

# *Aurora First United Methodist Church*

OCTOBER, 2025

*“Heart to Heart, House to House, Town to Town, One Kingdom to Another”*



### **Attendance and Giving for August**

9/7 – 25	\$1814
9/14 – 35	\$1452
9/21 – 39	\$2112.20
9/28 – 31	\$2850

Average attendance for September was 32+. The average giving for the Sundays of September was \$2057.05. This month we sent \$82 to St. Vincent de Paul. Weekly our church gives \$10 to the Clearing-house, so for September we sent \$40.

### **Dates to Remember**

October 1-4 – Aurora Farmers Fair  
October 12 – 11:00 AM worship & picnic with Hamline UMC at Ludlow Hill Park  
October 13 – Columbus Day  
October 19 – Coffee and donuts  
October 26 – Hymn Choice  
October 29 – Charge Conference  
October 31 – Trick or Treat at church from 6-8 PM

### **Administrative Council**

Administrative Council has approved a donation of \$500.00 to Courier Mission to provide freshwater wells in Kenya.

### **Worship in the Park**

Join us on Sunday, October 12 at 11 AM as we join with Hamline UMC for worship and a picnic at Ludlow Hill Park. We'll have special music for worship, and fried chicken and drinks will be

provided for the picnic. If you are able, please bring a dish or two to share.

### **Charge Conference**

Save the date of October 29<sup>th</sup> for Charge Conference at North Vernon UMC from 6-7:30.

### **Halloween at Church**

We will offer Trick or Treat at the church from 6-8 PM on October 31<sup>st</sup>. You are welcome to come and bring candy to pass out to the children, or you are welcome to donate candy. If it is cold outside, we will be inside with hot chocolate for the families. We connect with many downtown families at this annual event.

### **Mission and Outreach**

Our "Change the world Jar" reaped \$655.81 for Cops & Kids. (Last year we raised \$650.00.) We served 88 at High Hope in August at Hamline Church, and in September we served 53 at Fourth Street Food at the Presbyterian Church. Many thanks to those who helped prepare and serve at both meals. Holiday Food Bags will be distributed November 2nd and filled bags will be collected on November 16th.

Aurora First UMC now stocks the Blessing Box (outside the side door of the church). Most of the people

who need the help of the Blessing Box are residents in Aurora, though some homeless also need things. We are collecting the following items: bottled water, granola bars, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, soap (smaller sizes serve more folks), new socks and underwear for men and women; feminine hygiene products, paper towels, and toilet paper. We also collect the following canned items: ravioli, lasagna, spaghetti and meatballs, tuna, stews, fruits, vegetables, and spaghetti sauce. Boxed foods we'll need are mac & cheese, instant potatoes, rice, pastas, instant oatmeal, and cereal. We can also accept snack packs of pudding/jello, peanut butter, and crackers. PLEASE DON'T BRING ANYTHING IN GLASS! The Blessing Box is supplied three times each week, and our day to help is Monday. You can place your donations in the shopping cart in the foyer.

### **Farmers Fair**

As of this printing, we could still use help parking cars at Consolidated Grain on Friday from 7-9 PM and on Saturday from 4-6 PM and 6-8 PM. Call Kathi Prarat at (812) 584-0867 if you can help. We will also be serving coffee and doughnuts in front of the church for the Farmers Fair parade again, and we appreciate any volunteers to help set up and work before during and after the parade.

### **Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Dennis Elder 10/4  
Danny & LouAnn Martin 10/5  
Caity Whitaker Shannon 10/10  
Mike Davis 10/11  
Nicodemus Whitaker 10/12  
Azure Lea Haller 10/14  
Ken & Marie Jackson 10/17  
Jeff Baer 10/18  
Hudson Goode 10/18  
Carl & Janet Petty 10/21  
Ryan and Kara Goode 10/24

### **Cleaning Teams**

October 5: Team 1  
October 12 & 19: Team 2  
October 26 & November 2: Team 3  
Cleaning teams save our church money! If you are interested in being on a cleaning team, please contact Roger Fehling at 513-519-1309, or leave a message at 812-926-0535.

### **October Liturgists**

October 5: Janet Hart  
October 12: Rob Moorhead  
October 19: LouAnn Martin  
October 26: Charlotte DeVille







### **October Ushers & Greeters**

October 5: Steve Hart and  
Kelley Davis

October 12: Sue & Jeff Baer

October 19: Monica Turner and  
Danny Martin

October 26: Janet & Steve Hart

*Contact Judy Hizer at (513) 314-6682 if  
you would like to help out as a liturgist,  
an usher, or a greeter.*

### **Lectionary for October**

October 5: Lam 1:1-6; Ps 137;

2 Tim 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

October 12: Jer 29:1, 4-7; Ps 66:1-12;

2 Tim 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

October 19: Jer 31:27-34;

Ps 119:97-104; 2 Tim 3:14-4:5;

Luke 18:1-8

October 26: Joel 2:23-32; Ps 65;

2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

### **PRAYER LIST**

**Let us share our concerns and**

**blessings with the Lord:** Safety &

success for Lion's Club men & women

(Gary), Debbie-healing after hand

surgery (Judy H.), travel safety for our

members (All of Us), Monica-diabetic

issues (Steve T.), Verna-shoulder

replacement-Sept. 23 (Judy M.), Frank

Burton (Charlotte), wreck on George St.

(Kelley), Kara Goode-travel safety

(Pastor Ryan), Tom DeVille-healing

(Pastor Ryan), Jan Uhlmansiek-St.

Andrews-Batesville (Kelly),

Charlotte Horn-fall (Debbie),

Hudson-checkup at Children's

(Pastor Ryan), Ellaine Hussung -

shoulder surgery (Kelley), Susan's

mother (Susan), Minneapolis families

& members (Shelly), Jane Farrar's

son-motorcycle wreck (Roger),

Danelle Clark & Cheyanne Terrell

(Pastor Ryan), Millie Tufts-healing

from hip replacement (Debbie),

Brenda Cutter-back issues (Gary),

Roger Ullrich-health issues (Judy H.),

Patti Bloom-broken bones (Judy M.).

Bill Helms-heart issues (Pastor Ryan),

Bill Halbig-cardiac issues (Charlotte),

Sandy-hip surgery (Steve

T.), Families in America (Robin),

Tina-poor recovery from brain

surgery (Verna), Dave Krouse-throat

issues (Shelly), RJ-heart issues (Jim

B.), Remembering Active Service

men & women connected to our

UMC-Will, Oliver, Sarah (Charlotte),

Virginia Becker-multiple issues

(Debbie), Tom Bentley-VA hospice

(Debbie), Barbara Taylor-kidney

donor needed (Steve H.), Laurel

Lillie-recovery from brain surgery

(Kenn), Elana's amputation (Bonnie),  
Tim Seestedt-amputation-doing well  
(Charlotte), Liz Hauntz-dementia  
(Debbie), Julia Heyob (Debbie)

**Our cancer prayer list of friends and families:** Merrill Hutchinson-brain cancer (Jeff), Paul Green-lung cancer (Debbie), Jennie Shourds-lung cancer-stage 4 (Judy M.), Cooper Cain-stage 4 cancer (Jim B.), Tracy Steigel-breast cancer (Charlotte), Bev Houze-masses in both lungs, inoperable (Nancy T.), Frank Burton (Judy M.), Gayla Templeman (Mattie), Russ Smith-lung cancer (Roger), Jason (Kelley), Cammy Hochstrasser (Robin), Molly Leland-Mattox (Verna), Lona (Kenn), Leslie Cassidy-cancer in 3 areas (Bonnie), Peggy breast cancer (Kelley), Amy Shackleford (Julie), Doug-pancreatic cancer and coming surgery (Kelley), Ellaine Marshall (Julie), Debbie Bamberger (Kathi), Kim Burkey (Pastor Ryan), Chris "Itch" Strautman - return of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (Kelley), Sharon Level (Kelley), Bill Level (Kelley), Stephanie Riley (Gary)  
**Sympathy to the Families and Friends of:** Charlie Kirk, Charlie Kirk's assassin, Barbara Grisham Craft, Betty Canfield, Steve Bostwick, Randy Leap

## **PRAISES**

Power of God's miracles (Cari), daughter Sara visiting (Shelly), Juliette James Moorhead born to Trent & Bre (Rob), Donna Largent doing well (Kathi), Joe & Marge Waldon worshiping with us (Charlotte), Monica's 50th birthday (Monica), Jenna's grandmother visiting (Monica), Tom & Charlotte back in worship (Pastor Ryan), beautiful decorations at church (Kathi), Served 53 meals at 4th Street (Judy M.), Monica's good heart report (Monica), Shelly's birthday (Bonnie), Mattie & Nick's anniversary (Nick), L'burg Bible Quizzing team (Pastor Ryan), God's love each day (Steve T.), Serving 4th Street dinner this Tuesday (Judy M.), Matt Whitaker recovering (Julie), served 88 meals at High Hope (Debbie), successful Music on the Porch Debbie), LouAnn Martin-successful foot surgery (Judy M.), Bible Quizzing Camp at Hamline-20 students & 30 adults attended (Pastor Ryan), Kris Fairfield-biking event in Germany (Roger), Joe Waldon out of hospital (Jim W.), 13 folks tied 36 fleece blankets for Blessing Box

(Pastor Ryan), 18 Aurora UMC folks attended the picnic at St. Paul shelter house (Judy M.), Birth of Ember Oakley Faye Shannon (Julie), Serving lunch to 38 adults and children at Aurora pool (Debbie), Janet H. organizing Get to Know Your Neighbor event (Everyone), Move for Kelley's mom (Kelly), family visit with Cottons, Living in America, family & friends (Charlotte), \$700.12 given to KY through UMCOR (ALL of us), Shirley Kuckenrider moving into assisted living (Kelley), Joe Moisio home from hospital (Susan), Recovery Groups appreciation for sharing our building (All of us), Lauren attending Ivy Tech nursing school (Kathi), Opportunity to help through UMCOR (Everyone), Tessa-internship in Washington, DC (Shelly)

**Those in Nursing Homes & Assisted**

**Living:** Doris Spencer, JD Largent

**Shut Ins:** Wilma Beyer, Jerry Stonebraker

**Special Care & Concerns:** Gun violence around the world; all who are suffering after natural disasters. For an end to war and violence around the world especially in Israel and Ukraine; refugees; discontent in United States, Red Cross workers and volunteers, relief workers

**Local Missions:** AA, NA, CASA, St. Vincent de Paul, Clearinghouse, YES Home, Heart House, Safe Passage

**United Methodist Missions:**

UMCOR workers and volunteers, Red Bird Mission, Mountain Mission

**Prayers for our Nation as COVID**

**continues, racial tensions,**

**Christian Unity, our United**

**Methodist Church, Prayers for our**

**cities, for our counties, our state,**

**our police, our firefighters, EMTs,**

**all military men and women and**

**their families, all healthcare**

**workers, first responders,**

**chaplains, missionaries, clergy,**

**persons in financial distress,**

**businesses needing employees**

**WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT**

**PRAYER.** To help us keep our lists current, if you see a name that can be removed, PLEASE let us know. If you would like to add a name, please let us know. If you know of a change, have a concern, or a praise and would like to add a name, you can call the church with the information, mail a note, email Pastor Ryan ([ryangoode1@gmail.com](mailto:ryangoode1@gmail.com)); Judy Mosier ([kjmosier@comcast.net](mailto:kjmosier@comcast.net)); or Jim Waldon

(jimgwaldon@gmail.com)

When submitting a prayer request please include the following information—

**\*\* Your Name (required), \*\* Name of the one needing prayer (be sure you have their permission to make their need known), \*\*Nature of Request (surgery, health concern, etc.)**

### ***As I Get Older***

by Ann Wolski

*It's not easy getting older\_\_  
ask my neck, my back, my shoulder.  
Check the wrinkles on my face  
Do my knees look out of place?  
My mind is working slower  
trying to recall  
a name, a date, a word,  
once no problem at all.  
As I grow into my aging self,  
reality comes to view.  
I find that more and more,  
I depend on You.  
When I become a little fearful  
each new day,  
I take a quiet moment,  
and I begin to pray.  
I pray that you will lead me down  
a path meant just for me,  
and with your perfect guidance  
my older eyes will see.*

*As the world becomes too crazy  
and seems to fall apart,  
I pray that you will calm my soul  
and ease this burdened heart.  
I pray for understanding  
as I make it through each day,  
appreciating all my blessings,  
knowing what to do and say  
to leave a loving legacy  
for my family, for my friends,  
that I will feel your peace  
when my earthly lifetime ends.  
I thank you, God, for this life  
and all the joy it brings\_\_  
except for maybe graying hair  
and all my aching things.*

