

# ALPHA

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 2017

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST, TRANSFORMING OUR COMMUNITY  
ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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*I love the Alpha United Methodist Church! For pastor appreciation month I was surprised with this incredible gift and vital tool for intercessory ministry: an engraved locally handcrafted wooden prayer altar that folds up so I can take it with me on retreats. Joshua 1:9, one of my life verses for encouragement is emblazoned on the desk. Thank you to my church family for your love and for praying for my family. I looked to St. Paul's "thank you notes" in the New Testament for words to express my deep gratitude and appreciation for all of you:*

**4** I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, **5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— 6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 1:4-7)**

**10** He who rescued us from so deadly a peril will continue to rescue us; on him we have set our hope that he will rescue us again, **11 as you also join in helping us by your prayers, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many. (2 Corinthians 1:10-11)**

**15** I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason **16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. (Ephesians 1:15-19)**

**2** We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly **3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3)**

**13** We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers. (1 Thessalonians 2:13)

**3** We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. (2 Thessalonians 1:3)

**13** But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters<sup>[a]</sup> beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. **14** For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Thessalonians 2:13-14)



*“Christ transforms our lives so our community can thrive!”*

Pastor Zack

## Administrative Council 2017

Chair: Lindi Kernan

Vice Chair: Mary Nice

Finance & Treasurer: Dean Kernan

Financial Secretary: Linda Lanning

Trustees: Dave Lambin

S/PPRC: Eddie Bradshaw

Outreach: Linda Lambin

Nurture: Kelli Johnson

Worship: Roger Swanson

Christian Ed Chair: Cathy Jordan

UMW Chair: Mary Nice

Men in Mission: Dean Kernan

Lay Leader: Cathy Jordan

Youth Rep.: Delainey Bradshaw

Recording Secretary: Desirae Silvis

## Secretary's Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

9:00am - 1:00 pm

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Desirae will be out of the office Nov. 13, 20, and 22.



Daylight Savings Time Ends on November 5th. Don't forget to set you clocks back one hour at bedtime on Saturday, November 4th!



Sunday, November 26

7:00am

All men welcome!

\*No Men's Breakfast in December.\*

 **Monday,**  
NewsLetter  
**DEADLINE November 13**

Give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in  
Christ Jesus for you.  
-1 Thessalonians 5:18

*Consecration  
Sunday*

Pastor Zack will be wrapping up our Stewardship campaign on Consecration Sunday, November 26th. Following worship we will celebrate with a soup lunch provided by the finance team.

## November Worship Volunteer Schedule

November Ushers: Eddie & Emily Bradshaw

### November 5

Liturgist: David Althaus  
Acolytes: Tucker Swanson & Payton Anderson  
Children's Moment: Angie Althaus  
Nursery Assistant: Need Volunteer  
Multimedia: Dean Kernan  
Accompanist: Adrienne DeSutter

### November 12

Liturgist: Joseph Shepherd  
Acolytes: Ty Anderson & Payton Anderson  
Children's Moment: Cathy Jordan  
Nursery Assistant: Need Volunteer  
Multimedia: Dean Kernan  
Accompanist: Tia Topoluk

### November 13

Liturgist: Bob Bateman  
Acolytes: Libby Fox & Ella Bradshaw  
Children's Moment: Dale Lanning  
Nursery Assistant: Need Volunteer  
Multimedia: Dean Kernan

### November 25

Liturgist: Dale Lanning  
Acolytes: Shanna Fox & Carissa Fox  
Children's Moment: Linda Lambin  
Nursery Assistant: Need Volunteer  
Multimedia: Dean Kernan



## November Birthdays

- 06: Matt Gillette
- 09: Kevin Spivey
- 11: Jensen Trego
- 15: Dave Lambin
- 18: Tucker Swanson
- Betty Willet
- 27: Sam Althaus

## November Anniversaries

25: Ken & Phyllis Kearney



## November Coffee Hour Hosts

- 5: Ed & Karen Schultz
- 12: Kurt & Cathy Jordan
- 19: Need Volunteers
- 26: Need Volunteers





### November Meals:

Saturday, November 4, 5-6:30pm - Free Community Meal - We need someone to take charge of this meal

Sunday, November 12- Mission Meal following worship



Our ministry for November: Fill the Altar for the AlWood Food Pantry. Bring in non perishable food items and personal hygiene products and drop them off at the altar.



### Ongoing Ministries:



Snacks for AlWood Elementary After School Program. Lists of items needed can be found in the fellowship hall.

### Humility of Mary

Creamer, coffee, sugar packets, Styrofoam cups are always needed.



### UMCOR cleaning buckets:



Please help us fill the 6 buckets that are in the fellowship hall. Check the list and give what you can. These lists will be updated as donations come in!

Be a blessing! Share your blessings!

Give as your heart speaks to you. You are not expected to give to all ministries—pick which ones you can help with. **All giving is appreciated!**

God Bless,

Linda Lambin/Outreach Chair

### AlWood Food Pantry News



The AlWood Food Pantry will be providing Thanksgiving meal boxes this month. Each area church has been asked to contribute an item for the meals. Alpha UMC has been asked to donate dinner rolls. Angie Briggs will be sending around a sign up sheet if you wish to donate rolls. Donations are due to the church by Sunday, Nov. 19.

There is also a continuing need for personal hygiene products such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.

Thank you for your generosity!



## Alpha UMC Men - in - Mission



The Alpha United Methodist Men-In-Mission has announced that they will postpone their Annual Soup Supper that was set for November 18<sup>th</sup> to February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Recently they found out that Alpha 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church had rented the Alpha American Legion to hold a fundraising on that evening to raise money for some required repairs to their building. We ask you to come out and support the Baptists in their effort and then; join us for a Souper Bowl event on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>. (the day before the NFL Super Bowl)



Ever thought about helping out in the Multimedia part of Worship? Want some free lessons in PowerPoint and Presentation? This class is for you!!

Bring a computer with PowerPoint already loaded or there will be one available to share. Demonstrations will be on-screen and writing tablets will be provided for your own notes.

Dates: Nov 2, 9, and 16 starting at 6:30 pm in the Fireplace Room

### Alpha UMC Sunshiners

Sunshiners will host our friends from St. John's Catholic Church on Wednesday, November 1 at 6:45 pm.



Some of us have been working with them to provide sleeping mats made from plastic bags. These mats will be taken to the Philippines by Dr. and Mrs. Cajigal. Come and see how we cut the bags and make the mats and hear why there is a need for these. This is a fun project for anyone! We invite anyone from the church or community to join us at **6:45 on Wednesday, November 1 at Alpha UMC.**



## Upcoming Youth Event



**Silver Ring Thing National Tour— Wednesday, Nov. 8, 7-9p.m.  
at MGT New Hope Church, 2305 7th Ave, Moline - \$8.00 at the  
door**

From [silverringthing.com](http://silverringthing.com):

A RADICAL RESPONSE TO CULTURE'S CASUAL VIEW OF LOVE AND RELATIONSHIPS

**This is a challenge to live bold and set apart from the celebration of immorality all around us. SRT defies the meet-up, hook-up, break-up mindset of today and inspires students to a pure life centered in Jesus Christ.**

**This 2 hour stage performance incorporates high energy music, videos, skits, special effects, and comedy delivered in a concert-style approach with which teenagers can respond and relate. The event is presented by a team of peer-level students serving as role models and examples of the power and freedom in living out this calling. Their message is one of hope, boldness, and truth that's jam-packed with powerful speaking and personal testimonies. The program also proclaims the grace-filled message of the Gospel, going way beyond a call to abstinence to full life in Jesus Christ!**

**Following the event, students who make a commitment to purity have the opportunity to wear a SRT ring as a symbol and reminder of their decision. They are connected to local churches for ongoing discipleship and growth while also being equipped through follow-up emails, text messages and devotional guides from SRT. This event is designed for teenagers but is also relevant to college and young adult ages. A parent's session is also held at each event to educate parents about what is happening in today's youth culture and how they can encourage and support their child's commitment to wait.**

This event is sponsored by Pregnancy Resources. Go to [www.silverringthing.com](http://www.silverringthing.com) for more information.

### 2017 Children and Youth Christmas Program



Our Children and Youth Christmas Program will be held Sunday, December 10th during worship this year, followed by a delicious lunch. Please plan on attending on this special Sunday.

\*Parents, if your child will be participating in this year's program please let Cathy Jordan  know by **November 1st**. The team is creating an original program this year and needs to know the number of children and youth participating ahead of time. Thanks!



This year's hanging of the greens will take place on Saturday, November 25th at 10:00am. We will be decorating the Chrismon tree and decking the halls of Alpha UMC! Join us for a fun morning. It's a great way to get into the Christmas spirit!

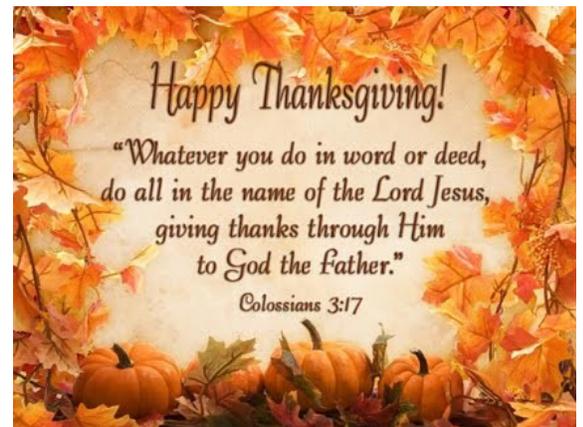


### College Boxes



The Nurture Team is collecting snack items for college boxes. Please drop off donations of snacks for our college students to the box in the fellowship hall. Let's make sure our college students know their church family is supporting them!

Thanks!



## UM Student Sunday Sunday, November 19th

Across the country, the people of The United Methodist Church are serving the people God loves in Jesus' name. We're doing it at home, but so often we'd like to do more.

- We want to serve those in other places who are suffering.
- We want to offer spiritual words of hope and life.
- And we want to be well-equipped to do both!

But the reality for most of us is that our responsibilities—home, family, work—don't allow us to engage with every need we'd like to meet.



Right now there are UMC young people—who might not have had the resources to attend a school of their choice, or, for some, any school at all—who've been sent by you into the world God loves because of your giving to United Methodist Student Day. When you give generously you are support these students as they prepare for a life that unites faith with knowledge.



A Letter from the Bishop

10/20/2017

### **“Can’t We All Just Get Along?”**

Rodney King’s question still haunts us.



We want the answer to be “yes”, but the reality is that we are facing old and new emerging challenges that threaten to widen and deepen the divide. “No Rodney, I am sad to say that, for the moment, we cannot and will not get along with one another until we share a common denominator.”

The horrific events of 2017 provide a template for us to use as a guide for creating unity and togetherness. It has been said that tough times bring out the best in people.

We have witnessed a global outpouring of sympathy, support, and concern for people that have suffered loss and devastating destruction. I have no doubt that we will continue to respond. The response to this wide variety of catastrophic events is encouraging. We have witnessed people moving beyond the concerns of ethnicity, gender, social status, economic standing, religion and race in order that ruined lives might be restored.

I have been blown away by the genuine care and concern expressed and exhibited in response to the crisis we have faced in 2017. Imagine the progress we could make if we would choose to practice this sort of selfless kindness on a regular basis. Imagine what could happen if we treated every day as an opportunity to assist others in their moments of pain, suffering, and loss.

Rodney’s question can be answered in the affirmative. We can get along! The key is to take the focus away from our own navels long enough to see others that are hurting and are dealing with the effects of devastation and loss. When we focus on restoring others, instead of our own self-preservation, unity becomes possible. The challenges we face are not insurmountable. The problems that hinder unity and foster a sense of togetherness can be overcome.

This type of selflessness is at the heart of the Gospel. Jesus emptied himself in order that he might serve. His example of servant-leadership is what the Church is called to emulate. Jesus used the metaphors of “salt” and “light” to describe how we should engage our world for maximum effectiveness. We are to become penetrators that transform and change our communities as we engage them through mission and ministry. As we engage our modern culture we must be sure to “keep the light on the lampstand” for maximum effectiveness and to make sure that the salt does not “lose its saltiness” by becoming bland in an attempt to blend.

Rodney, the good news is that one day we will all get along. One day the Kingdom of God will come in its fullness and Christ will reign supreme. One day we will sit down at the same table as sisters and brothers united in Christ Jesus.

Until that day comes let us work together after the example of Christ. Let us promote healing, peace, reconciliation, justice, faith, hope, and love. Let us focus on making sure that no child goes to bed hungry, no elderly person faces another day of loneliness, no homeless person needs to go without shelter, no prisoner is so punished that they are denied dignity, love and compassion, and that no one is left to face life without hope and help. As we minister let us not neglect to share the message of God’s redeeming love and grace offered freely to a needy world.

God Bless,

Bishop Beard



# November 2017



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 All Saints Day 6:00pm Cub Scouts 6:45pm Sunshiners	2 6:30pm Multimedia Class	3 Pastor's Sabbath	4 5-6:30pm Free Community Meal  Set clocks back 1 hour at bedtime
5 All Saints Sunday	6 6:30pm Boy Scouts	7	8 6:30pm Cub Scouts  7-9pm Silver Ring Thing in Moline	9 6:30pm Multimedia Class	10 Pastor's Sabbath	11 Veteran's Day  
12 Mission Meal following Worship	13 Newsletter Deadline  6:30pm Boy Scouts  Desirae off	14	15 6:00pm Outreach  6:30pm Cub Scouts	16 6:30pm Multimedia Class	17 Pastor's Sabbath	18
19 UM Student Sunday	20 6:30pm Boy Scouts  Desirae off	21	22 Desirae off	23   Happy Thanksgiving	24 Pastor's Sabbath  Assemble Christmas tree	25 10:00am Hanging of the Greens
26 7:00am Men's Breakfast  Consecration Sunday Soup lunch following wor- ship	27 6:30pm Boy Scouts	28	29 6:30pm Cub Scouts	30		

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### Sunday Schedule:

9:00 A.M. All Sunday School Classes Begin

9:30 A.M. Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall

10:00 A.M. Worship Service



Have you visited our website?  
Dean Kernan is the creator and manager of our website.  
Our Web address is [alphaumc.org](http://alphaumc.org)



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