



# ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Wow! I can't believe it is September already! There were times I thought this was the longest Spring and Summer ever, and now in a blink of an eye it is over. I love fall. Pumpkins, mums, cooler weather, leaves turning color, long drives to see those leaves and football! This fall is going to be different, just like Spring and Summer were different. Stacy and the kids always went to the pumpkin patch outside of Alpha every year and some years I tagged along, but that won't be happening now. Maybe we will find another pumpkin patch to go to. I always went on the Scenic Drive and would do some Christmas shopping along the way. That won't happen this year. I like going to football games, cheering on the hometown team and drinking hot chocolate. That won't happen this year. I love seeing all the trick or treaters that come to my door on Halloween night wanting candy. I am not sure if that will happen or not.

As I reflected on the past few weeks and the weeks to come, I have to admit that I became a little sad about what did not happen and what is not going to happen. Kynleigh didn't get to have her Preschool graduation; many kids did not get to have a graduation. Most Spring and Summer sports were called off. I had planned a vacation to Boston to see my brother and his family, and that has been called off. If I really dwelled on all these things that have been called off or postponed, I suppose I could get a little angry with God. Why doesn't He take this virus away? We know he could; a lot of people, me included have prayed for Him to do just that. And then.... I read these scriptures: **Romans 12:2**, *"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."* **Colossians 3:14**, *"And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."*


Does getting angry really accomplish anything? No it doesn't! Even though many kids and many adults have missed events that were important to them, there will be more events. Kynleigh will have her Kindergarten graduation next year, hopefully, and if not we will look forward to the next graduation. What is important to me, is that no one in my immediate family has been affected by this virus; none of my friends have been affected by this virus; and none of my church family has been affected by this virus. This virus will end sooner or later, hopefully sooner! There will come a day when it will just be a memory to us all. God calls us to believe in Him; to have faith in Him.

God gave each and every one of us free will, but along with free will He calls on us to love our neighbor. This country is getting scary! There is so much hatred, so much division, so much violence, and it is our job as Christians to spread the word of Christ. There are so many unknowns and scary things out in the world today, but one thing I am sure of this, that GOD IS STILL ON THE THRONE! Love your neighbor, love God!

On September 6<sup>th</sup> the 10am worship service will start up again. I will be so glad to see you all! Remember the rules: wear a mask, stay 6' apart, no singing or talking and if you do not feel well please stay home! The outside worship service at 7pm will continue thru the month of September, and on October 4<sup>th</sup> we will all come together at 10am! Things can change in a blink of an eye, so watch your email for any changes.

Bible Study will be in the fellowship hall on Thursdays at 10am. We will be studying Exodus and Leviticus. We will follow the same rules of wearing a mask and social distancing. There is also a Zoom Bible Study on Tuesday nights at 6pm. If you would like to join either of these, let Pastor Karna know so she can get you a book.

Pastor Karna



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on love, which binds  
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perfect harmony.

Colossians 3:14

## Join Us on Sundays!

September Worship Schedule - Indoor 10AM Service Resumes

**Sunday 10AM** - Indoor Worship Service

~Enter through South door & please wear a mask

**Sunday 7PM** - Outdoor Service (North Lot)

~Please wear a mask, bring a chair, and socially distance

## Church Council

Council Chair: Lindi Kernan

Vice Chair: Mary Nice

Treasurer: Dean Kernan

Financial Secretary: Linda Lanning

Trustees: David Lambin

S/PPRC: Dale Lanning

Outreach: Linda Lambin

Nurture: Kelli Johnson

Worship: Roger Swanson

Christian Education: TBD

Men in Mission: Dean Kernan

Youth Representative: TBD

Lay Leader: TBD

Recording Secretary: Desirae Silvis

## Church Office Hours

**9AM - 1PM— Monday, Wednesday, Thursday**

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# Alpha UMC News

## Let's Celebrate!

### September Birthdays

4: Bob Bateman  
 12: Travis Atchison  
     Brylee Brooks  
 18: Gina Medley  
 21: Phyllis Anthony  
 24: Grace Althaus  
     Lucas Althaus  
 26: Karen Schultz  
 27: David Althaus  
     Dick Rutledge  
 28: Meghan Cole  
 29: Dave Cole

### September Anniversaries

4: Stan & Barb Damron  
 12: Ned & Mary Nice  
 17: Ron & Gina Medley

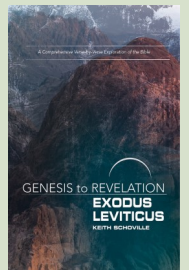
## New Bible Study

Pastor Karna will lead a 13 week Bible study on the books of Exodus and Leviticus beginning in September.

The study will be offered twice a week:

**Tuesdays at 6:00pm via Zoom**

**Thursdays at 10:00AM in the fellowship hall**



## Important Dates

**9/2/20** - Blood Drive @ Alpha Legion  
 1-6PM

**9/6/20** - Indoor 10AM Service Resumes

**9/21/20** - Newsletter Deadline

**9/30/20** - Last day to drop off shoes & socks for Another Child Foundation

# Outreach News



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.



# A 7-DAY CORONAVIRUS PRAYER GUIDE



## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pray for those who are sick, and their families, that the Lord would heal and comfort them.

## PRAY FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Pray for those on the frontlines treating those who are sick, that the Lord would protect and strengthen them.



## PRAY FOR THE VULNERABLE

Pray for those who are especially vulnerable to disease, that the sickness would pass over them and that they would rely on others for help.

## PRAY FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

Pray for those who have lost work, that God would provide through their families and communities.



## PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS

Pray for national and local government leaders, that they would have wisdom to do what is best for all.

## PRAY FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Pray for students who are out of school, and their families, that the Lord would give them patience and discipline.



## PRAY FOR CHURCHES

Pray for churches and ministry leaders, that they would know how to best show the love of Christ in this time.

“Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give as the world gives. Don’t let your heart be troubled or fearful.”

**JOHN 14:27**



# September 2020



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2 1-6pm Blood Drive @ Alpha Legion	3 6:30pm Prayer Group	4	5
6 10:00AM Indoor Service  7:00PM Outdoor Service	7  Labor Day	8 6:00pm Zoom Bible Study	9	10 10:00am Bible Study  6:30pm Prayer Group	11	12 Spirit of Alpha Lighted Parade at Dusk
13 10:00AM Indoor Service  7:00PM Outdoor Service	14	15 6:00pm Zoom Bible Study	16 6:30pm Council Meeting	17 10:00am Bible Study  6:30pm Prayer Group	18	19
20 10:00AM Indoor Service  7:00PM Outdoor Service	21 Newsletter Deadline	22 6:00pm Zoom Bible Study	23	24 10:00am Bible Study  6:30pm Prayer Group	25	26
27 10:00AM Indoor Service  7:00PM Outdoor Service	28	29 6:00pm Zoom Bible Study	30			

# ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Sunday Schedule:

10:00AM Indoor Service

7:00PM Outdoor Service

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