



# ALPHA

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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August 2020

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST, TRANSFORMING OUR COMMUNITY  
ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
211 N. SCANDIA ST., PO BOX 607, ALPHA, IL 61413

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

1 John 4:7 says: “Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.”

Isaiah 41:10 says: “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

I firmly believe we should not live in fear, and I also firmly believe we should look after each other and love each other. God does not want us to live in fear, and God also wants us to look after each other. After much prayer and discussion, the Church Council and I have made the decision to stop the inside worship (10am) for the month of August. I know it is disappointing as we just got back together, but we are in strange and trying times. This decision was not made lightly. We felt with the increase in Covid 19 cases in Alpha and the surrounding area, it was for the safety of our Church family, who we love so much! This decision was not made out of fear but out of love for each one of you! Towards the end of August we will reevaluate the situation and let you know the plan forward.

The 7pm outside service will continue. Most of the evenings have been beautiful and nice to sit outside. For the outside service you will need to bring your chair (if you are unable to bring a chair, I will be happy to get you one from inside the church), wear a mask, and sit 6’ apart. Please do not talk to each other without a mask on; even though we are outside, not socially distancing and not wearing a mask is a danger of spreading this virus.

If you are unable to attend the 7pm service, the 7pm service will be on Facebook Live and on the Church’s Facebook page. We will also resume 10am Zoom Church. An invite will be sent out for Zoom Church on Friday or Saturday so watch your email accounts.

Please if you have any questions, concerns, or comments give me a call or an email. My phone number is 309-337-2700 and my email is [peteysaunt@yahoo.com](mailto:peteysaunt@yahoo.com).

There are a couple of committee meetings coming up and as of right now, those meetings will be held in the fellowship hall with masks on. If there are any changes, you will be notified.

Pray for our church, our community, our state, and our country. Stay safe and healthy. I love you all!

God’s Blessings on you all!

Pastor Karna

## 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  
**Recording Secretary:** Desirae Silvis



## Secretary's Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday  
 9:00am - 1:00pm  
 (309)629-5161  
**alphaumc@gmail.com**

## Sunday Worship Schedule August 2020

10:00AM - Zoom Church  
 7:00PM - Outdoor Service  
 Outdoor service will be streamed live on Facebook.

## August Birthdays

- 1: Jamie Coffey
- 3: Marvin Enstrom
- 10: Aiden Catey  
Makenna Medley
- 11: Mark Rutledge
- 15: Trace Thompson
- 16: Candis Keller
- 17: Ed Schultz
- 18: Ron Medley
- 22: Ronda Lambin
- 28: Todd Peden



SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

## August Anniversaries



- 18: Bill & Dana Schultz
- 22: Eddie & Emily Bradshaw
- 30: Kelly & Trudy Atchison



The next church council meeting will be Wednesday, August 12h at 6:30pm.

# ALPHA UMC OUTREACH



Another Child  
FOUNDATION

Another Child Foundation provides humanitarian aid to our Romania partner Fundatia Buckner to improve the living conditions and well-being of the children and families we assist. We are excited to be able to once again provide our supporters the opportunity to donate various aid to the children God has entrusted to our care.

The Project Respond 2020 aid drive kicked off in January and we will once again be having a **Shoe Collection Celebration Day in early October**. Last year, Another Child Foundation collected over 22,000 items from 47 different churches and organizations to send to Romania.

Alpha UMC will again be collecting **NEW** youth sized shoes and socks (ALL SIZES PLEASE) now through the end of September. Please bring your donations to the church.



Any questions please contact Angie, Grace, or Lucas Althaus



Blessings to all & may God bless this ministry!



We will be sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, September 2 from 1-6pm at the Alpha Legion.

For an appointment, please call Julie Cole at 629-9745 or 309-369-5785.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 10:00 AM Zoom Church  7:00PM Outdoor Service	3	4 6:00pm Zoom Bible Study	5 6:30pm Worship Team Meeting	6 9:00am Pre-K Screening 1:00pm Zoom Bible Study 6:30pm Prayer Group	7	8
9 10:00AM Zoom Church  7:00PM Outdoor Service	10	11 6:00pm Zoom Bible Study	12 6:30pm Church Council	13 1:00pm Zoom Bible Study  6:30pm Prayer Group	14	15
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### Sunday Schedule:

10:00 A.M. Zoom Church

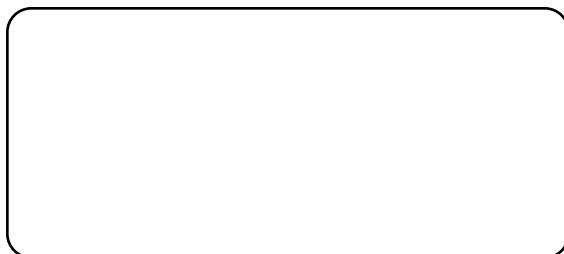
7:00P.M. Outdoor Service



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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