



ALPHA



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST, TRANSFORMING OUR COMMUNITY
ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Greetings friends!

When I was in elementary school, my mother used to play tapes and CDs of contemporary Christian music in the car and at home. She convinced my dad to take my sister and I with them to attend concerts with headliners like Carman, Sandi Patti, the Gaithers...and Ray Boltz.



Ray Boltz...I remember my mom had a secret crush on him in the early 90s. His iconic mullet perm with mustache reminded me of Tom Selleck...and a cocker spaniel! But that man could sing the gospel with a voice like an angel! In 1988, Roy Boltz wrote the song "Thank You" to testify of God's power to transform lives through the generosity of faithful Christians in their stewardship.

The essence of the song's lyrics is that the singer dreams he goes to heaven with a friend. As they walk, the people approach his friend and tell stories of how, unknowingly, he had impacted their lives. Each person says thank you to him for his gifts and service through which their lives were forever changed. After each story the chorus rings out these words, "Thank you for giving to the Lord. I am a life that was changed. Thank you for giving to the Lord. I am so glad you gave."

One of the verses sings, "One by one they came, far as the eye could see. Each life somehow touched by your generosity. Little things that you had done, sacrifices made, unnoticed on the earth in heaven, now proclaimed." The point of the song is that we serve and give here on earth never knowing the outcome of how our giving has impacted the lives of others--until eternity. What we find is that even small sacrifices result in huge impacts upon furthering the Kingdom.

On Consecration Sunday, as we give our tithes and offerings, and dedicate our stewardship to God for 2020, remember that every gift helps the church make a difference. We are impacting lives here in our community and around the world. We can do what we do as a local church because of your generosity.

While the song "Thank you" by Ray Boltz was born from his imagination, I hope and believe that heaven will be filled with stories of what gifts like yours will have meant to countless millions of people. I invite you to enter into a moment of silence today, and reflect on those whose generosity has impacted your life and give thanks to God for them. Now, hear God's Word for you today:

Deuteronomy 16:17 (NRSV)

17 All shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.

Proverbs 22:9 (NRSV)

*9 Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.*

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NRSV)

7 Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NRSV)

17 As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, 19 thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

I pray that your church's giving in 2020 will resound in heaven like churches were singing in 1990!

*"Thank you for giving to the Lord. I am a life that was changed.
Thank you for giving to the Lord. I am so glad you gave."*

Christ transforms our lives so our community can thrive!

Pastor Zack

Administrative Council 2019

Chair: Lindi Kernan
 Vice Chair: Mary Nice
 Church Treasurer: Dean Kernan
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 Nurture: Kelli Johnson
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 Christian Ed Chair: TBD
 Men in Mission: Dean Kernan
 Lay Leader: TBD
 Youth Rep.: Delainey Bradshaw
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Secretary's Hours
 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
 9:00am - 1:00 pm
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Set clocks back 1 hour at bedtime on Saturday, November 2nd!



There will be no Men in Mission breakfasts in November or December.
 Breakfasts will resume in January.



Monday,
November 18



There will be a Worship Team meeting Sunday, Nov. 10th following worship.



*"...in everything give thanks;
 for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus
 for you."* 1 THESSALONIANS 5:18



November Worship Volunteer Schedule

November Ushers: Lindsi Brooks & Dean Kernan

November 3

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

November 10

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

November 17

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

November 24

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



November Birthdays

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



November Anniversaries

25: Ken & Phyllis Kearney



November Coffee Hour Hosts



- 03: Stan & Barb Damron
- 10: Need Volunteer
- 17: Ken & Phyllis Kearney
- 21: Need Volunteer



Alpha UMC Pledge Card

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me? Psalm 116: 12

My Covenant

I/We recognize that God has blessed us with abundance of gifts and talents and by accepting these, I/we pledge to return a portion to the kingdom of God for the needs of His church.

Name: _____

- I pledge in 2020 to financially support the church with:
 \$_____ per week, OR
 \$_____ per month, OR
 \$_____ per year.
- I pledge in 2020 to prayerfully support the church daily, weekly, monthly & yearly.
- I pledge in 2020 to support Alpha UMC with my prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

Keep the upper portion and return bottom to basket as you exit the sanctuary.

NAME: _____

In 2020, I pledge to support the church with:

\$_____ per week, OR
 \$_____ per month, OR
 \$_____ per year

Consecration Sunday October 27th, 2019

As you may know, October is Stewardship Month. This is the month that we ask for your support to nurture, pray and financially support our church for 2020.

Please fill out this card and return the lower portion to the church or bring it with you on **Sunday, October 27th**.

We are sending these out a week earlier this year so you can pray over it before you fill it out.

If you are unable to attend and would like to mail it back to the church, please address the envelope to the Attention of Linda Lanning, our financial secretary.

Thank You in advance for helping us to spread the Word of God throughout our community by supporting the Alpha Methodist Church.





New Weekly Prayer Group!

We will be meeting each Thursday at 6:30 for about an hour. Prayer is vitally important in our faith walk. Prayer is the practice of the presence of God where we take time to sit and have conversation with Him. Without regular conversation there is no relationship. That's what we want to develop, a relationship with God. In that relationship we seek to know God's desires and hopes for our lives, our family, church, country and world.

Mark 11: 22-25

²² And Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. ²³ Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. ²⁴ Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received^[cl] it, and it will be yours. ²⁵ And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."

Everyone is welcome and don't worry if you can't make it every week. Come and pray when you can!

Matthew 18:20 For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.

Lindi Kernan



Men's Shirt Ministry



The outreach team will be collecting men's long-sleeve and undershirts beginning in November. These items will be donated to Humility of Mary Shelter and the Galesburg Rescue Mission to help their clients keep warm this winter. So, as you sort through clothing in preparation for winter, please bring any gently used men's long sleeve and undershirts to the church and drop them off in the basket at the fellowship hall.

Thank You!

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Hebrews 13:16

College Boxes To Go Out This Month



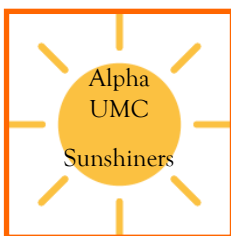
It's almost finals time for our college students. Let's help them finish the semester strong! The Nurture Team is collecting snack items for college boxes to be sent out near the end of the month. Next time your at the store, pick up a couple of yummy snacks to send! Donations may be dropped off to the box in the fellowship hall by November 30th.

Christmas Choir & Special Music

The worship team is looking for anyone interested in participating in the Christmas Choir or wanting to perform special music during the Christmas season. Please see Linda Lanning, Roger Swanson, or Lindi Kernan if you would like to participate.



Join us for hanging of the greens on Sunday, November 24th following worship. We will be decorating the church for the Christmas season.



Special Sunshiners Meeting

All women are invited to come to a special Sunshiners meeting Wednesday, Nov. 6th at 6:45pm. Adrienne DeSutter will be presenting "When Stress Is More Than A Season":

Description: We all know farming is extra stressful this year! Learn what puts farmers at risk for mental health issues, what YOU can do to help your local farm families, and brush up on some quick and easy stress management tricks!

Linda Lanning will present the devotion and Karen Schultz will provide snacks.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Pastor's Sabbath	2 Set clocks back 1 hour at bedtime
3 Daylight Savings Time ends	4 7:00pm Boy Scouts	5 6:30pm Charge Conference @ Galva UMC	6 6:30pm SPPRC Mtg. 6:45pm Sunshiners	7 6:30pm Prayer Group	8 Pastor's Sabbath	9
10 Worship Team meeting Following Worship	11 Veteran's Day	12	13 6:30pm Cub Scouts	14 6:30pm Prayer Group	15 Pastor's Sabbath	16
17	18 7:00pm Boy Scouts Newsletter Deadline	19	20 6:30pm Cub Scouts	21 6:30pm Prayer Group	22 Pastor's Sabbath	23
24 Hanging of the Greens Following Worship	25 7:00pm Boy Scouts	26	27	28 	29 Pastor's Sabbath	30

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Sunday Schedule:

9:00 A.M. Adult Sunday School

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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