



Allegan United Methodist Church – September 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 Merritt, 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-Amy Brink
6-Eliza DeLaet
9-Claudia Watson
12-Samantha Fontanez
Brendan Campeau
Woodie Gibson
14-Heather Hitchcock
Jerry Masek
17-Patrick Ramaker
20-Ellen Bierlein



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





It's almost September, where did the summer go? Teachers and kids are gearing up for another school year and the church will soon have Rally Day. We now have five teachers in our family, as Allie just got her degree, and we have one counselor so we are very aware of the start of school. My grandson's girlfriend is from Oxford, Michigan and was in school when a gunman entered into the building killing 4 students and injuring 7 others. She was in a classroom near the shooting and could hear the gunshots and hear the screams. She is now a student at Grand Valley University but still struggles with what happened. School shootings are happening more often and I am sad to think that along with everything else teachers and staff have

to do they have to train for the what if's or the when. In my day our biggest threats were fake bomb phone calls. In the beginning they sent us home but when they began happening on a regular basis we were sent outside to wait while the building was searched and then returned to our classroom. I guess the caller gave up calling as they did not get the results they had hoped for. No matter the threat teachers, staff, and the children should not have to worry about someone coming into their school and hurting people. There is so much violence and evil in our world it's overwhelming but we know we have to continue to pray that somehow, someday we can overcome the violence and evil. I think about the hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" where it tells about how He is a bulwark never failing. He is our helper against the ancient foes, He is the right man on our side and He will win the battle!

Lord, as we begin another school year we need to put on the full armor of God and protect those whom we love from acts of violence and evil. Our prayer should be that no other child, teacher, staff, or family should have to grieve over the loss or injury of a loved one. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

Blessings my friends-Judy



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith is in part a 'Social Action' organization. We support issues that benefit women, children, and youth.

Today I want to encourage you to download the app. called "5 calls". It looks like a blue circle with 5 stars. With this app. you will be able to contact your state and national representatives automatically by email and phone. The app. even gives you a general script to use or modify for a more personal response to top issues. Plus, there are many other issues of great concern you may respond to. You won't have to march or stand in the street carrying a sign! You'll be able to make your voice heard right from your living room chair. Let's get busy and respond to these Social Issues—the ones that matter most to you. Every phone call and email is recorded for or against each issue. Like every vote counts---so does every phone call. Make a difference!



We offer a sincere "Thank You!" to the daughters of Eleanor Milheim who have gifted the church a glass angel in honor of their mother. The beautiful piece can be found in the Fellowship Hall, and the top lid can be lifted up for prayers to be placed inside! Be sure to step by and check it out!



Thank you to my church family for the prayers, cards , and well wishes.
They are very much appreciated.
-Ginny Borgman

AD BOARD REPORTS

August 21, 2025

Scouting- Joan Rininger

It has been a “traditional” summer for Troop 91/191 with regular troop meetings, summer camps, over-night campouts, fund raiser, highway pick-up, and working on merit badges, etc. The next Court Of Honor will be in early fall.

Membership-Joan Rininger and Judy Jennings

As of August 17 there are 164 members (deaths of Jim Sebright and Hanford Brink – membership transfer of Bonnie West). There are 54 on the constituent list.

SPRC-Kevin DeLaet

SPRC met and submitted our review of Pastor Julia to Mandana on time.

Missions-Chris Jurkas

Mission for September -MOBILITY WORLDWIDE MO-Columbia

This wonderful ministry has changed over 34,600 lives in the last 31 years.

2 Loom mats have been completed (Cindy Thiele)

Food Pantry-Rod Rambadt & Chris Jurkas

Financial: The pantry currently has \$3,914.82 in the account.

Donation Request: **Fruit (Pineapple, Peaches, Fruit Cocktail or Pears)**

Soup-tober: Starts October 1st to October 31st. Our drop sites are: Village Market, Class Act Salon, Grocery Outlet, Family Dollar and our church.

SEPTEMBER MISSIONS PROJECT OF THE MONTH **& COMMUNION DONATION REQUEST:**

MOBILITY WORLDWIDE MO-Columbia

Vision – Mobility Worldwide envisions a world where every individual, regardless of physical ability or economic status, has access to the life-changing gift of mobility.

60+ Million People Worldwide Are Leg Disabled Without Help From a Mobility Device. They Crawl in the Dirt – report by WHO 2013

Many people have lost the use of their legs due to polio, landmine injury, birth defects, etc. Mobility Worldwide MO – Columbia is a growing ministry to deliver mobility solutions to the “least of these.”

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Food and Personal Item Donations:

July & August

Village Market Donations: 372

Church donations: 467

School Supplies 360 To Lutheran Church Backpack Program

Grand Total: 1,199



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:

FRUIT

Pineapple, Pears, Fruit Cocktail, Peaches, Mandarin Oranges, Grapefruit



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Our church is making sleeping mats for the homeless out of plastic bags, a process called "plarn". These mats are made by cutting plastic grocery bags into strips, then looming them together to create a durable, water-resistant barrier. The finished mats are then donated to **MIDWEST MISSION** and they give out to those individuals experiencing homelessness.

***We are currently working on our 3rd mat and need more plastic bags.**

If interested in working on the mats stop by the Fellowship Hall during the week. Fellowship Hall is open M-F 8am-12noon.

Empty Loom



Weaving started



2 Completed mats.



Church and Parsonage Expenses-July
Income \$12,094.38

102	Junes POM (Immanuel Lutheran Backpack Mission)	\$	147.00
110-103	April-June Change Jars given to Ministry Shares	\$	140.00
119	Pastor, Jacque, Amanda, UWF (Service for Jenkins)	\$	400.00
126	Upper Room (reg. and Large Print)	\$	108.75
149	Julia Humenik (2 Families, Discretionary Fund)	\$	250.00
300	Michigan Conference "Benefits"	\$	681.21
502	Michigan Conference "Health"	\$	1,955.00
601	Bartz Rumery Agency (comm'l packg)	\$	2,087.25
601	Bartz Rumery Agency (umbrella)	\$	351.00
602	City of Allegan	\$	456.95
602	Charter Communications	\$	273.81
602	Michigan Gas	\$	46.84
602	Republic Trash Service	\$	298.93
602	Consumers Energy	\$	1,210.57
605	Village Express Gas (church Lawn mower)	\$	15.16
702	Staples (Office copy paper)	\$	99.58
709	Konica Minolta Premier Finance	\$	236.36
807	Daryl Waggoner (Choir music MP3s)	\$	149.75
807	Peck Music Publishing (Choir Music)	\$	149.57
807	Hope Publishing (Choir Music)	\$	114.80
903	Action Piano (Sanctuary Piano tuning)	\$	195.00
	WAGES	\$	7,838.84
	TOTAL CHURCH EXPENSES FOR JULY	\$	7,206.37

PARSONAGE EXPENSES

603	Consumer Energy	\$	320.49
603	Republic Trash service	\$	298.93
603	Spectrum (Phone, Internet)	\$	98.00
603	Michigan Gas	\$	19.09
	TOTAL PARSONAGE EXPENSES FOR JULY	\$	736.51
	TOTAL (NON-AUDITED)	\$	17,942.88

*Republic Trash Service has been dealt with and a lower payment will show up in Septembers Invoice.



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

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

Thank you.

July donation TOTAL: \$40.00

Total as of JULY 31st: \$287.00



SEPTEMBER

WORSHIP SERVERS FOR THIS MONTH

	9/7	9/14	9/21	9/28
Pianist	Ellen Bierlein	Sari Hammon	Ireland Armintrout	Patty Anderson
Liturgist	Kathie Arney	Daryl Waggoner	Sally Adams	Patty Anderson
Ushers	Corlee Harris Joan Rininger	Tita Balgoyen Chris Thomas	Daryl Waggoner Lori Austin	Barb Sanborn Chris Jurkas
Music	Jerry Masek	TBA	Chancel Choir	Bell Quartet
Camera	DeLaet	DeLaet	DeLaet	DeLaet
Sound Tech	Jon Brink	Tim Borgman	Amanda Blom	Tim Borgman
Media	Amanda Blom	Sammi McPharlin	DeLaet	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

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!



Car rides needed for Sunday service for Jeff and Barb

Please the sign-up sheet on the Easel in the Fellowship Hall.
Thank you!



***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.



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



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.**



Our Volunteer Spotlight shines on Leslie Johnson. Leslie is small in stature but is big in being our personal flower arranger at the church. All of the flower arrangements you see, throughout the church and on the altar, have lovingly been arranged by her. Leslie is dealing with some health issues but that has not stopped her from gracing our church with her gifts of beauty to be enjoyed by all. Leslie, a blessing in our midst, be sure to thank her when you see her.



Dinner with Sinners

A monthly fellowship opportunity

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

The Grill House

Please see the signup sheet in the FH, this helps with approximate headcount for our reservations.

For more information please contact the church office or Ellen Bierlein 269-377-9813.



Allegran County Fair Parade theme:

"Shine & Show through September's Glow"

Parade September 8th.

WE NEED Walkers



SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

Sunday September 14th

ages K-4th grade- Downstairs

Middle/High School -Downstairs Youth Room

Adults- Fellowship Hall

Light refreshments will be served for all.

STARTING BACK UP

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

When: Monday September 15th

Time: 6:30pm

Where: Church Fellowship Hall

Questions: call Daryl Waggoner 616-238-7955



STARTS BACK UP SEPTEMBER 7TH.

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 10:30am.

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 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 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



Coming soon...

Blessing of the Pets.

More information to come.



Church Charge Conference

Our Church Charge Conference is Sunday October 19th, 3:00 pm

The conference will be held with 6 other United Methodist Branches

WHERE: Martin United Methodist

969 E Allegan St, Martin, MI 49070

Friendship Sunday

"Our love to God is measured by our everyday fellowship with others and the love it displays."
(Andrew Murray)



40 came together for the Friendship Sunday Potluck. Tummies and souls left full from food, Fellowship and laughter.



This meal was given a 2 🍑🍑

Which I heard was the highest ranking for a Potluck.
(Given humans only have 2 thumbs.)☺