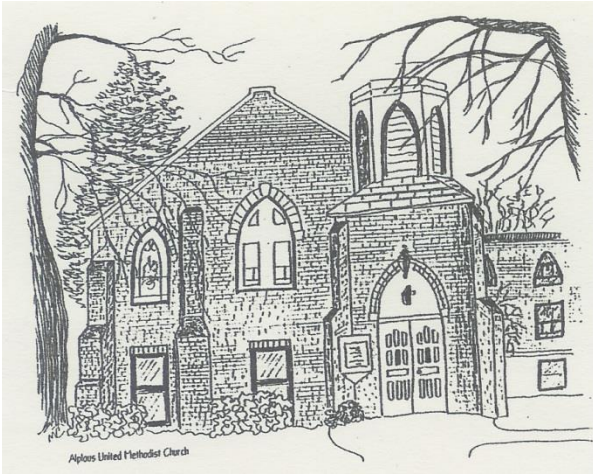




The Alplaus United Methodist Church Muse



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

Here we are in late September, the fall colors are out, there are apples to be picked, squash soup is on the stove, and the smell of autumn is in the air. On beautiful sunny days I marvel as I drive around in the beauty of God's earth, the process of seasons changing and the joy that fills my heart as I am faced with the wonder of serving God each day.

We have been continuing on through the Gospel of Matthew on Sunday mornings and find ourselves now in Jerusalem with Jesus. Our readings in October will focus on more run-ins with scribes and Pharisees. I look forward to preaching on these lessons, and I thank Lisa in advance for stepping in for me while I am out of town this month. I am hoping to gather a group of individuals who can help me get to know this congregation better. I have been kindly welcomed in this community and have been blessed with positive feedback about sermons and worship; but I know it may be difficult or awkward to share frustration or confusion. There will be a sign up in the Fellowship hall for folks who would like to further discuss the latest sermon and service – dissention encouraged! If you would like to bring your own thoughts and criticisms (or someone else's) sign up and indicate a good time to meet. Please know that I welcome all kinds of feedback and you should feel free to share your experience with me whether or not you join a group. My contact info is on every bulletin.

Speaking of groups... I'd like to get a discussion group going. Also on the table in the Fellowship Hall is a sign up for Book Discussion with 3 possibilities for the starting book: *Meditations on the Cross* by Bonhoeffer, *Religious Literacy – What Every American Needs to Know and Doesn't*, by Stephen Prothero, and Brian D. McLaren's *a Generous Orthodoxy*. Feel free to browse through these copies and indicate which you'd like to read and when you'd like to discuss. Depending on the book chosen, we may read it and discuss in clumps (a couple chapters at a time) or read it all and then dive into discussion!

Our Church is welcoming the community! On Oct 25 the Alplaus Run Around will start and stop at our Church! Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts are meeting regularly in our building. Knitters take over the lounge with their crafts each Thursday. The Community gathers for lunch on the second Tuesday of each month. How will you take part in the activity? New groups are forming. All are Welcome!

Pastor Kristi

**Lay Leader****I'M OLDER THAN DIRT**

Someone asked the other day, "What was your favorite fast food when you were growing up?" "We didn't have fast food when I was growing up," I informed him. "All the food was slow." "C'mon, seriously. Where did you eat?" "It was a place called 'at home,'" I explained! "Mum cooked every day and when Dad got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, and if I didn't like what she put on my plate I was allowed to sit there until I did like it." By this time, the kid was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer serious internal damage, so I didn't tell him the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table.

Here are some other things I would have told him about my childhood if I figured his system could have handled it: Some parents NEVER owned their own house, wore Levis, set foot on a golf course, traveled out of the country or had a credit card. My parents never drove me to school. I had a bicycle that weighed probably 50 pounds, and only had one speed, (slow). We didn't have a television in our house until I was 10. It was, of course, black and white, and the station went off the air at midnight, after playing the national anthem and a poem about God. It came back on the air at about 6 a.m. and there was usually a locally produced news and farm show on, featuring local people...

I never had a telephone in my room. The only phone was on a party line. Before you could dial, you had to listen and make sure some people you didn't know weren't already using the line. Pizzas were not delivered to our home...but milk was. All newspapers were delivered by boys and all boys delivered newspapers - my brother delivered a newspaper, six days a week. He had to get up at 6AM every morning.

Movie stars kissed with their mouths shut. At least, they did in the movies. There were no movie ratings because all movies were responsibly produced for everyone to enjoy viewing, without profanity or violence or most anything offensive.

If you grew up in a generation before there was fast food, you may want to share some of these memories with your children or grandchildren. Just don't blame me if they bust a gut laughing. Growing up isn't what it used to be, is it?

MEMORIES

My Dad is cleaning out my grandmother's house (she died in December) and he brought me an old Royal Crown Cola bottle. In the bottle top was a stopper with a bunch of holes in it. I knew immediately what it was, but my daughter had no idea. She thought they had tried to make it a salt shaker or something. I knew it as the bottle that sat on the end of the ironing board to 'sprinkle' clothes with because we didn't have steam irons. Man, I am old.

Author unknown.

Blessings,
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Community Luncheon

The luncheon will be held October 14th between 11:30am and 2:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Most everyone should be back from summer vacations so I hope we will have a good turn-out. Bingo will follow the luncheon. Bring friends and a dish to share if you can.

The United Methodist Women

The fall meeting will be held October 16th at 12:30. At this meeting we will assemble the articles for the UMCOR health kits. Worship will be led by Mandy Lucier. As I write this I'm not sure who the hostess will be. Don't forget to come on the 16th.



Sunday School News

Sunday School started up again on Sept. 21. Our lesson was based on John 8:12 which says that Jesus is our light showing us the correct path to travel. For fun we filled lighthouse-shaped bottles with layers of colorful sand and taped the verse to the top of our bottles. The children made very colorful lighthouses, each one different than the other.

Because there are just a few children participating in Sunday school, we are teaching all ages together as one class again this year. Our lessons this fall will continue in the same book, All-in-One Sunday School, from where we left off in June. Some of the lessons will be about Jesus and his interactions with his disciples, while others will be about how the disciples continued with Jesus’s ministry when he died. To mix things up, there are a few lessons from the Old Testament intertwined.

Sunday School will not meet on holiday weekends. That means there is no class on Oct. 12 , Nov. 30 and Dec. 28. All other Sundays we will have class from 9:15 – 10:00am. We would love to have your children bring a friend with them to Sunday School. We do ask that you try to give us 1 day advance notice so we are sure to have enough craft material for everyone. We look forward to teaching the children in our church.

Lisa and Barb

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>
Oct 5	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Psalms 19	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-36
Oct 12	Exodus 32:1-4	Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
Oct 19	Exodus 33:12-33	Psalms 99	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
Oct 26	Deuteronomy 34: 1-12	Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46
Nov 1 All Saints Day	Revelation 7:9-17	Psalms 34:1-10, 22	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12

Prayer List

Jack Leveille	Ginny Smith	Dorothy Ziegler
Barbara Hutchins	Dan Trask	Lu Diel’s family
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 Updates and Corrections:

Sadly we think of Lualene (Lu) Diel, whose work is done, whose troubles are now past, entering gladly through that friendly door to “Home at last” on 9/18/14, after 96 years of faithful service.

Lisa is still working on the Directory and the birthdays and anniversaries.

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

	<u>Our Presence</u>	<u>Our Gifts</u>
Aug 3	22	\$858
Aug 10	29	\$560
Aug 17	21	\$725
Aug 24	15	\$393
Aug 31	18	\$196.51

Comparison of expenses and income

	For June	Actual year to date	Expected year to date (budgeted)
Expenses	\$5,607	\$35,499	\$36,800
Income	\$4,014	\$24,348	\$24,996
	For July	Actual year to date	Expected year to date (budgeted)
Expenses	\$6,145	\$41,644	\$42,933
Income	\$2,727	\$27,075	\$29,162
	For August	Actual year to date	Expected year to date (budgeted)
Expenses	\$4,653	\$46,297	\$48,580
Income	\$2,536	\$29,611	\$33,328

Church Conference

NOTICE!!! Church Conference will be November 23 from 1-3pm at Faith UMC in Schenectady. If you are a chairperson of any committee, you have paperwork due. Information on what forms are due when can be found on the District Website: www.unyumc.org/districts/detail/2



Kids pages

Authority of Jesus Is Questioned

When Jesus returned to the Temple and began teaching, the leading priests and elders came up to him. They demanded, "By what authority are you doing all these things? Who gave you the right?" Matthew 21:23 (NLT)



The puzzle is based on Matthew 21:23-32

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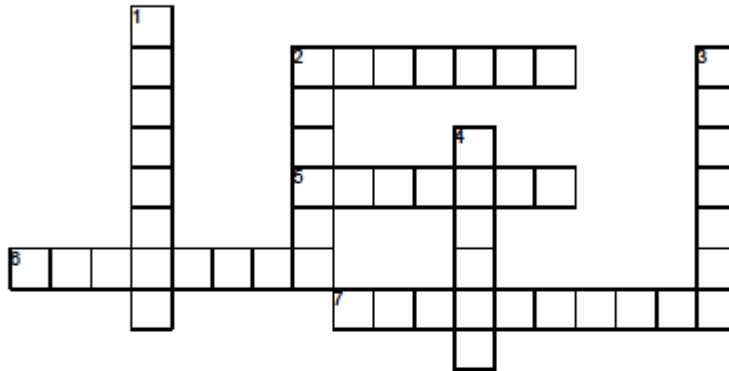
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Complete the activity below.

Using the Across and Down clues, write the correct words in the numbered grid below.



ACROSS

- 2. The place where God is
- 5. To give a reply to a question
- 6. To cover with water as part of a religious ceremony
- 7. The right to do something

DOWN

- 1. Someone who speaks a message from God
- 2. Having to do with people
- 3. A place of worship
- 4. To give instruction or direction to others

HUMAN	ANSWER	AUTHORITY	TEMPLE
BAPTIZE	PROPHET	TEACH	HEAVEN

Alplaus United Methodist Church October 2014 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 1 – 3pm Knitting Group 7pm Choir	3 6:30pm Bridge	4
5 13th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15am Sunday School 10:15am Church Communion Worship Service Church Council Mtg after coffee hour at Trask's home	6	7	8	9 1 – 3pm Knitting Group 7pm Choir	10 6:30pm Bridge Pastor Kristi away.	11
12 14th Sunday after Pentecost 10:15am Church Worship Service SICM Food Collection Day	13	14 11:30am – 2pm Community Luncheon Pastor Kristi back.	15	16 12:30pm UMW 1 – 3pm Knitting Group 7pm Choir	17 6:30pm Bridge	18
19 15 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15am Sunday School 10:15am Church Worship Service	20 Muse article deadline	21	22	23 1 – 3pm Knitting Group 7pm Choir	24 6:30pm Bridge	25
26 16 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15am Sunday School 10:15am Church Worship Service Fall Cleaning after church	27	28	29	30 1 – 3pm Knitting Group 7pm Choir	31 Halloween	

Pastor Kristi's schedule to be determined.

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no later than **October 20th**.
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