



# ALPHA

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



December 2018

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST, TRANSFORMING OUR COMMUNITY  
ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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Advent greetings friends,

The countdown to Christmas is back on! OK, I'll admit the truth: many of us, myself included, are constantly planning what gifts we might give to others, and predicting what gifts we might receive from others this Christmas. As I look back on this year I think on what remarkable gifts I have learned to appreciate this past year, one unexpected gift stands out. It's the gift of a **genealogy** or a family history.

After my great-grandmother Ethel Boostrom died at 97 last month, I learned that throughout her retirement, she had compiled 14 different notebooks by last name for hers and her late husband's ancestors as well as all of her descendants. Her research yielded results that went back as far as the American Revolution with our colonial ancestors. She surprised our family when she had left behind historical evidence that she was related to the 19th U.S. president Rutherford B. Hayes. She was a tender yet tenacious woman. She helped to win WWII as a "Rosie the Riveter" at John Deere making the same B-24 bombers that her mechanic husband kept repairing for aerial battles. Now, I look forward to reading through copies of her family history detective work. Her legacy is undeniable for my family.



I am grateful and impressed by our current church historian, Karen Pfeiffer's 80+ pages of meticulous research of our local church. She presented a large historical scrapbook at our last church council meeting for the 2018 charge conference. Alpha UMC has been gifted with a legacy of generosity and stewardship from faithful disciples who gave God their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness in their lives and even left a legacy for the next generations upon their deaths (like the late trustee N.J. Spivey gifting his estate to the church so that they could build a new church by 1963). I am enjoying reading about how in times of great change or dire need, our church ancestors prayed to God for revival, started new ministries to reach new people, and shared Christ with the world. I read these stories and I pray: **Do it again Lord!**

So this Advent season, we will hear from God's Word about five incredible women of faith who are highlighted in the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah in Matthew 1:1-16. These courageous women were honored by God for their faithfulness to become the matriarchs of the Jesus's family tree. I want us to see their legacy like five gleaming jewels in Christ's heavenly crown. Tamar's persistence brought forth justice. Rahab's hospitality brought forth deliverance. Ruth's loyalty brought forth redemption. Bathsheba's patience brought forth prosperity. Mary's obedience brought forth salvation. All of these hopes are fulfilled in the advent of Jesus Christ the Messiah. He brings forth the justice, deliverance, redemption, prosperity, and salvation that we all need now more than ever. "Come thou long expected Jesus!"

Christ transforms our lives so our community can thrive. **Pastor Zack**

## Administrative Council 2018

**Chair:** Lindi Kernan

**Vice Chair:** Mary Nice

**Church 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:** TBD

**UMW Chair:** Mary Nice

**Men in Mission:** Dean Kernan

**Lay Leader:** TBD

**Youth Rep.:** Delainey Bradshaw

**Recording Secretary:** Desirae Silvis



## Secretary's Hours



Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

9:00am - 1:00pm

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No Men's Breakfast in  
December.

See you January 28th!



# Merry Christmas



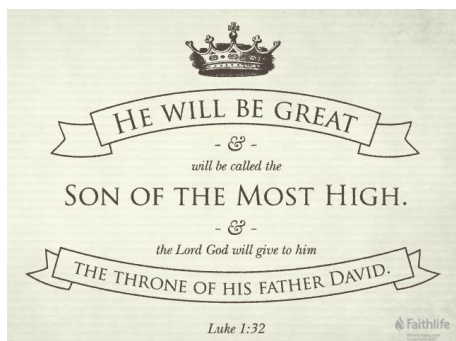
## Sunshiner's Caroling

The Sunshiners will go caroling on Sunday, December 16th at 6:00pm. We would love any and all voices to join us (you don't even have to be able to sing!). We always have a fun evening!

\*Sunshiners will not have a regular meeting in December or January.\*



MONDAY,  
FRIDAY, DEC. 14





## December Worship Volunteer Schedule

December Ushers: Marvin Enstrom & Dave Lambin



### December 2

Liturgist: David Althaus  
Children's Moment: Linda Lambin  
Nursery Assistant: Need Volunteer  
Multimedia: Joseph Shepherd

### December 9

Liturgist: Angie Althaus  
Children's Moment: Dale Lanning  
Nursery Assistant: Need Volunteer  
Multimedia: Joseph Shepherd

### December 16

Liturgist: Dale Lanning  
Children's Moment: Angie Althaus  
Nursery Assistant: Need Volunteer  
Multimedia: Joseph Shepherd

### December 23

Liturgist: Bob Bateman  
Children's Moment: Emily Bradshaw  
Nursery Assistant: Need Volunteer  
Multimedia: Joseph Shepherd

### December 30

Liturgist: Dean Kernan  
Children's Moment: Roger Swanson  
Nursery Assistant: Need Volunteer  
Multimedia: Joseph Shepherd



### December Birthdays

08: Pastor Zack Glenn

12: Rosie Merideth

13: Evelyn Barton

Ruby Naslund

Parris Silvis

14: Linda Buban

Josh McCaw

17: Kelly Atchison

Cody Lanning

18: Tom Briggs

Eliana Glenn

19: Patsy Broadus

22: Melvin Briggs

23: Mary Nice



## December Anniversaries



10: Tyler & Ali Catey

## December Coffee Hour Hosts



02: Rich & Jamie Coffey

09: Need Volunteer

16: Need Volunteer

23: Need Volunteer

30: Need Volunteer



## *Advent Sermon Series*

### *The Crown Jewels of the Messiah: The women in Jesus' lineage*

December 2 - Tamar: Her persistence brought forth justice

December 9 - Rahab: Her hospitality brought forth deliverance

December 16 - Ruth: Her loyalty brought forth redemption

December 23 - Bathsheba: Her patience brought forth prosperity

Christmas Eve Homily - Mary: Her obedience brought forth salvation



*Alpha UMC will hold its Christmas Eve candlelight service at 9:00PM on December 24th.*

### Christmas Flowers



Worship Team has decided to make a change in the ordering of Christmas flowers this year. If you would like to purchase flowers this year, we are asking you to bring in your own plant or fresh arrangement. You will need to put your name on the bottom so that you get your own plant back. Also, please let Desirae know (via email or phone) who the plant is from and who it is "in memory of" or "in honor of." She will then print a list for the bulletin. She will need this information no later than Monday, December 17.

Suggestions: Joella at the Galesburg HyVee can make you a nice arrangement. Or they have pre made arrangements at HyVee, Walmart, Sams, or Costco, to name a few.

**Please note: Pastor is allergic to poinsettias and lilies, so please refrain from bringing those in.**

### Glove & Mitten Tree



The Outreach Team is sponsoring a Glove & Mitten Tree now thru December 31st. This tree will be set up in the fellowship hall. It will also be taken to the Christmas Tree Festival at The Alpha American Legion for display on the 1st of December and then brought back to the church. These gloves & mittens will then be given to The AlWood Food Pantry and handed out to the children (big & small) as needed.

God Bless and Thank You for these gifts for our Local Children

Linda Lambin

Chairman for Outreach Team

## **2019 Administrative Committees and Ministry Teams**

The mission of the United Methodist Church is “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” The local church is the primary means and environment for making disciples of Jesus Christ within a particular community.

**Church Administrative Council:** *The Church Council is responsible for the local **administration** of the Book of Discipline in policy and procedure, for reporting our ministry progress to the District Superintendent and electing new leaders at annual Charge Conference, and for the oversight of our local church’s ministry program in the areas of **nurture, outreach, and witness**. The Church Council works with the Pastor to guide the strategic planning for our church by prayerfully seeking God’s will in Scripture, casting long-term vision, setting realistic goals, and defining clear objectives when it comes to our local mission of “making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our community.” Starting in 2018, our Church Council will assume the administrative duties of both the former Finance Committee and Nominations/Leadership Development.*

**Church Council Chair:** Lindi Kernan

**Vice Chair:** Mary Nice

**Lay Leader:** TBD

**Church Treasurer:** Dean Kernan

**Financial Secretary:** Linda Lanning

**Trustees Committee Chair:** Dave Lambin

**S/PPRC Committee Chair:** TBD

**Nurture Team Chair:** Kelli Johnson

**Outreach Team Chair:** Linda Lambin

**Worship Team Chair:** Roger Swanson

**Christian Education Team Chair:** TBD

**United Methodist Men:** Dean Kernan

**Youth Representative:** Delainey Bradshaw

**Lay Delegate to Annual Conference:** TBD

**Alternate Lay Delegate:** TBD

**Recording Secretary:** Desirae Silvis

**Trustees:** *This stewardship committee is responsible for maintenance, improvement, and safety of the church property including the church facility and parsonage; they also oversee the distribution and use of memorial funds.*

2019: Kurt Jordan, Lindi Kernan, Ron Medley

2020: Sadie Carlson, Kelly Atchison, Richard Coffey

2021: Barb Damron, Dave Lambin, Linda Zuidema

Note: Trustees may recruit skilled and experienced workers for improvement projects as needed.

**S/PPRC:** *This human resources committee is responsible for the mutual well-being of the pastor and family; they mediate concerns to and from the congregation; they hire and evaluate church staff and personnel.*

2019: Linda Lambin, Roger Swanson, Lindsi Brooks

2020: Miriam Greene, Marvin Enstrom

2021: Eddie Bradshaw

**Open Ministry Teams:** Note: The following ministry teams are open and can be joined at any time.

**Nurture:** *This hospitality ministry team is responsible for the encouragement and well-being of our church members; they plan fellowship events and correspond with our students and soldiers at large; they also help welcome and thank visitors and encourage regular attenders to join our church congregation; they also assist the pastor with the annual cultivation report of our membership.*

Deb Briggs, Angie Briggs, Kelli Johnson (chair), Barb Damron, Karen Pfeiffer

**Outreach:** *This missional ministry team is responsible for our church's engagement with our local community to motivate us to engage in acts of mercy and compassion on behalf of our neighbors. They also oversee the benevolence policies and procedure for our church's discretionary Emergency Outreach Fund.*

Gina Medley, Lindi Kernan, Sadie Carlson, Linda Lambin (chair), Julie Cole, Angie Althaus, Kurt Jordan, Grace Althaus, Lucas Althaus

**Worship:** *This creative ministry team is responsible for assisting the Pastor in planning the liturgy, sacraments, arts, and music for our worship services; they also recruit and train volunteers to serve as acolytes, musicians, A/V technicians, liturgists, children's ministers, ushers, greeters, and nursery personnel.*

Roger Swanson (Chair), Lindi Kernan (Song Leader), Linda Lanning, Linda Lambin, Emily Bradshaw, Karen Schultz

**Christian Education:** *This discipleship ministry team is responsible for facilitating an inclusive all-ages Christian education and spiritual formation process for making disciples of Jesus Christ in our local church. They facilitate and recruit volunteers to help teach and mentor learners in our Sunday School classes, family ministry events, United Methodist Youth Fellowship, bible studies, and confirmation.*

Note: all children's and youth ministry volunteers are subject to annual required background checks.

Barb Damron, Roger Swanson, Emily Bradshaw, Miriam Greene, Gina Medley

Thank you to all who served on committees in 2018!  
Welcome and thank you to all who will be joining new committees and those who continue to serve in 2019!  
Your service is much appreciated!





# December 2018



| SUN                                    | MON                                                                        | TUE                                                                                           | WED                                          | THU | FRI                       | SAT                                     |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                                        |                                                                            |                                                                                               |                                              |     |                           | 1<br>9:00am<br>Hanging of the<br>Greens |
| 2<br>Advent Begins                     | 3<br>7:00om<br>Boy Scouts                                                  | 4                                                                                             | 5<br>6:30pm<br>Cub Scouts                    | 6   | 7<br>Pastor's<br>Sabbath  | 8                                       |
| 9                                      | 10<br>7:00pm<br>Boy Scouts                                                 | 11                                                                                            | 12<br>6:30pm<br>Cub Scouts                   | 13  | 14<br>Pastor's<br>Sabbath | 15                                      |
| 16<br>6:00pm<br>Sunshiners<br>Caroling | 17<br>7:00pm<br>Boy Scouts                                                 | 18                                                                                            | 19<br>6:30pm<br>Cub Scouts                   | 20  | 21<br>Pastor's<br>Sabbath | 22                                      |
| 23<br><br>-----<br>30                  | 24<br>9:00pm<br>Christmas Eve<br>Candlelight<br>Service<br><br>-----<br>31 | 25<br><br> | 26<br>Church Office<br>Closed thru<br>1/1/19 | 27  | 28<br>Pastor's<br>Sabbath | 29                                      |

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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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