

Allegan United Methodist Church – May 2025



HEALTH CONCERNS:

Piper Sewell, Joyce Brink, Justine Mitchell, Willard Jennings, Emberly DeBruyne, Jim Elmore, June Fullerton, Trevah Dalrymple, Shari Bradley, Tim Closson, and Ed Garvin.

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

Adam 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 Merrit, Hanford Brink, Juanita Ellis, Ben Wood, Kim Emmons, Christina Thompson, Terry Brink, 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-Beth Pierson
3-Mark Giles
 Jill McKinley
5-Ken Gallagher
7-Isabelle DeLaet
8-Daryl Waggoner
10-Oliver Blom
14-Cathy Foune
15-Nick Brower
 Jesse James
17-Nan Tomanek
18-Jacque James

19-Ireland Armintrout
20-Leigh Letson
21-Judy Jennings
22-Nancy Gibson
 Aaron Dunning
25-Olivia Wiley
 Dave Foune Jr
26-Josh Blom
31-Renee Rambadt



3-Larry & Lisa Campeau
16-Rick & Ellen Bierlein
17-Brad & Sari Hammon
22-Jack & Becky Rininger
27-Dan & Lori Barber





May is a busy month in the Jennings family with lots of birthdays and anniversaries. May is also the month we honor our mothers and mine has been gone for 42 years but not a day goes by that I don't find myself seeing her in me. She was a stay-at-home mom to us 4 kids and she suffered a lot of heartache in her life. Her mother died when she was 9 and she and her siblings were split up. She married my dad and gave birth to 7 children 3 of which died at young ages. My oldest brother drowned at the age of 11, my sister died of Meningitis at the age of 3, and another baby boy died at birth. So 4 of us grew to be adults but, sadly, I am the only one left. She was the heart of our home as she showed her love for us by everything she did, everything she said, and everything she taught us. She made the best sack lunches and would always add a

personal touch like radish roses, little notes, and 1 Lifesaver. She worked hard around our home but she always had time to help us with our school work and made it fun. I still spell geography, in my head, like she taught me: George Edwards old grandfather rode a pig home yesterday! Her cooking was amazing and I have yet to duplicate some of her recipes as she kept them in her head. We were not a church going family but every Sunday she would put us on a bus to attend Sunday School at the Open Bible Church. I am the only one of us who continued to attend church throughout my life. When we moved to Wyoming MI, I attended an elementary school that had a church meeting there so I was able to walk there on my own. It so happens that the church was Methodist and Rev. Hutchens was the pastor and he became my pastor again here in Allegan. I do believe my mom was a believer, maybe she didn't speak about it, but she lived it. She was a fun-loving Grandma and all the grandkids had fun with Grandma Guppy. She died at the age of 70, which has been too long for me to not have my mom with me. However, she is still with me in my heart, soul, mind, and spirit as she was the best mom ever! You who still have your moms treasure them because when they are gone they take a piece of you with them.

Blessings my friends, Judy



United Women in Faith

About 40 women gathered at our church for the District United Women in Faith Spring Fling event. Linda Burton-Collier spoke on what is "Soul Care" and Wally Leavitt gave a review on the book Braiding Sweet grass. There was also singing, fellowship, crafting, and even gifts for the food pantry.

A big Thank you goes out to the women who helped with the Lenten meal

and the Spring Fling event. We received great reviews of the day and of our church building.

Next for us is the Grad breakfast/reception. Do we have any graduates this year?

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.





I am in awe at the giving hearts at our church. Sarah Circle began to look at the window covering in Fellowship Hall and the Music Room and saw a need for new ones. We brought it to the Ad/Bd and they gave their blessing to go forward with getting bids. Arlene Branham contacted 3 companies who each sent someone to show us samples of what was available and what would fit our needs. Barb Sanborn and Judy Jennings helped with the decision making. Because of your generosity together we raised \$1,000 and the remaining amount will be taken from the un designated Memorial Fund. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts as this could not have happened without your help. —Judy Jennings



Allegan UMC wishes to say "Thank You" to Scott Dangremond for his years of service as Administrative Board Chairperson! Thank you Scott!



Summer will be here soon.

It's time to start thinking about how you can share a talent during worship - maybe you wrote a poem, know of a devotion that touched you, a short skit you & some friends could perform, an instrument or song you could play or sing. Be creative! If you know of a singing or instrumental group who would be willing to be part of our worship service, please let us know.

A sign-up sheet will be posted soon. Contact Daryl Waggoner with any questions: daryl.waggoner@icloud.com



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

Basic hosting duties:

Have coffee or beverage of your choice and refreshment of your choice ready for church family to enjoy after Sunday worship at 10:30am.

If you have any further questions please feel free to call the church office or ask Lori Austin.



***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.

AD BOARD REPORTS

April 24, 2025

Scouting- Joan Rininger

The survey to parents regarding the political atmosphere in Dorchester has been completed. All parents approved of going to Dorchester, Canada. There will be ZERO TOLERANCE FOR DISRESPECT and proper manners to be shown to any such action towards our nation. This is an scouting program and will hopefully be viewed as such.

Projects scheduled are the annual flag replacement at Oakwood Cemetery May 18, roadside clean-up, working on merit badges and rank advancement, Court of Honor on May 4, Car and Craft (including usual can drive) show at the high school on May 31, six scouts are almost ready to begin their Eagle Scout projects. More parents and grandparents are taking leadership training and active participation in the Troop 91/191 scouting program!!

The trip to Switzerland is only a blink away and the excitement is fantastic

MEMBERSHIP-Joan Rininger & Judy Jennings: AUMC has 165 members (a withdrawal of membership request) and 54 constituents.

UWF- Cindy Thiele

Women helped with the road pickup.

Women attended the Lenten Tea in Schoolcraft and the Lenten Breakfast in Otsego.

Sandy Oteman and others managed the Eleanor Milheim funeral.

At this time we have no grads for Graduation Sunday.

SPRC-Kevin DeLaet

We met, minutes were kept, Next meeting May 6th at 5PM

Missions-Chris Jurkas

MAY 2025 MISSIONS PROJECT OF THE MONTH & COMMUNION DONATION REQUEST: *Michigan After the Storm*

Food Pantry-Rod Rambadt & Chris Jurkas

Financial: The pantry currently has \$6,709.01 in the account.

Grants: Angela Montgomery, the Grants Coordinator submitted the Great Lakes Energy People Fund grant. We are working on the follow-up report in reference to last year's grant.

Allegan County Community Foundation grant request was denied. Chris Jurkas will be scheduling a meeting as to why it was denied.

Donation Request: Cereal

Cereal Drive: Is scheduled for May. Any cereal collected will be provided distributed to families with children. The adults will receive cereal that we purchased or any other breakfast items.



MAY 2025 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 disasters achieve their long-term recovery goals.

The After the Storm's team that comes in once initial emergency responders are gone and walk alongside individuals and families as they come to terms with the damage and begin to rebuild their lives. After the Storm, has quickly grown to be the expert in long-term disaster response and recovery here in Michigan, trusted by federal, state, and local partners.

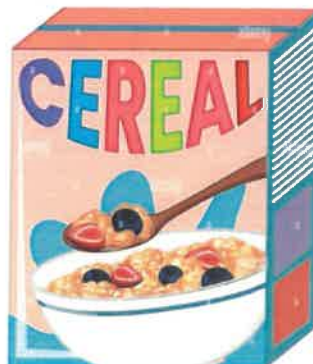
One area that they have helped with: Kalamazoo Tornado Disaster Recovery After the Storm is providing Disaster Case Management services in Kalamazoo County following the EF2 tornado that struck on May 7, 2024.



HANDS OF GRACE FOOD PANTRY

This month's need is:

CEREAL



A day in the life of a Hands of Grace Food Pantry server.

Serving Food to Local individuals/Families year round.

Tuesday 9-11:45am

Wednesday 9-11:45am

5-7pm

Friday 10-11:45am

If this is something you'd like to do, please reach out to Chris Jurkas.

You can choose when you'd like to serve and how often.

Here are ways to serve:

1- Greet and Check in families. (If you feel comfortable with this you will be taught very basic computer skills)



2- Hand out Food: Once the family is checked in then

they come to the servers who provide the food.



3- Load Food cart on to the elevator

The families will then take the cart and load their car.



Van driver: Pick up food from local distribution warehouse here in Allegan.

Must feel comfortable in driving a cargo van. No special license is required.



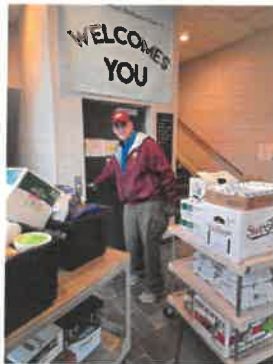
Friday mornings Food delivery 8:30am-Aprox 9:30am in church Fellowship Hall

(Unpack van)

(Loading onto Elevator)

(Ready to be unloaded)

(Packaging into smaller proportions)



(Fellowship)☺

Church and Parsonage Expenses-March

Income \$24,355.22

102	February POM (California Fires)	\$	235.00
116	Midwest Missions (UMCOR Bucket shipping cost)	\$	114.00
165	Jan/Feb Ministry Shares	\$	85.00
300	Michigan Conference "Benefits"	\$	681.21
502	Michigan Conference "Health"	\$	1,955.00
602	City of Allegan	\$	61.16
602	Charter Communications	\$	288.59
602	Michigan Gas	\$	563.30
602	Consumers Energy	\$	908.74
605	Ivan Busfield (parking lot snow removal Feb.)	\$	90.00
606	Andy's ACE Hardware (Custodial)	\$	58.94
703	US Postmaster annual Permit fee for mailing bulk	\$	350.00
703	US Postmaster (1-roll of 100 stamps, Monthly mailing fee)	\$	451.00
704	Allegan Chamber of Commerce (annual fee)	\$	90.00
705	TKH Group, P	\$	1,500.00
705	Daryl Waggoner (reimburse Annual Conference)	\$	304.00
705	Julia Humenik (reimburse $\frac{1}{2}$ Annual Conference)	\$	281.00
705	Church Art Online	\$	124.80
709	Printer Machine Maintenance (Konica Minolta)	\$	241.50
709	Westfield Organ Repair	\$	460.00
903	Julia Humenik (reimburse Palm Branches)	\$	53.20
960	Village Market Inc (Souper Bowl Food)	\$	29.51
	WAGES	\$	8,896.52
	TOTAL CHURCH EXPENSES FOR MARCH	\$	7,822.47

PARSONAGE EXPENSES

603	Consumer Energy	\$	103.80
603	Spectrum (Phone, Internet)	\$	123.00
603	Michigan Gas	\$	156.27
	TOTAL PARSONAGE EXPENSES FOR MARCH	\$	383.07
	TOTAL (NON-AUDITED)	\$	18,205.54



This years 2025 "Change Jar" donations will go toward
"MINISTRY SHARES"

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

Thank you.

MARCH donation TOTAL: \$26.00



WORSHIP SERVERS FOR THIS MONTH

	5/4	5/11	5/18	5/25
Pianist	Sari Hammon	Patty Anderson	Lisa Campeau	Ellen Bierlein
Liturgist	Patricia Huth	Tita Balgoyen	Sally Adams	Ellen Bierlein
Ushers	Corlee Harris Joan Rininger	Chris Jurkas Sandy Oetman	Daryl Waggoner Lori Austin	Chris Thomas Grace Switzer
Music	Chancel Choir	TBA	Chancel Choir	Bells
Camera	Sarah Austin	DeLaet	Sarah Austin	DeLaet
Sound Tech	Jon Brink	Tim Borgman	Amanda Blom	Jon Brink
Media	DeLaet	Sammi McPharlin	DeLaet	Sammi 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 service for Jeff and Barb
Please the sign-up sheet on the Easel in the Fellowship Hall.
Thank you!



Our May spotlight shines on Lori, our amazing spirited secretary. Lori lives and breathes her faith as her love of the Lord shines through everything she does. She is the friendly greeter to everyone who comes in the door and even assists people who struggle to come up the steps. She has a listening ear and always appears to have time to listen to people's concerns or joys. She is always open for warm hugs even to those who others find un-huggable. Her heart is tender as she is often moved by music or the written Word. She is greatly involved in the life of our church as she is on the Worship Committee, the Family & Youth Ministry, sings in the choir, and attends women's Bible Study. Lori is a loving partner to Bill, attentive mom to their 6 kids, and adoring grandma to sweet little Miriam. Lori is truly a blessing in our midst, be sure you thank her for all she does outside of her job description.



Dinner with Sinners (that means us ☺) is a fellowship opportunity that meets monthly.

Thursday, May 1st at 6:00pm

The Grill House

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.



Do you have an upcoming High School Graduate in your family?

We are looking for graduates in our church family to honor on **May 18^h** with recognition during worship and fellowship reception after worship, and gift. Please give the church office a call by May 12th with the name of those graduating and how many will be able to attend.



Gently Used Collections for 2025 Annual Conference.

MIDWEST MISSION, which collects packed Rice Meal Bags, is also gathering gently used and new items.

High Priority: Midwest Mission aims to collect 1,500 wheelchairs so that every person in Honduras who needs one can achieve independence.

They are also in need of foldable walkers, crutches, canes, orthopedic supplies, tools, shovel, rakes, generator and wheelbarrows.

If you are able to donate any of the items above please get with Cindy Thiele 269-673-4514 by May 18th. Thank you



Do you have a loved one who served in the Korean and Vietnam War? Cindy Thiele is collecting names of those who served.

If you also have a picture of them in uniform, that would be nice as well.

Please let the church office know. Thank you.



Trying to make it easier for you to enjoy your church library, now all you need to do to check out a book is to drop the card inserted in the book into the return basket and I will handle it from there.

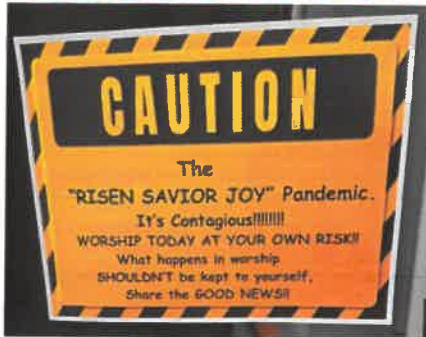
Check out the recent donation of "The Complete Collection of C.S. Lewis"

Check out "God of All Things" by Andrew Wilson. In this short book he takes ordinary things such as tools, pigs, mountains, or donkeys, and discovers the sacred in them. One reviewer said, "Seeing God through everything he has made is sheer delight." Hope you enjoy it also. Find it in the New Books section.

—Sari our Church Librarian



June starts back up our Ag/Bake Table.
 Come and see what yummy and healthy treats we have this year.
 The Ag/Bake table is located in the Fellowship Hall after Sunday worship
 starting June. 1st **Cash donation.**



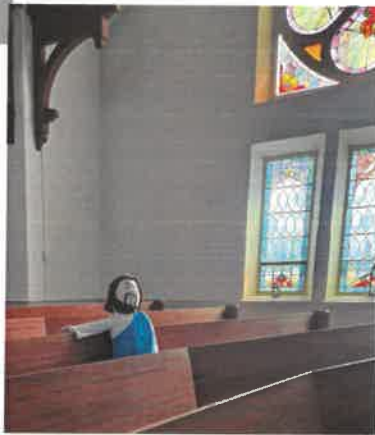
Holy Humor 2025

Members were warned but that didn't stop them from Worshipping

Jesus the early riser

Our Organ grinder and Pet monkey "Patch"

A Special Chair for
 Superintend
 Dean Prentiss



Ding-a-lings to our Left and to our Right were AWESOME!!!



The Children's message was an Ad-lib.
 Pastor is quick with her description of the
 poses brought on by her special helpers.

The Symptoms of Holy Humor Sunday Pandemic

