

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

So - I'm starting to feel like the District Newsletter where I submit the same information in a slightly different format in the hopes that something will draw your interest and folks will start to participate in things that we have going on. There is a lot to do! Yes - fall clean up and leaves - 10/22 & 10/29 - but wait - there's more! I'm still hoping to set up a schedule for Game Night. We are in the middle of our book discussion. I still have room in the "Finding Your Path" program. Interesting side note on that program: Carolyn Koch and I will be presenting the program during worship on Laity Sunday (October 15). If you are one of the eagle-eyed readers who notices that the lectionary readings are included each month in the Muse and that the bolded scripture is the preaching focus, that week there is no bolded scripture; we will be going "off lectionary" to present this newly developed (by me - not the Conference) plan for your participation. Those who are truly eagle-eyed will note that the hymns picked for that week indicate a scriptural focus on the 23rd Psalm. I'm going to cut this short again and urge you to read all the other articles!

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).

Church Conference

Church Conference will be on Tuesday, November 2 at 6pm at Centre Glenville UMC, 171 Bolt Rd. Schenectady 12302. I'm sure there will be more details to come about this gathering; for now - please save the date and plan on attending!

Finance

If you would like to mail your contributions, please mail to: Alplaus United Methodist Church, Attn: Beth Costello, 1 Brookside Place, Alplaus, NY 12008. Thank you.

United Women in Faith

UWF will meeting in November. Please stay tuned for updates!

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

I can remember my mother sitting in her favorite chair with a cup of tea on a saucer, and she often had some tea spill into her saucer, just like this poem mentions, and she would lift the cup off the saucer and drink the spilled tea right from the saucer. I hope it brings back a nice memory for you too.

Blessings,

Lisa Beretz, (518) 330-9277

Two dates for Fall Cleanup

October 22nd will be general fall cleanup day after church. A task signup sheet will be put in Fellowship Hall. Please try and commit to a task. What doesn't get done won't get cleaned/serviced and in some cases may result in having to hire someone to do.

October 29th will be leaf raking day after church. It now takes a group effort to rake the leaves in the back of the church. Since many of the trees are oak, the leaves have a tendency to drop late. The town will be around after Halloween to pick them up. All we have to do is rake them or blow them to the edge of the property on Riverside Place, no bagging necessary. If you don't have a rake, one can be provided for you. If nothing else, come and cheer the rakers on. We could use the encouragement.

Dan Trask, for the Trustees

New Musician!

We are so pleased to announce that we have matched up with a new musician to help us in our Sunday morning worship. Through her work at the Niskayuna Middle School, Holly Johnston noticed that we had an opening and that our worship time fit her schedule and she started 9/17. Holly brings with her a love for the Lord and a lifetime of playing music in church, as well as a sound and solid background in piano and directing. Welcome, Holly!!!

West Glenville Reformed Church Event

We are invited to attend their event on Saturday, October 7th from 1 to 6 pm, located at 2172 W Glenville Road, Amsterdam NY:

1 pm – Craft Bazaar & Bake Sale and Music with Praise Band.

2 pm – “WURST” plate (until sold out)

2:30 pm – Music with “Upstate Buskers”

4 – 6 pm – Music featuring “Rusticator”

Tickets: Adult Dinner \$15; Children’s (13 and under) Hot Dog Meal \$5; Pre-sale tickets call: 518-281-1973. Donations are appreciated to help defray the cost of the entertainment.

Book Study

We are reading 3 chapters a week (approx. 45 pages) of *What if It’s Wonderful* by Nicole Zasowski and using the discussion questions from the back of the book. We are scheduled to finish by the middle of October. Please come join us!

Prayer list

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

October Birthdays

07 Elizabeth Costello
 10 Johanne Shepard
 18 Kristin Adams
 Sally Halsey
 24 Tonya Guillaume
 28 Carolyn Koch

October Anniversaries

02 Frank & Janine Stekeur
 14 Bob & Sue Wither

Our Presence

August 6	18
August 13	19
August 20	20
August 27	25

October Hymns

10/1	UMH #405 "Seek Ye First, TFWS #2126 "All Who Hunger"
10/8	UMH #433 "All Who Love and Serve Your City", TFWS #2083 "My Song is Love Unknown", TFWS #2162 "Grace Alone"
10/15	UMH #338 "Where He Leads Me", UMH # 136 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want", W&S #3115 "Covenant Prayer"
10/22	UMH #577 "God of Grace and God of Glory", W&S #3124 "How Shall I Come Before the Lord", UMH #261 "Lord of the Dance"
10/29	UMH #549 "Where Charity and Love Prevail", UMH #408 "Gift of Love", UHM #402 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

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>Psalms</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
10/1	Exodus 17:1-7	78:1-4, 12-16	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32
10/8	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	19	Philippians 3:1-14	Matthew 21:33-46
10/15	Exodus 32:1-14	106:1-6, 19-23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
10/22	Exodus 33:12-23	99	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22: 15-22
10/29	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	90:1-6, 13-17	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46

Alplaus United Methodist Church October 2023 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 18 th Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Communion Worship Service. Coffee Hour after Worship.	2 1 pm Church Leadership meeting.	3	4	5 1 pm Book Study	6	7
8 19 th Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Worship Service. Coffee Hour after Worship.	9	10	11	12 1 pm Book Study	13	14
15 20 th Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Worship Service. Coffee Hour after Worship then making sandwiches for Street Soldiers.	16	17	18 All other conference forms are due.	19 1 pm Book Study	20 Muse articles deadline.	21
22 21 st Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Worship Service. Coffee Hour after Worship. Fall church clean up after Worship.	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 22 nd Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Worship Service. Coffee Hour after Worship. Fall church leaf raking after Worship.	30	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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Articles for the November newsletter must be submitted to the editor, Elizabeth (Liz) Zenner at:
alplausmuse@gmail.com no later than **October 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.

Faith doesn't always take you out of the problem, Faith takes you through the problem. Faith doesn't always take away the pain, Faith gives you the ability to handle the pain. Faith doesn't always take you out of the storm, Faith calms you in the midst of the storm