



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, welcoming church that supports both individual members and the community with a loving, spiritual atmosphere.

Our mission is to actively live our Christian faith through worship, prayer, and service, and to be God's love to our neighbors in all places.

Pastoral letter

I find myself praying a lot lately – prayer has been a focus in preaching, in scriptural readings, and I welcome the way prayer has nestled into my everyday activities. I pray for folks I know, folks I have heard about, situations I know, and situations I have never experienced. I pray for healing, strength, comfort and guidance. I pray for leaders, for all who serve communities, for teachers, for healthcare providers, for the hungry, the friendless, the forgotten, the poor, the unemployed, the under employed, the exploited, the broken, the folks in recovery, those who care for loved ones... I really pray a lot for a lot of people.

Most recently, I find myself praying most for healing of division. Some might choose the word “reconciliation” to mean “healing of division” – but I think before we can get to the dream of reconciliation, we need an ability to disagree while still respecting the one with a differing point of view. There is so much bitter division that I fear we have lost the ability to see “other” as valid or worthy of respect. Division presents itself in a variety of circumstances – in families, in relationships, in the workplace, in churches, in denominations, in politics...

Where can we start? We can start with our common humility – remembering that we were lost and have been found. Whether we think of sheep, coins, children, a crooked manager or a rich man – there are varying degrees of lost and found (in the last case refusal to be found) that reach out to us and claim us from the Gospel of Luke.

Claimed as found through the grace of God through Jesus Christ – when we hold to this truth and see in every “other” that same claim – worthy and beloved in the eyes of God, we may be able to hold very different positions or ideas and still retain the ability to love each other. There is the possibility of healing of division.

I don't preach politics. I don't preach human judgment. I pray a lot. I try to preach hope and faith and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I regularly sing: “Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me, I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.”

Blessings!
Pastor Kristi



Lay Leader

Even though this is referring to a woman, I believe you could replace the subject to apply to anyone.

THE WOMAN IN THE GLASS

When you get what you want in your struggle for self, and the world makes you queen for a day;
Just go to a mirror and look at yourself – and see what THAT woman has to say.
For it isn't your father or mother or husband whose judgment upon you must pass;
The person whose verdict counts most in your life is the one staring back in the glass!
Some people might think you're a "straight shooting gal" and call you a "wonderful lady",
But the woman in the glass says you're only a bum, if you can't look her straight in the eye!
She's the person to please; never mind all the rest, for she's with you clear up to the end.
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test, if the gal in the glass is your friend.
You may fool the whole world down the pathway of years and get pats on the back as you pass;
But your final reward will be heartaches and tears, if you've cheated the woman in the glass!!!

Blessings,
Lisa Beretz

United Methodist Women

The UMW will meet November 10th at 12:30pm. Don't forget to bring your World Thank Offering that you have been collecting during the year. Mandy will be in charge of the World Thank Offering and Holiday Program. Hostess for the meeting will be Mary Herrick.

Community Luncheon

The luncheon will be held Tuesday, November 8th from 11:30am – 2:00pm. This is also Election Day so don't forget to vote! We will be celebrating Thanksgiving. Tonya is planning to have turkey and ham so bring holiday dishes. We try to have lunch at 12:00.

Special Church Services this month

Sunday, Nov 6th, Pastor Kristi will bless all the work the Knitting Ladies have done for the VA hospital, Linda will be delivering the items during the week. November 13 will be our "Thanksgiving Service" – We will have had a busy week with Mayan Hands Sale and our new Fall Chili Night and will celebrate Thanksgiving with Song and Scripture: it will be a service of harvest and homecoming. November 20 is a Church Holiday of "Christ the King" and November 27 is the First Sunday of Advent.

Church Service Recordings

Did you know that our church services are recorded each week? If you cannot attend church and would like a copy of a particular service, please let Dan Trask know by email (dtrask1@nycap.rr.com) or phone (399-6454). He will make you a CD copy and send it out to you.

Church Directory Update

We have heard from Esther Miller and she has settled into her new home. She is happy to share her address and phone number with us, so we can keep in touch with her:

(401) 305-7163
Mrs. Esther Miller
Brookdale
10 Old Diamond Hill Road
Cumberland, RI 02864



Words of Wisdom from September Guidepost Magazine

“Everyone looks so much better when they smile.” (Jimmy Fallon, comedian)

“It is easier to leave angry words unspoken than to mend a heart these words have broken.” (Rosemary Vangen, magazine reader)

“There is no force in the world better able to alter anything from its course than love... Meeting the world with a loving heart will determine what we find there.” (Gregory Boyle, a Jesuit Priest)

“Loss is real, parents pass away, and hearts break, but the truth is that love never dies, not really. Love lives on through us. Not just in our memories but through our actions and the choices we make. In the way we live our lives we can make a difference.” (Roma Downey, actress)

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>
11/1 All Saints Day	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	149	Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31
11/6	Haggai 1:15b-2:9	145:1-5, 17-21	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	Luke 20:27-38
11/13	Isaiah 65:17-25	Isaiah 12:1-6	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
11/20 Christ the King Sunday	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Luke 1:68-79	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
11/24 Thanksgiving*	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	100	Philippians 4:4-9	John 6:25-35
11/27	Isaiah 2:1-5	122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44

* No church service

Fulfilling our promises - our presence and our presents

	<u>Our Presence</u>	<u>Our Gifts</u>
September 4	14	\$212
September 11	23	\$1,216
September 18	22	\$741
September 25	30	\$724



Comparison of expenses and income

	For September	Actual year to date	Budgeted year to date
Expenses	\$4,118	\$46,630	\$52,100
Income	\$2,893	\$33,115	\$36,452

October Birthdays

- 4 Michael Lamb
- 5 Charles Shenk
- 12 Ian Oliver
- 22 Sean Trask
- Robert Wither
- 24 Carlton Shepard

October Anniversaries

- 3 Edward & Jane Uttberg '46

Prayer list

- Sandi Donahue's cousin Ingrid
- Gordon Neufeld and family
- Ginny Smith and family
- Matthew from Living Gospel Ministries
- All affected by cancer
- Victims of disasters and violence
- Residents of nursing homes

- Bill Broland
- Claudia Lewis
- Esther Miller
- Loren White
- Dorothy Ziegler



Looking for a unique gift for the holidays?

High quality hand-woven articles of clothing and items for the home

MAYAN HANDS FAIR TRADE SALE

Hosted by the Alplaus United Methodist Women



START YOUR SHOPPING EARLY!

Friday, Nov. 11 – 10 am to 3 pm
Saturday, Nov. 12 – 10 am to 6pm.

ALPLAUS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1 Brookside Ave. in Alplaus

518-399-6000 ♦ www.alplausumc.org
Church is handicapped accessible



The Mayan Hands Foundation helps women in nine Guatemalan villages to earn a fair return for their work and all sales go to support these talented Guatemalan weavers.



FALL CHILI NIGHT

Alplaus United Methodist Church
1 Brookside Ave in Alplaus

ADULTS (13+): \$7.00 ♦ KIDS (5-12): \$5.50
♦ UNDER 5: FREE

SATURDAY
Nov. 12
4 – 6 p.m.
518-399-6000

Walk-ins Welcome & Takeouts Available

MENU: Homemade chili, cornbread muffin, pumpkin pie, and beverage with eat in. Limited amounts of vegetarian and gluten free chili available, so come early for the best selections.



DINERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM FOR THE SICM FOOD PANTRY

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Kids Page

SECRET MESSAGE

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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Luke 18:14 (NIV)

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Alplaus United Methodist Church November 2016 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:30pm Troop 3036 Leadership Meeting	2 7pm Scouts	3 1 – 3pm Knitting Ladies 7pm Choir	4 6:30pm Bridge	5
6 25 th day after Pentecost 9:15am Sunday School 10:15am Communion Worship Service. Church Council Meeting after coffee hour. Daylight Savings Time Ends.	7	8 11:30 – 2pm Community Luncheon Election Day	9 7pm Scouts	10 12:30pm UMW Meeting. 1 – 3pm Knitting Ladies 7pm Choir	11 10am-3pm Mayan Hands Sale 6:30pm Bridge Veterans Day	12 10am-6pm Mayan Hands Sale 4pm-6pm Fall Chili Night Supper
13 26 st day after Pentecost 9:15am Sunday School 10:15am Church Thanksgiving Worship Service, Children’s Craft. SICM Food Collection Day	14	15 5pm Serving at City Mission	16 7pm Scouts	17 1 – 3pm Knitting Ladies 7pm Choir	18 6:30pm Bridge	19
20 Christ the King Sunday 9:15am Sunday School 10:15am Church Worship Service & Children’s Church. Greening of the Church after coffee hour. 3pm Church Annual Conference.	21	22	23 7pm Scouts	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26
27 First Sunday of Advent No Sunday School 10:15am Church Worship Service.	28	29	30 7pm Scouts			

Pastor Kristi’s office hours: 11am – 1pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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Thank you!

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