

# ALPHA

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 2020

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ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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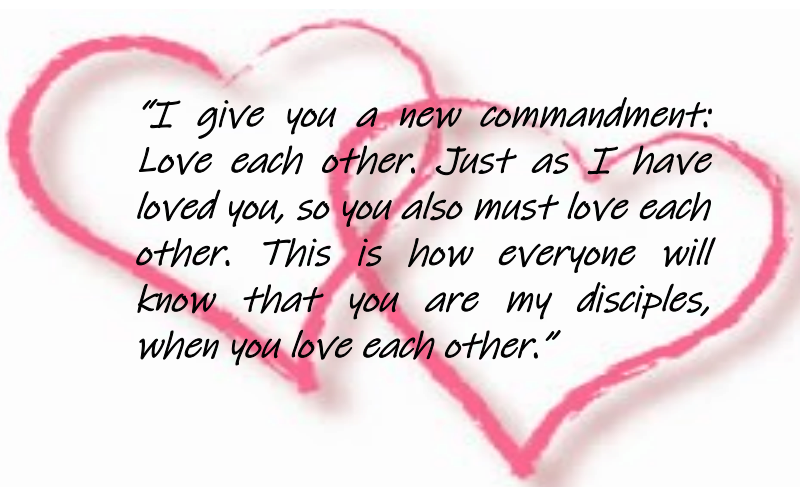
Happy February!

Like most people when I think of February I think of Love (it is the month of red hearts, flowers, special dinners, and most importantly chocolate!). John 13: 34-35 says:

*<sup>34</sup> "I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. <sup>35</sup> This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other."*

I want to thank all of you for showing love to me for the month I have been here. I feel bad I started here with a bad shoulder/arm and will most likely need surgery but accidents do happen. I appreciate all your prayers and concerns. I believe if we love each other like Jesus loves us, the sky is the limit! I am excited to see what God has planned for you and me at Alpha United Methodist Church.

Ash Wednesday, February 26, is the beginning of Lent and we will have an Ash Wednesday service at 6:30pm. We also have a Lenten Bible Study, "The Passion Play~Living the Story of Christ's Last Days". There is a sign up sheet on the table in the fellowship hall. The Bible Study will be offered Wednesday evenings at 6pm or Thursday Mornings at 10:30 am. When you sign up please specify which day you are interested in attending. The Bible Study will begin on Wednesday March 4 or Thursday March 5. Also beginning on March 4 we will have soup and a Lenten devotional at noon. Come and have soup and fellowship for this Lenten Season, bring a friend!



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## Administrative Council 2020

**Chair:** Lindi Kernan

**Vice Chair:** Mary Nice

**Church Treasurer:** Dean Kernan

**Financial Secretary:** Linda Lanning

**Trustees:** Dave Lambin

**S/PPRC:** Dale Lanning

**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.:** TBD

**Lay Rep. to Ann. Conf.:** Joe Shepherd

**Recording Secretary:** Desirae Silvis

## Secretary's Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

9:00am - 1:00pm

(309)629-5161

**alphaumc@gmail.com**



Sunshiners will meet Tuesday,

February 5th at 6:45pm

Devotions: Barb Damron

Snack: Linda Lanning

Sharing: Ruby Naslund

All women are welcome to join!

## Church Council Meeting

Council will meet

Wednesday, Feb. 19th

at 6:30pm.



THURSDAY,

FEB. 20TH



Men in Mission Breakfast

7:00am Sunday, Feb. 23rd

All men are welcome!

*\*Breakfast will be cancelled if no one signs up to cook\**

## February Worship Volunteer Schedule



February Ushers: Melvin Briggs & Kurt Jordan



### February 2

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

### February 9

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

### February 16

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

### February 23

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

## February Birthdays

02: Vicki Jordan Geiger  
03: Jason Lambin  
04: Bryton Brooks  
Clint Cole  
10: Cathy Jordan  
Geri McLaughlin  
16: Devin Reed  
22: Ayla Catey  
28: Brittany Kane

## February Anniversaries

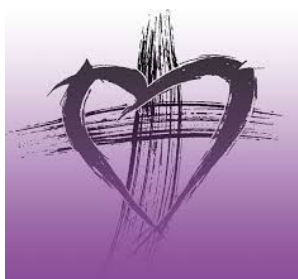
10: Ron & Linda Buban  
13: Ron & Ruby Naslund



## February Coffee Hour Hosts



02: Kelli & Roger  
09: Boy Scouts  
16: Brooks Family  
23: Pastor Karna



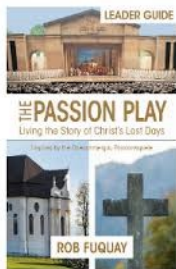
## Ash Wednesday & Lenten Bible Studies

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 26th

6:30pm

### Lenten Bible Study



Pastor Karna will be leading the Bible Study, *The Passion Play-Living the Story of Christ's Last Days*, during Lent. The study will be offered on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings, beginning Wednesday, March 4th at 6:00pm or Thursday, March 5th at 10:30am. A sign up sheet will be in the fellowship hall. Please sign up by Feb. 16th so books can be ordered.

Pastor will also be leading a Lenten devotional soup lunch on Wednesdays at noon during lent. The first devotional soup lunch will be March 4th.



The prayer group meets every Thursday at 6:30pm. Come on the evenings you are available to join in prayer with members of your church family.



Scouting Sunday is February 9th. Please join us on this special Sunday as we celebrate scouting in our community.



### Baby Bottles for Life



Alpha UMC is again participating in Pregnancy Resources Baby Bottles for Life campaign. Bottles are available in the fellowship hall. Please fill your bottle with change, cash, or a check and return to the altar.

Pregnancy Resources provides :

- \* Free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds
- \* Adoption Education & Referrals
- \* Material assistance such as diapers, clothing , car seats, etc.
- \* Dad's programs
- \* Education

*Dear children, let  
us not love with  
words or speech  
but with actions  
and in truth.*

*1 John 3:18*

### Parsonage Fence Available

The chain link fence in the parsonage yard is no longer needed. The trustees are offering the fence to anyone in the congregation for a reasonable donation. You will have to remove the fence from the yard. Please see Dave Lambin if you are interested.





The AlWood Food Pantry has asked each church in our community to donate a specific item. Alpha UMC has been asked to donate dish soap. Please leave your donations in the bin in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

The AlWood Food Pantry is available to residents of the AlWood school district. The Food Pantry is located in the Oxford Township Hall . Below is a list of dates the food pantry will be open in 2020.

February 4	June 2	October 6
March 3	July 7	November 10
April 7	August 4	December 9
May 5	September 8	



## Scholarship Opportunity

Henry County Right to Life is announcing its 2020 scholarship contest for area high school and college students. Applications are now available to qualified students to submit an essay on the theme -

*How would you respond to a friend who says "My Body, My Choice"?*

Entries must reflect the general theme.

The student with the winning essay will be awarded a \$500 scholarship which will be forwarded to their intended college in the student's name. Students may print a copy of the application and complete rules and regulations by going to the Henry County Right to Life's website at <http://henrycountyr2l.wixsite.com/life>.

Scholarship applications must be received or postmarked no later than March 31, 2020.

For further information, contact Henry County Right to Life President, Peggy Emmert, at 309-231-2657

Entries should be mailed to HENRY COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE, P.O. BOX 121, GENESEO, IL 61254.



# February 2020



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3 7:00pm Boy Scouts	4	5 6:30pm Cub Scouts	6 8:30am Pre-K Screening  6:30pm Prayer Group	7	8
9 Scouting Sunday	10 7:00pm Boy Scouts	11	12 6:30pm Cub Scouts	13 6:30pm Prayer Group	14 Happy Valentine's Day!	15
16	17 President's Day	18	19 6:30pm Council Meeting  6:30pm Cub Scouts	20 6:30pm Prayer Group  Newsletter Deadline	21	22
23 7:00am Men in Mission Breakfast	24 7:00pm Boy Scouts	25	26 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service	27 6:30pm Prayer Group	28	29

## ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### Sunday Schedule:

9:00 A.M. Adult Sunday School Class 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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