



## *Allegran United Methodist Church -October*



### **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.



**2-Anita Sponseller**

**Kyrel Hall**

**3-Kevin DeLaet**

**4-Lois Giles**

**Tim Dickinson**

**7-Joy Masek**

**8-Jaime Spreitzer**

**Wende Coffindaffer**

**10-Ashley Wheeler**

**13-Matt Creech**

**14-Nathan Weaver**

**Jo Tibbitts**

**15-Al LeMaire**

**16-Naomi DeLaet**

**18-Katie Anderson**

**26-John DeLaet**

**27-Ryan Brink**

**30-Nathan Parrish**

**31-Yvonne Reimink**



**5-Jerry & Joy Masek**

**21-Jim & Vicki Sebright**

**Bob & Sheryl Parrish**

**24-Scott & Connie Dangremond**

**Jim & Deb Jennings**



In a little over four weeks we will head to the polls and cast our vote for whoever will become the new leader of our country. It has been a long hard struggle for those who are running for the highest office in The United States of America. For some reason this campaign season has been a very long one filled with name calling, discrimination, hatred, and oh so much more. How did we ever get to this place where we can't treat each other decent? Why can't we treat each other with respect? One of the candidates will

become President of the United States of America and the promises they made during the campaign should be carried out, but will they? I am so over the phone calls, mailings, text messages, and television commercials as I wonder how the TV will fill in all that time that the commercials took up! I am an election inspector and I take classes before the election to make sure I understand any new changes in the way we process the votes as often there is an update that we need to be made aware of. I do not take my election inspector position lightly as it is a very important and each time we have an election we take an oath that we will uphold the laws of the constitution, of the United States and the laws of this state to the best of our ability. And we do! Every hour we make sure the voting machine counter and the poll book match. If something happened like an over-voted ballot, a ballot jammed in the machine, or someone ruined their ballot we write it down so at the end of the day, if our count is off, we can look back and remind ourselves what happened. If a jam appears in the machine, or any incident happens, a poll worker from each political party is represented to straighten it out. Absentee ballots are voted by a representative from each party so you can see we are very honest about each and every vote as we know how important they are. In Deuteronomy 1:13 it says "Choose some wise, understanding, and respected men from each of your tribes, and I will set them over you." Even way back when this was written, God wanted us to do our homework and select the right person to represent us and lead our country. Folks listen, read, and do your research before you step into that voting booth to cast your ballot as it is Biblical that we do so. Yes there is separation of church and politics but the bottom line is we need to pray that we make the right decision for the betterment of our country. God bless the USA us

Blessings my friends, Judy



After 12 wonderful years, Girl Scout Troop 80500 will be coming to an end. The troop will disband at the end of the month.

The troop has built many good memories together through campouts, parades, community service projects, badges, awards, and other grand adventures.

The girls had their final adventures with a Glow-in-the-Dark horseback ride and a trip to Mackinac Island.

The Birthday Bag Project will continue until the funds gathered for this have been diminished.

We would like to thank the church for being our sponsor and supporting the troop over the past several years.

-Amy Brink



We'd like to say thank you to everyone for your help with the new sanctuary Roof.

Whether it was through prayer, monetary donations, or the giving of your own time helping with fundraising, we thank you!

We are pleased with Priority Roofing for the work they have done and for the professionalism of their work. The Total Cost of the New roof was \$52,637.

During the Roof Project it was also discovered other areas of concern

- Masonry work on some of the sandstone will need to be done to prevent additional water issues in the sanctuary.
- Outside wood frames need painting and have begun to rot.
- Stained glass window coverings are missing or have begun to fall off.
- Plaster repair for the interior ( will be looked at, after we ensure the water leaks are resolved)

We will be investigating all of these items in regard to severity and potential future damage they could cause.

Again we want to thank all of you.

-Trustees

# AD BOARD REPORTS

September 26, 2024

## Scouting- Joan Rininger

Troop 91/191 is moving into their fall activities with their eyes still sparkling towards the planned 2025 Switzerland trip. The next Court of Honor is in October and there are several scouts that will advance in rank! There will be fund raisers at the Pizza Hut on October 8, and again on January 21, 2025. There is a GARAGE SALE planned for Saturday, September 27 with proceeds going to the general troop fund. Sale items can be brought to the C-COM on Friday, September 27 at 5:00 pm. There is a plan to sell meat sticks again this fall. The troop continues to have can drives and all proceeds go towards the Switzerland trip.

## Membership-Joan Ringer and Judy Jennings

AUMC membership is 168 and 54 constituents.

## UWF-Cindy Thiele

- \* I attended the Heritage District UWFaith Annual Celebration Saturday September 22nd at Jackson First UMC
- \* I participated in the installation of Superintendent Dean Prentiss Sunday 22 at Westwood UMC.
- \* Saturday the 28th is the Greater Southwest District Women of Faith Annual Celebration at Washington Heights UMC in Battle Creek which I will be participating in.
- \* October 25-26 I will be attending the Michigan Conference of UWFaith-- officer training and Annual Celebration in Essexville.
- \* Bazaar is Saturday December 7. This is our main money maker to cover the next year's expenses and missions.

## Missions-Chris Jurkas

OCTOBER 2024 MISSIONS PROJECT OF THE MONTH & COMMUNION DONATION REQUEST:  
CHURCH **WORLD** SERVICE BLANKETS & TOOLS PROGRAM

### **CHRISTMAS PACKAGES and FOOD**

We plan to offer eight (8) families with gifts and food for the **Christmas Holiday** with Dawson school recommendations. The school has a new principal, and we will contact her as soon as possible.

## Food Pantry-Rod Rambadt & Chris Jurkas

**Financial:** We currently have \$1,726.41 in our account.

**Donation request for October:** **Peanut Butter**

**Desk:** The new desk has now arrived and put together thanks to: Rick Bierlein, Tim Dickinson, Rod Rambadt and George Schmidt.

**Food Donations:** Barb Miller at her 90th birthday party did not request gifts, but asked family & guests to bring non-perishable food to be donated to our pantry. We received 302 food items!! Thank you card has been mailed.

**Soup-tober:** October is SOUP DRIVE throughout the County. Any soup we collect at the church, Class Act, Grocery Outlet and Village Market will stay in our pantry. Any purchased soup will benefit 17 pantries, including ours.

**Freezer in basement:** One of the freezers in the basement was collecting ice again. It has now been fixed.

# Financial Corner – September 2024

The Finance team continues to work very hard towards the 2024 Budget and has plans for a Lasagna Dinner and Live and Silent Auction for Saturday November 9.

The Dinner will consist of Lasagna, salad, garlic or cheese bread, desert and drink. Live Auction and Silent auction will follow the lasagna dinner. Signup sheets will be going up soon for people to donate items for the Auctions. The dinner will be from 5:00 pm – 7:00pm. Auctions will start at approximately 7:00pm. All money from this big event will also go to the Trustees for the replacement of the Sanctuary roof. Goal for this event is \$5,000.

Workers are needed for the Lasagna Dinner; there will be a signup sheet up soon for this event.

The Ag/Bake/Craft table has a Goal of \$2,253 this year. As of September 24, 2024 we are a little over \$2,000. The Table will continue for a couple more weeks.

August 2024 Balances:

**General Fund = \$26,959**

**Trustee Fund = \$50,896**

**Food Pantry = \$2,146**

**Memorial Fund = \$8,919**

**Mutual Fund = \$104,849**

The Trustees Fund has had the \$20,000 moved into it since the month end of August from the Mutual Funds. The above number in the Mutual Fund is accurate with the \$20,000 removed. The balance in the Trustee Fund after paying \$52,637 to Priority Roofing is in early September is \$22,503. This \$20,000 from the Mutual Fund will be paid back to the Mutual fund in \$5,000 increments over time.

The Trustee Committee is now looking into repairs in the Sanctuary; this is why we will not be paying anything yet back to the Mutual Fund.

The Finance Committee would like to "Thank you" all the people of the Allegan United Methodist Church for your continued Trust and Support.

Thank you  
The Finance Committee



## Church and Parsonage Expenses-August

Income \$13,040.22

|     |   |    |           |
|-----|---|----|-----------|
| 102 | Immanuel Lutheran Backpack Supplies (Junes POM) | \$ | 10.00     |
| 300 | Michigan Conference "Benefits"                  | \$ | 661.24    |
| 502 | Michigan Conference "Health"                    | \$ | 1,778.00  |
| 602 | City of Allegan                                 | \$ | 181.99    |
| 602 | Charter Communications                          | \$ | 275.97    |
| 602 | Michigan Gas                                    | \$ | 42.28     |
| 602 | Consumers Energy                                | \$ | 872.27    |
| 602 | Republic Services                               | \$ | 216.16    |
| 606 | Andy's Ace Hardware                             | \$ | 14.37     |
| 702 | Smart Business Source (Copy Paper)              | \$ | 244.45    |
| 709 | Printer Machine Maintenance (Konica Minolta)    | \$ | 230.00    |
| 807 | HOPE Publishing (Chancel Choir)                 | \$ | 272.35    |
| 903 | Action Piano Service                            | \$ | 185.00    |
|     | WAGES   | \$ | 7,818.43  |
|     | TOTAL CHURCH EXPENSES FOR AUGUST                | \$ | 12,802.51 |

### PARSONAGE EXPENSES

|     |                                     |    |           |
|-----|-------------------------------------|----|-----------|
| 603 | Consumer Energy                     | \$ | 227.74    |
| 603 | Spectrum (Phone, Internet)          | \$ | 111.98    |
| 603 | Michigan Gas                        | \$ | 18.97     |
|     | TOTAL PARSONAGE EXPENSES FOR AUGUST | \$ | 358.69    |
|     | TOTAL (NON-AUDITED)                 | \$ | 13,161.20 |



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 AUGUST we collected \$55.00.

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

Thank you.

Ag/Bake is still going strong, so don't put away the garden glove, recipe books and fishing poles. Stop by the Ag/Bake table after worship on Sunday mornings.





**OCTOBER 2024 MISSIONS PROJECT OF THE MONTH & COMMUNION DONATION REQUEST:**

**CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BLANKETS & TOOLS PROGRAM**

The CWS Blankets program offers comfort and security to those who may not have a safe place to live or to sleep. Besides blankets the program offers: Hygiene Kits, School Kits,

Welcome Backpack, Period Pack/Menstrual Hygiene Kit, and Emergency Cleanup Buckets.

**UMCOR and CWS:** Many had to leave Ukraine due to explosions near their homes. One person contacted Church World Service staff in Moldova and said: "I realized that the most important thing was my son and that we had to leave." Hundreds of thousands of people from Ukraine who have made their way over the border to Moldova, which is a fraction of the size of its much larger neighbor. Moldova is one of the poorest countries in Europe, and being close by, receive Ukrainians who cannot afford to travel any farther.

At the CWS refugee hub in Bali, refugees can pick up food and hygiene supplies, get medical or mental health support and connect to other available services.

Funds supporting CWS will help all these refugees and more.

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**Hands of Grace Food Pantry  
OCTOBER Newsletter Update**

**Donations:**

**August:** Donations: 35 shampoo; Village Market: 2 taco shells, 21 bread & rolls, 22 buns, 22 sweets;

**September:** Donations: 24 pork & beans, 1 Stouffer French Bread Pizza, 2 boxes of cereal, 91 cans of corn, 16 cans of green beans, 2 cans mixed vegetables, 2 cans northern beans, 12 small dish soap, 5 pancake mix, 1 hamburger bun, 155 toothpaste, 10 toothbrushes, 1 steak seasoning, 8 pasta, 3 pasta sauce, 13 mac & cheese, 1 pizza maker kit, 2 bags lentils, 2 great northern beans, 1 rice, 5 garbanzo beans, 1 child toothbrush/paste kit;

Village Market: 76 bread, 72 buns, bagels & rolls, 57 sweet, 2 taco shells

Barb Miller's birthday donations: 302 items—THANK YOU!!

**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**

***OCTOBER donation need is:***

***PEANUT BUTTER***



# OCTOBER

## WORSHIP SERVERS FOR THIS MONTH

|                   | 10/6                           | 10/13                         | 10/20                        | 10/27                        |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Pianist</b>    | Wende Coffindaffer             | Sari Hammon                   | Lisa Campeau                 | Ellen Bierlein               |
| <b>Liturgist</b>  | Lisa Campeau                   | Scott Dangremond              | Patricia Huth                | Beth Anne DeLaet             |
| <b>Ushers</b>     | Corlee Harris<br>Joan Rininger | Barb Sanborn<br>Grace Switzer | Chris Jurkas<br>Chris Thomas | Daryl Waggoner<br>Ryan Dubbs |
| <b>Music</b>      | Choir                          | TBA                           | Choir                        | Bells                        |
| <b>Camera</b>     | Sarah Austin                   | Rod Rambadt                   | DeLaet                       | DeLaet                       |
| <b>Sound tech</b> | Amanda Blom                    | John DeLaet                   | Jon Brink                    | Tim Borgman                  |
| <b>Media</b>      | Samantha McPharlin             | Amanda Blom                   | Amanda Blom                  | 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)



**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 Willard Jennings. For many years he was part of the Board of Trustees where he was very conscientious about the running of our Church and Parsonage. He represented the Trustees on the Finance Committee, was part of the United Methodist Men, and did the Church and Parsonage expense page for the newsletter. He was a dedicated volunteer for the Hands of Grace Food Pantry getting down there early and wiping down the countertops so that everything was ready for when the crew arrived. After the work was done he often took the towels home to be washed. Health issues do not allow Willard to volunteer as he once did but he still has a heart for his church and especially the Hands of Grace Food Pantry. Willard a longtime blessing in our midst, be sure to thank him for his many years of serving our church.



Praise team will start back Wednesday October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm. We will meet in the choir room. Praise team is for ages Junior High and older. If you have any question please reach out to Ellen Bierlein 269-377-9813.

All God's  
Creatures



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

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

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

**TIME:** 1:00 pm



**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.

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 15<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.



**WE ARE IN NEED OF CANDY AND FALL DECORATIONS TO SPICE UP AND ENTICE TRICK-OR-TREATERS TO STOP BY OUR CHURCH ON HALLOWEEN.**

**WE ARE GOING TO DECORATE THE FRONT PORCH AND HAND OUT CANDY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE CANDY, DÉCOR, OR YOUR TIME PLEASE DONATE ITMEMS BY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup> OR BE HERE ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup> BY 2:30 p.m.**



We will celebrate All Saints' Day on Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be honoring loved ones who have gone home before us from November 2023-till current.

Please email or call the church office, by October 29th, with your loved ones name, so we may remember them on All Saints Day.

Thank you.





**Women's Circles 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.



**Sunday School** for all ages following Sunday worship at 10:45am. Adults meet in Fellowship Hall and Youth are downstairs. All are welcomed.



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. Bells rehearse Sunday mornings at 10:45am. 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.



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.



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 November or December.



**\*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.

# UPCOMING



**Lasagna Fundraiser and Silent Auction November 9<sup>th</sup>.**  
More information to follow.



**Sunday November 24th**  
More information to come.



Calling on all crafters, bakers and helpers. Our Church Bazaar will soon be here. Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. More information to come.

# MAKING MEMORIES

**RALLY SUNDAY**  
**SEPTMEBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**Laughter, Fellowship and Food**



**THANK YOU TO ALL IN HELPING WITH THIS YEAR'S ACF PARADE FLOAT AND FOR ALL THE CANDY DONATIONS. 😊**

