

*Arlington UMC*

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**NEWSLETTER**

July 27th, 2024

## *Arlington United Methodist Church Newsletter*

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# *July 2024*

Greetings church,

I hope this letter finds you cool and in the grace and favor of our Lord Jesus Christ. July is here and with it all the trapping of summer. In just a few days many of us will be celebrating the 4th of July. This year Arlington will be in the Bridgeton parade I hope that you are able to join us and that you are able to find shade! In all seriousness the 4th is a great opportunity to celebrate but also to participate in local events. Parades, fireworks, BBQs all of which are opportunities for folks to engage with their community whether that be here in Bridgeton or one of our surrounding townships. Every Sunday I get to say that all are welcome to participate with us during communion and I usually say that however you are able to participate you are welcome to do so. Today I would invite you to participate locally with folks in your area as you are able. I am not asking you to convert, preach, or otherwise proselytize your neighbors. Simply have fun and spend time with folks in your community and show some love to others. When we get to know those around us we create stronger communities and stronger communities transform lives.

May others experience the love of God through you. Have fun. Stay cool.

Peace,

*Rev. Daniel Shanks*

### **Newsletter Deadline**

Articles for the **August 2024 Newsletter**  
must be received by 10:00pm on Thursday,  
July 18th 2024.

## UMCOR IS ALWAYS SPECIAL

It was another wonderful trip to Louisiana where fun was had and work was done! Our theme this time, since we were an all-girl team, was “Barbie”. We wore lots of pink, wrote notes with pink pens, drank from pink glasses, and even had some fun with pink bubbles. We also helped to put together over 1600 school kits, cleaned apartments for older adults, and sorted clothes for a secondhand store that helps women who are trying to get and stay sober. We shared a devotion each night and ate ice cream twice! We saw old friends, made new friends, participated in a worship service and a smore making event, and ate...a lot of great food! We even took a new route home and stopped to see a museum on the USS Kidd in Baton Rouge. Our next trip to UMCOR will be February 2025 so sign up now! Contact Loretta at [lbrandon@arlingtonumc.org](mailto:lbrandon@arlingtonumc.org) for details and to join the February 2025 mission team.

## MISSION TEAM NEWS

Thanks to everyone who helped to collect School Supplies for Pattonville! On July 21st, our mission team with host a blood drive with the Impact for Life team. Please plan to participate and save a life with the donation of blood. THANKS!

-Your friends on the mission team

## Prayer List

Dan Brooks, Debby Ottmer,  
Owen Hall, Diane Wadlington

**Arlington Members who need our continued prayers:** Donna Sims, Jackie Price, Lyn Bell, Beth Usher

**Friends and Family of Arlington Members who need our continued prayers:** Dave Brandon, Marianne Pollock, Blake Jones, Jane Thompson-Smith, Dorothy Murray, Diedre Liddell, Ricky Chauvin, Cheryl Wanger, Adam Hughes, Pat Yotter, Bridget Bianchi, Norman Saxer, Caleb Provost, Isaac Moore, Sarah Mehegan, Rob Boswell, Donny Mays, Susan Fine, Peggy McCarthy, Earl Barney, Steve Johnston, Ross Folmar

**Please remember our shut-in members:**

Mary Bruton, Martha Gibbons, Dixie Greer, Sheila Hall, Harold Hearing, Pete Pieper

**Please remember church family members in the military:** Aaron Merseal, Michael Oechsner, Tim Schaefer, Sebastian Schnellbacher

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# July 2024

## July Birthdays!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9a HHH 12p NA 5:30p yoga 6:30p craft night	2 7p Al-Anon	3 9a HHH 12p NA 6:30p Wed. Ramble	4 Independence Day 10a Parade (Office Closed)	5 9a HHH 12p NA	6
7 9:00a Sunday School (Var.) 10:00a Worship (On/Sanc)	8 9a HHH 12p NA 5:30p yoga	9 7p Al-Anon	10 9a HHH 12p NA 6:30p Wed. Ramble 5:30-7:30p Bowling	11 10a Prayer Shawl 6:30p Leadership	12 9a HHH 12p NA	13 9a-12p Work Day Painting
14 9:00a Sunday School (Var.) 10:00a Worship (On/Sanc)	15 9a HHH 12p NA 5:30p yoga 6:30p Shay Blackwell	16 7p Al-Anon	17 9a HHH 12p NA 6:30p Wed. Ramble	18 10a Prayer Shawl 1p Ruby Kemper	19 9a HHH 12p NA	20
21 9:00a Sunday School (Var.) 10:00a Worship (On/Sanc)	22 9a HHH 12p NA 5:30p yoga	23 7p Al-Anon	24 9a HHH 12p NA 6:30p Wed. Ramble	25 10a Prayer Shawl	26 9a HHH 12p NA	27
28 9:00a Sunday School (Var.) 10:00a Worship (On/Sanc) 11:15a Conversations	29 9a HHH 12p NA 5:30p yoga 6p Movie Study	30 7p Al-Anon	31 9a HHH 12p NA 6:30p Wed. Ramble			

- July 1- Kevin Hodnefield  
Patrick Kissel
- July 3- Rose Albrecht  
Lyndsay Ridley  
Adyson Beckerle  
Aria Hall
- July 4- Jill Flores
- July 5- Suzanne Bangert  
Sam Horne IV
- July 7- Jackie Owen
- July 9- Madeline McGuire
- July 13- Betty Campbell
- July 14- Hannah Walls
- July 15- Linda Small  
Sherri Linke
- July 16- Bob Brooks
- July 17- Debbie Dierzbicki
- July 18- Dylan Flores
- July 19- Keith Morgan
- July 20- Keith Rice
- July 25- Peggy Jenkins
- July 27- Anita Jamison
- July 28- Helen Kelley
- July 31- Danielle Crivello Brown

## **SHP Report**

June has been a youth explosion for our chapter! You have welcomed over 150 teenagers from various youth groups and organizations into our church. They built 150 beds and delivered 40 beds in June. Thanks to the Shay Blackwell circle for their support by donating 48 pillows.

-Steve McLean

steve.mclean@shpbeds.org

## **HELP! HELP! HELP US PAINT!**

We need help painting the area downstairs outside of the gym and down the hallway. If you can help, please let me know. You can come any time!

We are planning a workday for July 13th (9am-noon) when we will concentrate on painting that area.

-Loretta

## **DON'T LET THE PARADE PASS YOU BY!**

4th of July is around the corner! We still need Hi Chews to throw into the crowds. Now that you know what they are, start gathering up Hi Chews from the dollar stores, Amazon, the grocery store, anywhere and bring them to the bucket that will be in Great Hall.

## **YOGA NEWS**

Join us for yoga each Monday night at 5:30pm in the gym. BUT on July 7th, join us for chair yoga when all the proceeds will be donated for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Class is always just \$5 but on the 7th you can donate any amount so that those beds can still be made for kids who need them!

## **REELS AND REDEMPTION**

If you enjoy movies, then this opportunity is for you! Join Pastor Daniel this summer as he connects theology to film. Everyone will be asked to see the movie before the study group meets so that everyone can discuss. We will meet at 6pm online or in the conference room and dates and movies are as follows:

June 25th – Footloose (the original) - free on Netflix

July 30th – A League of Their Own - rent on Amazon Prime

August 27th – The Birdcage - free on Amazon Prime

September 24th – Lars and the Real Girl - rent on Amazon Prime or borrow from Saint Louis County Library (3 copies available)

## **YOUTH OUTINGS**

Our summer youth outings will begin on Wednesday, July 17th at 1pm. Meet Ms. Loretta and Ms. Marilyn at the church! Can't wait to see you!

## **WANT TO GO BOWLING?**

Join us on **July 10th** as Arlington goes bowling! We will meet at the Bridgeton Bowling Alley from 5:30pm to 7:30pm and knock down those pins! You pay for the bowling and we will buy the pizza. Let Loretta know NOW if you would like to go so we can get a head count.