

AMLIN UMC

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RECONCILING MINISTRY



Here at Amlin, all are invited to come as you are to praise the Lord and receive the Good News of Jesus Christ. We believe that we are all called to love our neighbor and that all people are worthy of love. It is our differences that make us whole. If you are new to Amlin, we hope you'll find a place where you are warmly welcomed and feel at home.

OUR MISSION

Go and make disciples for the transformation of the world!

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DEAR FELLOW FAITHFULS,
A NEW YEAR IS UPON US. 2025! IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE WE ARE 25 YEARS PAST THE TURN OF THE MILLENNIUM. AS I REFLECT ON THE PAST, I AM FILLED WITH AWE IN WHAT GOD HAS BEEN UP TO. OUR BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER IS INTENDED TO REMIND US OF ISAIAH 43:19 - "SEE, I AM DOING A NEW THING! NOW IT SPRINGS UP; DO YOU NOT PERCEIVE IT? I AM MAKING A WAY IN THE WILDERNESS AND STREAMS IN THE WASTELAND." DO YOU NOT PERCEIVE IT?

AND AS I LOOK TO THE FUTURE WITH SO MUCH UNCERTAINTY, YET I AM FILLED WITH WONDER AND HOPE. THESE FEELINGS ARE ONLY POSSIBLE BECAUSE DEUTERONOMY 31:8 - "THE LORD HIMSELF GOES BEFORE YOU AND WILL BE WITH YOU; HE WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU. DO NOT BE AFRAID; DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED." GOD IS ALREADY AHEAD OF US IN 2025 AND HE IS WITH US. FEAR NOT!

I PRAY THAT 2025 IS A YEAR OF FLOURISHING FOR YOU, AS WE HAVE EXPLORED WAYS TO FLOURISH THROUGHOUT ADVENT. ON JANUARY 5, YOU WILL BE GIVEN YOUR STAR WORD (WORD FOR THE YEAR). YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS WHAT GOD HAS FOR YOU. PLUS, ON JANUARY 12, WE WILL CREATE TOGETHER AS WE USE DIFFERENT FORMS OF ART TO REMEMBER OUR STAR WORDS. DON'T MISS THE EXCITEMENT OF THE NEW YEAR AT AMLIN. PERHAPS MY MOST IMPORTANT DESIRE FOR YOU FOR 2025 IS THAT YOU WOULD KNOW YOU ARE LOVED AND THAT YOU WOULD SHARE THAT LOVE WITH OTHERS AS YOU OFFER THEM HELP, OFFER THEM HOPE, AND OFFER THEM CHRIST.

LOVE AND BLESSINGS,
PASTOR LIZ

AMLIN HAS A NEW WEBSITE AND APP

amlinumc.org



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Search Amlin in your App Store or Online

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We Pray at 8

**Lord, we see You are making
a way forward.**

**Help us to be a church for
your people.**

**Fill us with the hope of
seeing transformation and
Your kingdom come.**

*Isaiah 43:1
Romans 12:2*

BRING YOUR COINS AND
MORE ON THE SECOND
SUNDAY OF THE MONTH FOR

NOISY OFFERING SUNDAYS

**THIS MONTHS NOISY
OFFERING WILL GO TO
BUYING BIBLES FOR THE
PRESCHOOLERS.**



Each week in the Chapel @ 7 pm

Contact Christian Mateos: mateoschurch1@gmail.com

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

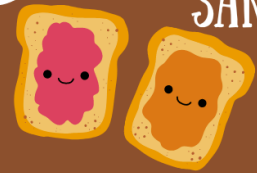


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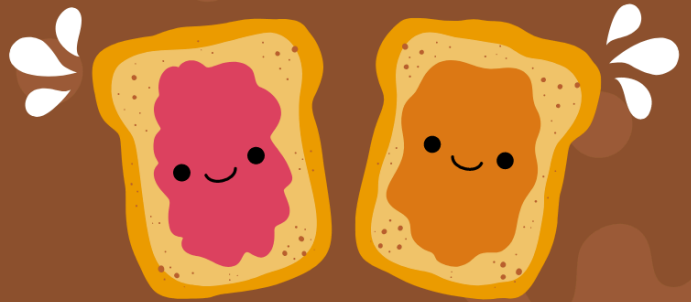
FRIENDLY FARE

DONATIONS NEEDED:

- BREAD, PEANUT BUTTER, & JELLY
- INDIVIDUAL BAGS OF SNACKS & GRANOLA BARS
- BROWN LUNCH SACKS, & ZIPLOCK SANDWICHES BAGGIES
- CASH DONATIONS



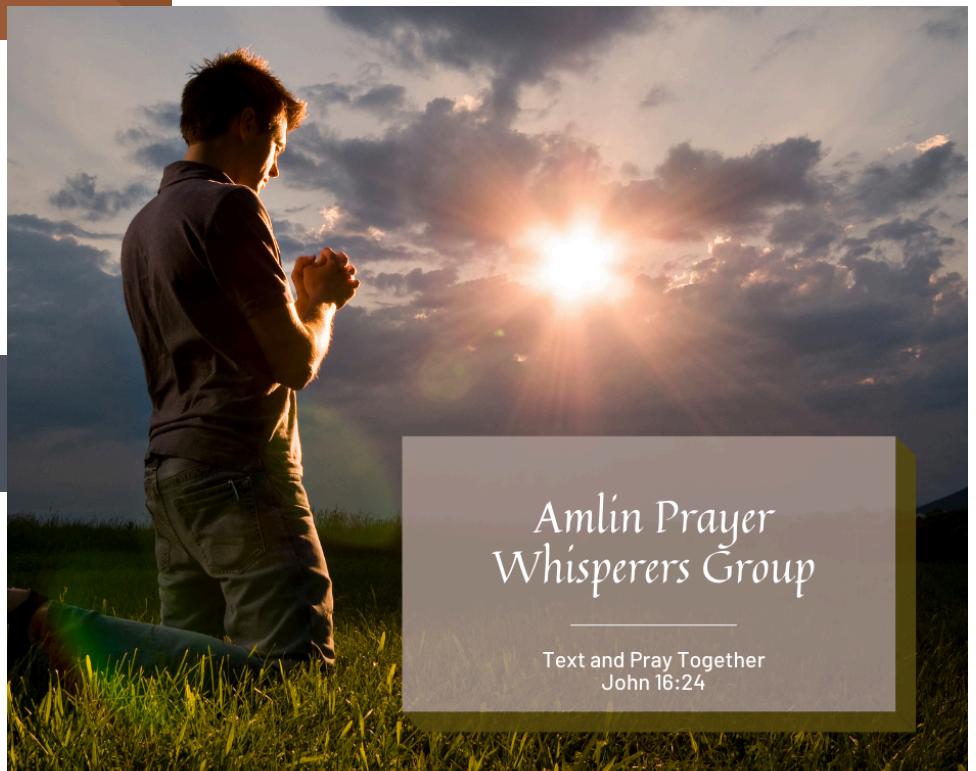
JOIN US IN THE CHAPEL ON
SUNDAYS AFTER CHURCH TO
PREPARE MEALS FOR
JORDAN'S CROSSING



FRIENDLY FARE

IN MISSION

TOGETHER



*Amlín Prayer
Whisperers Group*

Text and Pray Together
John 16:24



CREATE



Don't miss the chance to
create art to remember
your star word for 2025.
Fun for the whole family!

**SUNDAY, JANUARY
12 @ 6PM**

Let us know if you are
coming and if you would
like to paint or do nail art.





State of the Church

Sunday, January 26

After Church in the New Life Center

Updates and Q&A

UPDATE INFO



WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE ALL YOUR CURRENT INFORMATION. WE ARE ASKING EVERYONE TO COMPLETE THIS FORM.



This is the last call to update info for the directory which will be completed in early 2025

NCJ UMVIM YOUTH MISSION JOURNEY SCHEDULED FOR THE SUMMER OF 2025

The 2025 North Central Jurisdiction Volunteers in Mission and Disaster Response Team is planning a youth mission journey to Milwaukee, Wisconsin June 22-28, 2025!

The team will stay at Brown Deer UMC and engage in mission service in the area with Rooted and Rising, a Social Service Agency of the United Methodist Church founded in 1962, and Northcott House, a community agency.

To learn more about this upcoming journey, please click here to complete an interest form. To see a video from the 2024 youth mission journey, [click here](#).

**Let Pastor Liz know if you are
interested in more info.**

JOIN EXPANDING BOOK CLUBS NEXT DISCUSSION- "EVERYWHERE YOU LOOK" BY TIM SOERENS

Join the Expanding Connection Book Club for a Zoom discussion of, "Everywhere You Look" with the author, Tim Soerens.

Everywhere You Look examines why the emerging generation is opting out of the church in large numbers. Are they dismayed at what appears to be their options for participation? Is church really necessary anymore?

Tim Soerens sees this unsettled state of affairs as an extraordinary opportunity: the church, he says, is on the edge of a new possibility at the very moment so much of it feels like it's falling apart. In his extensive travels in all kinds of neighborhoods, Soerens has seen the beginnings of this movement firsthand.

You are invited to read the book and Join the discussion with the author and others on Tuesday, January 7, 2025. [Click here](#) for more information.

Let Pastor Liz or Alli know if you are interested in more info.

AUTHOR, ENCOURAGER TIM SOERENS TO LEAD SEMINARS

The church today faces significant challenges: division, disconnection, and displacement. Even in the midst of these difficulties, we can see God at work, renewing a truly local church—starting right where we are.

If you are looking for some ideas and a boost of encouragement, join us on January 14-15 to hear from Tim Soerens, pastor, author and co-founding director of the Parish Collective. Tim is a leader in a global movement helping Christians “connect to be the Church in the neighborhood.” He has spearheaded sold-out gatherings like the Inhabit Conference, New Parish Conference UK, and Conspire Gathering. Additionally, he co-founded Neighborhood Economics, a venture with the mission to recruit and convene the people repairing local economies.

A gifted speaker and storyteller, Tim has inspired churches across the U.S., Canada, the U.K., Australia, and New Zealand. His teaching focuses on connecting people to be the church in their neighborhoods, celebrating ordinary heroes, and creating opportunities for learning and shared inspiration through gatherings and communities. As part of this event, a panel of neighborhood leaders will join Tim to share their stories and insights.

If we don't learn to live as the church in our everyday lives, we lose our ability to confront injustices, honor the gifts of our neighbors, and dismantle the systems that divide us. But when we organize around God's dreams for our neighborhoods, the possibilities for healing, transformation, and liberation are limitless.

Neighborhood Church at Maize Manor
- January 14 – 5:30-8:00 – dinner is included



JANUARY CALENDAR:

1/8: WORSHIP TEAM MEETING @ 7:20 (ZOOM)

1/9: BIBLE STUDY IN CHAPEL @ 7PM

1/11: GAME NIGHT IN THE NLC @ 7PM

1/12: CREATE EVENT @ 6PM

1/16: BIBLE STUDY IN CHAPEL @ 7PM

1/19: WWS AT 1PM @ BEER BARREL PLAIN CITY

1/20: LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETING @ 7PM (NLC)

1/23: BIBLE STUDY IN CHAPEL @ 7PM

1/26: STATE OF THE CHURCH AFTER WORSHIP

1/30: BIBLE STUDY IN CHAPEL @ 7PM