

# ALPHA

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 2017

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST, TRANSFORMING OUR COMMUNITY  
ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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Greetings brothers and sisters!

We are preparing for our 40-days stewardship campaign that will begin October 15th and will conclude on November 26th, Christ the King Sunday. We will also be journeying together in an “all-church” 40-days prayer/mission devotional called “The Intercessory Life” by Dr. Maxie Dunnam. This year’s stewardship message is inspired by Acts 4:29-37 and our theme is “Signs and Wonders.” For now, let’s look at Acts 4:29-31, where Jesus’ apostles faithfully pray for a mighty move of God for their ministry.



*29 And now, Lord, look at their threats, and grant to your servants to speak your word with all boldness, 30 while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”*

*31 When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.*

The context in verse 29 is that the apostles of Jesus had been arraigned in

Jerusalem’s court for preaching the gospel of the crucified and resurrected Christ. They prayed a holy prayer of desperation and dependence on God to help them continue to share the gospel of Jesus in their everyday lives. First of all, they **faithfully pray**. 1) They **faithfully ask** God to give them the ability to speak His Word “with all boldness.” 2) They **faithfully expect** God to stretch out His hand to heal people whom they pray and minister with. 3) They trust God to **faithfully respond** and perform “signs and wonders” as they proclaim the holy name of Jesus. Second, in verse 31, Luke writes not ‘after’ but “When they had prayed...the place in which they gathered was shaken”! So, not just the people praying are being transformed by God, but their physical location was impacted by their praying in Jesus’ name. Third, their prayers were immediately answered by God as soon as they prayed together in that holy moment, because in the midst of their prayer “they were all filled with the Holy Spirit” (just like they were in Acts 2 on the Day of Pentecost) and “they spoke the word of God with boldness.” So, God answered their precise prayers by the time they were finished praying because their prayers were empowered and emboldened in the Spirit as they prayed aloud the Word of God together. Finally, the picture above is from the 2018 New Room Conference I attended in Franklin, TN last month. It was a holy moment when the Holy Spirit transformed our plenary session into a revival prayer meeting. We were all filled with the Holy Spirit and in the picture you can see our meeting place was shaken! God, may we be refreshed by your Spirit again!

I am praying for you all, faithfully asking God to perform “signs and wonders” to 1) unify our church in the Holy Spirit, 2) for empowered testimony in Jesus’ name, and 3) extravagant generosity in God’s grace.

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

**Pastor Zack**

# Administrative Council 2017

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**Secretary's Hours**  
 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday  
 9:00am - 1:00pm  
 (309)629-5161  
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2017 Charge Conference  
 Sunday, October 1st  
 2:30pm  
 Alpha UMC  
 All are invited to attend.



*Thank You!*



Thank you to everyone who sent us an anniversary card and Don birthday cards. They were very much appreciated!

Don & Edie Peden



MONDAY,  
 OCTOBER 23



Sunday, October 22  
 7:00am  
 All men welcome!



Thanks so much to everyone who donated blood, worked at the blood drive, or provided sandwiches and cookies.

The Red Cross was very appreciative of the 24 units of blood donated (that was 1 more than our goal of 23!).

Julie Cole



## October Worship Volunteer Schedule

October Ushers: Marvin Enstrom & Dave Lambin



### October 1

Liturgist: Joseph Shepherd  
 Acolytes: Jack Silvis & Cathy Jordan  
 Children's Moment: Cathy Jordan  
 Nursery Assistant: Need Volunteer  
 Multimedia: Dean Kernan

### October 8

Liturgist: Bob Bateman  
 Acolytes: Jack Silvis & Cathy Jordan  
 Children's Moment: Linda Lambin  
 Nursery Assistant: Need Volunteer  
 Multimedia: Dean Kernan  
 Accompanist: Adrienne DeSutter

### October 15

Liturgist: Angie Althaus  
 Acolytes: Libby Fox & Shanna Fox  
 Children's Moment: Roger Swanson  
 Nursery Assistant: Need Volunteer  
 Multimedia: Dean Kernan

### October 22

Liturgist: Dale Lanning  
 Acolytes: Libby Fox & Shanna Fox  
 Children's Moment: Dale Lanning  
 Nursery Assistant: Need Volunteer  
 Multimedia: Dean Kernan  
 Accompanist: Tia Topoluk

### October 29

Liturgist: Eddie Bradshaw  
 Acolytes: Tucker Swanson & Ella Bradshaw  
 Children's Moment: Emily Bradshaw  
 Nursery Assistant: Need Volunteer  
 Multimedia: Dean Kernan



### October Birthdays

02: Ned Nice  
 03: Delainey Bradshaw  
 05: Linda Lambin  
 06: Annie Althaus  
     Deb Briggs  
 07: Danika Nelson  
 08: Stan Damron  
 12: Alayna Mitchell  
 15: Linda Lanning  
 18: Ashley Clark  
 19: Ken Kearney  
 20: Julie Cole  
     Kim Gillette  
 23: Joey Lambin  
 27: Chris Van Beveren

## October Anniversaries

01: Dennis & Kim Gillette  
 06: Melvin & Deb Briggs  
 16: Richard & Jamie Coffey  
 24: Bryan & Lindsy Brooks



## October Coffee Hour Hosts



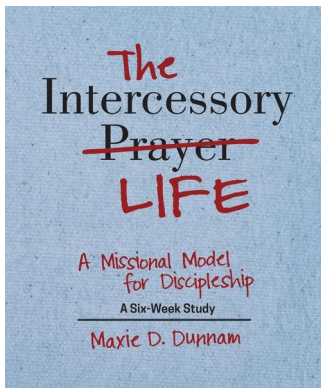
01: Bradshaw Family  
 08: Briggs Family  
 15: Need Volunteer  
 22: Lanning Family  
 29: Mary Nice

## All Church Devotional Study begins Sunday, October 15 at 9:00am.

This study will be of the book *The Intercessory Life* by Maxie D. Dunnam. Books are \$13.55 each. The study includes a daily devotional and will meet Sunday mornings at 9:00am for 6 weeks.

Below is a description of the study:

Maxie Dunnam's six-week study challenges us to get beyond the cozy comforts of a devotional life and break into ways of living prayer that open new horizons of possibility. *The Intercessory Life: A Missional Model for Discipleship* is the pattern for our interior growth in prayer as well as the outward expression of a missional Christ-life in the world.



*The Intercessory Life* is about discipleship. To be sure, intercession is prayer, but prayer is only one expression of intercession, though much more. Intercession is the pattern for discipleship. Yes, right now. In your world. In your church. In your home. In a prison. In a school. On the bus. In the office. On the street. This book teaches practical ways to bring the world into the prayer closet and to unleash the power of prayer in our everyday world.

Through his patented way of teaching the Bible, Dunnam inspires faith with personal experience and contemporary witness, providing inspiring and challenging models of persons living an intercessory life who are standing in the gap and taking light into dark places.

God can do a lot through those willing to take risks on the journey of faith. Maxie Dunnam gives us bold guidance in what may be his best work yet.

Please contact the church office if you would like to join this all church study.

### Can You Help?



Karen Pfeiffer, our church historian, would like to know if anyone has any pictures of the stained glass windows from the old church. She would like to make copies. If you have any pictures of these windows, please contact Karen or the church office.

Thank You!








### October Meals:

Saturday, October 7- 5-6:30pm - Free Community Meal

Sunday, October 15- Mission Meal following worship

**Our ministry for October :** AlWood Elementary After School Program—  Providing nutritious snacks and monetary gifts to purchase snacks.

These are not included in the grant given to the school. The below items are needed:

**Sun Chips, granola bars, string cheese, goldfish crackers, peanut butter or cheese crackers, rice crispy treats, cereal bars, pretzels, Nutrigrain bars, popcorn, apple juice boxes.**

Please drop off donations to bin in fellowship hall marked snacks.

**Our ministry for November:** Fill the alter for AlWood Food Pantry!



**Ongoing Ministries:** We continue to collect/donate coffee, creamer, sugar packets, and Styrofoam cups for Humility of Mary.

UMCOR cleaning buckets: Buckets will be purchased—we need to fill them with supplies! Watch for the list so we can help the flood and hurricane victims!

Please give as your heart speaks to you!



*He scatters abroad, He gives to the poor; His deeds of justice and goodness and kindness and benevolence will go on and endure forever! 2 Corinthians 9:9*

Be a blessing everywhere you go!

Linda Lambin, Outreach Chair



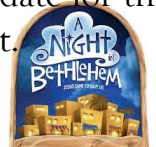
The Worship Team will meet Thursday, October 12th at 6:00pm. We will be making plans for the rest of 2017, including Advent.



### Christian Education

The CE team will meet following worship on Sunday, Oct. 22.

Coming soon... information and date for this year's A Night in Bethlehem event.



Alpha UMC Sunshiners

Sunshiners will host our friends from St. John's Catholic Church on Wednesday, November 1.



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.

**TRUNK  
or  
TREAT**

Alpha UMC Annual Trunk or Treat

Our Nurture Team will be holding their annual Trunk or Treat here at the church on Halloween during Alpha's trick or treat hours. Stop in for free hot dogs and hot chocolate and then trick or treat in the fellowship hall.

Candy donation are needed. Please drop off donation to the box in the fellowship hall. If you would like to set up a trick or treat table, space and tables will be available in the fellowship hall. Come join us!



There are only 3 months left in 2017! If you would like to know the amount you have donated to the church so far this year, please email Linda Lanning: DLKCL4@yahoo.com or call 309-629-5809.



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!





# October 2017



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 World Communion Sunday 2:30pm Charge Conference	2 6:30pm Boy Scouts	3 9:30-10:50am Grace Full Life Bible Study	4 6:00pm SPPRC 6:30pm Cub Scouts 6:45pm Sunshiners	5	6 Pastor's Sabbath	7 5-6:30pm Free Community Meal
8	9 Columbus Day  9am—4pm Game Day	10 Pastor out of office	11 6:30pm Cub Scouts	12 6:00pm Worship Team Meeting	13 Pastor's Sabbath	14
15 9:00am All Church Intercessory Life book study begins  Mission Meal following wor-	16 6:30pm Boy Scouts	17	18 6:00pm Council  6:30pm Cub Scouts	19	20 Pastor's Sabbath	21
22 7:00am Men in Mission Breakfast  CE Meeting following worship	23 Newsletter Deadline  6:30pm Boy Scouts	24	25 6:30pm Cub Scouts	26	27 Pastor's Sabbath	28
29 Children & Youth Sunday	30 6:30pm Boy Scouts	31 6:00 - 8:00pm Trunk Or Treat  				

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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.  
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