

Alexandria United Methodist Church
August 25, 2024

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Year B, Gospel of Mark

Welcome Janet Doroff to the pulpit today!

Order of Service

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

Simple Gifts as Invocation and Call to Worship

Greeting and Welcome

***Opening Hymn**, UMH# 332 *Spirit of Faith Come Down*, verses 1 & 2

Psalm 84, read responsively

Scripture Lessons, Ephesians 6:10-20 and John 6:56-69

Bidding: Word of God, Word of Life

Response: Thanks be to God.

Selah - a time to pause,

Offering on Scripture, Janet Doroff

The Lord's Prayer

***Congregational Hymn** TFWS #2165 *Cry of My Heart*

A time for Generosity, tithes & offerings

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

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

Blessing and Benediction

***Sending Hymn**, TFWS #2032 *My Life is in You, Lord!*, all verses

Postlude

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

Officiant: Certified Lay Speaker Janet Doroff, Liturgist: Tom DeWitt,

Lay Leaders: Scott Garvin and Chuck Holm Greeter/Ushers: Kathy & Ron Reiber

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

Vocals ~ Scott Garvin, Sue Walker Tech: Ginger Mayer

Fellowship: Viva Lelm; Kathy and Ron Reiber Bulletin/Slides: Ginger Mayer & Pr. Amy

Announcements

Wood Fire Oven, August 28, 2024, 4:30-7:00 p.m. Non-profits: Alex Football and Alex Area Archery Program. Visit us online at <http://alexandriacommunitywoodfired.com/> or through the Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/UMCWoodFired>

Outdoor Worship, Sunday, September 8 ~ more details to come!

Sermon Series beginning October 2024. See letter from Pr. Amy on page 4 of this bulletin. She will begin a *never-been-done* at Alex UMC sermon series, "Enough". With many opportunities for dialogue, we hope you will join us for this series that wraps up in early January with a request for your feedback. Together, we are endeavoring to learn more about how we can manage our financial resources and truly experience simplicity, generosity, and joy!

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 volunteer portal and online ordering form through email. If you want to be included, **you must opt-in**. You can do so by contacting Nancy at info@brickstobread.org .

Do you now regular committee meeting schedules?

And did you know?

Approved Council minutes and financial reports are 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 - No Sept meeting – new fall/winter schedule posted soon

Missions and Social Concerns – Third Thursday of the month, 3pm

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 '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.
- *Confirmation and New Member Sunday*, also Reformation Sunday, is October 27 this year!
- 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.

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".

<p>Mon 8/26 Office hours 9a.m. - 1p.m. No Ecumenical Bible Study this morning; Pr. Amy's mom is having knee surgery. Please hold her in your prayers.</p> <p>Tues 8/27 Office hours 9a.m. - 1p.m. 9:30 a.m. Brush & Palette 6:30 p.m. Ala-non, Lounge</p> <p>Wed 8/28 Office hours 9a.m. - 1p.m. 4:15 p.m. to 7:00 pm Pizza Night 7pm Bricks to Bread dough making</p> <p>Thurs 8/29 Office hours 9a.m. - 1p.m. Bricks to Bread Baking day – see schedule</p> <p>Fri 8/30 Offices are closed on Fridays.</p> <p>Sat 8/31 5 pm Worship Team Practice</p> <p>Sun 9/1 9 am Worship</p>	<p>Contact us: Pr. Amy's office hours are subject to change. It works best to contact her directly at 320-309-5574, pastor@alexumc.org . No Friday appointments. 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. 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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A letter from the pastor. On Sunday, October 1, we will begin a churchwide study and worship emphasis called “Enough: Discovering joy through simplicity and generosity”. The theme is stewardship. Over a period of four weeks or so, we will look at some of the financial challenges facing us as a nation and examine our own spending, saving, and giving habits. In addition to exploring biblical principles of financial management as individuals, as partners, and as a community of faith, we will learn ways to assess our financial situation and develop a financial plan that encourages us to more fully experience the true joy that comes through simplicity and generosity. In the coming weeks, more information will be available here, via our website, and in USPS mailings to members. We are looking forward to this exploration alongside you! 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, Peace in Christ, Pr. Amy

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