



ALPHA

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 2019

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST, TRANSFORMING OUR COMMUNITY
ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Dear faithful Brothers and Sisters of Alpha United Methodist Church,

As you are aware, my commissioning as a Provisional Elder in the United Methodist Church unites me with other United Methodist pastors in a covenant community whose calling first and foremost is to serve God and Christ in the world. This covenant also calls us to serve Christ and the world where we are sent. United Methodist pastors are always prepared to itinerate as the Holy Spirit, working through our Bishop and Cabinet of our Annual Conference, directs that we should.

The purpose of this letter is to share with you that our Illinois Great Rivers Conference Bishop, Rev. Dr. Frank J. Beard, has recently appointed me to serve as Pastor of Hamilton & Warsaw Trinity United Methodist Churches in the LaMoine River District, beginning January 1st, 2020. My family and I will be moving to the west Hancock County area, where I will continue the ministry of Christ in a new setting and with new congregations of United Methodists.

I want to assure you that Methodism has a process in place to make such transitions go smoothly. I also want to assure you that even as your congregation prepares to receive new pastoral leadership, the present needs and goals of your Christian community will continue to be important and addressed by your lay leadership. Your Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) has a minimum of 90 days to prepare for the changes ahead, which will naturally include a new pastoral appointment to Alpha United Methodist Church beginning on a date to-be-determined by your IGRC Bishop and Cabinet. Your SPRC chair, Dale Lanning, is in contact with Spoon River District Superintendent, Rev. Steve Granadosin, to communicate your congregation's present needs and expectations for future pastoral leadership.

I am, of course, still processing my own emotions about this move with my family. These emotions range from excitement as we anticipate this new adventure, to the fear and trembling one feels in the face of a new challenge, to the enormous pain and grief that always comes when we must leave the community we have called home for 52 months.

In the midst of chaos and change, one thing remains the same: Jesus Christ. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is at the helm of this ship we call the church. He is able to lead us safely through storms into calmer seas and to get us where we need to go. Let us all lean into Him for our direction and care in this time of change. You remain in my prayers and I humbly ask for your prayers on behalf of my family during this season of transition.

In Christ,

Rev. Zackary T. Glenn

Administrative Council 2019



Chair: Lindi Kernan

Vice Chair: Mary Nice

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Financial Secretary: Linda Lanning

Trustees: Dave Lambin

S/PPRC: Dale Lanning

Outreach: Linda Lambin

Nurture: Kelli Johnson

Worship: Roger Swanson

Christian Ed Chair: TBD

Men in Mission: Dean Kernan

Lay Leader: TBD

Youth Rep.: Delainey Bradshaw

Annual Conf. Lay Delegate: Joe Shepherd

Recording Secretary: Desirae Silvis

Secretary's Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

9:00am - 1:00pm

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Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated blood, food, or worked at our September Red Cross blood drive. Because of you, we collected 25 units of blood on a goal of 21. The Red Cross said this will help save up to 75 lives. Pretty amazing!

Julie Cole



MONDAY,
OCTOBER 22



Sunday, October 28

7:00am

All men welcome!

No breakfast in Nov. or Dec.

Alpha UMC Sunshiners Meeting

Wednesday, October 3rd

6:45pm

Devotions: Karen

Snack: Angie/Deb

Sharing: Karen

Please join us. All women are welcome!



October Worship Volunteer Schedule

October Ushers: Dave Lambin & Marvin Enstrom



October 6

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

October 13

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

October 20

Liturgist: Lindi Kernan
Children's Moment: Pastor Zack
Nursery Assistant: Need Volunteer
Multimedia: Joseph Shepherd

October 27

Liturgist: Dale Lanning
Children's Moment: Roger Swanson
Nursery Assistant: Need Volunteer
Multimedia: Joseph Shepherd

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 Hunt
19: Ken Kearney
20: Julie Cole
 Kim Gillette
23: Joey Lambin



October Anniversaries

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



October Coffee Hour Hosts



06: Ed & Karen Schultz
13: Need Volunteer
20: Dean & Lindi Kernan
27: Dale & Linda Lanning



The Pilgrim's Progress Movie Night

Sunday, October 13th

5:00pm

Snacks will be provided.

For the first time in history, John Bunyan's epic masterpiece, *The Pilgrim's Progress*, is present in a feature length animated movie!

Journey with Christian as he travels from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City. Experience the friends and foes he meets along the way and the ultimate choice he must take to reach the King.

Inspire the next generation with this timeless story of faith and courage.



The Nurture Team will again host Alpha UMC's annual Trunk or Treat in the fellowship hall on Halloween from 6-8PM. Stop in for free hot dogs and hot chocolate while you trick or treat with us!

Candy donations are needed. Please drop off donations 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!



The Outreach Team will be sponsoring a Noisy Offering for the Our Conference, Our Kids Campaign which raises money for the spiritual care programs of the five child welfare agencies in the conference – The Baby Fold, Chaddock, Cunningham Children's Home, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House and Spero Family Services (formerly the United Methodist Children's Home).

Remember to bring a little extra in October to put in the kids' collection cans!





Pastor Zack will be hosting a game day on Columbus Day, October 14th, from 10am-4pm. Come up to the church and try out one of Pastor Zack's MANY board games with your friends!

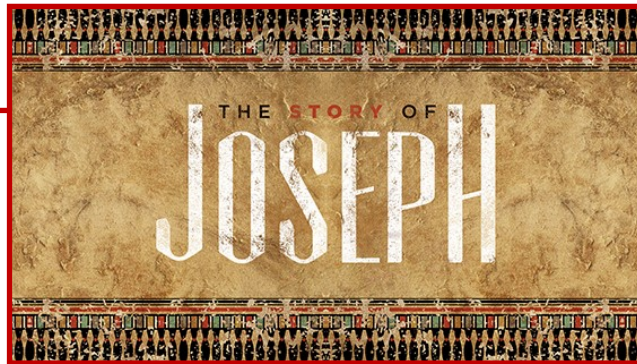
Lunch will be served.



2019 Stewardship Campaign

During the month of October, Alpha UMC will hold its annual stewardship campaign.

As a part of our focus on stewardship, Joe Shepherd will be leading a special 3 week Sunday School class at 9:00am on October 6, 13, and 20. The class will follow a 21 day devotional by Scott McKenzie about stewardship. A copy of the journal has been sent out. If you did not receive a copy and would like one copies are available in the fellowship hall.



Upcoming Fall Sermon Series: The Story of Joseph





October 2019



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:45pm Sunshiners	3	4 Pastor's Sabbath	5
6 9:00am Stewardship Sunday School World Communion Sunday	7 7:00pm Boy Scouts	8	9 6:30pm Cub Scouts	10	11 Pastor's Sabbath	12
13 9:00am Stewardship Sunday School 5:00pm Pilgrim's Progress Movie	14 10:00am- 4:00pm Game Day Columbus Day	15	16 6:30m Cub Scouts	17	18 Pastor's Sabbath	19
20 9:00am Stewardship Sunday School	21 7:00pm Boy Scouts Newsletter Deadline	22	23 6:30pm Church Council 6:30pm Cub Scouts	24	25 Pastor's Sabbath	26
27 7:00am Men in Mission Breakfast Consecration Sunday	28 7:00pm Boy Scouts	29	30 6:30pm Cub Scouts	31 6-8pm 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.
Our Web address is alphaumc.org



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