



# ALPHA

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 2020

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST, TRANSFORMING OUR COMMUNITY  
ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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I am writing this on Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. As I was doing my morning devotions and prayer I reflected on Lent and Easter and what it means. The first thing that came to mind is that this will be the first Easter without my mom. Ever since I became a pastor my parents came to my church on Easter Sunday, except last year (Decatur was a little far for them to travel). My mom was so excited that I was being appointed to Alpha UMC and I know they would have joined us on Easter Sunday.

My next thought was what will I give up for Lent and I had decided to give up bread (I had toast for breakfast, so that did not work well). I gave up liver one year (I really dislike liver!), that was not a hard thing to give up which missed the point altogether. I have decided to give up chocolate, that will be hard and I am telling you all this to keep me accountable, especially during our Lenten noon soup time, I have already picked a few chocolate desserts I am going to make. When I think about all Jesus went through for me, for us, I believe I can make it 40 days plus without chocolate! I was told several years ago that whatever you give up for Lent you can have on Sundays because Sundays are not included in the 40 days; each Sunday is considered a small Easter. I tried it and found it a lot harder that week to stay away from the item I had given up (I think it was French fries, who does not love McDonald's French fries!).

Not everyone gives up something for Lent and that is okay, for me it is a reminder in a small way of remembering the sacrifice Jesus made for me. A person can also give up a bad habit for Lent and in doing so it might become a life changing experience. My prayer and hope for all of you this Lenten season is to become closer to Jesus.

I hope to see as many of you that can make it to the Lenten Soup and Devotion time each Wednesday during Lent starting on March 4th at noon. Also to the Lenten Bible study on Wednesday nights starting March 4th at 6pm or Thursday mornings starting March 5th at 1030am.

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Pastor Karna



Lent IS A TIME TO  
GROW  
CLOSER TO JESUS

## 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 Del. to Ann. Conf.:** Joe Shepherd

**Recording Secretary:** Desirae Silvis

## Pastor's Office Hours

Monday - 10am - 2pm

Tuesday - 12-3pm

Wednesday - 9am - 12pm

Thursday - 9am - 12pm

Friday is Pastor Karna's Sabbath

Pastor Karna's Contact Information

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Secretary's Hours

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Don't forget to set your clocks  
1 hour ahead at bedtime

Saturday, March 7th!



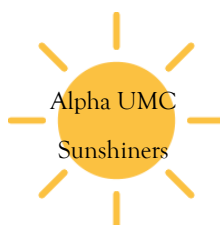
Sunday, March 22nd



Men in Mission Breakfast

Sunday, March 22nd

7:00AM



Sunshiners will meet

Wed. March 4th at 6:45pm.

Devotion: Lindi

Snack: Ruby

Sharing: Lindi

All women are welcome!



## March Worship Volunteer Schedule



March Ushers: Parris & Jack Silvis

### March 1

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

### March 8

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

### March 15

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

### March 22

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

### March 29

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

## March Birthdays:

01: Linda Zuidema  
09: Sadie Carlson  
12: Mitchell Brooks  
13: Bryan Brooks  
14: Ali McCaw  
24: Sheldon German  
25: Adrienne DeSutter  
27: Barb Damron  
28: Sabrina Medley  
Doris Rutledge  
31. Angie Althaus

## March Anniversaries



08: Jim & Wendy Swanson  
23: Ed & Karen Schultz

## March Coffee Hour Hosts



01: Pastor Karnan  
08: Need Volunteer  
15: Lannings  
22: Need Volunteer  
29: Need Volunteer



## Soup and Devotions during Lent

Join Pastor Karna at noon each Wednesday during Lent, beginning March 4th, for soup and devotions. Pastor Karna will bring the soup and devotion, you bring the fellowship and conversation!

The  
Season  
of  
Lent



## 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.



## Mission Meals Are Back!

The Outreach and Nurture teams are bringing back their Monthly Mission meals. Mission Meals will be served following worship on the second Sunday of each month. Cost is by donation. The first meal will be March 8th including maid rites, coleslaw, baked beans, and desserts.





UMCOR Sunday  
Special Offering  
March 22nd, 2020

Through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), we can make a difference in the lives of communities and individuals whose lives have been upended by storms, wars, climate change, and displacement. Through UMCOR, we see the impact of extravagant grace through the generosity of United Methodists.

The special offering received on UMCOR Sunday helps support the small but impactful UMCOR staff who are specialists in disaster response and recovery. Funds also ensure adequate training for emergency response coordinators, construction volunteers, and case managers who assist victims of disasters, chain saw gangs and sheetrock installers.

In recent years, UMCOR has impacted relief efforts around the world including:

Midwest flooding, Puerto Rico earthquake, California wildfires, hurricanes in the US, Bahamas, and other areas.

UMCOR also provides relief to the hungry, sick, and those facing other effects of poverty. For more information on the amazing work UMCOR is doing in the United States and around the world go to <https://www.umcmmission.org/umcor/learn/our-work> or find them on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/GlobalMinistries/>.

Happy  
Spring







## 2020 PRE-GENERAL CONFERENCE BRIEFING

### SUNDAY, March 29th 2pm

Inviting All Local UMC congregations for a GC briefing about the upcoming General Conference to be held on May, 5th-15th 2020. Join us at Elmwood UMC for fellowship, refreshments and sharing important information in preparing for GC 2020

#### Paul E. Black. 2020 GC Delegate



Paul Black from the IGRC Conference office, will be here to lead our conversation and share important information on GC 2020 to help us know more about what the plans are and what we should be doing.



The United Methodist Church General Conference 2020  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

**Tue, May 5 – Fri, May 15, 2020**

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# March 2020



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 7:00pm Boy Scouts	3	4 12:00pm Soup & Devotions 6:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7:45pm Sunshiners	5 10:30am Bible Study  6:30pm Prayer Group	6	7 8:30am Private Workshop  Set clocks ahead 1 hour at bed- time
8 Mission Meal following worship	9 7:00pm Boy Scouts	10	11 12:00pm Soup & Devotions  6:00pm Bible Study  6:30pm Cub Scouts	12 10:30am Bible Study  6:30pm Prayer Group	13	14
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22 7:00am Men's Breakfast  Newsletter Deadline	23 7:00pm Boy Scouts	24	25 12:00pm Soup & Devotions 6:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm Council Meeting 6:30pm Cub Scouts	26 10:30am Bible Study  6:30pm Prayer Group	27	28
29	30 7:00pm Boy Scouts	31				

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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.

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