



ALDERSGATE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GATHER in Community-GROW Through Discipleship-GO Into The World

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS

## “Reflecting on The Past Year” July Edition

### Sunday Schedule

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship

### Office Details

Hours: 8:00-1:00

*(Emails answered throughout the day)*

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Wow! It is hard to believe that I've been your pastor for a year. This morning as I pray for pastors and congregations going through the same transition this year, I also give thanks that I am still appointed at Aldersgate UMC in Sumter.

Over the past year, you have made sure that I felt welcomed and loved. I am deeply grateful for the care that you have offered to Daryl and me. This morning, I read some “You know if you live in a parsonage when...” statements. None of those statements with this parsonage. Thank you for providing a wonderful parsonage. Daryl and I are very happy with it.

As I reflect on the last year, I am deeply grateful for the ways that you have made changes when asked. We changed the order of worship and that seems to be working well. You embraced (even if reluctantly) our First Pumpkin Day and made it a successful event. It was such a success, that we are renaming it Pumpkin Palooza and have already started planning for this fall. We are now digging into the details to see if we can reach an agreement to share space with Liberty STEAM Charter School. The discussions about these changes have helped me learn more about you and shown me how much you all care about your church and your fellow congregants.

I am deeply grateful for the time that you have spent sitting and talking to me in my office. Getting to know you is one of the great privileges of being a pastor. I look forward to hearing more of your stories this year. One of the ways that I look forward to getting to know some of you is through Disciple Bible Study – the fast-track version starting in September. Look for sign up opportunities in August.

I pray that this year will be filled with Gathering (time shared in worship and fellowship), Growing (time spent talking about faith, practicing our faith, and stepping out of our comfort zones to serve in new ways), and Going (times to share with the world how I see God at work among you and times of service).

May God bless this coming year of ministry with you!

Love in Christ,

Pastor Laura



VBS will begin July 14 and continue on July 21, 28 and August 4 from 9:30 AM– 1:00 PM. We are having some difficulty gathering volunteers and we could really use some help. If you can do some days, but not all, please still reach out. We would love to have you and we would love to see you out to support the new and exciting things we'll be doing.



The United Women in Faith have car wash tickets for Tidal Wave available for \$10.



Our next blood drive will be Thursday, July 14, 2PM-7PM.



We are now moving into the ***Digging into Details Phase***. The Space Sharing Team is tasked with working through the details necessary to reach an agreement to share the Wesley Wing, breezeway rooms, fellowship hall, and non cooking use of the kitchen. Any agreement will include AUMC receiving capital improvements, monthly payments and utility expenses. Once they reach an agreement, they will present the agreement to the Board of Trustees. If the Trustees approve the agreement, they will forward it to the church council for approval. Any agreement that our church council approves would also have to be approved by the Conference Chancellor.



Please join Pastor Laura in “Lemonade with Laura” at 10 am or 6:30 pm on , July 5th, 19th, August 2nd, and 18th to engage in great conversation about things going on in our church.



**Mark Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 5:30 pm** on your calendars! We will have congregational meal and meeting to discuss sharing space with Liberty STEAM Charter School. The meal will begin at 5:30 and the meeting at 6:30. We encourage you to come out and listen to the updates and information the space sharing team will provide.

**OUR PRAYERS:**

- Lynn Boan
  - Betty Hodges
  - Betty Heacker
  - Kathy Goldstein
  - Mark Goldstein
  - Gene Hunter
  - Larry & Garland Nettles
  - Allen Prescott
  - Everett Burroughs
  - Ed Hudson
  - Cornell Thomas
  - Dot Morgan
  - Wilma Crayton
  - Griffin/Smith Family
  - Marvin Vannoy
  - Rex Riddle
  - Bobbi Land
  - Bill Reither
  - Charlie Bells
  - Sam Crawford
  - Pam Fleury
  - All Homebound Members
- Please let us know if we need to remove/add someone to this list.*

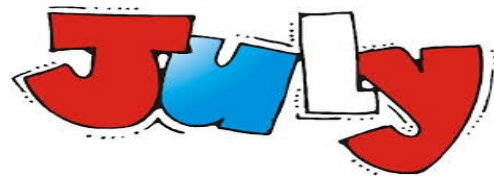




# July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Office Closed For Holiday	2
3	4 Office Closed for Holiday	5	6 7:00 AM UMM	7 5:00 PM Nurture Meeting	8	9
10	11 6:30 PM Finance Meeting	12	13 7:00 AM UMM	14 9:30 VBS 10:00 AM Knitters 2:00 PM Blood Drive	15	16
17	18	19	20 7:00 AM UMM 5:30 PM Space Sharing Dinner	21 9:30 VBS 6:30 PM Trustees Meeting	22	23
24	25 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting	26	27 7:00 AM UMM	28 9:30 VBS 10:00 AM Knitters	29	30
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10:30 AM Worship



## Stewardship Report

**Actual Received: Jan-June**

\$226, 808

**Budgeted: Jan-June**

\$275,000

**Deficit to Budget:**

(\$48,192)

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 3 Allyson King   | 8 David Swartz    | 19 Brooke Staniec |
| 5 Gene Faust     | 11 Janet Lynam    | 22 Mark Cox       |
| 6 Philip Gibbons | 12 Jackie Wallace | 22 Jeanne Orvin   |
| 6 Joe Orvin      | 13 Gloria Pounds  | 29 Jane Ward      |
| 7 Larry Nettles  | 14 Nell McDaniel  | 31 Helen Thomas   |



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