMMUNION

DONATION REQUEST:



GATEWAY MISSION

Impacting Our Homeless & Hurting Neighbors

No one imagines they could end up homeless or living on the streets, but it can happen to anyone. A health scare, lost job, domestic abuse, addiction, rising living costs ...these can all be visible causes of homelessness. Without the right tools and worldview, a life crisis can be much worse than a difficult season; it can leave a person in desperate need.

For over **120 years**, Gateway Mission has served our community most vulnerable neighbors by meeting their immediate needs and providing hope and tools to transform their lives. Such as: **Shelter Programs:** They provide a Men's Center and Women & Children Center to meet urgent needs and provide Long-term assistance.

Gateway Forge Program: Assists guests with drug and alcohol abuse, past criminal history or continued occupational and housing barriers. This is a 40-week program.

Gateway Store: The Gateway Store provides opportunities for their program students to work alongside staff and volunteers to sort, process and stage goods for customers to purchase.

Gateway Spoon (Good Food for a Good Cause): Gateway Spoon Café and Grill opened in early October 2023. Gateway graduates learn culinary arts from professionals. Graduates earn chef credentials and achieve certifications. The menu provides healthy wholesome meals with certain items coming from local farmers.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

JULY SCHOOL SUPPLY MISSION UPDATE

Items Collected as of 7-19-24:

- 29 Spiral notebooks
- 7 Facial tissue
- 44 Highlighters
- 45 Markers
- 8 Dry erase markers
- 8 Scissors
- 16 Pkgs crayons
- 49 Glue sticks
- 8 Hand sanitizers

Church and Parsonage Expenses-June

Income \$17,562.89

102	Heifer International (May POM)	\$	202.00
300	Michigan Conference "Benefits"	\$	661.24
502	Michigan Conference "Health"	\$	1,778.00
602	City of Allegan	\$	53.82
602	Charter Communications	\$	275.70
602	Michigan Gas	\$	45.77
602	Consumers Energy	\$	616.99
602	Republic Services	\$	217.55
606	True Value Hardware (church maintenance)	\$	30.96
702	Smart Business Source(toilet paper, bathroom hand towels, trash liners)	\$	230.46
702	Smart Business Source (copy paper)	\$	79.50
705	Allegan County News (advertise May Garage Sale)	\$	80.00
705	Mark Bolyen (Reimbursement Annual Conference)	\$	921.02
709	Printer Machine Maintenance (Konica Minolta)	\$	230.00
903	Upper Room Devotionals	\$	88.41
	WAGES	\$	7,901.36
	TOTAL CHURCH EXPENSES FOR JUNE	\$	13,412.78

PARSONAGE EXPENSES

603	Consumer Energy	\$	112.83
603	Spectrum (Phone, Internet)	\$	104.98
603	Michigan Gas	\$	19.44
	TOTAL PARSONAGE EXPENSES FOR JUNE	\$	237.25
	TOTAL (NON-AUDITED)	\$	13,650.03



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 JUNE we collected \$48.50.

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

Thank you.



Please check your church boxes, which are located outside the Fellowship Hall, for your 6 month Stewardship giving statements and other items that may be in your box.

Thank you.

WORSHIP SERVERS FOR THIS MONTH

	8/4	8/11	8/18	8/25
Pianist	Wende Coffindaffer	Ellen Bierlein	Patty Anderson	Lisa Campeau
Liturgist	Ellen Bierlein	Daryl Waggoner	Elizabeth Closson	Tim Dickinson
Ushers	Corlee Harris & Joan Rininger	DeLaets	Don & Barb Sanborn	Chris Jurkas Chris Thomas
Music	Jim & Wende Coffindaffer	TBA	TBA	TBA
Camera	Sarah Austin	Rod Rambadt	DeLaet	Sarah Austin
Sound Tech	Jon Brink	Tim Borgman	Jon Brink	Tim Borgman
Media	Samantha McPharlin	DeLaet	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, 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



Car rides needed for Sunday worship for Jeff and Barb

Please the sign-up sheet on the Easel in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you!



The Volunteer Spotlight shines on Sandy Oetman. Sandy and her husband, David, slip into the church every Monday morning and stock the Food Pantry shelves. They look over the shelves, check the stock in the pantry closet and decide what needs to be brought up from the basement. A list is kept so that they have an inventory of what the pantry has and what it needs. Several trips may have to be made to the basement to ready the shelves for the coming week. When they are done they set up the computer so everything is ready for the Tuesday workers. Sandy served as Trustee Chair and did an amazing job. She attends Sunday School and Bible Study and shares her Bible knowledge. She and Elizabeth Closson are our funeral luncheon planners and she helps on the many fundraisers and is truly an asset wherever she serves. Sandy Oetman, a blessing in our midst, be sure to thank her when you see her.



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.

There will be no sign up sheet just come and enjoy and bring your favorite potluck dish if you'd like

Women's Circles



Sarah Circle will gather **Thursday August 15, 1:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall for a potluck. Please bring a food item to share and a short devotion, as tableware and beverage will be provided. All women of the church are invited to attend and members are asked to invite someone new. Sarah Circle has been in existence for 50 years or more and continues to be a service group within our church. Our current mission is The Wings Home as we give them Village Market gift cards so they can purchase items needed to service the many families whom they care for. We serve and donate to funeral luncheons and help with many projects within the church. Many of us have been a part of Sarah Circle for many years as we were a support group when we were young mothers, helped each other through the teen years, and have been a life-line for one

another during tough times in our lives. Looking for a way to be connected to the church? Sarah Circle is an opportunity to get to know some of better and foster friendships that can last for a lifetime.

Get
Connected



Come and sing with us!

Choir is for ages Junior High and up **STARTS BACK UP AUGUST 28TH**.

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 Savoir through song.

Director Daryl Waggoner: 616-238-7955



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 helpers with putting bulk foods into smaller proportions.



Highway clean up Leadership

Denny VanOrder is stepping away from leadership starting in September of overseeing the Highway clean up.

If you are interest please contact him at 269-673-3262.



***Needed:** We are looking for 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 1st Sunday of each month.

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

Worship



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



Dinner with Sinners (that means us 😊) is a fellowship opportunity that will meet monthly.

We will dine together and share our life thoughts and experiences which will be prompted by premade questions.

Thursday, September 5th at 6:00pm.

The 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 have an approximate headcount for our 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.



Rally Sunday September 8th.

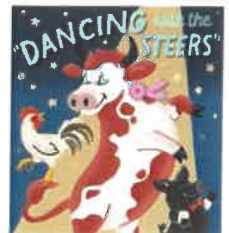
More information to come.



ALLEGAN COUNTRY FAIR PARADE

Monday September 9th 6:30pm.

More information to come.



A great way to meet new people is through our Hand Bell Choir, which will start back up in September. The Bell Choir is for ages Junior High and up.

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

We'd LOVE to have you joy us.

Please contact Director Ireland Armintrout: 269-941-3114.