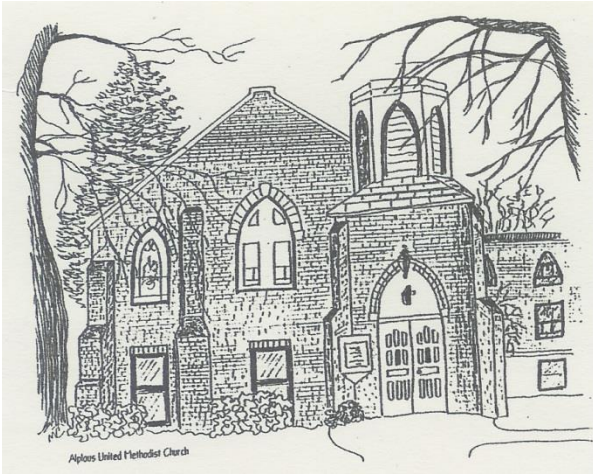




The Alplaus United Methodist Church Muse



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

As fall draws near I am looking forward to see what the change of seasons brings. I have had a busy summer, moving and settling in and I am eager to see how the church functions in the school year. On the 4th of September I look forward to the lunch gathering of knitters at Lakeside and later meeting with the Choir which will resume practice that evening; worship service returns to 10:15 on the 7th and Sunday School restarts on the 21st. Other yearlong essentials continue: Church Council will meet on the 7th after the service at the Trask's and the Community Luncheon on the 9th. In addition to these usuals, I'd like to explore an adult discussion group - a place to discuss responses to notions brought up in worship or preaching, or we can see if there is a theological book we would like to read and discuss together. If this idea is interesting to you, reach out to me and share your hopes and we'll see what kind of temporary small group we can get together.

One other standard but far less predictable yearly essential is our Church Conference. I met with our District Superintendent at a cluster meeting that reminded us that as United Methodists, there is a flurry of forms and procedures for just about everything and that the District office is close to having a schedule for Church Conferences - not expected to take place in Sept or Oct but by the end of the year. Rev. Rich Weihing's office went through a move this summer too. The District office is now located in the Newtonville UMC (off Rte 9 just north of Siena College) and he and Maxine are ready to help us and keep us up to date on the methods of being Methodist. More specific news will follow on our yearly celebration of our local ministry and connection to our larger Conference.

Kylie is eager to start school at Glenclyff - she has toured the school, knows who her teacher will be and already knows one of her classmates. Once school and sports get started, I will be able to set a schedule for office and other things that go on. I used to get a little sad to see the young trees that are the first to ready their leaves for the upcoming winter; I have already started to notice some of these early markers of the upcoming change of season, but I welcome them this year. I welcome the notion that I am ready to be done with a summer transition and am eager to settle in for the long winter ahead. Perhaps I am eager and ready for the coming cold and dark because of the bright and warm welcome that has greeted my summer arrival.

Thank you!

Pastor Kristi

**Lay Leader****Jesus Loves Me (For Seniors)**

While watching a little TV on Sunday instead of going to church, I watched a Church in Atlanta honoring one of its senior pastors who had been retired many years. He was 92 at that time and I wondered why the Church even bothered to ask the old gentleman to preach at that age.

After a warm welcome, introduction of this speaker, and as the applause quieted down he rose from his high back chair and walked slowly, with great effort and a sliding gate to the podium. Without a note or written paper of any kind he placed both hands on the pulpit to steady himself and then quietly and slowly he began to speak....

Here is a new version just for us who have white hair or no hair at all. For us over middle age (or even those almost there) and all you others, check out this newest version of Jesus Loves Me.

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow
Though my sight is growing dim,
Still He bids me trust in Him.
When the nights are dark and long,
In my heart He puts a song.
Telling me in words so clear,
"Have no fear, for I am near"
When my work on earth is done,
And life's victories have been won.
He will take me home above,
Then I'll understand His love
I love Jesus, does He know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say,
That I love Him every day.

Thank you to Ginny Marra for sharing this.

Blessings,
Lisa Beretz, Lay Leader
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Community Luncheon

The luncheon will be held September 9th at noon in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share if you can. Otherwise just come and bring a friend. Bingo will follow the luncheon.

Prizes

If anyone has appropriate items that can be used for Bingo prizes at the luncheons, please give them to Mary Herrick.



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>
Sep 7	Exodus 12: 1-14	Psalm 149	Romans 13: 8-14	Matthew 18: 15-20
Sep 14	Exodus 14: 19-31;	Exodus 15:1b– 11, 20-21	Romans 14: 1-12	Matthew 20: 1-16
Sep 21	Exodus 16: 2-15	Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45	Philippians 1: 21-30	Matthew 20: 1-16
Sep 28	Exodus 17: 1-17	Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16	Philippians 2: 1-13	Matthew 21: 23-32

Prayer List

Jack Leveille	Ginny Smith	Dorothy Ziegler
Barbara Hutchins	Dan Trask	Lu Diel
Claudia Lewis	Alice Lewis	Janice's family
Terry Gleason	Jeanne Story	Residents of nursing homes
Bill Broland	Mary Jackson	
Marcie Krout	Anne, Emily, and Deontae Kwiatkowski	
Gordon Neufeld and family	All victims of disasters and violence	

Church Directory

Our directory is in need of updating. If anyone can volunteer to update it for the various corrections, additions, and changes please contact Kristi.

Fulfilling our Promises - our presence and our presents

	<u>Our Presence</u>	<u>Our Gifts</u>
July 6	32	\$1018
July 13	29	\$836.50
July 20	23	\$452
July 27	??	\$345
June 29	66	

Comparison of expenses and income

	For July
Expenses	\$2,873.82
Income	\$2,726.50



Kids pages

Peter's Confession of Christ

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"
Matthew 16:15 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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- 13-15-23-5-13-15 _____
- 7-18-19-7-11-18 _____
- 1-11-18-3-3-18-14 _____

ROCK	BLESSED	LIVING	HEAVEN	KINGDOM
PROPHETS	CHURCH	PEOPLE	CHRIST	KEYS

Alplaus United Methodist Church September 2014 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4 1-3pm Knitting Group at Lakeside 7pm Choir	5 6:30pm Bridge	6
7 13th Sunday after Pentecost 10:15am Church Communion Worship Service Church Council Mtg after coffee hour at Trask's home	8	9 Noon – Community Luncheon	10	11 1– 3pm Knitting Group 7pm Choir	12 6:30pm Bridge	13
14 14th Sunday after Pentecost 10:15am Church Worship Service SICM Food Collection Day Welcome Party for Pastor Kristi at Trask's home after church	15	16	17	18 1 -3pm Knitting Group 7pm Choir	19 6:30pm Bridge	20 Muse article deadline!
21 15 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15am 1st Day of Sunday School 10:15am Church Worship Service Safe Sanctuary meeting after coffee hour	22	23	24	25 1 -3pm Knitting Group 7pm Choir	26 6:30pm Bridge	27
28 16 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15am Sunday School 10:15am Church Worship Service	29	30				

Pastor Kristi's schedule: to be determined.

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no later than **September 20th**.
Thank you!

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