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## Alden, Buckeye & Popejoy

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### *Festival of Tables & Art Show featuring local artist Chris Slauson*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST \* 5PM TO 7PM  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND \* 1PM TO 3PM

\$5 DONATION PER PERSON AND THERE WILL BE  
ITEMS FOR SALE BY ARTIST CHRIS SLAUSON



## **Attention**

Monday Monthly Meal (MMM)  
will be served on  
December 4th & January 8th  
from 5:30pm-6:30pm  
at the Alden Methodist Church

**OPEN TO ALL!**

Dr. Grace O. Doane

# ALDEN Public Library

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## **Dates closed:**

December 2nd  
December 23 & 25  
January 1 & 15

# MOVIE DAY

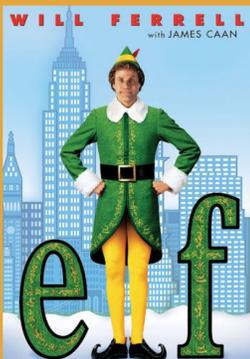


**December 26, 2023  
1:00 P.M.**

Interactive Movie experience.  
Wear your "Ugly" Christmas Sweater!

Snacks & Drinks Provided

Children not yet in  
Kindergarten must have  
someone 16 or older  
with them to attend.



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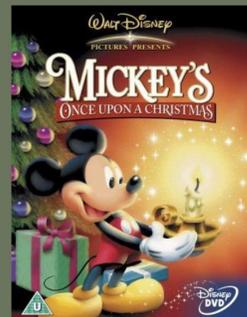


**December 27, 2023  
1:00 P.M.**

Interactive Movie experience.  
Wear Disney Attire.

Snacks & Drinks Provided

Children not yet in  
Kindergarten must have  
someone 16 or older  
with them to attend.



# MOVIE DAY



**December 28, 2023  
1:00 P.M.**

Interactive Movie experience.  
Wear Green.

Snacks & Drinks Provided

Children not yet in  
Kindergarten must have  
someone 16 or older  
with them to attend.



# MOVIE DAY



**December 29, 2023  
10:00 A.M.**

Interactive Movie experience.  
Wear your pajamas!

Snacks & Drinks Provided

Children not yet in  
Kindergarten must have  
someone 16 or older  
with them to attend.



# Yarn Club

*knitting, crocheting, knotting, etc.*

**1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAYS  
1PM-2PM  
ALDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY**

# 2023-2024 ALDEN LIBRARY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Grades K-3rd TUESDAYS 3:30-4:30

Grades 4th-6th Thursdays 3:30-4:30

## December 2023

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR  
KIDS IN GRADES K-3RD  
TUESDAYS FROM 3:30-4:30 PM

5TH - LEGO DAY

12TH - STEM ACTIVITY

19TH - HOLIDAY CRAFT

26TH - NO PROGRAM/HOLIDAY BREAK

GRADES K-3RD  
MUST BE REGISTERED

## December 2023

After School Program  
for kids in 4th-6th grades  
Thursdays from 3:30-4:30pm

7th - Lego/Coloring Day

14th - Stem Activity

21st - Arts & Crafts

28th - No Program / Holiday Break

Must be registered to attend.

## December 2023

After School Program for  
kids in grades 7th-12th  
Mondays 3:45-4:45

4th : No School / No Program

11th : Lefse!

18th : Holiday craft

## January Program Dates:

**K-3rd grades**—9th, 16th, 23rd & 30

**4th-6th Grades**—11th, 18th, 25th

**Teen program**—January 8, 22, and 29th.

Starting in February, teen program will be once per month. February 5th is the first monthly teen program. Watch for more details or contact the Alden Library for more information.

STORY TIME  
EVERY 2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAY  
AT 10AM  
FOR KIDS AGES 0-5





# 12 Days of Reading

During this busy time of year take a moment and start a new tradition of **reading aloud** 15 minutes every day.



## **ALDEN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST DECEMBER/JANUARY EVENTS**

**Sundays:** 9:30 am Sunday School for ages three through fifth grade  
10:30 am worship, with fellowship time following  
11:45 am Confirmation

**Wednesdays:** 1:30 Bible Study, 3:45-5 pm TGIF for grades 3rd – 7th

**December 3rd:** First Sunday in Advent; Communion; soup lunch following worship; church decorating; and cookie baking.

**December 10th:** 2nd Sunday in Advent, Mitten tree gifts due back

**December 17th:** 3rd Sunday in Advent

**December 24th:** 4th Sunday in Advent; Children and youth Christmas program during 10:30 worship; 6:30 Christmas Eve worship, commemorating the dedication of the church in 1942

**December 31st:** No Sunday School or worship

**January 7th:** Epiphany Sunday; Communion; Christmas decorations taken down

### **Alden Food Pantry News**

Hi from the Alden Food Pantry. This has been a very nice fall. Hope your Thanksgiving Day was good.

Thank you to the following for your donations!

**Individuals** -Evie Bird, Joy Lettow, Darlene Hulbert, M Gehrke, Lyle and Barb Jass, Mary Vaughn, Janet Grandgeorge, Constance Hoelucher. Charlene Wilke, Lenord Baker, Keith Bowden, Jim Robertson, Mary Alderman Erick Cleveland, Vernon Gaulke, Betty Thomas, Bruce Moore, Mike and Wendy Cooper, and Cathy Clouse

**Churches**—Alden Methodist Church and the Alden United Church of Christ.

**Businesses**— Alden Fire Department and Opal Eggs.

Thank you for all of your help with providing food to the community!

-Betty Thomas

This business is an equal opportunity provider.

*Thank  
you*

Upcoming

# ALDEN EVENTS

Feb  
3

Alden Days Fundraiser at  
Alden Legion Community Center

Feb  
16

Alden Fire Department Stagette  
Tickets Available in January 2024 from an  
Alden Fire Department Member

Feb  
17

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## ALDEN

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### NUMBERS TO KNOW

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Andy Jass 641-373-6422

**City Hall Hours**  
M-Th 8-12, 1-5  
Fri 8-12

**Council Members:**

Janaan Harding  
Robert Hoversten  
Jerry Hartema  
Michael Oliver  
Mark Oliver

**Laude Alden Memorial Pool**  
515-859-7535

**Hardin County Sheriff Emergency  
911**

Non-Emergency  
641-939-8190

**Alden Food Pantry**  
**PO Box 95**  
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Diane Hruby  
**Hours**— Friday 4pm-6pm  
Saturday 9am-11am

**Churches**  
**St. Paul Lutheran**  
515-859-3901  
**United Church of Christ**  
515-859-7259  
**United Methodist Church**  
515-859-7338

**Alden Library**  
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**Hours**  
M & W 12:30pm—5pm  
T & Th 10:00 am—6pm  
F 9am -1pm  
S 9am-12pm  
Closed Sundays

**Summer Hours**  
M & W 10am-3pm  
T & Th 10:00 am—6pm  
F 10am -1pm  
S 9am-12pm

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