

Allegan United Methodist Church – August 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, Alyssa Chamberlain, Andrew Cowen, Stephanie Hadley, Isaiah Hadley, Kyrel Hall, Jacob DeBruyne, and Dan Wroblewski.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR THOSE BATTLING CANCER OR HAVING TREATMENT:

Tracy Rininger, Cheryl Merrit, Juanita Ellis, Ben Wood, Kim Emmons, Christina Thompson, Terry Brink, and those known but unnamed.

SYMPATHY:

Prayers lifted for Eilene Brink and family for the loss of Hanford Brink on July 14th.

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.



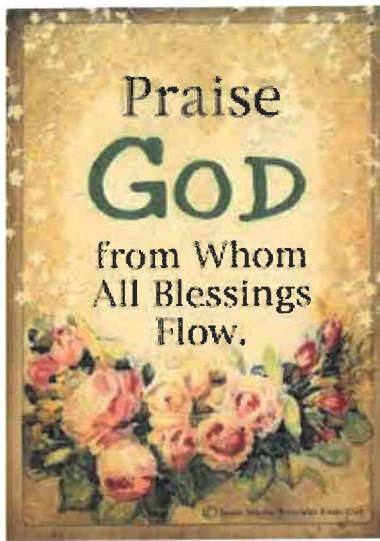
4-Jill Kernodle
6-Kristy Milbocker
9-Merle Dalrymple
10-Patty Anderson
11-Clyde DeLaet
Lori Dickison

18-Ben Anderson
19-Jan Edgerton
Janice Tuffelmire
Ruby Moore
20-Tyler Brink
Tom Tuffelmire



10-Terry and Nancy Brink
11-David and Sandy Oetman
13-Lane and Mindy Sturman
23-Don and Barb Sanborn
24-Tom and Lois Giles
Rod and Karen Rambadt





Recently I have had the privilege of witnessing two miracles and I am in awe of them. The first one is Joyce Brink and her amazing recovery from a liver transplant. She has waited so long that she thought it would never happen until that late night call that said they had a liver for her. Her family hurried around and got her to Detroit for her surgery. Many of her family members got tested to see if they could be a donor and one almost was but later found out they were not a match. Her surgery went well, her recovery has gone well, but she is still being cautious around others. Joyce Brink a miracle in our midst.

The second miracle I witnessed was the horrific fall that Grace Switzer took down her basement stairs where she laid for almost 2 days before being found. She was conscious the whole time as she could hear her microwave beeping and heard her answering machine each time someone called and left a message. Her little dog Max, who does not go downstairs, came down and

at times sat on her chest to keep her warm. She could see the man doing her lawn, out her basement window, but he could not hear her calling for help. After numerous tests, at the hospital, it was determined her injuries were two broken ribs, lots of bruises but otherwise just needed some rehab to get her strength back. I told her God had a hold of one hand and Wayne, her deceased husband, had a hold of the other and was saying not yet Grace. She truly is Amazing Grace!

Lord, Thank you for the miracles you put before us daily, some bigger than others, but each a blessing from You. Sometimes they go unnoticed but each and every one a gift from You.

Thank you Lord for watching over us and sending miracles when we need them. Amen.

Blessings my friends, Judy



United
Women
in Faith

Do you know what to do if ICE knocks on your door?

If Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents come to your church, it's crucial to know your rights and how to respond while prioritizing safety and respecting the law. Churches should have a pre-established plan to address potential ICE encounters, including training staff and

volunteers. Key actions include verifying warrants, remaining silent, and contacting legal counsel if needed.

1. Know Your Rights

2. During an Encounter:

- **Stay Calm:** Avoid running, arguing, or resisting the agents.
- **Verify Warrant:** Ask to see a judicial warrant and review it carefully.
- **Contact Legal Counsel:**

If Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents knock on your door, do not open it unless they have a valid judicial warrant signed by a judge. You have the right to remain silent and not answer their questions, even if you speak to them through the door or window. If they claim to have a warrant, ask them to slide it under the door or hold it up to a window so you can verify its validity.

AD BOARD REPORTS

THERE WAS NO AD BOARD MEETING IN JULY

AUGUST MISSIONS PROJECT OF THE MONTH & COMMUNION

DONATION REQUEST:

Wishbone Pet Rescue Alliance began with a dog named Chance, the owner beat, poisoned and hung him. Chance survived and thus began a group of people concerned with the health, treatment and quality of life of all pets in Saugatuck-Douglas area.



Wishbone Pet Rescue grew-in 2009 they acquired the Allegan County Animal Shelter. Since 2009 they have expanded hours and programs and greatly increased the survival rate for animals that enter the shelter. In 2011, they opened Wishbone House in Douglas. That facility is a thrift shop and an adoption site. They even have three cage-free cat petting rooms.

Let's support this wonder mission-help out the animals in Allegan County.

Here are a few that are up for adoption



Buddy
Senior
Douglas



Annie
Young
Allegan



Young
Allegan



Petey
Adult
Allegan



Cowabun
Young
Allegan



Baby
Allegan

HANDS OF GRACE FOOD PANTRY

Financial: The pantry currently has \$5,063.34 in the account.

Grants: In the next couple of months we will be working on Perrigo Charitable Foundation and Mignon Sherwood Delano Foundation grants.

Food and Personal Item Donations:

June & July

Village Market Donations: 441

Church donations: 141

Grand Total: 582

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 requests are:

MACARONI & CHEESE &

SPAGHETTI SAUCE



Church and Parsonage Expenses-June
Income \$18,852.04



102	April POM (Ministry Shares)	\$	182.00
102	May POM (After the Storm)	\$	163.00
165	Ministry Shares (March-May)	\$	290.00
300	Michigan Conference "Benefits"	\$	681.21
502	Michigan Conference "Health"	\$	1,955.00
602	City of Allegan	\$	58.69
602	Charter Communications	\$	288.73
602	Michigan Gas	\$	86.79
602	Republic Trash Service	\$	268.62
602	Consumers Energy	\$	75.53
606	Staples (Church maintenance)	\$	53.33
705	Cokesbury (2026 Stewardship Envelopes)	\$	416.19
709	Konica Minolta Premier Finance	\$	518.93
903	The Upper Room	\$	75.45
	WAGES	\$	7,974.57
	TOTAL CHURCH EXPENSES FOR JUNE	\$	13,088.04

PARSONAGE EXPENSES

603	Consumer Energy	\$	89.50
603	Republic Trash service	\$	268.61
603	Spectrum (Phone, Internet)	\$	98.00
603	Michigan Gas	\$	30.13
	TOTAL PARSONAGE EXPENSES FOR JUNE	\$	486.24
	TOTAL (NON-AUDITED)	\$	13,574.28



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

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

June donation TOTAL: \$55.00

Total as of June 30th: \$247.00



WORSHIP SERVERS FOR THIS MONTH

	8/3	8/10	8/17	8/24	8/31
Pianist	Sari Hammon	Ireland Armintrout	Ellen Bierlein	Lisa Campeau	Patty Anderson
Liturgist	Tim Dickinson	Lisa Campeau	Ellen Bierlein	Sari Hammon	Tita Balgoyen
Ushers	Corlee Harris Joan Rininger	Barb Sanborn Chris Thomas	Daryl Waggoner Lori Austin	Tita Balgoyen DeLaet	Chris Jurkas Corlee Harris
Artistic Talents	Ellen Bierlein	Tim Dickinson	TBA	TBA	TBA
Camera	Sarah Austin	DeLaet	Sarah Austin	DeLaet	DeLaet
Sound Tech	Jon Brink	Tim Borgman	Amanda Blom	Tim Borgman	Amanda Blom
Media	Amanda Blom	Sammi McPharlin	DeLaet	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

We're In Need of Nursery Attendants!



As we draw closer to the Fall season, AUMC is continuing its efforts to provide a safe and accessible space for families and children!

Are you feeling called to help us in that work?

We're looking to put together a rotating list of trained adults (or youth of a proper age) to be on call each Sunday to keep an eye on any children that may be in the Nursery. Attendants will be trained on our new

protection policy, and must have a background check performed (the church will assist).

In accordance with the new protection policy that leadership has put into place, in order to better align with state and conference safety procedures, if we do not have properly trained and vetted Nursery Attendants, we cannot safely provide that space for children.

If you are interested in volunteering in the nursery one or two Sundays out of the month and fostering a welcoming and safe atmosphere for young families, please contact the Church Office or Pastor Julia!



Our Volunteer Spotlight shines on the memory of Hanford Brink. Hanford for many years led the high school Sunday School class; was a Bethel Bible Study leader; served on various committees; spent many hours volunteering at our Hands of Grace Food Pantry; coached the church's ball team; worked on the sound system; and was a fierce competitor in any game he played. At Pentwater Church Camp he was always getting up some sort of game, be it Pepper, horse shoes, or bean bag baseball, and he was always ready for the next game. He will be missed in so many areas at the church but the memories will keep him close. Well done to a faithful servant, well done.



FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY

Invite a friend to church and stay afterwards for a potluck and fellowship.

Sunday August 3rd is Friendship Sunday.

This will also be the last day of the New Membership Classes.

*If bringing a dish for the Potluck, please have to church by 9:15am Sunday morning of the Potluck.
Bringing a potluck food is NOT REQUIRED.



Sarah Circle will meet on **Thursday, August 21st, 1:00pm** for a Potluck in the Fellowship Hall, table service and beverage will be provided.
All women are invited.
Devotions will be potluck so bring a short devotion to share.



Come and sing with us!

Choir is for ages Junior High and up **STARTS BACK UP AUGUST 27th**.

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 Savior through song.

Director Daryl Waggoner: 616-238-7955

Upcoming EVENTS



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

Thursday, September 4th at 5:30pm (NEW TIME)

The Grill House (we are open for ideas of other meeting/ eating destinations)

We will be ordering off the menu at your own expense.

Please be on the lookout for the sign up 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.



Allegan County Fair Parade theme:

"Shine & Show through September's Glow"

More Parade float information to come.

Parade September 8th



Sunday September 14th

Sunday school will BEGIN for ages 5K-Adult.

More information to come.



If you haven't checked out the Ag/Bake table in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings then you may be missing out on some great items.

We have FRESH items from the oven, garden and even our local lakes are donated for your taking.

Come and see after Sunday worship, what yummy and healthy treats we have this year.

The Ag/Bake table is located in the Fellowship Hall .

Cash donation or a check written to AUMC with the memo stating Ag/Bake

All the proceeds from our Ag/Bake table this year will be going toward "Ministry Shares".

The Ag/Bake table will run through October. So in time there will be pumpkins and gourds and other yummy autumn products.

*****If you're able to donate baked items, produce from your garden or fish from the lakes, please have to the church on Sunday mornings by 9:15 am. Thank you.**



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.



From an empty LOOM a MAT was made. ☺



Thank you to all who have provided plastic bags and for coming in and working on the mat.

This is an ongoing mission project so stop by the Fellowship Hall any time and work on the next one.