



## The Alplaus United Methodist Church Muse



### ***The Alplaus United Methodist Church's Mission and Vision:***

*Our vision for the AUMC is to be a viable, active, open church that supports both individual members and the community with a loving, spiritual atmosphere.*

*Our mission is to worship, serve, pray, and play by connecting with the community and each other.*

### **Pastoral letter**

Summer is upon us! Let us enjoy the beauty of the earth and rejoice in this beautiful region in which we live! I have plans to swim and hike and paddleboard this summer, and I hope to go camping too! During this season of ordinary time, I will be offering a sermon series on the Spirit (starting 6/10). It will be off lectionary, and hopefully help folks to recognize and discern where the Holy Spirit enters our lives and leads us as we seek to be followers of Christ. My other big plans for the summer include an informal Bible Study on Tuesday evenings at 7pm. We'll be looking into the writings of Paul – what he wrote, what was attributed to him but probably not his own words, and how we read and respond to these works today. As I mentioned, informal is the plan...

Each Tuesday we'll be discussing a different letter and my plan is to have discussion questions on the Blog (<http://alplaus.blogspot.com/>) by Sunday morning. If I forget, someone will hopefully remind me during the service and then questions should be posted by 1pm on Sunday for discussion on Tuesday night. If you are interested but unavailable on Tuesday night, you are welcome to check out the blog (<http://alplaus.blogspot.com/>) and reply to questions or ask your own and I will update talking points from the discussion on Tuesday nights. Hopefully, this can be a format that will work for all!

Here's our schedule:

- 6/7 – Philemon (it's one page and extremely interesting!)
- 6/14 – Romans
- 6/21 – Serving dinner at City Mission – no class
- 6/28 – Galatians
- 7/5 – I Corinthians
- 7/12 – II Corinthians
- 7/19 – Serving Dinner at City Mission – no class
- 7/26 – I Thessalonians
- 8/2 – I & II Timothy
- 8/9 – Away camping...
- 8/16 – Colossians



Classes will begin at 7pm. All are welcome to attend any or all weeks. You can come if you haven't read, you can come if you meant to read, you can come with questions and thoughts prepared, or not. Please come and find us in the coolest part of the building (the basement).

Blessings on your summer!

*Pastor Kristi*

**Lectionary**

These are listed with the idea that you might care to read the scriptures before attending church each week, especially if you will be the liturgist and especially the psalms, which we seldom read in worship.

|      | <u>Hebrew Scripture</u> | <u>Psalms</u> | <u>Epistle</u>       | <u>Gospel</u> |
|------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 6/5  | 1 Kings 17:18-24        | 146           | Galatians 1:11-24    | Luke 7:11-17  |
| 6/12 | 1 Kings 2: 1-21a        | 5:1-8         | Galatians 2:15-21    | Luke 7:36-8:3 |
| 6/19 | 1 Kings 19:1-15a        | 42            | Galatians 3:23-29    | Luke 8:26-39  |
| 6/26 | 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14     | 77:1-2, 11-20 | Galatians 5:1, 13-25 | Luke 9:51-62  |

**Fulfilling our promises - our presence and our presents**

|          | <u>Our Presence</u> | <u>Our Gifts</u> |
|----------|---------------------|------------------|
| April 3  | 18                  | \$858            |
| April 10 | 23                  | \$627            |
| April 17 | 23                  | \$863            |
| April 24 | 18                  | \$576            |

**Comparison of expenses and income**

|          | For April | Actual year to date | Budgeted year to date |
|----------|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Expenses | \$5,188   | \$24,370            | \$23,156              |
| Income   | \$2,924   | \$18,957            | \$16,664              |



**Lay Leader**

THIS IS AN UPLIFTING REMINDER FOR US ALL.

Stay young my friends - we all need to read this one over and over - until it becomes part of who we are!

HOW TO STAY YOUNG

1. Try everything twice.  
On one woman's tombstone she said she wanted this epitaph:  
"Tried everything twice. Loved it both times!"
2. Keep only cheerful friends.  
The grouches pull you down.  
(Keep this in mind if you are one of those grouches!)
3. Keep learning:  
Learn more about the computer, crafts, and gardening, whatever...  
Never let the brain get idle.  
"An idle mind is the devil's workshop." And the devil's name is Alzheimer's!
4. Enjoy the simple things.
5. Laugh often, long and loud.  
Laugh until you gasp for breath.  
And if you have a friend who makes you laugh, spend lots and lots of time with him or her.
6. The tears happen:  
Endure, grieve, and move on.  
The only person who is with us our entire life, is ourselves.  
LIVE while you are alive.
7. Surround yourself with what you love:  
Whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever.  
Your home is your refuge.
8. Cherish your health:  
If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it.  
If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
9. Don't take guilt trips.  
Take a trip to the mall, even to the next city, state, or to a foreign country,  
but NOT to where the guilt is.
10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.  
I love you, my special friend.
11. Forgive now those who made you cry. You might not get a second chance.  
Remember! Lost time can never be found.  
Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

*(author unknown)*

Thank you to my friends and family for sharing these great stories and articles I share with you each month.

Blessings,  
Lisa Beretz, Lay Leader



**June Birthdays**

|    |                   |
|----|-------------------|
| 2  | Emily Hickerson   |
| 8  | Emma Bowman       |
| 9  | Alan Bowman       |
| 16 | Jeff Thomas       |
| 17 | Terry Gleason     |
|    | Mia Wall          |
| 18 | Vanessa Guillaume |
| 24 | John Lewis        |
| 27 | Judi Thomas       |

**May Anniversaries**

|    |                         |
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| 2  | Cindy & Mark Franze '74 |
| 17 | John & Hope Meehan '95  |
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**Community Luncheon**

The luncheon will be Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am – 1:30pm in Fellowship Hall. I heard that the May luncheon went very well; sorry I missed it but I enjoyed a week vacation with my three children in Texas. Hope to see you all in June. Bring a dish to share and a friend!

**United Methodist Women**

The UMW will meet for our Spring Luncheon on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 at Applebees on Rt 50. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Prayer list**

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Ginny Smith                          | Bill Broland                      |
| Barbara Hutchins                     | Alice and Claudia Lewis           |
| The King, Story, and Culver families | Robin's grandson Tyler and family |
| Gordon Neufeld and family            | Tami Flanders and family          |
| Amanda's cousin David and family     | Anne, Emily, and Deontae          |
| Victims of disasters and violence    | Kwiatkowski                       |
| Yvonne White                         | Esther Miller                     |
| Sandi Donahue and family             |                                   |

## Alplaus United Methodist Church June 2016 Events Calendar

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday               | Thursday  | Friday                             | Saturday   |
|--|--|--|-------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--|
|  |  |  | <b>1</b><br>7pm Scouts  | <b>2</b><br>1-3pm Knitting Group<br>Tea Fellowship<br>7pm Choir | <b>3</b><br>6pm<br>Bridge<br>Club  | <b>4</b><br><b>9-3pm Alplaus<br/>community tag<br/>sale</b><br><b>11:30am - 2pm<br/>Ice Cream Social</b> |
| <b>5</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost<br><br><b>9:15am Sunday School<br/>10:15am Church Worship<br/>Service, Pastor Kristi away</b>  | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b><br>7pm Scouts  | <b>9</b><br>1-3pm Knitting Group<br>7pm Choir                   | <b>10</b><br>6pm<br>Bridge<br>Club | <b>11</b>  |
| <b>12</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost<br><br><b>9:15am Last Day of Sunday<br/>School. 10:15am Church<br/>Communion Worship Service.<br/>Children's craft following<br/>children's message. Church<br/>Council Meeting after<br/>fellowship. SICM Sunday</b> | <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b><br><br><b>11:30 – 1:30<br/>Community<br/>Luncheon.</b> | <b>15</b><br>7pm Scouts | <b>16</b><br>12:30pm UMW<br>1-3pm Knitting Group<br>7pm Choir   | <b>17</b><br>6pm<br>Bridge<br>Club | <b>18</b>  |
| <b>19</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost<br><br><b>10:15am Church Worship<br/>Service<br/>Happy Father's Day</b>   | <b>20</b><br><br><b>Muse<br/>article<br/>deadline!</b> | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b><br>7pm Scouts | <b>23</b><br>1-3pm Knitting Group<br>7pm Choir                  | <b>24</b><br>6pm<br>Bridge<br>Club | <b>25</b>  |
| <b>26</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost<br><br><b>10:15am Church Worship<br/>Service, Pastor Kristi away<br/>Children's church following<br/>children's message</b>   | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b>               | <b>30</b><br>7pm Choir  |                                    |  |

Pastor Kristi's Office hours: 10am – Noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

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Thank you!

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