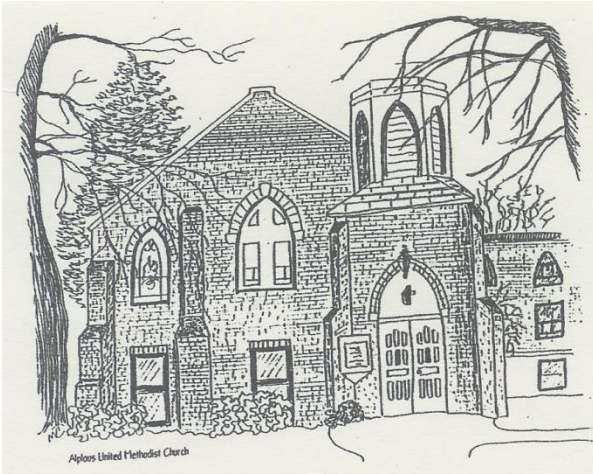




## The Alplaus United Methodist Church Muse



### ***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**

Has it been a month already since I first introduced myself to you in the last *Muse*? What a very busy month it was! Steve and I decided a few days before the ceremony to not get married. There was no drama, no anger, just a mutual decision that our future would not be together. Life goes on and I am finding life in the Alplaus congregation to be both family and home. The parade was wonderful! I loved throwing candy to the crowds. Kylie also had a great time. The picnic afterward was great community time too. I think next year I may work on balloon art for the float and possibly to distribute as well...

We have moved in – mostly...it's a long process. Once I'm done cleaning out the old house, I will try to unpack more completely. Kylie will be headed to a UM Camp, Casowasco, at the end of July and I hope to get a lot of work done then. But yes, we are at the parsonage, and we love it. Kylie has made friends with the little girl across the street and they hope to be in the same class come September.

I have really enjoyed preaching here. We have been following selections from Matthew on Sunday mornings, exploring themes of partnering with Christ, gardening and the Kingdom of God. This Kingdom of God is an ideal to which we strive. We read that we are yoked to Christ so that he may guide us and help us in our efforts for God's Kingdom. We've seen in God a generous sower who wishes to freely distribute limitless supplies of grace and love. We recognize that when we join together in the Lord's prayer "Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven" – that there is work for us to do to create with God a place on earth that reflects God's love, mercy, justice and salvation. In our next few weeks we will learn with the disciples at the feet of Jesus – hearing him preach and later explain. We will remember miracles and wonders and recognize Christ as the Messiah just before we turn with him towards Jerusalem.

Our first month here has been full of activity and I am pleased to get to know this congregation and community. I feel blessed to be in the midst of such warm and caring folks. Thank you for welcoming us and I look forward to serving God with you here!

*Pastor Kristi*

**Lay Leader**

Christian one liners...

Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.  
Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.  
Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers. It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.  
The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.  
When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.  
People are funny; they want the Front of the bus, Middle of the road, and Back of the church.  
Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on the front door forever. WHEW.  
Quit griping about your church; if it were perfect, you couldn't belong. YEP'ER.  
If a church wants a better pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has.  
We're called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.  
God himself doesn't propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?  
Some minds are like concrete. Thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.  
Peace starts with a smile.  
I don't know why some people change churches; what difference does it make which one you stay home from?  
Be ye fishers of men. You catch'em - He'll clean'em.  
Stop, Drop, and Roll won't work in Hell.  
Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.  
Don't put a question mark where God put a period.  
Don't wait for 6 strong men to take you to church.  
Forbidden fruits create many jams.  
God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.  
God grades on the cross, not the curve.  
God loves everyone, but probably prefers 'fruits of the spirit' over 'religious nuts!'  
God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.  
He who angers you, controls you!  
If God is your Co-Pilot, you need to swap seats!  
Prayer: Don't give God instructions, just report for duty!  
The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.  
The Will of God never takes you where the Grace of God will not protect you.  
We don't change the message, the message changes us.  
You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him/her.  
The best mathematical equation I have ever seen: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.

If this blessed you in a profound way today, share it with a few friends to bless them! I bet someone else will LOVE it too.

There is no greater treasure than a good friend! Awww..  
(author unknown)

Blessings,  
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**Church Directory Updates and Corrections:**

We will be including changes for you to update in your own copy of the directory within each Muse as we learn of the changes. Please remember to let us know when you move or have a change of any kind.

Elise Lewis' new address: 5812 Lake Elton Road, Durham NC 27713-2016

Sadly we think of Ginny Bopp and Merrill Negus (deceased this summer) as those, whose work is done, whose troubles are now past, entering gladly through that friendly door to "Home at last."

**Community Luncheon**

Sorry we had to cancel the luncheon in July. It was so close to July 4<sup>th</sup> and a number of people were still going to be on vacation. This month we will meet on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Hope that you will all be able to be with us! Bring a friend and a dish to share if you can. See you on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

**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>Psalm</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Aug 3	Genesis 32:22–31	Psalm 17:1–7, 15	Romans 9:1–5	Matthew 14:13–21
Aug 10	Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28	Psalm 105:1–6, 16–22, 45b	Romans 10:5–15	Matthew 14:22–23
Aug 17	Genesis 45:1–15	Psalm 133	Romans 11:1– 2a, 29–32	Matthew 15:10–20, 21–28
Aug 24	Exodus 1:8–2, 10	Psalm 124	Romans 12:1–8	Matthew 16:13–20
Aug 31	Exodus 3:1-15	Psalm 105:1–6, 22–26, 45c	Romans 12:9–21	Matthew 16:21–28

**Prayer List**

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|---------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Jack Leveille             | Ginny Smith                                   | Dorothy Ziegler            |
| Barbara Hutchins          | A knitting friend                             | Rose's father              |
| Lu Diel                   | Terry Gleason                                 | Rev. Dr. Brolin Parker     |
| Claudia Lewis             | Alice Lewis                                   | Janice's family            |
| Terry Gleason             | Jeanne Story                                  | Residents of nursing homes |
| Bill Broland              | Betsy Hyatt                                   | Mary Jackson               |
| Marci Kraut               | Family of Bernard Paparella and Harriet Wells |                            |
| Dan Trask                 | Anne, Emily, and Deontae Kwiatkowski          |                            |
| Gordon Neufeld and family | All victims of disasters and violence         |                            |

**August Birthdays and Anniversaries**Birthdays

13 Deborah Bump

24 Cindy Franze

28 Virginia Smith

15 Daniel Trask

26 Kristi Van Patten

29 Jennifer Suydam

21 Shirley Sutphen

27 Ruth Dussault

Anniversaries

7 Dan &amp; Barbara Trask '76

7 Amy Riordan &amp; Alan Bowman '87

20 Carl &amp; Johanne Shepard '70

**Fulfilling our Promises - our presence and our presents**

	<u>Our Presence</u>	<u>Our Gifts</u>
June 1	26	\$1358
June 8	26	\$530
June 15		\$1153
June 22	41	\$788.50
June 29	66	

**Comparison of expenses and income**

	For June	Actual year to date	Expected year to date (budgeted)
Expenses	\$5,607.57	\$35,499.38	\$30,666.67
Income	\$3,829.50	\$24,348.45	\$20,833.33



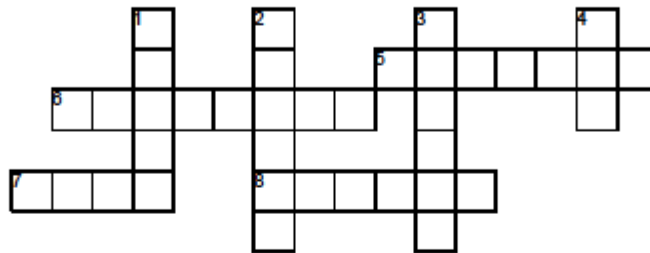
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# The Parable of the Hidden Treasure

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field." Matthew 13:44 (NIV)



Complete the activity below.



**ACROSS**

- 5. A territory or country ruled by a king or queen
- 6. Something of great value such as silver, gold, or jewels
- 7. Gave something in exchange for money
- 8. The place where God is

**DOWN**

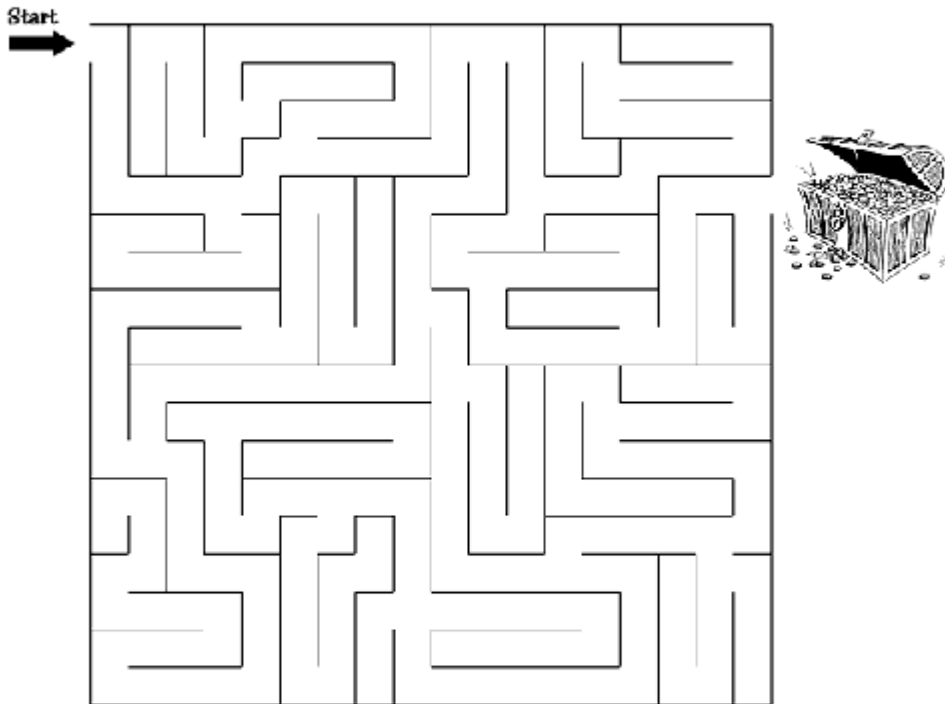
- 1. An open area of land without buildings on it
- 2. Purchased something by paying money for it
- 3. To be kept out of sight so no one can find it
- 4. A feeling of great happiness

KINGDOM	HIDDEN	HEAVEN	TREASURE
FIELD	SOLD	BOUGHT	JOY



## Treasure in the Field Maze

Can you find the way to the hidden treasure?



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Matthew 13:44

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## Alplaus United Methodist Church – August 2014 Events Calendar

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
					<b>1</b> 6:30 pm Bridge	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 8th Sunday after Pentecost  <b>9:30 am Church Communion Worship Service</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 1 – 3 pm Knitting Group	<b>8</b> 6:30 pm Bridge	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9th Sunday after Pentecost  <b>9:30 am Church Worship Service</b> <b>SICM Food Collection Day</b>	<b>11</b> 7 pm Council Meeting	<b>12</b> <b>Noon – Community Luncheon</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 1 – 3 pm Knitting Group	<b>15</b> 6:30 pm Bridge	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  <b>9:30 am Church Worship Service</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Muse article deadline!</b>	<b>21</b> 1 – 3 pm Knitting Group	<b>22</b> 6:30 pm Bridge	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  <b>9:30 am Church Worship Service</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 1 – 3 pm Knitting Group	<b>29</b> 6:30 pm Bridge	<b>30</b>

Pastor Kristi's schedule – To be determined

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no later than **August 20<sup>th</sup>**.

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