



## *Allegan United Methodist Church -September*



### **HEALTH CONCERNS:**

Willard Jennings, Emberly DeBruyne, Jim Elmore, 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.**



### **September Birthdays**

2-Amy Brink  
5-Aaron Salisbury  
6-Eliza DeLaet  
9-Claudia Watson  
12-Samantha Fontanez  
Brendan Campeau  
14-Jerry Masek  
Heather Hitchcock  
15-Patrick Ramaker  
20-Ellen Bierlein  
26-Brian Salisbury  
27-Handford Brink  
Brianna Kersting



### **September Anniversaries**

2-Tom & Karen Voigts  
9-George & Emmie Babcock  
13-John & Claudia Watson  
19-Jon & Joyce Brink  
21-Doug & Amy Brink  
25-Dennis & Leah Van Order  
27-Dave & Heather Hitchcock  
Dave & Cathy Founé  
30-Brian & Ami Salisbury



As we approach the end of summer I think about all the things we didn't get to do this year. Normally we get Up North for an overnight, take a day trip to Shipshewana, or visit the towns along the lakeshore. This year has been different from any we have shared in our 61 years of marriage. Yes, it's been different and sometimes difficult but the great part about it is we experienced it together like we have so many other things in our lives. There are days we laugh about the silly things that happen, like finding the ice cream scoop in the tool drawer! Some days we cry for the loss of independence or the frustration of not being able to do what we once did. Being the caregiver is a new role for me and some days I do it really well but other days I fail as caregivers do get weary. I know many in our church

family have had way more experience in caregiving than I have and I so appreciate their sharing what works and what doesn't work. They are the ones who I turn to when I feel overwhelmed as they truly understand this new chapter in our lives. Thanks to all who call to check up on us, those who ask how we are doing, and especially those who say we miss you as it truly warms our hearts. In 1 Corinthians it talks about how God won't give you more than you can handle, I have to admit I have questioned Him on how much He thinks I can handle. The song "Through it All" says I've had many tears and sorrow; I've had questions for tomorrow. There were times I didn't know right from wrong. But in every situation, God gave me blessed consolation that my trials come to only make me strong. Through it all, through it all I've learned to trust in Jesus, I learned to trust in God. Through it all, through it all I've learned to depend upon His Word. My friends, whatever journey you are on, whatever chapter in your life you are experiencing, please know you do not walk this alone for God and many caring folks walk beside you and hold your hand.

Blessings my friends, Judy



United  
Women  
in Faith

Each UWF Unit makes a pledge to missions. This supports all the sites in the United States and other countries around the world that minister to women, children, and youth. One example is Community House in Grand Rapids. There is always an article in the *Response Magazine* featuring some site we support. Our mission pledge for 2024 is \$1500.

That brings up one of our money-making projects---Bazaar. Do we

have the support/women power to have the event Saturday December 7?

Funeral luncheon responsibilities have changed. Like everything else. Simpler. Please consider co-chairing with Elizabeth Closson.

The *District UWF Annual Celebration* gathering will be held in Battle Creek at the Washington Heights church Saturday September 28. Pastor Monque French will speak on how their church is helping create affordable housing in their neighborhood. I will be attending. You can ride with me! (See more 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.*

# AD BOARD REPORTS

August 22, 2024

## Scouting- Amy Brink and Joan Rininger

Troop 91/191 has had a busy summer with campouts, summer camps, and fund raisers. There was a large turn-out of scouts, cubs, and family members at the July 21 Court of Honor held at the Sports Center. Over 50 merit badges were awarded!

## Membership-Joan Ringer and Judy Jennings

168 members (down two due to a non-documented transfer from 2008); 54 constituents

## SPRC-Kevin DeLaet

We met, kept confidential minutes.

## Missions-Chris Jurkas

Allegan County Community Foundation is our September Mission

## Food Pantry-Rod Rambadt & Chris Jurkas

Financial: We currently have \$2,126.66 in our account.

Quarterly Food Pantry Meeting (ACFPC): Meeting was held July 30<sup>th</sup> at Blessed Sacrament Church at 12:00 pm.

### **Synopsis of meeting:**

- **Non-Profit Picnic on: Date: Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> –I attended.**
- **Soup-tober Drive: October 1st-31<sup>st</sup>.**
- **Cereal Drive: Additional cereal has been ordered, however, will not be here until August 16<sup>th</sup>—many suggested a different process.**
- **Standard Operating Procedures: Every pantry should have a binder that includes: Clear title, table of contents, safety rules, Instructions on how to perform tasks, scope: who or what the procedure applies to, roles & responsibilities of each person involved. Contact information. Job descriptions will be included. We will add our COVID-19 procedure, photo release form, indemnity form. I have a copy of the Fire Evacuation and Tornado procedure. Still working on our binder.**
- **Pig to Plate: We have received large amounts of pork from a farm that donated to the Collaborative.**
- **April 29, 2025, our pantry/church will host the Allegan County Food Pantry Collaborative Luncheon/Meeting.**
- **Back to School Supplies will be distributed August 16<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm by Cheever Treatment Center. This is part of the Allegan County Youth Home**

**Desk:** We have ordered a desk from School Specialty at a cost of \$700.46, plus shipping.

## Church and Parsonage Expenses-July

**Income \$12,170.22**

102	Immanuel Lutheran Backpack Supplies (Junes POM)	\$	228.00
108	Julia Humenik (reimbursement Discretionary fund)	\$	150.00
119	Blom Memorial	\$	250.00
165	Ministry Shares (May/June)	\$	40.00
300	Michigan Conference "Benefits"	\$	661.24
502	Michigan Conference "Health"	\$	1,778.00
601	Bartz Rumery Agency	\$	2,317.50
602	City of Allegan	\$	189.12
602	Charter Communications	\$	275.97
602	Michigan Gas	\$	48.74
602	Consumers Energy	\$	920.48
602	Republic Services	\$	265.61
606	Andy's Ace Hardware	\$	18.99
606	Allegan True Value Hardware	\$	48.95
702	A-Tech Complete Computer Service ( Church Office monitor)	\$	125.69
703	US Postmaster (stamps)	\$	73.00
705	Cokesbury (Offering envelopes 2025)	\$	394.48
709	Printer Machine Maintenance (Konica Minolta)	\$	230.00
807	Peck Music (Chancel Choir)	\$	62.95
902	Mark Bolyen (Lay Speaker July 14)	\$	100.00
	WAGES	\$	7,029.63
	<b>TOTAL CHURCH EXPENSES FOR JULY</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>15,208.26</b>

### PARSONAGE EXPENSES

603	Consumer Energy	\$	204.57
603	Spectrum (Phone, Internet)	\$	111.98
603	Michigan Gas	\$	16.92
	<b>TOTAL PARSONAGE EXPENSES FOR JULY</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>333.47</b>
	<b>TOTAL (NON-AUDITED)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>15,541.73</b>



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 JULY we collected \$52.00.

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

Thank you.

## SEPTEMBER 2024 MISSIONS PROJECT OF THE MONTH & COMMUNION DONATION REQUEST:

### ALLEGAN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION Dolly Parton Imagination Library



**Dolly Parton Imagination Library (DPIL)** sends one book per month to a child aged 0-5. In Allegan County the Foundation are the DPIL Affiliate. They (ACCF) took this over in October 2023 a United Way had decided to stop supporting the program. ACCF saw the value in supporting early literacy in a county that has a high percentage of adults that have not completed high school/GED and how that correlate to generational poverty. It costs \$2.80/month per child or \$33.60/year or \$168 to sponsor a child for the full five

years. **You can see how even a small church can have an impact!**

When the child enters the program they get a welcome book, then every month they receive a new book. There is a panel of educators on the DPIL Board that selects the books. When they are ready to "graduate" on their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday, they receive another special book. In total, a child will receive up to 60 books. They are mailed directly to the child each month – which is a double delight – a new book AND mail! Their parents also receive a quarterly email from our partners at Allegan Area ESA about how to support early literacy at home.

It is a great program, and we are happy that it did not go away in Allegan County!

**FYI--**The foundation supports a lot of organizations – 18 food pantries, 1 food club and nearly 40 other organizations this year – in addition to over 100 students that are receiving scholarships from them.

**HELP--**The Foundation is also looking for volunteers to help build shelves in their basement. The lumber will be supplied.

### SCHOOL SUPPLY UPDATE from Junes Project of the Month

#### TOTAL COUNT OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES SUBMITTED TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

31	Spiral notebooks
8	Facial tissues
47	Highlighters
48	Pkg of markers
8	Dry erase markers
11	Scissors
18	Pkgs crayons
50	Glue sticks
9	Hand sanitizers
1	Pkg of Post-It
25	Backpacks
1	Wipes
3	Pads of paper
5	Pkgs colored pencils
?	Numerous amounts of No. 2 pencils

We received \$228.00 in cash donations-a check was mailed to the Immanuel Lutheran Church

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

# Hands of Grace Food Pantry

## AUGUST Newsletter Update

### Donations:

**July: Donations;** 9 saltines, 1 cake mix, 1 can pumpkin, 1 black beans, 1 peanut butter, 1 can beets, 3 spaghetti sauce; **Village Market:** 45 sweets, 31 buns & rolls, 38 bread, 2 16 packs of hot dogs, 5 mashed cauliflower, 12 glazed apples, 4 taco shells; **August: Donations:** 4 pkgs saltine crackers, 5 cream of wheat, 50 pork & beans, 16 cereal, 1 bag lentils, 18 mac & cheese, 3 pasta, 1 pkg northern beans, 1 fish breading, 1 olive oil, 6 potatoes, 1 chicken broth, 11 shampoos, 2 bread & butter pickles, 3 popcorn, 3 soup, 1 fruit, 1 rice, 1 cake mix, hamburger helper, 2 cans tomatoes, 1 can peaches, 3 tomato soup, 1 bag split peas, 2 pkts hot cocoa mix, 1 quick oats, 1 stuffing 1 cheese sauce mix, 1 instant mashed potatoes, 1 vinaigrette dressing, 1 bag marina sauce, #10 cans of pears, white queso sauce, 1 pickle spears, 12 dish soap; **Village Market:** 54 bread, 64 sweets, 72 buns, 3 bagels & rolls

**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**

**SEPTEMBER donation request is:**

**CANNED CORN**



# September

## WORSHIP SERVERS FOR THIS MONTH

	9/1	9/8	9/15	9/22	9/29
Pianist	Wende Coffindaffer	Sari Hammon	Ireland Armintrout	Ellen Bierlein	Patty Anderson
Liturgist	Bill Austin	Sari Hammon	Patty Anderson	Kathie Arnie	Sari Hammon
Ushers	Corlee Harris Joan Rininger	Lisa & Brendan Campeau	Tim Borgman Tita Balgoyen	Lori Austin Daryl Waggoner	Chris Jurkas Chris Thomas
Music	Daryl Waggoner	Daryl Waggoner	Choir	TBA	TBA
Camera	Sarah Austin	Rod Rambadt	DeLaet	Sarah Austin	Rod Rambadt
Sound Tech	Tim Borgman	Jon Brink	Amanda Blom	Jon DeLaet	Jon Brink
Media	Samantha McPharlin	DeLaet	Samantha McPharlin	Amanda Blom	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](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)



### **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 Sue Thiel. For years Sue has taken meals to shut-ins, was part of the Bereavement Committee, and anytime food was involved, at the church, she had a hand in it. She planned, cooked, and served the Retired Teachers, of which she was part of, yummy meals with choices of 3 desserts! Even though she has had to cut back, due to health issues, she continues to make brownies for the Wings of Hope office gals weekly and they are delivered by her trusty driver Tina. For many years she scheduled the pianists for Sunday Mornings and she was one of them. We miss her firm fingers on the keys as she made the piano bounce! Sue Thiel a long-time blessing in our midst, be sure to thank her for all she has done and continues to do



The Girls Scouts will NO LONGER be collecting recycled soda cans.  
The recycle bin in the FH is NO LONGER there.



**Dinner with Sinners (that means us 😊)**

is a fellowship opportunity that meets monthly.

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

**Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Starting of the Sunday School Year**

**Rally Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>**

For ages preschool to Adults.

**FREE Lunch** following worship

Come and enjoy Food and Fellowship.

All that is needed is YOU! 😊



**ALLEGAN COUNTY FAIR PARADE  
SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30pm**



**Troop 91/191 is having a garage sale on September 28 & 29 at CCOM - corner of Monroe Road & M-40.  
Also, if anyone has donations please contact Joan Rininger.**





Sunday School for all ages **STARTS SUNDAY September 15th at 10:45am.**  
Adults meet in Fellowship Hall and Youth are downstairs.  
All are welcomed.

## Women's Bible Study



### STARTING BACK UP

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

**When: Monday September 16th**

Time- 6:30pm

Where: Church Fellowship Hall

Questions call Daryl Waggoner 616-238-7955



**Sarah Circle:** 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.



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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



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

**The Bell Choir is for ages Junior High and up.**

**We practice on Sundays 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.

# come serve with us

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.

**Way's 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.



Worship

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



**\*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.



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.

**FREINDSHIP SUNDAY- 43 attended the Friendship Sunday Brunch Potluck on August 4th.**



This is a part of the Body of Christ!

After worship, find others that might have other parts of the body and sit with them at the potluck! Make a new friend!

You can assemble your parts together at your table, and the table with the most-complete body wins a prize!



## UPCOMING



**Blessing of the Animals Service**, in partnership with Good Shepherd Episcopal Church.

**WHEN:** Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup>

**WHERE:** the Courtyard of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

**TIME:** 1:00 pm.