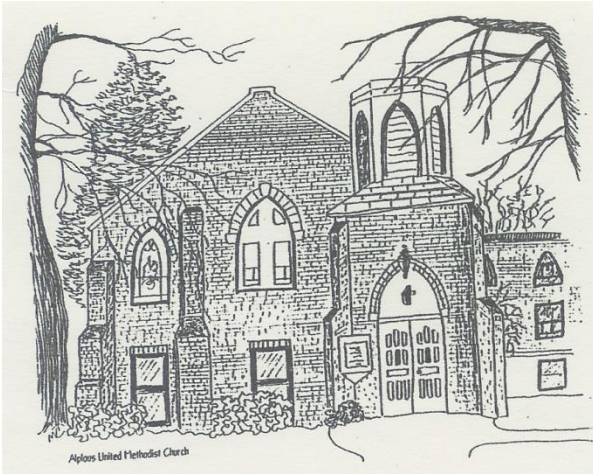




The Alplaus United Methodist Church Muse



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

Hello August! It's really summer now that some of us have been enjoying trips and camping or are looking forward to some time away. Whether you are packing up to head out, unpacking from a recent jaunt, or unpacking a bag of groceries - I want you to pause in the midst of some packing. Recently, we read in Mark that Jesus, when eagerly pursued by the hopeful and faithful, called his disciples for a time away upon the lake. There, they were still and quiet and prayed.

Find a moment - at a red light, while brushing your hair or your teeth, beachside, mountaintop, or simply mute a commercial you dislike. Choose a moment to intentionally unpack: bitterness, old arguments, disappointments, and broken promises from your life. Make room for the holy to come and dwell in the newly renovated space within. Remember that you are God's own beloved child. Remind yourself that God is aching to fill you with goodness, grace and love. Remember that when you intentionally make room for the holy, your life may seem more balanced and whole.

Will the process of unpacking some old unpleasantness magically fix all your woes? Probably not; but it may have a positive effect on your daily outlook and your interactions throughout the day as you allow the holy to shine forth in all that you do. In this season of day trips, vacations, and parties, there are a myriad of opportunities to pack up stuff. Go ahead - give it a try and please - let me know how it works out for you. Hoping to hear from you...

Blessings,
Pastor Kristi

Community Luncheon

The luncheon will be held Tuesday, August 11th in Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend to join us! Bring a dish to share if you can. We will have Bingo following the luncheon.



Lay Leader

A RIDDLE FOR SMART PEOPLE - Only 5% of Stanford University graduates figured it out! Can you answer all seven of the following questions, with the same word?

1. The word has seven letters....
2. Preceded God...
3. Greater than God...
4. More evil than the devil...
5. All poor people have it...
6. Wealthy people need it....
7. If you eat it, you will eventually die.

Did you figure it out? Try hard before looking at the answers.
Did you get it yet? Give up? See next page and brace yourself for the answer....

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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>
8/2	2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a	51: 1-12	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35
8/9	2 Samuel 18:5-9,15, 31-33	130	Ephesians 4:25- 5:2	John 6:35, 41-51
8/16	1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14	111	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58
8/23	1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43	84	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-69
8/30	Song of Solomon 2:8-13	45:1-2, 6-9	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Prayer List

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| Jack Leveille | Ginny Smith | Dorothy Ziegler |
| Barbara Hutchins | Marcie Krout | Bill Broland |
| Claudia Lewis | Alice Lewis | Janice's family |
| Terry Gleason | Jeanne Story | |
| Gordon Neufeld and family | Tami Flanders and family | |
| All victims of disasters and violence | Anne, Emily, and Deontae Kwiatkowski | |
| Residents of nursing homes | Dean and Countermine families | |

Coffee Hour

Volunteers are still needed to host coffee hour. Please check the signup sheet in Fellowship Hall and volunteer! Thank you to all who have provided various items for coffee hour use.



Fulfilling our Promises - our presence and our presents

	<u>Our Presence</u>	<u>Our Gifts</u>
6/7	?	\$752
6/14	32	\$721
6/21	32	\$887
6/28 community svc	39	\$0

Comparison of expenses and income

	For June	Actual year to date	Expected year to date (budgeted)
Expenses	\$5,589	\$35,452	\$36,554
Income	\$2,360	\$24,963	\$27,395

Pill Bottle program

Please remember to bring in your clean, unlabeled plastic pill bottles. They will be reused to help dispense medicine in poor, developing countries. There is a container in Fellowship Hall to collect them.

Garage Sale Items Needed

The church will have a table at a garage sale in Saratoga on August 22nd. Items to sell are needed – please bring your clean, gently used items to the garage behind the church in time for them to be sorted and priced. Tonya is coordinating; please see her for details or if you would like to volunteer to help.

Riddle Answer

The Answer is:

NOTHING!

NOTHING has 7 letters.

NOTHING preceded God.

NOTHING is greater than God.

NOTHING is more Evil than the devil.

All poor people have NOTHING.

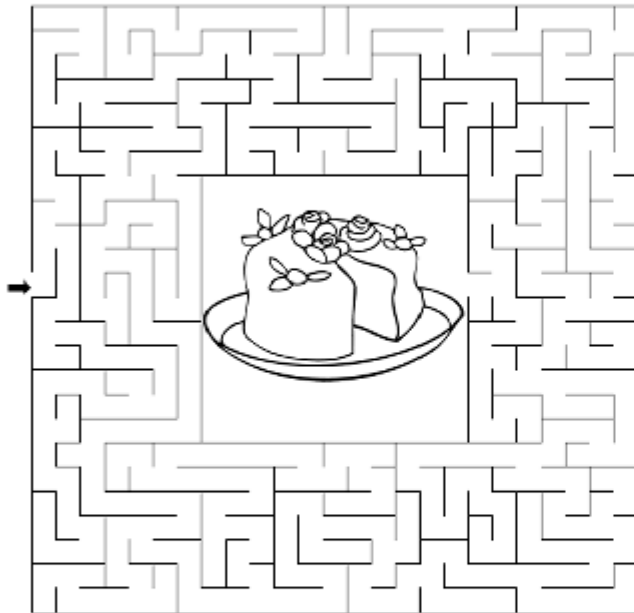
Wealthy people need NOTHING.

If you eat NOTHING, you will die..

God Bless!!

Maze Puzzle

You are invited to the wedding banquet!
Can you find your way to the wedding cake?



You're Invited!

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Children's Worship Bulletin

Parable of the Wedding Banquet

Matthew 22:1-14

Word Search Puzzle

R U D N Q C O R N E R S E L C
 Z N E I K P M P G U E S T S V
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PARABLES	STREET	INVITED	BANQUET
GUESTS	HEAVEN	KINGDOM	CORNERS
SERVANTS	CATTLE	COMF	OXEN
FILLED	REFUSED	WEDDING	DINNER

Alplaus United Methodist Church August 2015 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30am Church Communion Worship Service	3	4	5	6	7 6:30pm Bridge	8 Use of church parking lot by a local family.
9 11th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30am Church Worship Service SICM Food Collection Day	10	11 Noon – Community Luncheon	12	13	14 6:30pm Bridge	15
16 12 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30am Church Worship Service	17	18	19	20 Muse article deadline!	21 6:30pm Bridge	22
23 13 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30am Church Worship Service	24	25	26	27	28 6:30pm Bridge	29
30 14 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30am Church Worship Service						

Pastor Kristi's schedule - In the office: Wednesday 9-12 and Thursday 11-1.

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Thank you!

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