



# Faith *news*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF  
ALDA UNITED &  
WOOD RIVER FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCHES  
SEPTEMBER 2019

## UMW - Linda Thompson

United Methodist Women met Thurs evening on Aug. 22. President Mary Bilsend led the business meeting with 5 members present. Susie reported on the Garage Sale and we did very good, even with number of garage sales down.

Rozella Sidders of the Nominations Committee was present to vote on officers for 2020. Mary Ann motioned to keep the current slate, having a second, all voted yes. Officers for 2020: President: Mary Bilsend, Vice President: Mary Ann Apfel, Secretary: Linda Thompson, Treasurer: Susie Powell

Our next meeting will be Thurs afternoon, Sept 26 at 1:30 pm. Mary Ann will have the lesson and Linda T will hostess.

## Ruth Group - Renae Graham

Ruth Group of United Methodist Women met on Monday, August 5. The meeting was opened with a devotion from 'A Woman's Daily Prayer Book', by President, Susie Powell. The devotion was based on John 8:31-32. Six members were in attendance. Roll call was answered by each person saying something for which she was thankful. Susie offered prayer for the joys and concerns that were lifted up. Susie presented the lesson titled, "Gratitude – Five Lessons on Being Thankful. What Christians want to know about being thankful."

## Rachel Circle - Bonnie Schurer

Rachel Circle met Aug 1 with 9 members present and 2 guests, Pastor Trudy and Susie Powell. Sylvia McTavish called the meeting to order and took roll call. We answered by reading a bible verse. Sylvia then read several bible verses. Marilyn Webster gave the treasurer's report. Prayer concerns were given, followed with a prayer by Mary Ann Apfel. We played Jingle Bingo and the meeting was adjourned. We sang Happy Birthday to Mary Ann, Bonnie and Sylvia. Sylvia was presented with a very pretty cake that we all enjoyed. Lunch was served by Kay Bockstadter. Next year's officers will be: President: Kay Bockstadter, Vice President: Sylvia McTavish, Secretary: Sharon Skeen, Treasurer: Marilyn Webster, News Reporter: Bonnie Schurer

# September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:30 WR Worship 11:00 Alda Worship  <i>Neal Sidders</i>	<b>2</b> LABOR DAY Office Closed  <i>Matt Herber Marvin Kubert Tina Heater Irelynn Urwiller</i>	<b>3</b> 1:00 Alda Sewing Circle  <i>Sara Garber Janel Tiarks</i>	<b>4</b> 9:30 Bible Study 7:00 WR Nominations Team  <i>Steve Arnett Keaton Shears</i>	<b>5</b> 1:30 Rachel Circle 7:00 Alda Solutions Group  <i>Kaden Hayes</i>	<b>6</b> Pastor Trudy's Sabbath 10:30 Alda Healthy Living Meeting  <i>Bret Baxter</i>	<b>7</b>   <i>Neal &amp; Rozella Sidders</i>
<b>8</b> BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS 9:30 WR Worship 11:00 Alda Worship 2:00 Softball Game  <i>Doug Codner</i>	<b>9</b> 8:30-12:00 Pastor Trudy in Office 7:30 Ruth Circle  <i>Clinton &amp; Terry Palu</i>	<b>10</b> 1:00 Alda Sewing Circle  <i>Casey Almquist</i>	<b>11</b> 9:30 Bible Study 7:00 Alda Leadership Team  <i>Tracy Watts</i>	<b>12</b> 7:00 Alda Solutions Group  	<b>13</b> Pastor Trudy's Sabbath 10:30 Alda Healthy Living Meeting  <i>Jessica Bonsack</i>	<b>14</b>   <i>Mary Bilslend Chloe Ellison</i>
<b>15</b> 9:30 WR Worship 11:00 Alda Worship  <i>Nadine Wiles</i>	<b>16</b> 8:30-12:00 Pastor Trudy in Office  <i>Esther Rickert Hallie Palu</i>	<b>17</b> 1:00 Alda Sewing Circle  	<b>18</b> 9:30 Bible Study 6:30 WR Youth Group  <i>Doug Barker Jeff Herber</i>	<b>19</b> 9:00 WR Sewing Circle 7:00 Alda Solutions Group  	<b>20</b> Pastor Trudy's Sabbath 10:30 Alda Healthy Living Meeting UMW Annual Conf  <i>Shaunte Beavers Johnna Willoughby Elyse Johnson</i>	<b>21</b> UMW Annual Conf  <i>John Willoughby Shani Cramer Lila Morse Sam McIntosh</i>
<b>22</b> 9:30 WR Worship 5:00 Alda Community Dinner Church  	<b>23</b>  <i>Phyllis Barker Jerry &amp; Natalie Shears</i>	<b>24</b> 1:00 Alda Sewing Circle  <i>Jeremy Brandt</i>	<b>25</b> 9:30 Bible Study 6:30 WR Youth Group  <i>Sue Mead</i>	<b>26</b> 1:30 UMW 7:00 Alda Solutions Group  	<b>27</b> 10:30 Alda Healthy Living Meeting  <i>Jocelyn Rauert</i>	<b>28</b>   <i>Deb Fairbanks</i>
<b>29</b> 9:30 WR Worship 11:00 Alda Worship  <i>Amy Earnest</i>	<b>30</b>   <i>Shelby Allan</i>					

# Pumpkin Patch at Camp Fontanelle

Enjoy time together in the fall at Camp Fontanelle's Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze which opens the 3rd Sunday in September during our Annual Fall Festival & BBQ and runs through the Sunday after Halloween (or Halloween if Sunday is Halloween). Become part of the Camp Fontanelle family supporting summer camp and enjoy a 9 acre maze, pumpkins for donations, concessions, laser tag, jumping pillow, bounce houses, petting barn, hayrack rides, 350 foot zip lines, barrel train rides, slides, free camp fires, modern restroom facilities and more. Maze and activities are open to the public on weekends during maze season. Groups can make reservations outside of regular hours.

FROM NORTH OF FREMONT: Take Highway 275 East or Highway 77 South to the Highway 91 East junction about 3 miles north of Fremont. Take a left (east) on Highway 91 east for 4 miles to the village of Fontanelle. Turn right (south) at the village of Fontanelle and go 2 miles. The road will turn to gravel and wind a bit. Camp Fontanelle's entrance will be on the right hand side of the road. When you see a big barn with a green metal roof, you are where you want to be!

## When

Opening Date: Sunday September 15

Closing Date: Sunday October 27

Hours of Operation

Saturdays 10 am to 7 pm

Sundays 1 pm to 6 pm

Friday October 18 & 25th 7 - 10 pm - Scary Maze

Saturday October 19 7- 10 pm - Scary Maze

## Special Hours / Holidays

- Search For Treats October 20 & 27 2:00 - 4:00 pm
- Halloween Scary Maze & Movie Friday October 18 7:00 - 10:00 pm
- Halloween Scary Maze & Movie Friday October 25th 7:00 - 10:00 pm
- Halloween Scary maze & Movie Saturday October 19th - 7:00 - 10:00 pm
- Halloween Wilderness 5k Run/1.25 Mile Walk - 10:30 am TBA

## Admission

Children ages 3-11 \$6.00

Adults ages 12+ \$8.00

# Parish Nurse - Mary Bilslend

Things have been going not as planned in this area, with neighbors and in some cases with family. I am so glad that I can rely on God first, family second and thirdly, friends to help me get through these days.

I recently attended a workshop on Stress and the management of stress. We know that we all have stress but it's how we handle it that makes a difference in our lives. I believe one of the best lessons we can learn in life is how to handle and control the stress that comes our way.

We are so fortunate to be able to take our cares, concerns and causes of stress to God and to have help from Him in dealing with them. The more we go to God and learn to rely on Him for assistance at these times, the easier it is to do.

We also have the best answer for all these challenges that are facing us when we know we have God to help us and He has our best interest at heart. That does not always make it easier but it does grant us peace.

## Helping Aids

If needed, the Church has wheelchairs, walkers and canes that you can temporarily use. Just let the Church office know what you are taking. We are glad to assist you if we can.

# Trunk or Treat!

Go all out and create your best "trunk" for the First United Methodist Church Trunk or Treat. On Sunday, October 27, 4-5:30 pm, all trunks will be on display for little ghouls and goblins to visit. Businesses and non-profits are welcome to participate. Costumes are encouraged but not required! To sign up your trunk, contact the church office or Christy Burnett at 308-391-1378.

# Thank You

A great big "Thank You" from the Fellowship Committee for all the great help with the Funfest Sunday Lunch! We really appreciate everyone pitching in with food, serving and clean up. We really do have a great Church Family!!

**Youth Group will Kick Off September 18 @ 6:30**  
**Pizza Provided! 6<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> Grade Invited!**  
**Join Us Every Wednesday for Youth Group -**  
**We are Planning for a Great Year!!**

# Thank You

Our family would like to say " Thank You " for all the kindness since Aunt Betty's passing. UMW the lunch was delicious and enjoyed. Pastor Trudy for the nice service. Thank you for all the cards and memorials in her memory.

~The Family of Betty Thompson

