



ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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"Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer." Romans 12:12

Prayer is a powerful tool God has given us! There are so many in the church that need our prayers, so many in our community, so many friends and family members, so many in our country and our world. At times, for me, it seems overwhelming, but it should not be. God knows what is on our hearts, and he knows all those people who need our prayers, and I am sure he has them in his hands. Keep praying and see what happens!

I can not believe it is August already and school will be starting soon. We will be blessing the backpacks on August 15. Make sure your kids bring your backpacks!

Pastor Karna

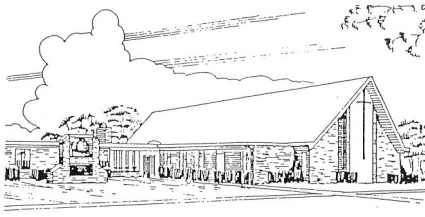
God Helps Us Pray

Long ago, a Hebrew farmer was working so hard on Friday afternoon that he did not notice that the sun was setting and the Sabbath was beginning. When at last he looked up from his work, he realized that he could not make it home in time for Sabbath. Nor could he continue to walk to his house after the Sabbath had begun because the trip would require more steps than were allowed for observant Jews. So he made the decision to spend the Sabbath in his field. What worried him the most was not his lack of food or shelter, but the lack of proper prayers. For he was an uneducated man who trusted in the rabbi to lead him in the prayers that he somehow could not remember unless he was with the congregation in the synagogue.



After the Sabbath when he returned home, he ran into his rabbi. The rabbi said that he had missed the farmer at Sabbath service and the farmer apologized and told him what had happened. "I hope you were able to say the prayers anyway," said the rabbi, a bit irritably. "I hope you were able to bless God our Maker and praise God's work, the proper occupation for the Sabbath. Next time you should be more careful." "Well," the farmer said, "I couldn't remember the words and the order in which to say them. So I recited the alphabet over and over and trusted God to shape the letters into prayers and praise." The rabbi, humbled by the faith and trust of this humble farmer, blessed him and told him that he had indeed done well.

Join Us !



Sunday Schedule

9:30AM - Coffee Hour

10:00AM - Worship

Prayer Group

Thursdays 6:30PM

Bible Study will resume in the fall.

August Worship Volunteers

August 1 - Roger Swanson Preaching/ Communion

Liturgist: Dale Lanning

Children's Moment: Lindi Kernan

Ushers: Melvin Briggs & Kurt Jordan

August 8

Liturgist: Lindi Kernan

Children's Moment: Pastor Karna

Ushers: Sadie Carlson & Melvin Briggs

August 15 - Blessing of the Backpacks

Liturgist: Bob Bateman

Children's Moment: Dale Lanning

Ushers: Silvis Family

August 22

Liturgist: Lindi Kernan

Children's Moment: Pastor Karna

Ushers: Brooks Family

August 29 - Special Offering for Danouchka

Liturgist: Bob Bateman

Children's Moment: Dale Lanning

Ushers: Lanning Family

Thank You Volunteers!

We are always
looking for more
Sunday morning
volunteers.

Please contact the
church office if
you can help out.

Confirmation Sunday

October 17, 2021

Mark your calendars!

Confirmation Sunday will
be October 17th.

Join us as we confirm
Dawson Medley, Jack
Silvis, and Jodi Wood.



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: Lindi Kernan

Recording Secretary: Desirae Silvis

Next Council Meeting:

Aug. 4 at 6:00PM

Church Office Hours

9AM - 1PM— Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

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Let's Celebrate!

August Birthdays

01: Jamie Coffey

03: Marvin Enstrom

10: Aiden Catey

10: Makenna Medley

15: Trace Thompson

16: Candis Keller

17: Ed Schultz

18: Ron Medley

22: Ronda Lambin

30: Kelly & Trudy Atchison

August Anniversaries

18: Bill & Dana Schultz

30: Kelly & Trudy Atchison



Thank you!

Thank you to everyone
who generously donated
to the roof fund. Work on the new
roof will begin soon!



Blessing of the Backpacks - August 15

Believe it or not, the beginning of the school year is just a couple of weeks away! Pastor Karna will hold a special blessing for students of all ages during the August 15th service. Bring your backpack to be blessed for the upcoming school-year.



Back to School Prayer

Gracious God, thank you for teaching us. You give us wisdom now to help us in the future.

We are grateful for this new year in which we may grow in faith, friendship, and the love of Jesus.

We pray for all students in our community. Thank you for their curiosity, hope, and kindness.

Help our students to listen for your voice, as they explore Scripture and seek to live what they believe.

We pray for all teachers. Thank you for giving them dedication, experience, and insight.

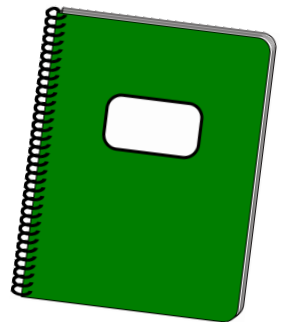
Sustain them by your Spirit with creativity, patience, peace, and joy.

Continually guide and bless all parents, families, and the whole congregation throughout this year.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, who asked and answered many questions. Amen.

"Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom for the future" (Proverbs 19:20).

"After three days they found [Jesus] in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers" (Luke 2:46-47).



New Book Club!

Calling all you readers out there! Pastor Karna is starting a book club! There will be a planning meeting at the parsonage on Wednesday, August 25th at 6:00PM. Hope to see you there!



Alpha UMC Outreach

Red Cross Blood Drive Coordinator Volunteer Needed

After coordinating the American Red Cross Blood Drive for many years, I am looking for someone to take it over. We are currently on their schedule for Tuesday, September 7 from 1-6PM at the American Legion. Normally, we have sponsored 1 drive a year. Please call me for more information. There are many ways to do a blood drive, some less labor intensive than others. I have always been blessed with volunteers happy to help. Please call me for more information.

Julie Cole 309-629-9745

There is always a need for blood donations.



We collected 30 pairs of shoes and 55 pairs of socks & total donation was \$185. They will be blessed at the shoe gathering on the 31st of July before they are packed & shipped to the orphanage in Romania. Thank you for all your help & support of this ministry!
Love, The Althaus family

Thank You

Read the Bible Everyday Calendar

August 21

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 2 Kings 21-25 | 2 Psalms 90-92 | 3 Proverbs 14-15 | 4 Ezekiel 19-24 | 5 John 1-2 | 6 2 Thessalonians | 7 Leviticus 25-27 |
| 8 1 Chronicles 1-4 | 9 Psalms 93-95 | 10 Proverbs 16 | 11 Daniel 1-6 | 12 John 3-4 | 13 1 Timothy 1-3 | 14 Numbers 1-4 |
| 15 1 Chronicles 5-9 | 16 Psalms 96-98 | 17 Proverbs 17-18 | 18 Daniel 7-12 | 19 John 5-6 | 20 1 Timothy 4-6 | 21 Numbers 5-8 |
| 22 1 Chronicles 10-14 | 23 Psalms 99-101 | 24 Proverbs 19 | 25 Hosea 1-7 | 26 John 7-9 | 27 2 Timothy 1-2 | 28 Numbers 9-12 |
| 29 1 Chronicles 15-19 | 30 Psalms 102-104 | 31 Proverbs 20-21 | | | | |

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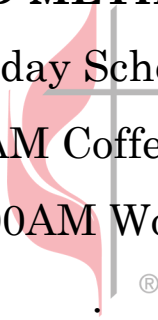
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| 1 Communion | 2 Pastor Karna on vacation thru 8/3 6:30PM Boy Scouts | 3 | 4 10:00AM Confirmation Class 6:00PM Council | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 10:00AM Confirmation Class 6:30PM Boy Scouts | 10 | 11 | 12 6:30PM Prayer Group | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Blessing of the Backpacks Confirmation Class Following Worship | 16 6:30PM Boy Scouts | 17 AIWood back to school | 18 | 19 6:30PM Prayer Group | 20 | 21 |
| 22 Confirmation Class Following Worship | 23 6:30PM Boy Scouts | 24 | 25 6:00PM Book Club Planning Meeting @ Parsonage | 26 6:30PM Prayer Group | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Conf. Class Following Worship Special Offering For Danouchka | 30 6:30PM Boy Scouts | 31 | | | | |

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