



ALPHA

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
211 N. SCANDIA ST., PO BOX 607, ALPHA, IL 61413

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Great news, Church is open!! This Sunday, July 5, we will have in person worship in the sanctuary at 10am. I am so excited to see everyone; I also want to keep everyone as safe as possible! The Church Council and I met and here is what Church is going to look like for a while!

- Please social distance, stay 6' away. Pews have been blocked off. Family members may sit with each other, others need to stay 6' apart.
- Wear a mask! Please wear your mask to your seat; as long as you do not talk to anyone, you can remove your mask until the service is over. Please put your mask back on to leave the building.
- Please enter through the South door of the building.
- When you enter the building there will be hand sanitizer at the door, please use it when you enter and leave the building.
- In the restrooms are cleaning wipes, please wipe down what you have used and wash your hands!
- No singing or talking during the service. We will have music videos!

This Sunday we will be having communion and using the prepackaged wafers and juice.

If you are sick or not feeling well, please **stay** home! If you are uncomfortable with coming out, please stay home! I will send out an invite to Zoom church, and if you want, you can join us on Sunday morning via Zoom (I am not sure how that will work, but we will figure it out).

It seems cases are on the rise, please watch Facebook, our website, and email. If we go back to Phase 3, it is possible the Bishop will say to close the building again.

The Church Council and I believe the most important thing is the safety of our Church Family, please follow the guidelines that the Bishop and CDC recommend. Masks are important. As uncomfortable as they are, they are essential in keeping everyone safe!

We will continue to have the 7pm outside service. Bring a lawn chair, stay 6' apart, and wear a mask!

I am excited to see you all, and I am sure you all are excited to see each other! I do want to thank Dale and Linda Lanning for blocking off pews and getting the sanctuary ready for the service; thanks for the Church Council committee for all their help during these strange times; thanks to Lindi and PJ for their music, especially during Zoom Church, I know that was not easy, thanks to Dean for helping them; last but not least, thanks to Desirae for always being there to help! (I am always leery about naming people, because I always seem to forget someone; if I forgot someone I am sorry and know I appreciate everything everyone does!) I also want to thank all the members and supporters of Alpha UMC for their support and help during these past weeks. I pray we will be back to "normal" soon!

If you have any questions please contact me or anyone on the Church Council!

God Bless!

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Administrative Council 2020



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Secretary's Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

9:00-1:00

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Sunday Schedule

10:00AM - Indoor Worship - No coffee hour,

Sunday School, or nursery

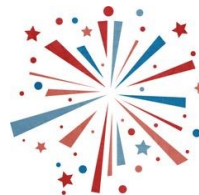
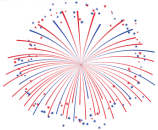
- Please wear a mask and social distance
- See page 1 of newsletter for more details

7:00PM - Outdoor worship in North parking lot

- Bring your own chair
- Wear a mask



Sunday,
July 26th



July Anniversaries

03: Marvin & Ann Enstrom

26: Dale & Linda Lanning



July Birthdays

02: Nadine Nice

04: Dana Schultz

06: Bill Schultz

21: Eric Atchison

22: Phyllis Kearney

24: Pete Barton

Prayer Group is back in the building!



The Alpha UMC Prayer Group will again be gathering at 6:30pm on Thursdays in the church building. Pastor Karna will still send a Zoom invitation for those who would like to join them from home.

June 2020 Outdoor Services

Alpha UMC held outdoor evening services in June due to COVID-19. The consensus seems to be we like worshipping outdoors! A big thanks to everyone who helped make our outdoor worship possible. We will continue to hold outdoor worship services Sunday evenings at 7PM in addition to restarting indoor services at 10AM on Sunday mornings.


Below are a few pictures Dale Lanning took during one of our outdoor services.





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 6:30pm Council	2 1:00pm Zoom Bible Study 6:30pm Prayer Group	3	4 
5 10:00am Indoor Service 7:00pm Outdoor Service	6	7 6:00pm Zoom Bible Study	8	9 1:00pm Zoom Bible Study 6:30pm Prayer Group	10	11
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10:00 A.M. Indoor Worship Service

7:00PM Outdoor 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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