

## *Allegan United Methodist Church -December*



### **PRAYER LIST**

#### **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:**

Cheryl Chapman, Hanford Brink, Mytron Lisby (Rambadt), Juanita Ellis, Ben Wood, Kim Emmons, Christina Thompson, Terry Brink, Adam Hughes, Savannah Wood, and those known but unnamed.

#### **WHAT A JOY!!**



We welcomed Clayton Arlo Blom to the family of Christ through Holy Baptism on Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to Bill & Lori Austin on becoming grandparents and to Sarah Austin on becoming an Aunt! Miriam Elise was welcomed into the family on Thursday November 14<sup>th</sup>.



**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.**



**3 – Paul Armintrout  
Larry Campeau**

**5 – Arlene Branham  
Lori Barber**

**6 – Madelynn Sprietzer  
Don Sanborn  
Amanda DeBruyne**

**8 – Dennis Van Order  
9 – Tara LeMaire**

**15 – Jen Thompson  
Lily Haas**

**18 – Rebecca (Barber) Burnley  
Cole Milbocker**

**19 – Ginny Borgman  
21 – Connie Dangremond**

**22 – Grace Switzer**

**23 – Lester Tooman**

**25 – Allie Thiel  
Jesus**

**27 – Nathan Diekema**

**29 – Kay Forster**

**30 – Presley Myers**

# DECEMBER

## UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS SWEATER SUNDAY!!

Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm Carols by Candlelight.  
Fellowship and Refreshments to follow in Fellowship Hall.

Saturday December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm The Longest Night Worship Service

Tuesday December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm Christmas Eve Candle Light Service



**WON'T YOU COME AND CAROL WITH US.**

Friday December 13<sup>th</sup> 5pm-8pm.

We have been asked by the City of Allegan to help bring in the Holiday Season.  
We will sing Christmas Carols in Town while shoppers shop at Art Hop.  
More information to come on where are we meeting.



Sarah Circle Christmas Gathering is planned for Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.  
Please bring a food item to share, and a white elephant gift (in a BROWN PAPER Bag).

Maxine Barnes-120 Depot Hill Cr, Allegan 49010

Barb Brewster -6331 Rook Drive, Plainwell 49080

June Fullerton – 595 Linn St., Allegan 49010

Ken Gallagher - 236 Cora Street, Allegan 49010

Ed Garvin – Briarwood Assistant Living, 620 Ely St, Allegan 49010

Ivan Niswender- Briarwood Assistant Living, 620 Ely St. Allegan, MI 49010

Barb Simpson - Ely Manor, 1200 Ely Street, Allegan 49010

Jo Tibbitts- Briarwood Assistant Living, 620 Ely St, Allegan, MI 49010



Send a card of  
Christmas Cheer  
to our  
Homebound!





**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. We will be ordering off the menu at your own expense. We will resume our gathering in 2025. Be sure to check out and sign up in the Fellowship Hall for January, 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.



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.

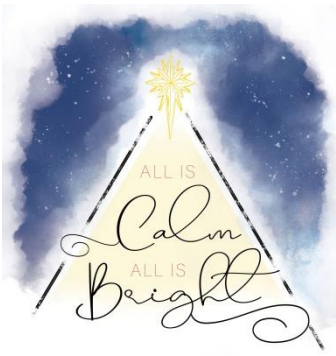


If you recall in January, Pastor gave us a kindly challenge to choose a “Star”. And on that “Star” was a word. We were to choose one star, without peeking, and go with that “Star Word”. Do you remember how that made you feel when you chose? The Pastor is looking for people send in a brief telling of how you were able to experience or use your Star Word. How did this “Star Word” work out for you? Please email the office or write down and put in the wicker basket outside the church office door. If you want to remain anonymous, please do not write your name on the piece. Thank you and can't wait to see how the Lord guided you this past year.



**2025 ALLEGAN UMC FAMILY CAMP**

2025 Family Camp will again be held at Lake Michigan Camp & Retreat near Pentwater. The dates are Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> thru Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't already done so, please call the camp at 231-869-5627 to make reservations. Make sure you let them know you are part of the Allegan UMC group. Past campers always have a good time at camp and new campers are welcome.



All too soon we will begin the journey towards Christmas and the turkey leftovers are still in the fridge! With Thanksgiving being so late, this year, Christmas is right on its heels. I usually don't like to have Christmas things out until Thanksgiving is over but this year it will be a fast flip. Willard loved to decorate for Christmas as the weekend after Thanksgiving he was always outside turning our porch into the yearly Christmas display. The sled was from his childhood; the ice skates were a find at Goodwill; a white Angel stands in the corner adorned in white lights and was lovingly created by Neven Rininger; a small Christmas tree that came from the church treasure room; presents under the tree are really filled with sand to hold the tree down, and a Santa flag that says peace on earth. June Querback's nativity scene has a special place, in our home, and each year we marvel at the colors she used to bring the characters to life and it is even more precious to us since her passing. Not sure how much of the display will get put up this year but, perhaps with some grandkids hands, we can make it happen. He always loved helping me decorate the tree in the house and each year we marveled at how beautiful it was. Things will be different this year but the true meaning of Christmas will be found in our hearts. "In the little village of Bethlehem there lay a child one day and the sky was bright with a Holy Light over the place where Jesus lay. T'was a humble birthplace but oh how much God gave to us that day. From the manger bed what a path has led, what a perfect holy way. Alleluia, oh how the angels sang, alleluia how it rang. And the sky was bright with a Holy Light, what a perfect Holy way." And it was a perfect Holy way and each year we get to unwrap the Christ Child anew as He is the gift that just keeps on giving. My Christmas prayer for you is that you find the child in the manger and don't put Him away with the Christmas decorations as He is the greatest gift of all.

Merry Christmas my friends, Judy

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



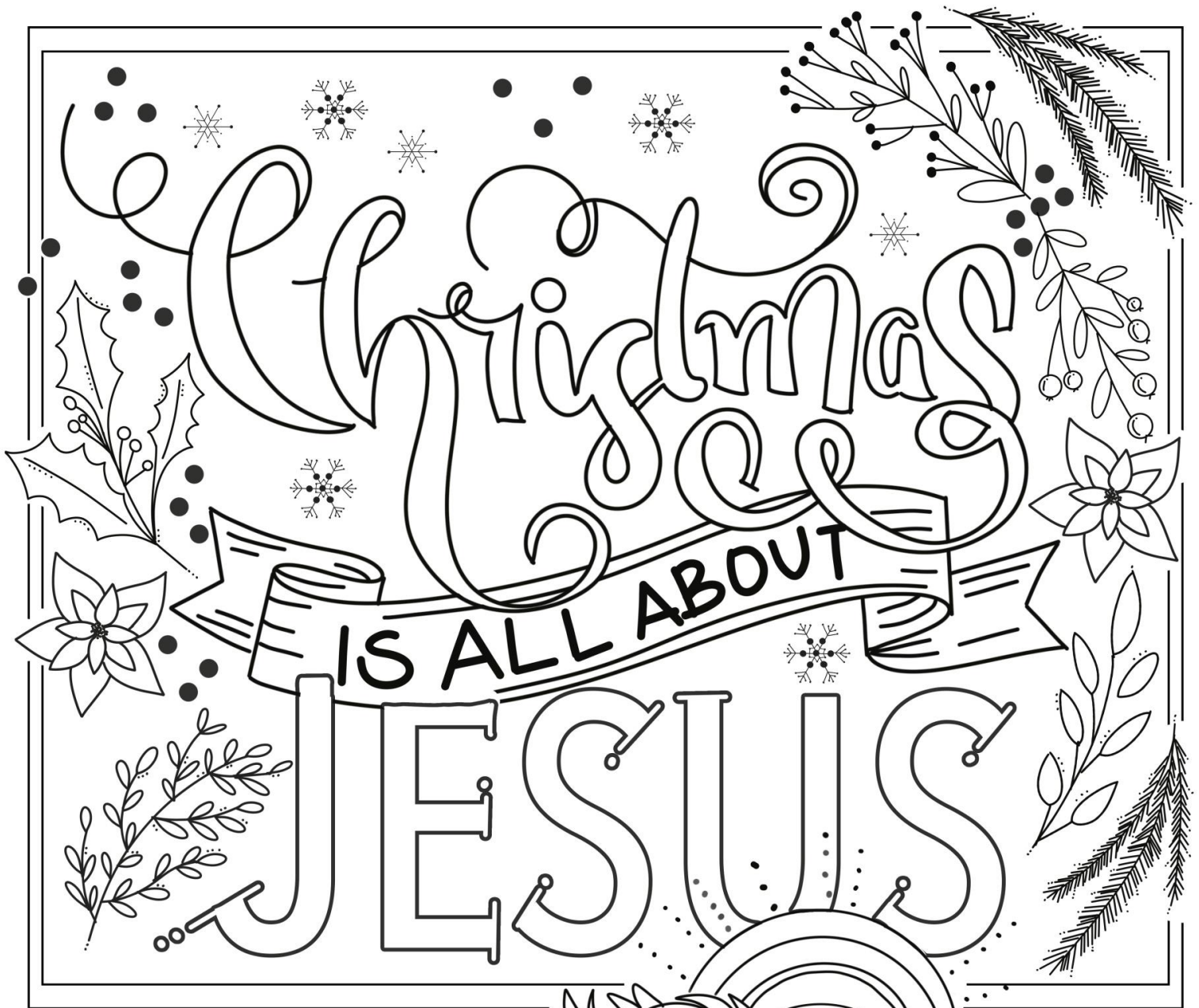
*Sylvia's Place is Allegan County's only domestic violence safe house. They offer secure shelter and supportive services free of charge to survivors of abuse & dependent children.*

*Sylvia's Place has assisted survivors of domestic abuse since 1996, following the violent death of Sylvia Allen. Sylvia lost her battle with domestic violence and fell victim to the hands of her perpetrator. Her death proposed the realization that an escape for those fleeing abuse was necessary. Our agency is dedicated to the memory of Sylvia Allen and exists to provide a safe environment for women and children fleeing similar circumstances.*

***Please support Sylvia's Place – your donations will be greatly appreciated.***

***CHRISTMAS PACKAGES and FOOD***

*We have received seven (7) family names, possibly eight (8) from Dawson Elementary so we may purchase gifts and food for the **Christmas Holiday**. The family member names will be available November 24<sup>th</sup> before and after the church service. Missions have sufficient funds to purchase food for all the families.*



"She will give birth to a son,  
and you are to give him  
the name Jesus, because  
he will save his people  
from their sins."

*Matthew 1:21, NIV*





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Luke 1:1-4

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John 1:1-5, 18

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John 1:1-5, 18

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Isaiah 9:6-7  
& 11:1-5

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Micah 5:2-4

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Matthew 1:1-17

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Luke 1:5-25

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Luke 1:26-38

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Luke 1:39-45

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Luke 1:46-56

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Luke 1:57-66

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Luke 1:67-80

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Luke 2:1-7

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Matthew 1:18-25

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Luke 2:8-21

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Matthew 2:1-12

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Luke 2:22-40

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Matthew 2:13-15

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Matthew 2:16-18

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Matthew 2:19-23

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John 1:6-8, 15

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John 1:9-14

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John 1:16-17

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Isaiah 52:13-  
53:12

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Revelation 21:1-8



# DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 9:25 am Coffee Hour 10:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Bell Choir 10:45 am Scouts 4:30-6:30 pm	2 Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm	3 Food Pantry 9-11:45 am	4 Food Pantry 9-11:45 am Food Pantry 5-7 pm Choir 7 pm	5	6 Food Delivery 8 am Food Pantry 10-11:45 am	7 Bazaar 8-11 am
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# Hands of Grace Food Pantry DECEMBER Newsletter Update

**Hungry for Christ is a recipient of Simply Give at Meijer's on 16<sup>th</sup> street in Holland.  
December 14<sup>th</sup> is double day—you purchase a \$10 card-Hungry for Christ receives \$20.  
Let us show our support by purchasing a Simply Give card at Meijers,  
located at 746 16<sup>th</sup> Street in Holland.  
They do so much for our pantry!! -thank you.**

## Donations:

**September: Donations:** 2 bags of female pads, 3 tomato paste, 1 northern beans, 2 corn

**Village Market:** 29 sweets

**October: Donations:** 11 dessert mixes, 1 apple cider vinegar, 1 vegetable oil, 3.5 boxes crackers, 2 croutons, 5 broth & bouillon, 5 spices 6 fruit 6 Jello, 3 tuna, 6 beans (pinto, etc.), 16 rice mix, 24 pasta items, 1 syrup, 4 dressing, 1 mayo, 79 peanut butter, 3 dessert/ice cream toppings, 1 blueberry pancake mix, 1 corn, 1 graham cracker crust, 2 tea, 1 alfredo sauce, hash, chili, baked beans & gravy, 5 cans/mixes potatoes, 2 Splenda pkgs, 5 cans mushrooms, 13 soup, 3 barbecue sauce, 2 relish, 1 slow cooker mix, 8 gallons of syrup, 1 9oz bag prunes, 1 box graham crackers, 5 box cereal, 10 mac & cheese, 1 tartar sauce, 16 corn, 1 bean, 8 shampoo, 9 pancake mix, 3 pancake syrup, 3 grape jelly, 9 chicken of the sea, 1 box malt O meal, 1 bag nonfat dry milk, 1 bag dry pinto beans, 1 bag long grain rice, 3 small cans chicken spread, 1 can pasta sauce, 6 cans fruit, 5 can vegetables, 2 cans spaghetti O's, 5 boxes crackers, 13 mac & cheese, 10 potatoes, 1 cake mix ; **Village Market:** 163 sweets, 89 buns, bagels, rolls, 130 bread, 3 shells, 2 chips, 4 mini taco, 8 pork tenderloins, 3 taco shells;

**November: Donations: Soup Drive—237 soup** (church 113, Class Act 20, Grocery Outlet 93 & Family Dollar 11; 2 small bags cereal, 1 rice, 1 mashed potatoes, 9 cans olives, 2 gravy, 5 dressing, 1 sesame oil, 23 canned meat (tuna, pork, beef & chicken), 2 peanut butter, 3 corn/vegetable oil, 1 vinegar, 35 vegetables, 25 fruit, 18 soup, 22 pasta/tomato sauce, 1 pasta, 1 oatmeal, 1 jar minced onion, 3 pickles, 2 salt, 2 batter, 1 corn starch, 3 ketchup, 2 mustard, 2 5lb pancake mix, 5 peanut butter, 2 green beans, 2 cereal, 3 ready to eat beets, 2 cheesy beef macaroni soup, 7 jelly, 1 brown sugar, 20 toothbrushes, 10 toothpaste, **Scout Food Drive—340 items & 375 pounds:** 3 vegetable soup, 3 pumpkin/cranberry sauce, 3 jelly, 5 peanut butter, 3 lb. Sugar, 4 5 lb. flour, 4 brown sugar, 3 cake/brownie mixes, 6 granola bars, etc., 1 Jiffy baking mix, 10 rice mixes, 3 48 oz oil, 3 Jiffy mix, 73 soup, 2 pasta mixes, 1 grain mix, 2 mashed potato mixes, 2 hamburger helper, 1 roll up, 1 instant oatmeal, 3 raisin boxes, 1 taco mix, 1 syrup, 1 stuffing, 1 pudding, 3 pkgs crackers, 5 sweet potatoes, 4 salad dressing, 1 pineapple tomatillo salsa, 1 guacamole dip, 1 shredded Kraut, 7 parmesan cheese packets, 7 small individual packets 6 small individual ketchup, 6 fruit bars, 6 pasta, 10 mac & cheese, 2 Hot & Spicy fiery beef meals, 4 individual apple sauce, 1 jar pickled chips, 5 sloppy joe, 9 macaroni readymade cans, 2 mushrooms, 3 pasta sauce, 9 cans tomatoes, 27 beans/chili/baked beans, 2 baking powder, 23 canned meat, 14 fruit, 54 vegetables **Village Market:** 74 sweets, 20 bread, 44 buns & rolls, 7 pork tenderloins, 17 bacon, 8 Canadian bacon, 10 tortilla shells, 12 rolls toilet paper, 2 juice, 3 cases of frozen pork

**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**





## Church and Parsonage Expenses-October

**Income \$13,061.27**

102	ACCF (Dolly Parton Imagination Library) POM Sept.	\$	186.00
300	Michigan Conference "Benefits"	\$	661.24
502	Michigan Conference "Health"	\$	1,778.00
601	Bartz Rumery Agency	\$	2,011.50
602	City of Allegan	\$	511.20
602	Charter Communications	\$	296.85
602	Michigan Gas	\$	46.63
602	Consumers Energy	\$	626.45
602	Republic Services	\$	264.18
606	Andy's Ace Hardware	\$	42.56
702	Staples (office supplies)	\$	95.25
705	Joan Rininger (Start up cash Lasagna Fundraiser)	\$	500.00
709	Printer Machine Maintenance (Konica Minolta)	\$	230.00
903	Linda Flynn (reimburse Communion Cups)	\$	21.75
960	Village Market (Friendship Sunday)	\$	68.19
1006	Sunday School Study books	\$	230.94
	<b>WAGES</b>	\$	8,660.16
	<b>TOTAL CHURCH EXPENSES FOR OCTOBER</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>16,230.90</b>

### PARSONAGE EXPENSES

603	Consumer Energy	\$	79.45
603	Spectrum (Phone, Internet)	\$	117.98
603	Michigan Gas	\$	15.71
	<b>TOTAL PARSONAGE EXPENSES FOR OCTOBER</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>213.14</b>
	<b>TOTAL (NON-AUDITED)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>16,444.04</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 OCTOBER we collected \$37.00.

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

Thank you.

# Financial Corner - December 2024

The Finance team would like to share information regarding the 2024 Fundraising and Ministry Shares programs.

**Ministry Shares 2024:** the requested Ministry Shares for Allegan United Methodist church is \$21,592.

We went into the year not planning to be able to pay anything towards the request. We have determined that we will be able to pay \$8,000 from the General Fund along with approximately \$850 donated by the congregation for about a 40% payment of the requested quantity! Of this quantity \$1,428 will be paid to the district which is the total request from them, and the balance of \$7,422 will be paid to the Conference request.

**Fundraising 2024:** the fundraising for 2024 has been a lot of work and yet a lot of fun as well and good food. We had the Garage sale and the breakfast and the Lasagna dinner and Live Auction:

Change Jar - \$699

Garage Sale - \$3,927

Kitchen Sales - \$419

Bake Sale - \$785.37

Breakfast - \$786.75

Lasagna Dinner - \$2,893

Live Auction - \$1,785

Silent Auction - \$200

Sponsors - \$1,800

**Grand Total of: \$13,295.12**

The plans for the 2025 Stewardship program are progressing very well with the final pledge giving date of Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Ag/Bake/Craft table had a Goal of \$2,253 this year. We exceeded our goal with \$2,404 - thank you to all of you for making this happen.

October 2024 Balances:

**General Fund** = \$23,043

**Trustee Fund** = \$23,446

**Food Pantry** = \$1,134

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

**Mutual Fund** = \$105,581

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

Thank you

The Finance Committee



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# Welcome



**Come join us for worship on Sunday mornings. All are welcomed.**

**9:30 am Traditional Service**  
**10:45am Sunday School (K5-Adult)**



**Secretary's Office Hours:** Monday-Friday- 9:00 to 12noon

**Phone:** 269.673.4236 • **Fax:** 269-673-8856 • **Email:** secretary@allumc.org

**Pastor's Office Hours:** Tue. - 10:00 am - 12noon

2:00 pm-4:00 pm (Special Hours at Mugshots  
Coffeehouse)

Wed. - 10:00 am-12noon & 5:00 pm-7:00 pm

Fri. - 10:00 am-12noon

You may also call and set up a time to meet with Pastor

**Pastor Julia's Church Office Phone:** 269-512-7205



**YouTube:** Allegan UMC

**Facebook:** Allegan United Methodist Church

**Website:** [alleganumc.org](http://alleganumc.org)



**Hands of Grace Food Pantry**

Tuesday: 9:00-11:45 a.m.

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5:00-7:00 p.m.

Friday: 10:00-11:45 a.m.

**\*We serve the Allegan 49010 area**