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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST, TRANSFORMING OUR COMMUNITY
ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Easter Message from Bishop Beard:

Christ is risen!

Christ IS risen indeed.

The wonderful affirmation of Easter is that Christ did what he predicted. He told his disciples that he would be condemned and killed, but that on the third day he would rise from the dead. The disciples either forgot or they simply did not believe. It is comforting to know that Christ keeps his promises whether we remember them or not.

This Easter, more than in past Easters, I have needed the assurance that comes from knowing that Christ completed his earthly mission. Like many of you our family has experienced the knock of death on our door far too many times. In the past 11 months we have had seven people within our close family circle experience physical death. We have said to each other, “I wonder how people that do not have the hope that Christ provides deal with the sting of death?” As a follower of Christ, it is a comfort to know that his resurrection provides certain assurances. The resurrection assures us that:

- Christ has power over death and the grave.
- Life after death is a realistic expectation.
- We can know and be known, in our new bodies, after we die.
- We have HOPE that extends beyond the grave and is anchored by the promises of Jesus Christ.
- Heaven is not just a pretend place to comfort frightened grown-ups or children.

The resurrection of Jesus made such a lasting impression on the disciples of Jesus that they refused, aided by the help of the Holy Spirit, to quit talking about the resurrection even under the threat of imprisonment or death.

Peter stated, on the day of Pentecost, that the resurrection was proof positive that God had made Jesus both Christ and Lord and that the disciples were eye witnesses.

Easter is much more than a time for bunnies, eggs, new outfits, new shoes, candy and lilies. Easter is the time that Christians celebrate the greatest event in human history. Our hope as believers is directly tied to the empty tomb of Christ. Sometimes I wonder if we really “get it.” There is no need to be quiet, no need to be cautious or fearful, no need to be filled with doubt, no need to worry that we might be in error or mistaken, no need to be ashamed or intimidated, no need to worry that we are wrong. HE IS RISEN, JUST AS HE SAID!

Our pulpits, our classrooms, our small group meeting spaces, our churches, and our homes should be flooded with the good news that Christ is alive and well. Our lips should constantly declare that his resurrection proves that he is the sovereign head over all that is, and he is Lord of all.

Let us be determined to once again make the main thing, the main thing. The resurrection of Jesus was given chief priority by the early church. As they lifted up Jesus, crucified, dead, buried, and raised to new life, the church grew. Jesus said, “If I am lifted up I will draw all unto me.”

The resurrection also provides comfort and hope that one day we will be reunited with our loved ones that also placed their faith in Jesus Christ and trusted him for their salvation. The resurrection provides us with a great deal of peace and security in their eternal destiny and in ours. My hope is that you will be renewed in your own personal faith and that his resurrection will provide you with both comfort and hope as you celebrate this Easter Sunday.

Alleluia Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Bishop Beard

Administrative Council 2018

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Secretary's Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

9:00am - 1:00pm

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Pastor Zack will be on vacation
April 18-30.



Monday, April 23



Sunday, April 22

7:00am

All men welcome!



There will be no Sunshiners meeting
in April.

Update on Danoucheke

As many of you know, Alpha UMC sponsors a Haitian child through Servant's Gift. Danoucheke is now 7 years old. We received a letter and updated photo from Danoucheke this month:

Dear Sponsor,

I love you my dear sponsor. I would like to see you one day. I ❤️ you.

Merry Christmas with Jesus.

My name is Danoucheke.



We have designated 5th Sunday offerings for Danoucheke, and April is a 5th Sunday month. Please remember to bring a little extra for the offering Sunday, April 29th. Thank you !

April Worship Volunteer Schedule

April Ushers: Eddie & Emily Bradshaw

April 1 Easter Sunday

Liturgist: Bob Bateman
Children's Moment: Linda Lambin
Nursery Assistant: Need Volunteer
Multimedia: Joseph Shepherd

April 8

Liturgist: Angie Althaus
Children's Moment: Cathy Jordan
Nursery Assistant: Need Volunteer
Multimedia: Joseph Shepherd

April 15

Liturgist: Dale Lanning
Children's Moment: Cathy Jordan
Nursery Assistant: Need Volunteer
Multimedia: Joseph Shepherd

April 22

Liturgist: Dean Kernan
Children's Moment: Dale Lanning
Nursery Assistant: Need Volunteer
Multimedia: Joseph Shepherd

April 29

Liturgist: Cathy Jordan
Children's Moment: Angie Althaus
Nursery Assistant: Need Volunteer
Multimedia: Joseph Shepherd



April Birthdays

02: Dennis Gillette

06: Taylor Brooks

09: Kelby Lanning

12: Karen Pfeiffer

14: Lindsi Brooks

Shannon Cremeens

15: Morgan Britt

Thad Curry

Renee Young

18: Judy Barton

Marcy Kuhn

22: Seth Thompson

24: Joseph Shepherd

25: Kaci Bedford

Dean Kernan



April Anniversaries

02: Bob & Jan Bateman

03: Gary & Judy Barton

10: Kurt & Cathy Jordan

26: Dave & Linda Lambin

29: Chad & Ashley Clark



April Coffee Hour Hosts



01: Kurt & Cathy Jordan

08: Outreach

15: Briggs Family

22: Marcy Kuhn

29: Lindsi Brooks

College Care Packages



It's almost finals time for our college students!

To help them with their studies, the Nurture Team is collecting snack items for college care packages. While your out shopping, pick up some goodies for our college students and drop them off to the box in the fellowship hall.

Care Packages for Tyler Catey

Please continue to donate items for care packages for Tyler Catey, who is currently deployed. Lists of items needed can be found in the fellowship hall.



Native American Ministries Sunday is April 15th, 2018



One tribe in North America has told this story for centuries: when people “pale as birch” crossed the great water in large canoes, they brought with them “The Black Book.” However, the bringers of the physical Book could not have known what it would mean and look like to be Native and a follower of Jesus.

Today Native Americans—with many unique languages, many unique cultures—honor their heritage, and live as Jesus-followers, led by a rotation of primarily Native American pastors.

Supporting the Ministry of Christ Among Native People

Most Americans today recognize that the history following the arrival of the large canoes bore little resemblance to the one all Christians identify as Creator. That's why the people of The United Methodist Church, Native and non-Native, are creating a new history. Through Native American Ministries Sunday, we're able to equip and empower Native American pastors, congregations and seminary students to do what only they can do: authentically worship and serve Jesus.

As a member of The United Methodist Church, your gift, on this day, equips Native congregations to worship and serve as only they can.

This work, and hundreds of other ministries, are possible because you give.



Meals:

Free community meal - Saturday, April 7 from 5:00 - 6:30pm

Mission Meal - Sunday, April 15 following worship

There will be no community meal or mission meal in May.

The AlWood Food Pantry is an ongoing ministry. Donate as you can for our local families in need.



Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc.
...because our community cares

Keep Humility of Mary Shelter needs on your mind. They are always in need of coffee, creamer, sugar packets, and Styrofoam cups.



Another Child
FOUNDATION

Our ministry will be reaching out to Another Child Foundation. Information will be announced at a later date.

*He
Is
Risen!*



Resurrection
Lamb King Gift
Savior
Easter
Redemption CROWN
Love Risen



*He
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Risen
Indeed!*



The annual AlWood Food Pantry silent auction will be held Saturday, June 9th. Donations of gift baskets are needed. If you would like to donate a themed gift basket, please contact Angie Briggs.

We are also in need of a volunteer to help on the July 3rd food pantry distribution day. Please contact Angie Briggs if you can help out.





Youth & Children Sunday, April 29

Sunday, April 29th will be a youth and children Sunday at Alpha UMC. Our children and youth will be helping throughout the service. Please plan on joining us for this special Sunday and support the children and youth of our church.



Save the dates! VBS is June 11-15

Volunteers are needed to recreate the village of Nazareth, where Jesus grew up.

VBS is the week of June 11th through the 15th and we are in need of volunteers for the following positions: sewing children's garments, tribe leaders (18 years and older), shopkeepers (great way to show kids a craft or skill), a scribe (having fun with the kids learning to make Hebrew letters), kitchen help (helping to prepare snacks daily for the kids), marketing help (distributing flyers before VBS), those handy with tools (to help build VBS props before that week) and clean up/tear down crew after VBS is completed. We are also in need of 12 teens (7th through 12th grade) to assist our tribe leaders and lead the VBS kids. We need a total of 80 volunteers for this week to help create Nazareth, the village where Jesus grew up. Please prayerfully consider how you can help before, during or after VBS. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities to be a part of this important community ministry that impacts children and parents.



April Walk to Emmaus



Alpha UMC will again be hosting both the men and women's Walk to Emmaus in April. Walk to Emmaus is a 4 day retreat and participants will be staying at Camp Summit in New Windsor. Dates are as follows:

Men's Walk: Thursday, April 19th - Sunday, April 22nd

Women's Walk: Thursday, April 26th - Sunday, April 29th

emmaus.upperoom.org



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Easter Sunday 	2	3 6:30-900pm P.E.O.	4 6:30pm Cub Scouts	5	6 Pastor's Sabbath	7 5:00-6:30pm Free' Community Meal
8 SPPRC following worship	9 6:30pm Boy Scouts	10 Pastor out of office	11 6:30pm Cub Scouts	12	13 Pastor's Sabbath	14
15 Native American Sunday Mission Meal Following Worship	16 6:30pm Boy Scouts	17	18 6:00pm Council 6:30pm Cub Scouts Pastor on Vacation thru 4/30	19 6:30pm Men's Walk to Emmaus	20 Pastor's Sabbath Men's Walk to Emmaus	21 7:30pm Men's Walk to Emmaus
22 7:00am Men in Mission Breakfast 4:30pm Men's Walk to Emmaus	23 Newsletter Deadline 6:30pm Boy Scouts	24	25 6:30pm Cub Scouts	26 6:30pm Women's Walk to Emmaus	27 Pastor's Sabbath Women's Walk to Emmaus	28 7:30pm Women's Walk to Emmaus
29 5th Sunday offering for Danoucheka 4:30pm Women's Walk to Emmaus	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



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