



Almena UMC

Newsletter

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PONDERINGS FROM YOUR PASTOR Len Schoenherr

As your new pastor, I want you to know how to contact me. My cell phone is 269.579.3375 so you can call or text. I am usually pretty good about responding promptly. Email also works at schoenherrlen@gmail.com. Our mailing address is 4500 Mountain Ash Lane, Kalamazoo, MI 49004. We have lived there since I retired from full time ministry in 2013. Please feel free to contact me about how I can be your pastor or get to know you better. I will also be reaching out to you. As a "people person," I look forward to walking with you on your faith journey.

I enjoy designing worship and preaching the Good News of God's Amazing Grace. The Whole Gospel, in both its personal transformation and social justice dimensions is important to me. We are called to live the love we have received, are we not?

My wife Jan is a Licensed Professional Counselor with an office at Whole Life Counseling in Kalamazoo. During COVID-19 she is working from home and seeing clients over the Internet. Jan is an active member at First UMC in Kalamazoo where she sings in the choir, is a liturgist, and is fed by the great pipe organ music. You will probably not see much of her, but she is my technology consultant as well as best friend and soulmate going on thirty-seven plus years.

I am an active Grandparent to a four-year-old and a two-year-old, Aiden and Aila, who came to Kalamazoo last 4th of July after a year in China. They and my son and daughter-in-law live not far from Westwood UMC, a short seven-minute drive from Jan and me. Until the quarantine, I was at their house two mornings a week about 5:30 am so that their Dad could go teach high school English in Battle Creek and their Mom could start her twelve hour days as a nurse's aide at Borgess Place. Jan or I then got them to daycare. Since Covid-19 there has not been daycare available, but we hope for something in the fall. Their mom's workdays alternate Tuesday and Wednesday one week and Thursday and Friday the next. We are also called upon for other childcare duties. All this to say that with no end to the impact of COVID-19 in sight, my schedule at the church will need to be flexible. I will let folks know my schedule for each week about a week in advance. We also have grandkids in Texas, Florida, Ohio, and our newest in Illinois. Making time to see all of them is important to us.

Not sure when we can gather inside for worship and the Discipline's requirement that we have regular potlucks, but hope to see many of you for Sunday worship outdoors until then. Do all you daily can to be a faithful follower of Jesus in these strange and challenging times. God's Love and Grace be with you and yours.

Shalom, Pastor Len

Bible Study

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Meets at 10:00 am for coffee
10:30 for Bible Study
Currently studying: **Proverbs**
Contact Shirley at 657-4300.



SUNDAY SCHOOL



July Birthdays

- 01 Colton Bates
- 07 Mike Blatson
- 15 Julie Richardson
- 24 Lucas Sorensen
- 26 Sue Tinkler



Online Giving

Online giving: E-giving is available on the church website. It's easy and safe to give online to the church. It's also convenient to be able to schedule giving times to coincide with dates that income is available. On the website www.AlmenaUMC.com, just click the Donate tab and follow the simple instructions. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me and I will be happy to walk you through. You will also find in the pews, a card by the giving envelopes that you can place in the offering plate if you would like to when you have given online. Thank you for the generosity of the people of this church.

Pathfinders Christian Education

4yr old - Adult

Sunday's at 9:45 am
(childcare provided)

(Postponed until further notice)



The Church Office

has updated to Gmail

As of January 1st

Please contact us using

almenaumcoffice@gmail.com

Our Yahoo Address will no longer be available



02 Clarence & Mary Sutherland

12 Bob & Judy Rapp

19 Sean & Kathy DeMott



Please email all communications with the Administrative Assistant to the church office email. (almenaoffice@gmail.com) Please add any calendar additions to the emails as well. Also, calendar additions slips are located on the bulletin board if needed.

After Church Refreshments postponed until further notice.



We are in need of someone to take recycling for the next few months while Sue Tinkler is away. Please email Sue Tinkler for details sktink51@gmail.com





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
				Office Hours 1pm-4pm		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Outdoor Worship 11am / Worship posted on Facebook by 9:00am		Office Hours 1pm-4pm		Office Hours: 1pm-4pm		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Outdoor Worship 11am / Worship posted on Facebook by 9:00am		Office hours: 1pm-4pm		Office hours: 1pm – 4pm		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Outdoor Worship 11am / Worship posted on Facebook by 9:00am		Office hours: 1pm-4pm		Office hours: 1pm-4pm		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
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