



Messenger

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GROW in personal faith;
WITNESS joyfully and humbly through God's Grace
SERVE God by loving our neighbors as ourselves.

Special Messenger for July

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to Midland United Methodist Church's Messenger. It will be a little different from what you have been used to in the past. This will be a newsletter that will go out once a month with the happenings here at Midland. Don't worry, we will still be sending out the This Week At Midland each week to give you an idea of the week that is coming up. If you are not receiving the emails and would like to, please contact Mariah in the Church Office via email at midlandumc@gmail.com. The Messenger will also be emailed out and sent to anyone we have had previously listed to receive it in the mail. If you know of any changes please contact Mariah.

If you would like anything put into the Messenger please send it the midlandumc@gmail.com or drop it off in the Church office with a note that you would like it added and the date added. This can also be done with the This Week At Midland.

This Month's Messenger is going to be dedicated to our New Pastor Aaron Alfred and his Family. Next month we will start fresh with the new newsletters. I hope you enjoy what you find in the Messenger as we are sending God's gifts to you for you to enjoy!

**May I Have Your
Attention Please**



Without further ado I would like to introduce our new Pastor Aaron Alfred and his family to Midland United Methodist Church! Prayers for them and their new journey here and prayers for our congregation as we start a new journey with Pastor Aaron.

“It is God who remembered us in our low estate, for his steadfast love endures forever”

Psalms 136:23

Dearly Beloved in Christ

Peace and Grace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Midland UMC SPRC asked me to write a short note to introduce myself since our Bishop Hee Soo Jung, the SW District Supt. Scott Carlson and the Cabinet has appointed me to be your new pastor effective July 1, 2016.

First of all I thank God and all of you for your support, approval and prayers to take me in as your pastor and co-worker in God’s Vineyard.

I am Aaron born and raised in India; I have been serving the Lord for the past 23 years. I was ordained as minister of word and sacrament in 1993 by the Church of South India, it is a united Church and uniting Church. It is the second largest united Church in the world next to the Church of Canada. It has full communion with the Episcopal, Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches.

I have been living in the USA for the past 14 years. I have served several congregations in India and in the USA, including the UMC at Black River Falls, WI. I also served as a Hospital Chaplain at May Health System at Eau Claire, WI, Served as Ordained Elder of the Berlin and Neshkoro UMC and most recently served as a part time pastor at the Brooklyn UMC and part time Chaplain for the United Methodist Hospitals Ministry serving Madison Area Hospitals.

I am married to Sheeba, who is an Occupational Therapist. We both became citizens of The United States Of America. We are blessed with three children, our daughter Anna is 12 and will be entering 7th grade by fall. Our twin boys Jeremiah and Joshua are 9 and will be entering 4th grade by fall. All three were born in the USA.

We come to your Church family with great enthusiasm for the Ministries of Midland UMC and I am delighted by the opportunity to learn and unlearn to the growth and development of your esteemed Church and to grow in my personal faith, living a witnessing life and serving the Lord and the faith community of Midland UMC.

I am collegial by nature and truly enjoy working with a team of people who are committed to the mission and goals of the local congregation and the Church universal. I believe in team work and together as a team we could well discover, or reframe, who and what we are as a Church in mission to our community in the name of Jesus Christ”

Meeting, talking and parting has become the cycle of life. We as a family are anxious to meet you and to look forward to begin talking our faith journey together for the Glory of God. We ask your prayers as we make this transition and we pray for you and Pastor Jim in your transition.

It is July and half of 2016 is gone! The smell of burgers and hotdogs sizzling on the grill and bursting of the fireworks in the sky become familiar on 4th of July. I believe each of you will be having various plans

for this Independence Day, celebrating the life, liberty and pursuit of happiness that we enjoy in our day to day life by living in this land of freedom.

As we look forward toward this 4th of July celebrations I recollect the powerful speech delivered by President John F. Kennedy in his Inaugural address “My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country.” This was followed up by, “My fellow citizens of the world ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man.” Today these words echo into our innermost being again and again as we all realize that it is a long road to freedom. We are all called to pray together for that day to come true in this world.

Wish you a Happy Independence Day!

See you in Church

Aaron Alfred.



From Right to left : Aaron, Sheeba, Anna , Jeremy and Josh Alfred.