



# ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

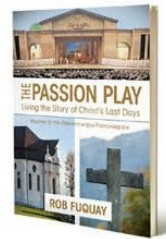
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!! As of January 1, I have been your pastor for a year, and what a year it has been!! We had only been together a few weeks and the COVID Pandemic hit!! Everything was closed down, never in my wildest dreams would I believe the Church building would have been closed! Even though it made me sad and broke my heart, I know it was for the best for the well being of all our Church family.

We were just getting into our Lenten Bible Study, "The Passion Play". Ironically, it was about a town that got hit by the Plague and the covenant the town made with God, so no one else died. It is a really good bible study, and we will use it again this year for our Lent Bible Study. All of you who were in that Bible Study, find your books (I put mine in a safe spot, now I just have to remember where that "safe spot" is!). It will probably start the week of February 22, and I am praying we will be back in the building by then! We can socially distance in the sanctuary or fellowship hall, and I am willing to do more than one class if night or a different day works out better for you! Let me know if you are interested in doing this study and which day and time would be best for you. If you were not in the study last year, and would like to do it this year, let me know and I will order you a book!! On February 2, will be starting a Prayer Bible Study that will last 3 weeks and be held on Tuesdays. If you want to do this study but Tuesday is not good for you, let me know!



2020 was also a year of learning for me. I always thought I was technology savvy (even though Kourtney and Kolton told me I was not) but when we had to go to Facebook Live and Zoom Church, I found out I basically knew nothing about these technologies! It has definitely been a learning curve. Then I heard it was not going as well as I thought it was, but without finding that out, it would never have improved.

I want to thank everyone who has helped along the way. I want to thank you all for the encouragement, help and prayers during this time. I really hate to mention names, I do not want to hurt anyone's feelings, but I believe Dean deserves a big THANK YOU! from me for stepping up and doing the technology part of the service each Sunday. I know there were days he wanted to pull his hair out! LOL! He has done an awesome job helping out with the outside service and more awesome when we came back into the building! Also, a big thank you to Lindi and PJ who provide music every Sunday! They do such a really good job!!

I also want to thank everyone who helped out with the Advent services by lighting the Advent Wreath! Thanks to Dale, Angie A., Lindi, and Roger for taking turns to do the Children's message. It is not easy when there is no one, especially children, in the church! Christmas Eve service was definitely different this year, but I really enjoyed it! I really enjoyed the kids; Dawson, Bryton, Brylee, Aiden, and Ayla, you all did an awesome job and are so talented. I think having the kids be part of the Christmas Eve service should be a new tradition!! I also enjoyed the pictures of families and believe that should be a new tradition also!

I want to thank you all for your prayers, cards, gifts, gift cards, and money this Christmas! I appreciate you thinking of me! A big thank you for everyone who donated gifts, money, gift cards, and prayers for the family we adopted from the AlWood School district. I know this Christmas has been difficult for many families, and what a blessing it is that as a Church family, we made Christmas better for one family. The mother came and picked up the gifts, and she was so appreciative! Maybe next year we can make Christmas better for a couple of families!

Last, but not least, a big Thank You to Desirae! What a wonderful, patient person and assistant she is!! She patiently answers all my questions and usually not just once but several times! (I should write things down!) She is the main reason the Church runs so smoothly!! Thanks, Desirae, for all your help!!

I pray we will be back together soon! Watch your mail and email for updates! I believe there are new and exciting things that will be happening for Alpha United Methodist Church!! Thanks again to all of you for making my first year awesome!! I love being your pastor and look forward to 2021!

Pastor Karna



# Join Us on Sundays!

## January Worship Schedule

**Sundays 10 AM - Facebook Live and Zoom Service**

**No in person worship. Church council will meet January 27th to discuss return to in person worship.**

~~~Happy New Year!~~~

## 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!

### January Birthdays

08: Pyper Swanson

11: Penny Adams

13: Jack Silvis

22: Ron Buban

23: Dawson Medley

26: Joella Holdsworth

27: Mark Atchison

28: Gary Barton



### January Anniversaries

16: Dave & Julie Cole



## Thank You!!

Thank you to my church family who were so kind to send me Christmas cards. I appreciated them so much. Nice to be remembered. Has been a difficult year for everyone. Best wishes for a new year filled with peace, happiness, and good health

In Christ's love, Melba Jordan

Alli Lambin would like to thank Alpha UMC for the card and gift card she received for finals week. It came at a time she needed it!

Thank you for the Christmas money from the church. I really appreciate it a lot. Thanks again.

Your Friend,

Angie Briggs

Thank you to this amazing church family for the Christmas gift. It is much appreciated. I think I say this every year, but I am so grateful for our church and its people. Thank you for allowing me to continue to be your secretary. I am blessed to have a job that I love.

Thank you!

Desirae

# Let's Read the Bible Together This Year!

From Pastor Karna:

Two or three weeks ago I asked you to make the commitment with me to read the bible more each day. I am sure some of you read the bible each day now. I believe we need to get into the Word more, and this is what I am doing and asking you to join me. Find a quiet place to go with your Bible and read the scripture for that day and then pray. In the newsletter each month I will give you the readings for that month. Here are the readings the month of January:

## January 2021 Daily Bible Readings

| SUN                                            | MON                  | TUES             | WED                   | THURS                 | FRI                  | SAT                    |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
|                                                |                      |                  |                       |                       | 1<br>Romans<br>1-2   | 2<br>Genesis<br>1-3    |
| 3<br>Joshua<br>1-5                             | 4<br>Psalms<br>1-2   | 5<br>Job<br>1-2  | 6<br>Isaiah<br>1-6    | 7<br>Matthew<br>1-2   | 8<br>Romans<br>3-4   | 9<br>Genesis<br>4-7    |
| 10<br>Joshua<br>6-10                           | 11<br>Psalms<br>3-5  | 12<br>Job<br>3-4 | 13<br>Isaiah<br>7-11  | 14<br>Matthew<br>3-4  | 15<br>Romans<br>5-6  | 16<br>Genesis<br>8-11  |
| 17<br>Joshua<br>11-15                          | 18<br>Psalms<br>6-8  | 19<br>Job<br>5-6 | 20<br>Isaiah<br>12-17 | 21<br>Matthew<br>5-7  | 22<br>Romans<br>7-8  | 23<br>Genesis<br>12-15 |
| 24<br>Joshua 16-20<br><hr/> 31<br>Joshua 21-24 | 25<br>Psalms<br>9-11 | 26<br>Job<br>7-8 | 27<br>Isaiah<br>18-22 | 28<br>Matthew<br>8-10 | 29<br>Romans<br>9-10 | 30<br>Genesis<br>16-19 |



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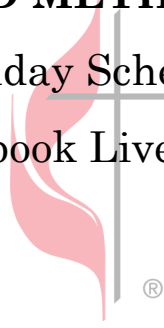


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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-----|
|                                                                          |     |                              |                                    |                              | 1<br>New Year's<br>Day | 2   |
| 3<br>10:00AM<br>Online Worship<br>Communion<br>Epiphany<br>Sunday        | 4   | 5<br>1:00PM<br>Bible Study   | 6                                  | 7<br>6:30PM<br>Prayer Group  | 8                      | 9   |
| 10<br>10:00AM<br>Online Worship                                          | 11  | 12<br>10:00AM<br>Bible Study | 13                                 | 14<br>6:30PM<br>Prayer Group | 15                     | 16  |
| 17<br>10:00AM<br>Online Worship                                          | 18  | 19                           | 20                                 | 21<br>6:30PM<br>Prayer Group | 22                     | 23  |
| 24<br>10:00AM<br>Online Worship<br><hr/> 31<br>10:00AM<br>Online Worship | 25  | 26                           | 27<br>6:30PM<br>Council<br>Meeting | 28<br>6:30PM<br>Prayer Group | 29                     | 30  |

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Sunday Schedule:

10:00AM Facebook Live & Zoom Service



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