



# The SPIRE

**First United Methodist Church**

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Wow! O, Wow! August will be a busy month.

The church will be alive with activity, all month long.

We'll welcome scores of area children for Vacation Bible School (VBS), host multiple Albion College training events and meetings as they prepare for a new school year and once again serve as an election polling place. Community leaders from Albion Healthcare Alliance, AALL and Healthy Babies Day will work here on behalf of community residents. The Boy Scouts Annual Pig Roast will serve up some delicious food and we'll hear the sounds of our many musicians preparing to entertain at the Calhoun County Fair.

In the midst of all of this, our regular activities will, of course, have us all hopping.

Yes, it is a lot ... and I feel tired just thinking about all the work to be done ... but this is exactly what the church is called to be.

Our church should be a place where the community gathers. Our church should be a place where the college gathers. Our church should welcome children with open arms. Our church should continually reach out to serve and connect with our neighbors.

It is not easy work, but God never promised us that discipleship would be an easy path. It requires commitment and effort. For this church to live into God's call, we need everyone who calls this place home to be involved. Many of you already are and I thank God every day for the way you love this church and serve this community.

Look over the August calendar. Where is God calling you to help serve this community?

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*Follow Jesus; Love Everyone*

Maybe you have a few hours you want to give to VBS. Perhaps, you'd enjoy being part of the hospitality team welcoming people to the fair tent. Piecemakers? Bell Choir? A Bible study? Providing delicious treats for Sunday morning worship? The possibilities go on and on. They're waiting for you ... join the fun.

Pastor Leslee

## Leadership Listing

Lay Leader	Lois Fennimore glfennimore@yahoo.com
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Pastor	Leslee Fritz pastorleslee1@gmail.com
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Memorial Chair	Carol Maynard
Choir Director	Drew Dunham
Music Director /Pianist	Jan Fourn
Administrative Assistant	Cindi Klingel albionfumc@gmail.com
Housekeeper	Lynn Markovich
Custodian	Larry Maynard

## Prayers

Elaine Rice, Becky Picard, Barb Stowell, Sue Farley, Missy Wyss, Greg Metzler, Pastor Tom Hollowood, Phil Hostetler, and Hilda Ebbinghaus @ home

Allison Roesti @ MediLodge, Marshall

Betty Beese @ Glazier Assisted Living, Chelsea



## Albion FUMC at the Calhoun County Fair

On Saturday, August 18, from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m., our church will share our fellowship and musical offerings at the Calhoun County Fair. We will be performing on the community stage. If you are in the choir, if you would like to sing, if you are in the praise band, WE NEED YOU. Members of the congregation, we need your help for set - up, take- down and the greeting of those who wander in to hear us. Our goal is the share the message of Jesus Christ thru music and to take the opportunity to invite others to our Sunday morning worship service. August is a prime time for vacations, but this is a great chance for us to share the amazing music we get to enjoy every week with many of our neighbors. Come join in the fun!



Fourteen women attended the **UMW Summer Refresher** at the home of Carolyn Gaswick on July 19th. There were five from the Ammerman Circle, six from the Gaswick/Moore Circle, one from the Virtual Circle, and two guests from out of town. It was so good to be together. We shared many updates, travels, joys, and sorrows. Lunch was served on the pleasant, screened-in porch where we observed the birds, "critters", and flowers. It was indeed a refresher for our spirits; the precious

friendships, the support of friends, the laughter, the prayers, and the food. We counted our blessings. Thanks to Carolyn.

The executive team will be meeting again in August, with Circle meetings resuming in September.

Amy Plassman










**Sunday Schedule:**

9:00 Band  
9:30 Refreshments  
10:00 Worship  
11:00 Refreshments  
11:30 Sermon Discussion

**Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am - 12:30 pm  
Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

# August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Sunday Schedule Communion 11:30 Sermon Discussion	6  5p VBS 5:30p WU Leadership 8a Election Setup 7p Boy Scouts	7  6a ELECTIONS 8a Biggby Bible Study 5p VBS 	8 12p AC Student Affairs 1:15p Sheldon Place Bible Study 5p VBS 	9 5p VBS 	10 8:30a Healthy Babies Day Planning	11  8a WU Sale 9a VBS Decorating 
12 Sunday Schedule 11:30 Sermon Discussion	13 5:30p Strengthening Families 7p Boy Scouts	14 8a Biggby Bible Study 9a SAP Coalition Mtg 4p Finance Committee 7p Trustees	15 1:15p Sheldon Place Bible Study 5:30p WU/SIS Mentoring 6:30p Bell Choir	16 9:30a AALL Board Mtg	17 2p Albion Health Care Alliance	18 3:30p Music @ the Fair 
19 Sunday Schedule 11:30 Sermon Discussion	20 1:30p Entre Nous 5:30p Women United 7p Boy Scouts	21 8a Biggby Bible Study 12p AC Student Affairs 7p Church Council	22 12p AC Admissions Training 1:15p Sheldon Place Bible Study	23 8a AC Admissions Training 2p UMW Executive Team Mtg	24 8:30a Healthy Babies Day Planning	25 3:30p BSA Pig Roast 
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## Boy Scout Troop 158

# Pig Roast

August 25, 2018

3:30 - 6:30 pm



Tickets: \$10 Adults (10 yrs old and older)  
\$7 Children 9 and under

Pulled Pork on a Bun, Coleslaw or Potato Salad,  
Corn on the Cob, Dessert of your choice

Buy tickets from any Boy Scout Troop Member  
or RSVP: **David Huber, Scoutmaster**

phone: (207) 608-2571

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