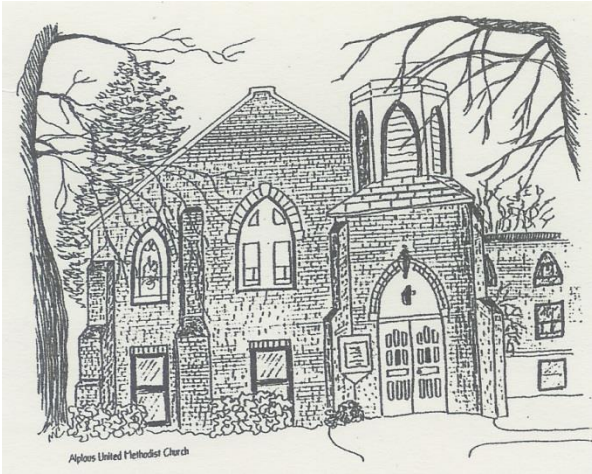




The Alplaus United Methodist Church Muse



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

Hazy, Hot, and Humid – also Busy, Booked, and Beautiful – some good adjectives for summer and how we find ourselves in the midst of an ending summer. A lot of our friends have been traveling this summer near and far to see family and friends and new adventures. Kylie spent a week at camp in Connecticut, a week at a Conference Camp (Casowasco, out past Auburn) and two weeks of local day camps – and we went to Seneca Lake with friends and also to Niagara Falls. We have had a fun and busy summer.

In case you've missed it (many of you are having big wonderful summers too) I have really enjoyed this year's summer focus on Communion. We started it off with a presentation by Living Gospel Ministries (thank you to Matthew and Tina) with a message from Peter about what it was like to travel with Christ, witnessing his miracles and receiving his grace. I had to follow that wonderful performance with a sermon series on "the Bread of Life" from John's gospel. We spent time pondering how Communion sustains us, how Jesus is the great I AM- the incarnation who dwells within us, how participating in this holy sacrament invites us to participate in the salvation that Christ offers, and how the sacrament is an act of faith made real by the presence of the Spirit.

As summer draws to a close – we'll return to our regularly scheduled reading in Mark and restart some of our regular activities. I miss singing with the choir. I look forward to knitting with a group. Our next opportunity to serve at the City Mission won't be until 11/17, but we are still keeping on with our Community Luncheons on the second Tuesdays of each month. Movie nights will recommence on 9/18 at 7pm with "Home." Hopefully, we'll get a new Adult Discussion group going again too. I'm thinking "Means of Grace" – what day and time do you suggest? E-mail, text or leave a message with your suggestion. Hope to hear from you soon!

Blessings,
Pastor Kristi

Community Luncheon

The luncheon will be held Tuesday, September 8th in Fellowship Hall. It is the day after Labor Day so I hope you all can come! Invite a friend to join us and bring a dish to share if you can.



Lay Leader

A girl went to her friend's house and she ended up staying longer than planned, and had to walk home alone. She wasn't afraid because it was a small community and she lived only a few blocks away. As she walked along the bike trail Diane asked God to keep her safe from harm and danger.

When she reached the alley, which was a shortcut to her house, she decided to take it. However, halfway down the alley she noticed a man standing at the end as though he were waiting for her.

She became uneasy and began to pray, asking for God's protection. Instantly a comforting feeling of quietness and security wrapped round her, she felt as though someone was walking with her. When she reached the end of the alley, she walked right past the man and arrived home safely.

The following day, she read in the newspaper that a young girl had been raped in the same alley just twenty minutes after she had been there. Feeling overwhelmed by this tragedy and the fact that it could have been her, she began to weep.

Thanking the Lord for her safety and to help this young woman, she decided to go to the police station. She felt she could recognize the man, so she told them her story. The police asked her if she would be willing to look at a lineup to see if she could identify him. She agreed and immediately pointed out the man she had seen in the alley the night before.

When the man was told he had been identified, he immediately broke down and confessed. The officer thanked Diane for her bravery and asked if there was anything they could do for her. She asked if they would ask the man one question. Diane was curious as to why he had not attacked her. When the policeman asked him, he answered, 'Because she wasn't alone. She had two tall men walking on both sides of her.'

Goodness (Angel 1) and Mercy (Angel 2) shall follow you all the days of your life. Share this with a friend if you truly believe in God...

PS: God is always there in your heart and loves you no matter what.

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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>Psalm</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
9/6	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23	125	James 2:1-17	Mark 7:24-37
9/13	Proverbs 1:20-33	19	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
9/20	Proverbs 31: 10-31	1	James 3:13- 4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9: 30-37
9/27	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22	124	James 5: 13-20	Mark 9:38-50

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 | |



Fulfilling our Promises - our presence and our presents

	<u>Our Presence</u>	<u>Our Gifts</u>
7/5	22	\$1,320
7/12	19	\$734
7/19	14	\$302
7/26	20	\$695

Comparison of expenses and income

	For July	Actual year to date	Expected year to date (budgeted)
Expenses	\$5,391	\$40,843	\$42,647
Income	\$3,051	\$28,014	\$32,083

Correction: The amounts shown for income expected year to date for April, May, and June were slightly off due to a math error. They should have read \$18,334, \$22,917, and \$27,500 respectively, to represent approximately \$4,583 expected per month. Sorry about that!

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.

Movie Night schedule

We will start up our "Movie Night" again in the fall. The movies planned so far are:

9/18 – "Home"

10/23 – "Wizard of Oz"

11/20 – "Inside Out"

12/18 – "Sword in the Stone"

Movies are free and will get started at 7pm. Popcorn and water are provided free of charge. These events are open to the community - everyone is welcome! However you must stay with your children, it is not a "Drop-off" program.

God Bless!!



Kids page

Dinner on the Grounds

Complete the sentences by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the page. See John 6:5-13 (NIV)



When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy _____ for these people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

Philip answered him, "Eight months' wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a _____!"

Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a _____ with five small barley _____ and two small _____, but how far will they go among so many?"

Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about _____ thousand of them. Jesus then took the loaves, gave _____, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

When they had all had enough to _____, he said to his _____, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So they gathered them and filled _____ baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

disciples	loaves	eat	thanks	bite
boy	five	twelve	bread	fish

Alplaus United Methodist Church September 2015 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 6:30pm Bridge	5
6 15th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30am Church Communion Worship Service.	7 Labor Day!	8 Noon – Community Luncheon	9	10 1– 3pm Knitting Group luncheon	11 6:30pm Bridge	12
13 16th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15am Sunday School begins. 10:15am Church Worship Service. SICM Food Collection Day. Council meeting at the Parsonage after coffee hour.	14	15	16	17 1 -3pm Knitting Group 7pm Choir	18 6:30pm Bridge 7pm Movie Night "Home"	19
20 17 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15am Sunday School. 10:15am Church Worship Service. Muse article deadline!	21	22	23	24 1 -3pm Knitting Group 7pm Choir	25 6:30pm Bridge	26
27 18 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15am Sunday School. 10:15am Church Worship Service.	28	29	30			

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

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Thank you!

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