

Allegan United Methodist Church – October 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:

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

CONGRATULATIONS: Matthew and Samantha Rose who were joined in Marriage on Friday September 19th.

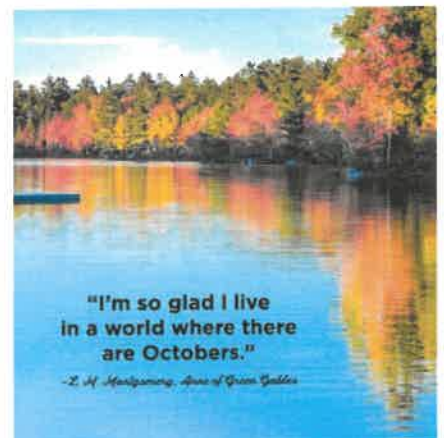
If you have any joys or concerns you would like announced on the live stream Sunday Service, please contact the church office(phone/email) no later than 11:30 a.m. Thursdays.



2-Anita Sponseller
Kyrel Hall
3-Kevin DeLaet
4-Lois Giles
Tim Dickinson
8-Jaime Spreitzer
Wende Coffindaffer
14-Jo Tibbitts
16-Naomi DeLaet
18-Katie Anderson
21-Finnly Blom
26-John DeLaet
27-Ryan Brink
30-Nathan Parrish
31-Yvonne Reimink



21-Bob & Sheryl Parrish
24- Scott & Connie Dangremond



"I'm so glad I live
in a world where there
are Octobers."

-L. M. Montgomery, Anne of Green Gables



I have this image of God holding his head in his hands and saying "what are they doing down there?" I am very sure He does not approve how we are treating other people nor does He appreciate those who claim to be Christians acting in un-Christian ways. Killing someone just because you don't like what they are saying is against all of His teachings and killing innocent children while they are in school must break His heart. My mom always said that the pendulum will swing back but it feels like we have gone too far to ever bring it back to where we treated people with common decency and in a Christ-like manner. How do we change things, how do we recover? Perhaps it's time to get back into our Bibles and start living the Word rather

than just reading it. The Preamble of our Constitution of The United States says "We The People of the United States in order to create a more perfect union..." folks we are far from a perfect union but the God we know and love never gives up on us nor does he forsake us. We must become united in bringing our country back to being kind, caring, understanding, and so much more. Recently Elizabeth Closson did devotions for Sarah Circle and shared with us the following: the day we understand that the left wing and the right wing are part of the same bird... only then can the eagle fly and America be great. What this says to me is we must work together to get us back to a more perfect union.

God, I can only imagine Your heartache over the way our country and our world seems to be spinning out of control. We need You to help us bring it back to a place of decency, kindness for our fellow man, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We beg You God to show us the way. Amen

Blessings my friends-Judy



On Sunday September 21st, 2025 we welcomed 5 new members to our church family and 1 membership transfer to our church.

Our new church family members are:

(L-R in picture below: Mary Gardea, Bonnie West, Emily Bucklew, Olivia Schipper, Betty McDaniel, and Debra Beek.



To say "thank you" isn't enough to let you know how much your prayers, cards, and calls meant to all of us during Tracy's illness and passing.

From the day she received it, Tracy was **NEVER** without her prayer shawl!

Shawn, Adam, and Scott Rininger, Shannon Rininger, and Joan Rininger



United
Women
in Faith

What are United Women in Faith doing here in our church? Let me tell you about a few of them. Betty McDaniel's has stepped up to manage the food pantry in the absence of Chris Jurkas's health problems. She is doing quite a bit of management with ordering supplies, scheduling, and computer records. Claudia Watson picks up lots of bread and bakery items twice a week for the pantry plus helps sort and divide food and supplies from the FCC Warehouse every Friday. Linda Flynn and Judy Jennings cleaned out the kitchen refrigerator. Some of those items left were over a year old. Now the refrigerator is clean and ready for the fall season. Eileen Brink, as UWF treasurer, continues to keep the books and records of this Unit of United Women in Faith. See the post on the bulletin board. Each one of these women has God given talents and time they are giving to the church and to the missions of the church. Don't forget to say hello, and thank you.

AD BOARD REPORTS

September 18, 2025

Scouting- Joan Rininger

No update at this time.

Membership-Joan Rininger and Judy Jennings

As of September 16 there are 164 members and 54 constituents. New members are scheduled to be received at the September 21st worship service.

UWF-Cindy Thiele

Kitchen supplies were stocked for the fall season.

Dishwasher detergent- \$139.99

Coffee- \$28.58

Juice & pop- \$36.27

The reweaving of the second sleeping mat is completed

Food Pantry-Rod Rambadt & Chris Jurkas

Financial: As of September 23rd, 2025 \$3,788.80

Donation Request: Peanut Butter and Jelly

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

Church and Parsonage Expenses-August
Income \$12,086.22

300	Michigan Conference "Benefits"	\$	681.21
502	Michigan Conference "Health"	\$	1,955.00
601	Michigan Conference (Workers Comp)	\$	330.92
602	City of Allegan	\$	498.59
602	Charter Communications	\$	85.00
602	First Communications (New Phone company)	\$	106.51
602	Michigan Gas	\$	41.43
*602	Republic Trash Service	\$	240.99
602	Consumers Energy	\$	1,285.76
606	Ace Hardware (Custodian)	\$	56.34
703	US Postal (100 stamps)	\$	78.00
709	Konica Minolta Premier Finance	\$	236.36
807	Staples (folders for choir music)	\$	22.28
902	Maria Rutland (guest speaker)	\$	100.00
960	Amanda Blom (Friendship Sunday paper products)	\$	48.19
	WAGES	\$	8,516.82
	TOTAL CHURCH EXPENSES FOR AUGUST	\$	14,283.40

PARSONAGE EXPENSES

603	Consumer Energy	\$	273.47
*603	Republic Trash service	\$	210.12
603	Spectrum (Phone, Internet)	\$	100.00
603	Michigan Gas	\$	17.72
	TOTAL PARSONAGE EXPENSES FOR AUGUST	\$	601.31
	TOTAL (NON-AUDITED)	\$	14,884.71

*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.

August donation TOTAL: \$20.00

Total as of AUGUST 31st: \$267.00

OCTOBER MISSIONS PROJECT OF THE MONTH
& COMMUNION DONATION REQUEST:



DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY



This year mark's 30 years of books gifted
264,181,752 million books gifted since inception.

- The number of books gifted in 2024 was 36,714,624. This was an overall 24.4% increase over 2023 and equals 7,210,079 additional books gifted. (This equates to a book mailed every 0.86 seconds).

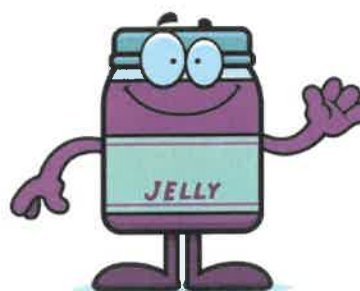
Breakdown by country for books gifted:

- USA: 34,905,478
- Canada: 674,819
- United Kingdom: 652,861
- Australia: 405,915
- Republic of Ireland: 75,551

Let's show how many books can be purchased with our donations
As always, thank you for your generosity



This months donation need is:





WORSHIP SERVERS FOR THIS MONTH

	10/5	10/12	10/19	10/26
Pianist	Sari Hammon	Ireland Armintrout	Lisa Campeau	Ellen Bierlein
Liturgist	Bonnie West	Sari Hammon	Pat Huth	Tim Dickinson
Ushers	Corlee Harris Joan Rininger	Corlee Harris Chris Thomas	Daryl Waggoner Lori Austin	Barb Sanborn Tita Balgoyen
Music	Chancel Choir		Chancel Choir	Bells
Camera	DeLaet	Amanda Blom	DeLaet	DeLaet
Sound Tech	Jon Brink	Tim Borgman	Amanda Blom	Jon Brink
Media	DeLaet	Sammi Rose	DeLaet	Sammi Rose

🎵 **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!



***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.

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!

Ag/Bake: OCTOBER IS THE LAST MONTH

October is the last month for Ag/Bake.

If you haven't had a chance to check out the table after Sunday Worship make sure you do this month.

With Autumn time comes the harvest and yummy Fall time treats.



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.



Our Volunteer Spotlight shines on Tim and Lori Dickinson and their countless hours of beautifying our church yard. A person might ride by and see Tim down on his knees pulling weeds or Lori lovingly looking after the flowers that they have planted. Bushes and trees are trimmed, sidewalk edging done, and so much more. Tim and Lori volunteer at our food pantry, Tim serves on SPRC and sings in the choir. Be sure to thank them for attempting to beautify our stone church on the corner so that those riding by might step inside and experience our worship service and feel welcomed among us.



Blessing of the Pets

Sunday October 5th

1:00pm on our front Sanctuary Steps.

All creatures big and small are welcomed for a special blessing.

Even bring Bigfoot, if you can find him. ☺



Dinner with Sinners

a fellowship opportunity that meets monthly.

Thursday, October 2nd at 5:30pm (NEW TIME)

The Grill House

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.



Lasagna Fundraiser and Silent Auction

Allegan UMC Fellowship Hall

Saturday Oct. 18th, 5-7pm

\$12 suggested donation

Call church office and make your reservations today 673-4236.

(not a requirement, but this helps with headcount when making the lasagnas.)

Dine-in and Take-out Available

Meal: Homemade Lasagna, Salad, Bread, Drink, Dessert



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

2025 ACF Parade "Shine & Show through September's Glow"



Thank you for your support with the parade.

We appreciate the candy donations and those that helped with the parade.

Fun was had by all and it was GREAT to hear young children say "HI JESUS", to the life size stuffed character of Jesus ☺





On Sunday November 2nd we'll be honoring loved ones who have gone home before us this past year from November 2024-current.
Please email or call into the church office, by October 27th, with your loved ones name, so we may remember them on All Saints Day.
Thank you.

A colorful graphic for Game Night. It features a green puzzle piece, a black die, a white card with black diamonds, and a red and orange chess piece. The text "GAME Night" is written in a playful, colorful font. The background is a collage of colorful squares and puzzle pieces.

Get your game on!!
Join us for a game night! Bring your favorite game snack and a friend for a fun evening.
You can also bring your own board game or card game if you wish.
When will this fun-filled night happen?
Saturday, November 15th
from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm



During worship on November 23rd we ask that you bring an "ORNAMENT" from home to hang on our church family Christmas trees that are in the sanctuary.

After worship on the 23rd, we will finish transforming the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall into the season of Advent with the 'Hanging of the Greens'.



Advent begins Sunday November 30th.

We are looking for people willing to read the Advent readings and light the candles on the Advent wreath during our worship services.

Sunday November 30th, December 7th, 14th, 21st, and the evening of the 24th for Christmas Eve worship.

Please contact the office if you are able to serve.