



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 Message

Over the past few months, I have highlighted the new things that are happening in our congregation and our ministries. It is not too late to ask about or to sign up for "Finding Your Path"! Eagle eyed readers may notice something new for June: normally, the focal text for the week's worship service is bolded from the lectionary. After June 4 (Trinity Sunday) I am preaching a small series away from the lectionary. There has been a bit of discussion lately about Methodism and a couple of times I have been asked about United Methodism. So, I have decided for the remainder of June to preach on a few of John Wesley's sermons.

June 11 - "Christian Perfection" Philippians 3:12-16

June 18 - "Image of God" Genesis 1:24-27

June 25 - "Almost Christian" Acts 26:24-29

The series will conclude with the July 2 Community Worship at the Alplaus Fire House at 10:30 with "On the Omnipresence of God" - Jeremiah 23:23-24.0

John Wesley was one of the founders of the movement called "Methodist". He wrote and preached a lot. His sermons were gathered, published, and spread widely among communities that were seeking to live into the holiness movement. I do not claim to be an expert on Wesley or theology, but I did spend a lot of time studying these topics. I went to seminary thinking that, although I was born and raised in the United Methodist Church, I would probably leave the denomination to join a different one as a pastor. I attended a United Church of Christ congregation in rural Ohio for a year. I then spent another year in that same congregation as their youth pastor. I even spent a couple of weeks at their summer camp. My close friends in seminary were serving in UM churches and Disciples of Christ churches and United Church of Christ churches. We all shared thoughts and challenges and questions in class, in the dining hall, and at Denny's. Through my education and experience, I found that the practices of the Christian people called Methodist were ones that I wanted to maintain. This small series is an opportunity to look a little deeper into what makes a church "Methodist". I hope that, like me, you will find that these beliefs and traditions are worth preserving and sharing.

Blessings!

Pastor Kristi



Lay Leader

Drinking from My Saucer

I've never made a fortune and it's probably too late now.
 But I don't worry about that much, I'm happy anyhow.
 And as I go along life's way, I'm reaping better than I sowed.
 I'm drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.
 I don't have a lot of riches, and sometimes the going's tough.
 But I've got loved ones around me, and that makes me rich enough.
 I thank God for His blessings, and the mercies He's bestowed.
 I'm drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.
 I remember times when things went wrong, my faith wore somewhat thin.
 But all at once the dark clouds broke, and the sun peeped through again.
 So God, help me not to gripe about the tough rows that I've hoed.
 I'm drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.
 If God gives me strength and courage, when the way grows steep and rough.
 I'll not ask for other blessings, I'm already blessed enough.
 And may I never be too busy, to help others bear their loads.
 Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.
 by John Paul Moore

Blessings, Lisa Beretz, (518) 330-9277

Finance

Please note the change of mailing address if you wish to continue mailing your contributions. Alplaus United Methodist Church, Attn: Beth Costello, 1 Brookside Place, Alplaus, NY 12008. Thank you.

June Birthdays

- 4 Dennis Bouck
- 8 Emma Bowman
- 9 Alan Bowman
- 10 Bud Halsey
- 17 Mia Wahl
- 18 Vanessa Guillaume
- 24 John Lewis

June Anniversaries

- 2 Cindy & Mark Franze

Church Directory changes:

Please make the following changes to your 2023 Church Directory:

Marcial Reyes, 2212 Imperial Palms Drive, Largo FL 33771

Judith (Judi) & Jeff Thomas, 48 Springwood Meadows Dr., Ballston Spa NY 12020; 518-229-1921

Lori & Paul Schulz, 451 Rudy Chase Dr., Apt 605, Glenville NY 12302

Prayer list

Atkinson family	Pastor Kristi's Uncle	Mary Herrick
Kay & Marcie Krout	Matthew & Tina Zawisza	Ginny & Ralph Marra
The Broland family	Vicky & Cliff Stoodley	Christine Vedder
Janice Mix & grandson, Ethan	George & Pat Peterson	Lauri Nair
Susan DiBlasio	Carolyn Koch and family	Victims of Disasters & Violence
Gordon Neufeld's family & friends Marcia & Newell.	Barb & Dan Trask's family	Friends and Family Traveling.
Loren White	Sally Halsey's sister	Residents of Nursing homes
Robin Bowman's dad Donald & grandsons Cole & Tyler.	Both Amanda Smith-Luciers & niece Anne & nephew Deontae & friends Betsy, Jan & Diane.	Claudia Lewis' cousin Crawford, granddaughter Aloura, brother John & friends Barb and Kenny.
Cindy Franze's mom Jane Uttberg	Frank Stekeur, granddaughter Riley & family.	Sue Wither's family, and friend Doreen's Mother.
Elizabeth Burke's friend Pat & friend Ginny's family	Lisa Beretz friend's husband Stew Neal	Lynn Bouck and nephew Dale
Pauline Iwanowicz		

Our presence

April 2	23
April 7(Good Friday)	26
April 9 (both services)	50
April 16	18
April 23	20
April 30	33

June Hymns

6/4	UMH #62 All Creatures of our God and King, TFWS #2184 Sent Out in Jesus' Name, W&S #3158 Go to the World
6/11	W&S #3115 Covenant Prayer, UMH #417 O For a Heart to Praise My God, UMH #384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
6/18	W&S #3033 God of Great and God of Small, TFWS #2008 Let All Things Now Living, UMH #77 How Great Thou Art
6/25	W&S #3124 How Shall I Come Before the Lord, UMH #593 Here I Am, UMH #399 Take My Life

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. Readings in **bold** will be read in church.

	<u>First Scripture</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
6/4	Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a	8	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20
6/11	Genesis 12:1-9	33:1-12	Romans 4:13-25	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
6/18	Genesis 18:1-15	116:1-2, 12-19	Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35-10:8
6/25	Genesis 21:8-21	86:1-10, 16-17	Romans 6:1b-11	Matthew 10:24-39

Church Fundraiser Event

Vendor Fair - Flea Market/Yard Sale
June 3rd 2023, Saturday, 9am – 3pm
EVENT IS RAIN OR SHINE

Local Small Business Vendors & Yard Sale on the church’s back lawn!! The Church is also selling: Baked Goods, Grilled Hot dogs and Hamburgers (weather permitting outside), beverages and items donated by our church family for the Flea Market in the handicap accessible Church lower level. Please drop off donations after 12pm on May 28th or contact Barb Trask to arrange for another time or with any questions at 518 867 8121.

Featuring a wide variety of vendors’ products: Pampered Chef; Mary Kay; Norwex; Quilting and Embroidery items; Lands’ End & Miracle women’s swimsuits in size 2 – 26W, plus gem stone bracelets and necklaces; Sewn items and handmade soaps, Custom-made Stainless-Steel tumblers, wind spinners, car coasters and earrings; Hand-crafted wood working, toys, bowls, vases and clocks; clothes for women and Colombia Coffee & oatmeal; note pads and journals and a few families with garage sale items. Vendors are still signing up, so the list of items will likely get longer.

United Women in Faith

The UWF meeting is June 15th, at 12:30pm. The program is "Growing Seeds". The scripture reading will be Matthew 13: 1-9; please join us as I share about this reading.

Peace and Blessings to all,
 Amanda Smith-Lucier Sr.

Alplaus July 4th Celebration

The Alplaus Fire Department, Alplaus Residents Association, and the Alplaus United Methodist Church invite you to join us in celebration of Independence Day! All are welcome.

Sunday, July 2, 2023

10:30am Community Church Service at the Fire Department Pavilion

Tuesday, July 4th, 2023

10am Parade Line-Up at Glenclyff Elementary School

11am July 4th Parade down Alplaus Avenue

11:30am July 4th After Party at Fire Dept.

Alplaus United Methodist Church June 2023 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 1pm Knitting Ladies	2	3 9-3pm Church event Rummage Sale fundraiser.
4 Trinity Sunday 10:15am Communion Worship Service. Coffee Hour after Worship, followed by Leadership meeting.	5	6 7pm Knit Night 7pm Boy Scouts	7	8 1pm Knitting Ladies	9	10
11 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 10:15am Worship Service. Coffee Hour after Worship. SICM Sunday food collection.	12	13 7pm Knit Night 7pm Boy Scouts	14	15 12:30pm UWF meeting. 1pm Knitting Ladies	16	17
18 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost 10:15am Worship Service. Coffee Hour after Worship. Father's Day	19	20 7pm Knit Night 7pm Boy Scouts Muse articles deadline	21	22 1pm Knitting Ladies	23	24
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Pastor Kristi's **CHURCH OFFICE** hours are: Monday 12 - 2pm and Thursday 10am - 12pm, but she is available by text and phone other times. Church website: www.alplausumc.org - Church Phone: 518-399-6000 - Pastor Kristi's Cell: 838-200-8601 - Home phone: 518-399-0497 - Pastor Kristi's email: revklvp@yahoo.com

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June 1, 2023



Articles for the July newsletter must be submitted to the editor, Elizabeth (Liz) Zenner at:
alplausmuse@gmail.com no later than **June 20th**. Thank you!

If you want to be removed from our Muse mailing list or you would like to save paper and be added to our Muse email list, please contact Lisa Beretz, by text or calling at: 518-330-9277 or email LLBeretz@gmail.com. Please put Muse in the subject line.

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