



ALGOMA BOULEVARD UNITED • METHODIST • CHURCH

Mission Statement: As the Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church family of faith, we will help people experience God through...transformational worship, lifelong learning, inspiring music, life changing service and passionate witness.

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Changes in October Worship

We don't change worship times very often, but this month is exciting and there are 2 dates with worship schedule changes. Let's praise God together!

October 2nd Capital Campaign Kick-Off Sunday Celebration



Let's all celebrate! There will be one worship service at **10:00 a.m.** so that we can all be together. The service will be in person and on-line and everyone is invited.

Travis will be leading us in singing with the band, the chancel choir will sing, and Ginny will be on the organ for a hymn or two. There will be some of everything and something for everyone.

After worship, lunch will be served - did you RSVP yet? Email admin@abumc.org

This will be a joyful time for our community as we learn more about our Capital Campaign and kick off this month of connection and commitment to God, to one another, and to all our neighbors.

October 9th Packers Kick-Off Sunday



The Green Bay Packers play in London on October 9th with an 8:36 a.m. kick-off.

Since we trust that God works in and through every part of our lives, we'll be praising God, watching the Packer game, and tailgating. (If you can't beat 'em... join 'em!)

In person worship begins at 8:30 a.m. and goes until kick-off. The game will be shown on the screens in the Sanctuary and in Paine Hall. Worship will happen in every two-minute commercial break in the first half of the game as well as during half time. Worship will conclude at the end of half time, and you are welcome to stay and watch the 2nd half if you wish. Tailgate snacks will be available all morning and people can come and go as they wish. (Can you help with snacks? Contact pastor@abumc.org)

Online worship will be live during half-time. Since the game timing can be unpredictable, it will likely start sometime between 9:50 and 10:10 a.m.

If you would prefer a more **Traditional Worship** experience, Rev. Keith Wolf will be leading worship in the prayer chapel in the lower level at **10:30 a.m.**

Loose Change Ministry



Chances are we don't give much thought to our loose change. But when the coins we toss into the offering plate are combined with those of everyone around us, we

can and do make an impact on the lives of others. Our coin collection during October will benefit Haitian Assets for Peace International. HAPI is a program to transform Haiti through the empowerment and advocacy of women. There is a need to provide long-term and sustainable solutions to poverty alleviation in rural communities in Haiti. Rural communities experience an even greater disparity in economic opportunities, infrastructure, education beyond high school, and health services. They are more impacted by superstition, stigmas, and discrimination. Girls and women bear the brunt of the confluence of these harsh living conditions and societal attitudes. This is evidenced through lower literacy rates, fewer women with higher education, lower economic standing, mortality during childbirth, violence against women and perceptions of women's worth.

HAPI develops initiatives in economic development, supplying knowledge and encouragement for small business owners. They provide health services and improve classrooms, adding technology and IT assistance. Life lessons are taught to encourage respect, equality and hope for a better future.

Please place all your loose change in the offering basket this month to improve the lives of Haitian women. If you are moved to do more, place your donation in your attendance envelope and mark for HAPI.

The Open Table

The Open Table is the name of our Monday meal program, and it's up and running again this fall. We will be serving the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The second Monday will always be a soup and sandwich meal, and the fourth Monday will be a planned hot meal.



I want to thank all the volunteers who have helped with this mission. From food prep, serving the food, running food to the cars, donating wonderful homemade desserts, and even buying much needed kitchen tools, you have all played a big part in serving our community.

We've had the privilege to serve a few willing to eat in Paine Hall over this past year. As you know, it's a big space and can feel a little lonely. I'm wondering if some of you would be willing to help by enjoying a meal with some of our guests. I wanted this meal to be available for people in need. I also know that a need doesn't always mean you don't have the funds, it may just be you need someone to take that burden away so you can concentrate on something else. I've realized this by watching my own mom living in Iowa. At 87 and living on her own, she may have the funds, but cooking a nutritious meal is a challenge, and besides, her living room chair is her best friend.

This is what I'm asking of you:

- Are you willing to enjoy a meal with some of our guests?
- Do you know of someone who could really use a nutritious meal?
- Can you offer someone a ride?
- Are you able to make a delivery to someone's home?
- Do you have a favorite soup you would like to share?

Please prayerfully consider this program and who it can serve. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Trunk-or-Treat!

Last year our first annual Trunk-or-Treat event was a smashing success, so we are excited to offer this outreach again Saturday, Oct. 29, from 1-3 p.m. in the church parking lot. We estimate that around 200 kids participated in 2021! The idea is to have lots of people decorate the trunk of their vehicle and hand out treats to the neighborhood trick-or-treaters that come through. The decorations can be as simple or as ornate as you wish. The trunk can follow a Halloween theme, a fall theme, a Packers theme, or anything you want. Following are some of the pics from last year. If you're unable to join us that day, donations of store-purchased candy would be greatly appreciated. Please deposit in the mission shelves by October 23. Let Lisa-Marie know if you will take part in **Trunk-or-Treat 2022!** connections@abumc.org





CHILI DINNER

Where? Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church

What? Youth are hosting a fun night filled with food, games, and crafts.

Youth will provide food such as chili, soups, and cornbread.

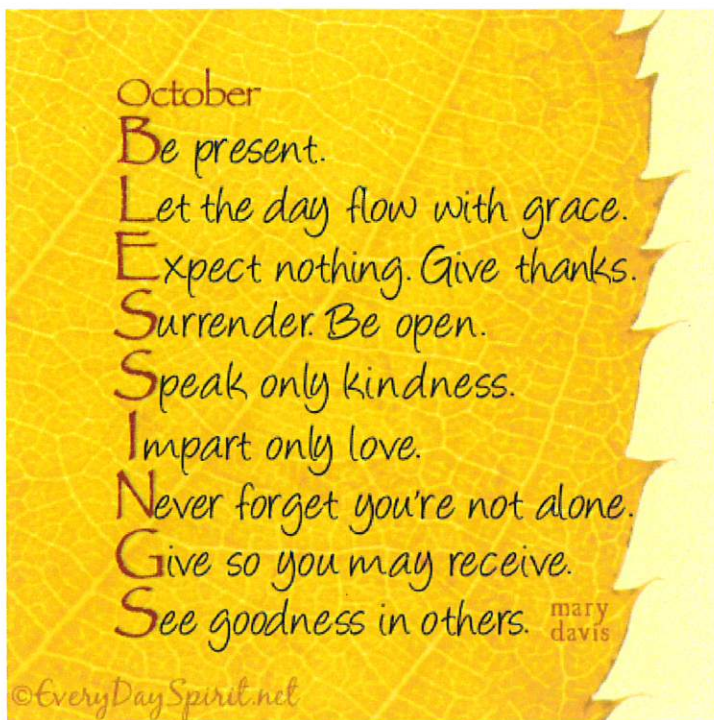
We ask the congregation to bake and bring their favorite dessert.

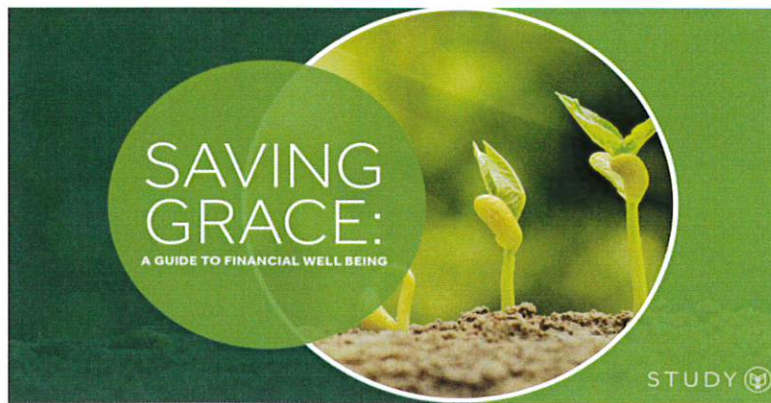
Open to ALL ages and a great chance to connect with one another.



If you are interested in learning more about the United Methodist Church and the Congregation of Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church, join us Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. This is a 4-week class beginning October 13th.

Email your interest to admin@abumc.org.





Would you like to feel free from your ongoing financial problems?

Do you need to deal with conflict about money in your relationships?

Do you want to get out of debt?

Do you struggle achieving your financial goals?

Do you have trouble sticking to your budget (or figuring out how to have a budget)?

If you could use a little help with any of these areas, the Saving Grace class can help!

To sign up, contact the ABUMC office 920-231-2800 or admin@abumc.org

We'll need your name and contact information to get you registered.

Classes will be offered over 5 sessions, with a follow-up. You need to participate in every session, but we will offer 2 times/locations for each session. If you have a medical emergency or something that forces you to miss, the teachers will hold a special session for you., please try to make one of the options work. Sessions will be 60-90 minutes (session 4 will be longer). If childcare is an issue, please let us know and we will try to make arrangements.

Cost of the class is \$10 per person – scholarships are available.

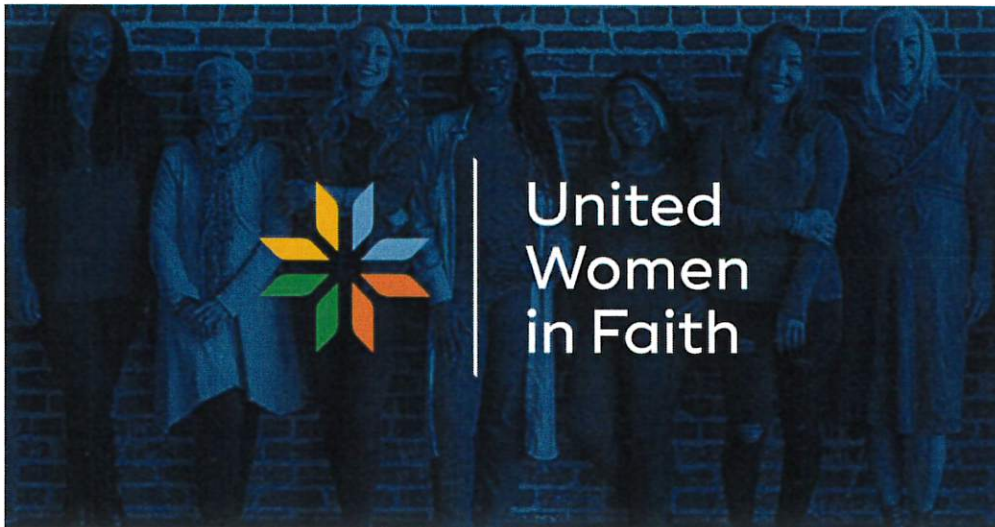
The Family Church (TFC):

2318 American Dr., Neenah
(near the corner of 41 and 10)

**Algoma Blvd. United Methodist Church
ABUMC:**

1174 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh (near Hwy 21)

Session 1	Sun. Oct. 23	10:30 a.m.	TFC
	Wed. Oct. 26	6-7 p.m.	ABUMC
Session 2	Sun. Nov. 6	10:30 a.m.	TFC
	Wed. Nov. 2	6-7 p.m.	ABUMC
Session 3	Sun. Nov. 13	10:30 a.m.	TFC
	Wed. Nov. 9	6-7 p.m.	ABUMC
Session 4	Sun. Dec. 4	10:30 a.m.	TFC
	Wed. Dec. 7	6-7 p.m.	ABUMC
Session 5	Sun. Dec. 11	10:30 a.m.	TFC
	Wed. Dec. 14	6-7 p.m.	ABUMC



Annual Gathering

United Women in Faith will attend the Annual Gathering October 14 and 15, 2022. It is hosted by the Wisconsin Conference and will be held at First United Methodist Church in Baraboo, Wisconsin.



November 21 Meeting

We will hold our meeting November 21 at 1 p.m. Barbara Diener-Blumer will lead a pledge service. Jan Nash will give a brief overview of the new books for the United Women in Faith Reading Program for 2023.

Our Reading Program offers books on leadership development, social action, spiritual growth, education for mission and nurturing for community. In addition to reading one book in each category, we encourage readers to check out Response Magazine, the "magazine of women in mission."

The annual Cookie Walk will be held December 10!!! It is hard to believe that it is coming up so quickly, but it will be here before we know it. Thank you for all your past support, and we are looking forward to a great sale again this year ... hopefully, without a blizzard like in 2021!



ABUMC 150th Anniversary

Two of the most influential founding members of the Algoma Street ME Church were Robert and Alice McMillen. After only a year of marriage, Robert decided to take his bride, Alice, “way out west” to Wisconsin. They moved from their native New York State in 1854.

Robert started a career in the lumber business with his brother-in-law, Charles Wesley Davis. Together, they bought and sold interest in several companies, becoming two of the wealthiest men in the city.

After a conversion experience with Maggie Van Cott, both Robert and Alice changed their lives. Robert proclaimed he “became convinced that more was demanded of him than honesty toward his fellow men.”

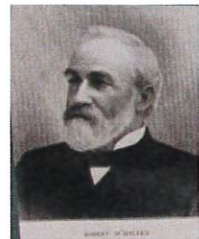


The McMillens are remembered because of their donation of a large stained-glass window in the present sanctuary. They were principal contributors when the stone edifice was built in 1892. Robert also donated an organ, complete with console, pipes, and installation for the new church.



Alice was a leader in the missionary work of the church. She was a charter member of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society and served as vice president. She was described as a woman who “nobly bore her share of life’s burdens, and cheerfully assisted (her husband) in every good work.” She and Robert worked side-by-side to support and nurture the church they loved.

The McMillens regularly invested in the future of their community through gifts to the YMCA, Lawrence University, and other institutions.



Robert died July 23, 1897. His obituaries imply that he was a wonderful man, and they tell us that he was respected and loved by many people.

Alice died at age 84 on Dec. 19, 1916. In a story about her funeral, the *Northwestern* said, “She was highly esteemed by friends and neighbors and always active in unostentatious charities.”

The McMillen home, built in 1880, still stands at 1107 Algoma Blvd., on the northwest corner of Algoma Boulevard and Vine Street.