



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

Decades - Apparently Taylor Swift has a Decades album. The theme of Kylie's end of year swim show was "Decades" as the club is celebrating 50 years of existence. Kylie and I came here to Alplaus 10 years ago. She was 7 and entering 4th grade. I remember that she had "summer reading" - to read *Because of Winn Dixie*. I loved that selection for the grade - the protagonist is a young girl of 7, an only child to a single parent preacher and they got a dog, Winn Dixie. We got our first dog, Sarge, that summer too. Yesterday, Kylie graduated from Niskayuna High School and is already back to Casowasco, a UM camp in the Fingerlakes where she will be a lifeguard/counselor for the summer. She is 17 and starting her college career at Alfred University in the fall. I am no longer a single parent preacher; Mike, my husband, and I have 2 dogs: Dora and Tonka; and I am starting a new half appointment in July.

We've had a decade together and I am thankful for the many ways that Alplaus and Rexford have been "home". We celebrated, grieved, quarantined, cooked, knitted, read, prayed, worshiped and eaten together and we are family. Will I be here for another 10 years? Will you? We don't know what the future holds. We do know that when we gather, when we talk, when we pray and worship, we are in the presence of God. We are thankful for what we have and what we can do, we are also thankful for what God is doing through us. I am so thankful for these 10 years with you.

Blessings!

Pastor Kristi

Finding Your Path

Over the past couple of years, I have been developing a program designed to help individuals at Alplaus UMC find their own, unique path to following Jesus and his call on their life. This new program is called "Finding Your Path". It will be an opportunity for one-on-one devotions and discernment and determining how God is equipping and calling you to participate in following Jesus Christ. If you are interested, or intrigued, reach out to pastor Kristi (home 518-399-0497/ mobile 838-200-8601).

Lay Leader**Love**

"Once in a village, a woman saw three old men sitting outside her house. They were sitting there for quite a while. The woman went outside and said, 'I don't know you, but I saw that you are sitting here for long, you must be hungry. Please come in and have something to eat.' One of them asked, 'Is the man of the house at home?' She replied, 'No.' 'Then we cannot come in.', said the men.

The woman went inside. In the evening when her husband came, she told him about the people sitting outside and all that had happened. He told his wife to go and ask those men to come in and have some food. She went out and told them, 'My husband is home. He is inviting you all. Please come inside and have some food with us.' They replied, 'We do not go inside a house together.' When she asked why, one of the old men explained, pointing to one of his friends, he said: 'His name is Wealth. If he goes with you, your home will be filled with wealth always.' Then pointing to another old man, he said: 'He is Success. If he goes with you, you will always be successful in any endeavor you start.' He then introduced himself as Love. 'If I go with you, then your home will be filled with love always.'

Then he told her to go in and discuss with her husband which one of them they want in their home. Her husband was overjoyed hearing about it and said, 'Let's invite Wealth. Let him come and fill our home with wealth.' His wife disagreed and said, 'Why don't we invite Success?' Their daughter-in-law was listening to this. She came to them and suggested, 'Wouldn't it be better if we invite Love into our home? Then our home will be filled with love forever.' The husband and wife agreed.

The woman again went out and said, 'Which one of you is Love? Please come in and be our guest.' Love got up and started walking toward the house. Just then the other two also got up and started following him. The woman asked, 'You said you cannot all can come together. I invited only Love. Why are you all coming in?' The old man replied, 'If you had invited Wealth or Success then the other two would have stayed outside, but since you invite Love, wherever he goes, we go with him.' Wherever there is Love, Wealth and Success will follow."



Found on Facebook, Author is listed as a "Veterinary doctor"

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.

Church Directory changes:

Please make the following changes to your 2023 Church Directory:
Jacquelyn White, 18 Pond Dr. E., Rhinebeck NY 12572, Home phone: 845-516-4822, Cell phone: 845-337-6736.

July Birthdays

- 3 James Burke
Richard Flanders
- 7 Lisa Beretz
- 16 Amanda C Smith-Lucier, Jr.
- 27 Loren White
- 30 Gordon Neufeld

July Anniversaries

- 12 Gordon Neufeld & Mary Jo Downey
- 15 Dennis & Lynn Bouck
- 26 Richard & Nancy Flanders
- 27 Robin & David Bowman
- 30 James & Beth Costello

Prayer list

Atkinson family	Pastor Kristi's Uncle	Mary Herrick
Kay & Marcie Krout	Matthew & Tina Zawisza	Ginny & Ralph Marra
Pauline Iwanowicz	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 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

Our Presence

May 7	18
May 14	23
May 21	17
May 28	29

July Hymns

7/2	UMH #404 "Kum By Yah", "This Land is Your Land", UMH #696 "America the Beautiful"
7/9	W&S #3168 "Come to the Table of Grace", TFWS #2036 "Give Thanks", UMH #348 "Softly & Tenderly, Jesus is Calling"
7/16	UMH #707 "Hymn of Promise", UMH #601 "Thy Word", TFWS #2190 "Bring Forth the Kingdom"
7/23	UMH #694 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come", UMH #583 "You Are the Seed", TFWS #2162 "Grace Alone"
7/30	UMH #540 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord", UMH #730 "O Day of God Draw Nigh", W&S #3040 "You Are My All in All"

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>
7/2	Genesis 22:1-14	13	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42
7/9	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67	45:10-17	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
7/16	Genesis 25:19-34	119:105-112	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
7/23	Genesis 28:10-19a	139:1-12, 23-24	Romans 8:12	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
7/31	Genesis 29:15-28	105:1-11, 45b	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Church Fundraiser Event

We just wanted to take a moment to express our gratitude to all of the incredible volunteers that made our June 3rd church rummage sale and vendor event such a resounding success! Without your tireless dedication and hard work, we never would have been able to pull off such an amazing event. From those who donated items and baked goods, and sold food to those who helped set up, sell, and clean up afterward – every single person played a vital role in making this event the success that it was.

So, from the bottom of our hearts, we thank you all so much for your generosity, kindness, and dedication. You are what makes our church so special, and we feel truly blessed to be a part of it. Here's to many more successful events in the future!

Your Leadership Team

An Important Reminder

We are excited to announce that our annual community worship service will be at the Alplaus Fire Dept Pavilion at 10:30 am on Sunday, July 2nd as the first event of the Alplaus July 4th Celebration. We encourage everyone to come and join us for a time of prayer, reflection, and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you all there!

We would also like to remind you that starting on Sunday, July 9th, we will be changing the worship service time to accommodate Pastor Kristi's full-time pastoral schedule. The new time will be at 9 am, so that Pastor Kristi will be able to lead our worship service, then drive over to her other pastoral appointment at Salem UMC in West Sand Lake.

Thank you for being a part of our community and for your continued support and participation in our worship services. We hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,
Your Leadership Team

United Women in Faith

UWF does not meet during July and August and will resume meeting in September. We hope you will join us then. Thanks!

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

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

Monday, July 3, 2023

3 pm – 5 pm Kid's Carnivale at the Fire Dept Pavilion

6 pm Firefighter Skills Competition on the Fire Dept Lawn

7 pm Alplaus Neighborhood Block Party at the Fire Dept Pavilion

Tuesday, July 4th, 2023

10 am Parade Line-Up at Glencliff Elementary School

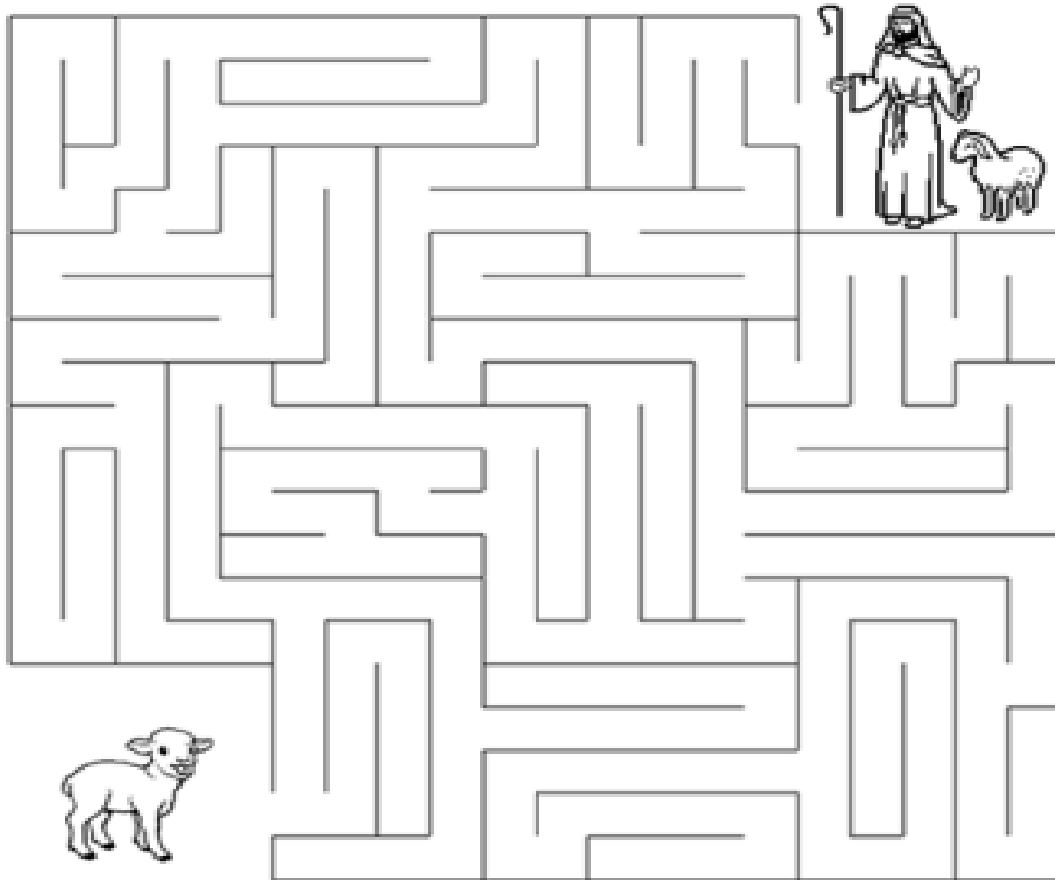
11 am July 4th Parade down Alplaus Avenue

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

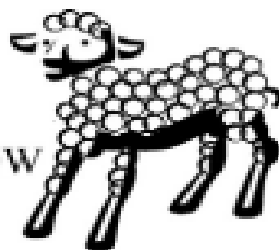


Maze Puzzle

Help the sheep find his way to the shepherd.



MY SHEEP KNOW MY VOICE



Alplaus United Methodist Church July 2023 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 4th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 am Community Worship Service at the Alplaus Firehouse Pavilion, followed by a Community Coffee Hour.	3 Alplaus Fire Dept, 3 pm Kid's Carnival. 6 pm Skill Competition. 7 pm Party.	4 11 am Alplaus 4th Parade. 11:30 am After Party.	5	6	7	8
9 5 th Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Communion Worship Service. Coffee Hour after Worship, 5:30 pm Leadership meeting at Trask's' home.	10	11 7pm Boy Scouts	12	13	14	15
16 6 th Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Worship Service. Coffee Hour after Worship.	17	18 7pm Boy Scouts	19	20 Muse articles deadline	21	22
23 7 th Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Worship Service. Coffee Hour after Worship.	24	25 7pm Boy Scouts	26	27	28	29
30 8 th Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Worship Service. Coffee Hour after Worship.	31					

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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July 1, 2023



Articles for the August newsletter must be submitted to the editor, Elizabeth (Liz) Zenner at:
alplausmuse@gmail.com no later than **July 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.

As we celebrate freedom this coming fourth of July, let us always remember the true freedom that is found in **Jesus Christ**. For Christ freed us from sin, from the bondages, from death, and from all evil things. With this, Christ deserves to be praised and honored during this day.