


This week's Calendar ~ At a glance (subject to change-consult REMIND)

<p>Mon 8/12 Office hours 9a.m. - 1p.m. 8:30 a.m. Admin Council 10:30 a.m. Ecumenical Bible Study, Windmill Ponds Chapel – all welcome</p> <p>Tues 8/13 Office hours 9a.m. - 1p.m. 9:30 a.m. Brush & Palette 9:30 a.m. Coffee Group 6:30 p.m. Ala-non, Lounge</p> <p>Wed 8/14 Office hours 9a.m. - 1p.m. Pastor's Office hours 1p.m.-4p.m. 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Pizza Night</p> <p>Thurs 8/15 Office hours 9a.m. - 1p.m. 9:00 a.m. Friends Gathering - Parsonage Pastor's office hours 1p.m.-3p.m. Mission and Social Concerns 3p.m. Card Care Team 4p.m.</p> <p>Fri 8/16 Offices are closed on Fridays. Contact Pr. Amy directly for emergencies, 320-309-5574</p>	<p>Sat 8/17 5 pm Worship Team Practice</p> <p>Sun 8/18 9 am Worship Special program following worship with Seminarian, Alyssa Saleem & husband, Rev. Saleem, "Stories from Pakistan".</p> <p>Contact us: Pr. Amy's office hours are subject to change. It works best to contact her directly: 320-309-5574, pastor@alexumc.org. No Friday appointments.</p> <p>Main Office - Office Hours, M-Th, 9am – 1pm, Ginger Phone: 320-763-4624, Email: office@alexumc.org</p> <p>Treasurer, Cori Lecy, 1-507-829-6865, finance@alexumc.org.</p> <p>For online giving opportunities, go to www.alexumc.org and select "visit the giving page" in the left-hand navigation.</p> <p>Let's stay connected! All are encouraged to sign the blue books in the pews; include your contact information and let us know if you have any requests or if you would like the pastor to contact you.</p> 
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Becoming a member at Alex UMC is as easy as contacting Pr. Amy to receive member forms. During Membership Sunday, we welcome and celebrate your membership with our congregation! **Visit us online, www.alexumc.org.** To join us for online worship, find us on YouTube, @ALEXUMC. To find us on social media, visit us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AlexMNUMC/> **Receive weekly updates/reminders join REMIND.** Text @28kcbk to this number: 810810. Follow the prompts, select "Student account".

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Doxology: *UMH #95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*, Words by Thomas Ken; music by Attr. to Louis Bourgeois. Song #56204 CCLI #3027936

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Alexandria United Methodist Church
August 11, 2024

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, Year B, Gospel of Mark



Order of Service

*stand as you are able, in body and/or spirit

Gathering Words

Special Music, *Simple Gifts* as Invocation and Call to Worship

Greeting and Welcome

***Opening Hymn**, *UMH #431 Let There Be Peace On Earth*

Psalm 34, read responsively

Lectio Divina ~Isaiah 43:1 NIV

Scripture Lesson, Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Bidding: Word of God, Word of Life

Response: Thanks be to God.

Selah - a time to pause, *Midsummer Nocturne*

Offering on Scripture, Pr. Amy

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Congregational Hymn** TFWS #2213 *Healer of Your Every Ill*

A Time for Generosity *Breathe on Me Breath of God*

Doxology, UMH #95 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

Blessing and Benediction

***Sending Hymn**, TFWS #2145 *I've Got Peace Like a River*

Postlude, *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Sunday Ministry Team Assisting today ~ Thank you for your ministry!

Officiant: Pr. Amy VanValkenburg **Liturgist:** Sue Helgeson

Lay Leaders: Scott Garvin & Chuck Holm **Greeter/Ushers:** John & Sue Helgeson

Worship Team: Janet Eisele, pianist; Deb Parrott, Guitar;

Vocals: Scott Garvin; Sue Walker; Pr. Amy **Tech:** Ginger Mayer, Sawyer

VanValkenburg, **YouTube;** Thomas VanValkenburg, **A/V Fellowship:** Viva Lelm;

Linda DeWitt **Bulletin/Slides:** Ginger Mayer & Pr. Amy

Announcements

Stuff the Bus a program of United Way of Douglas and Pope Counties. This program offers a community wide effort to collect donations of new school supplies and backpacks to be distributed to registered Pre-K – 12th grade students. Distribution of the backpacks will take place Wednesday, August 21, 10am-5pm and Thursday, August 22, 8am-4 pm. To register a child for a backpack, go to www.uwdp.org or call 320-834-7800, M-F, 8am-4pm.

Community Wood Fired Oven, August 14, 2024, 4:30-7:00 p.m. Non-profits: Alexandria Boys Hockey and Alexandria Girls Hockey Visit us online at <http://alexandriacommunitywoodfired.com/> or through the Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/UMCWoodFired>

Family Camp August 20-25 - ALL AGES!!! Family Camp - - come one day or come two, come for the week - what works for you? It's an incredible way to share fun and faith together! Grandkids & grandparents encouraged! Family Camp is offered through Immanuel Lutheran Church with Pr. Christa Forsythe and her youth leader, Janelle Eisenbacher with Pr. Amy helping with programming and ministries throughout the week. **Consider coming for the day! Sunshine Day (lunch provided) is in the works. Watch for the announcements in next week's bulletin! Looking for something mid-week to do with your grandkids? Grandparents and grandkids are encouraged to attend!** If you are considering the week at Family Camp but funds are not available, scholarships may be available. Talk to Pr. Amy. We want everyone to have this amazing opportunity!

Sermon Series begins October 2024. Pr. Amy will begin a *never-been-done* at Alex UMC sermon series, "Enough". With many opportunities for dialogue and beginning this September, we hope you will join us for this series that wraps up in early January (no series in December). Together, we will endeavor to look at how we can manage our financial resources and truly experience simplicity, generosity, and joy!

From our office Ginger will be on vacation August 15-22. Thank you to Merry Luchau and Phyllis Frier for office coverage. Reminder: our office is closed on Fridays/Saturdays. Pr. Amy is at the Conference-led Women's Clergy Retreat starting 3pm today through Tuesday, August 13, and at Family Camp August 19-25.

Bricks to Bread had great success again this week! Watch for our next bake event in the bulletin and on Facebook! We also send the order portal through email so if you want to be included, you must opt-in. You can do so by contacting Nancy at info@brickstobread.org .

Alexandria UMC VBS 2024 Guiding Verse based on Isaiah 43:1 *Do not fear, for I have redeemed you* One more VBS Event this summer, **Wednesday, August 14, 6:00-7:30 at Brophy Park.** Preschool – Grade 6 We will share a meal, a short Bible lesson, craft, game, and take time to enjoy all our location has to offer. If the weather is rainy, we will move the gathering to the church. All are

welcome - no need to register. We ask that parents of preschoolers stay onsite to help supervise their child(ren).

Please join us! Sunday, August 18, 9am Worship, Sanctuary
10:15 - 11:15 am Stories from Pakistan, Fellowship Hall

We are pleased to have another opportunity to host Seminarian Alyssa Saleem, with the added bonus of having her husband, Rev. Saleem, along! Rev. Saleem has recently been accepted to Luther Seminary to study in one of the doctoral programs. He will share more about this news when he comes! Alyssa will be co-officiating service with Pr. Amy and immediately following, Rev. Saleem and Alyssa will share about recent and ongoing missions in Pakistan with their church. They will be sharing many pictures with their updates about our collaboration and support of their children's ministry project. At the end of the presentation, there will be a Q and A session - what would you like to know about Pakistan?

Do you now regular committee meeting schedules? And did you know approved Council minutes and financial reports are always posted on the bulletin board in the office hallway?

SPRC, 5pm - First Monday of the month

Administrative Council, 8:30am - Second Monday of the month

Trustees, 5:30pm - Last Monday of the month

Finance Committee - August 8, 6:00 p.m. (schedule changes/posted in bulletin)

Missions and Social Concerns - August 15, 3:00 p.m. (regular schedule starting in Sept)

For the meeting schedule of the following committees, please consult their chair:

Care Team, Sue Helgeson, jshelgy@charter.net

Card Care Team, Pat Vickerman, ptvick@gctel.net

Kitchen Committee, Betty Van Zomeren, bvanzome@wisper-wireless.com

Upcoming 'Global Special Sundays':

October 6, *World Communion Sunday*, provides scholarships for U.S. racial-and ethnic-minority students and international students, on both undergraduate and graduate levels.

November 24, *Reign of Christ Sunday* and *United Methodist Student Day*, furnishes scholarships and loans for student attending United Methodist-related and other accredited colleges and universities.