



# ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Committee on Episcopacy, Our Conference, Our Kids make special September appeal to honor Bishop Beard (from the IGRC website)

Sept. 1 will mark the five-year Anniversary of Bishop Frank J. Beard's tenure as episcopal leader of The Illinois Area. In his noteworthy quadrennium of service, he has provided steady leadership to our conference throughout a myriad of challenges:

- Denominational divides on the issues of sexuality
- Pandemic related pressures involving the economy and healthcare
- Discussions of racial equality and social justice
- Adaptability following loss of laity and clergy due to retirements and deaths
- Vision in helping to outline and visualize organizational and structural changes
- Need for compassion and care for youth residing in residential support facilities

The Committee on Episcopacy and the Our Conference Our Kids Steering Team celebrate the crucial guidance that Bishop Beard has provided to ***Our Conference Our Kids***. He inherited the ***Our Conference Our Kids Endowment Initiative*** which was approved at the 2016 Annual Conference, prior to his appointment as IGRC Bishop. In August, 2017, he mobilized a variety of individuals from across the conference to bolster the efforts already begun by Paul Black, our IGRC Communications Team, and Ted Frost of the United Methodist Foundation.

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*Endowing the Spiritual Life Ministries at The Baby Fold, Chaddock, Cunningham Children's Home, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House, and Spero Family Services to ensure the continued inclusion of Christ-centered spiritual care in their healing work.*

This vision is what motivates us as we move closer to receiving \$2 million in gifts and commitments toward our goal of \$2.5 million.

Together, the Committee on Episcopacy and Our Conference Our Kids Steering Team are collaborating to underscore our appreciation for Bishop Beard's leadership.

Please join us in celebrating his ministry by engaging in prayer and by collecting a special offering in September from Sunday, Sept. 5 to Sept. 26.

A prayer theme will be provided for each of the weeks as we pray for Bishop Beard, and for the needs of the children and families served by our conference agencies.

Alongside our prayers, let's honor Bishop Beard with our financial gifts to ***Our Conference, Our Kids***. Out of the abundance of God's blessing, let us give abundantly.

We know that prayers without financial gifts won't get the job done; and neither will our financial gifts without prayers. It is exciting to envision what God might do through our prayers and financial gifts as we faithfully ensure that spiritual care is provided at each of our children and family agencies while demonstrating our gratitude for Bishop Beard's leadership among us.

## Join Us !

### Sunday Schedule

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9:30AM - Coffee Hour

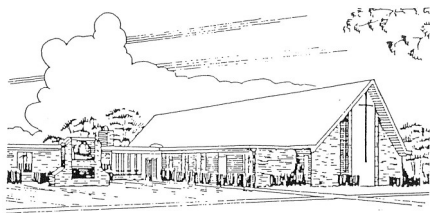
10:00AM - Worship

### Prayer Group

Thursdays 6:00PM

### Bible Study

Bible Study will resume Tuesday, September 14 at 10AM.



### September Worship Volunteers

#### September 2

Liturgist: Jack Silvis

Children's Moment: Lindi Kernan

Ushers: Silvis Family

#### September 12

Liturgist: Lindi Kernan

Children's Moment: Dale Lanning

Ushers: Brooks Family

#### September 19

Liturgist: Dawson Medley

Children's Moment: Pastor Karna

Ushers: Dave & Linda Lambin

#### September 26

Liturgist: Dale Lanning

Children's Moment: Dale Lanning

Ushers: Melvin Briggs & Kurt Jordan

### 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 Swanson  
 Worship: Roger Swanson  
 Christian Education: TBD  
 Men in Mission: Dean Kernan  
 Youth Representative: TBD  
 Lay Leader: Lindi Kernan  
 Recording Secretary: Desirae Silvis

### Upcoming Council Meetings:

Council will hold a short meeting  
 October 5th at 6PM to approve  
 conference paperwork.  
 Next regular meeting is  
 October 12 at 6PM.



## Church Office Hours

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

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## Let's Celebrate!

### September Birthdays

03: Roger Swanson  
 04: Bob Bateman  
 12: Travis Atchison  
 12: Brylee Brooks  
 18: Gina Medley  
 21: Phyllis Anthony  
 24: Grace Althaus  
 24: Lucas Althaus  
 26: Karen Schultz  
 27: David Althaus  
 27: Dick Rutledge  
 28: Megan Cole  
 29: Dave Cole  
 30: Dale Lanning

### September Anniversaries

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

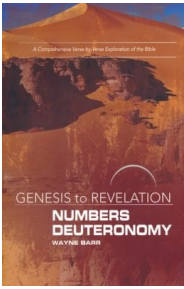


**Congratulation to  
 Roger & Kelli  
 Swanson!**

**Roger and Kelli were  
 married August 21!**



## Fall Bible Study



Bible study will resume Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 10AM. We will be doing a 6 week study on the book of Deuteronomy. Please contact the church office if you would like to attend, so we can order books.

## Backpack Food Program

We will be providing backpack bags to the AlWood School district again this year. These bags are filled with food and sent home on Fridays for students needing food assistance.

We pack bags on Thursdays at 1PM and all are welcome to come when they can to help out.



## Special Offering for Our Conference Our Kids

To celebrate Bishop Beard's anniversary we will be taking a special collection each Sunday in September for Our Conference, Our Kids.

From the IGRC website:

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## AlWood Food Pantry News

The AlWood Food Pantry will have children's winter coats, snowpants, hats, and gloves available at the October 5th distribution day.

The Food Pantry is available for all residents of the AlWood school district and is open from 9:30-11AM the first Tuesday of each month.

# Looking Ahead...

**October is Pastor Appreciation Month.** Let's show Pastor Karna how much we appreciate her care for our church family!



## October 14 & 15 - Church Clean Up Days

It's been quite a while since we've spruced up the building, and it is time. More details coming soon on what needs to be done. Volunteers will be needed!

## October 17 - Confirmation Sunday & Potluck

On October 17th we will confirm Dawson Medley, Jack Silvis, and Jodi Wood. Following the service we will celebrate with a church potluck!

## October 31 - Trunk or Treat

Alpha UMC will once again hold its annual Trunk or Treat on Halloween this year! Candy donations are needed. Please drop off donations in the basket in the fellowship hall.

## Outreach News

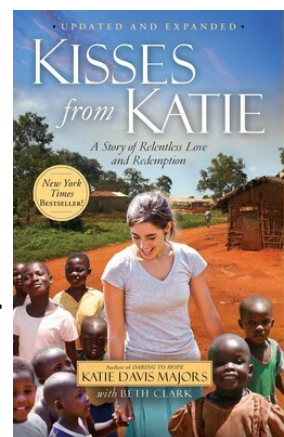
I haven't had anyone willing to take over the American Red Cross Blood Drive that our church has sponsored for years. I contacted the Red cross and they will find volunteers to coordinate and work at the drive. The date has been changed to Wednesday, September 15 from 1-6PM at the Legion in Alpha.

Please continue to support the Red Cross by donating blood if able. There is always a need for life saving blood.

Thank you,  
Julie Cole

## Alpha UMC Community Book Club

Pastor Karna has started a book club. We are currently reading Kisses from Katie. If you would like to join us there, is still time! Our book club meeting will be September 29th at 6PM at the parsonage.



# Read the Bible Everyday Calendar

## September 21

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 Hosea 8-14	2 John 10-12	3 2 Timothy 3-4	4 Numbers 13-16
5 1 Chronicles 20-24	6 Psalms 105-107	7 Proverbs 22	8 Joel	9 John 13-15	10 Titus	11 Numbers 17-20
12 1 Chronicles 25-29	13 Psalms 108-110	14 Proverbs 23-24	15 Amos 1-4	16 John 16-18	17 Philemon	18 Numbers 21-24
19 2 Chronicles 1-5	20 Psalms 111-113	21 Proverbs 25	22 Amos 5-9	23 John 19-21	24 Hebrews 1-4	25 Numbers 25-28
26 2 Chronicles 6-10	27 Psalms 114-116	28 Proverbs 26-27	29 Obadiah	30 Acts 1-2		



# September

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2 6:00PM Prayer Group	3	4
5 Communion  Confirmation Class following worship	6 6:30PM Boy Scouts	7 6:30-9:00PM PTO	8	9 6:00PM Prayer Group	10	11 Spirit of Alpha
12  Confirmation Class following worship	13 6:30PM Boy Scouts	14 10:00AM Bible Study	15	16 6:00PM Prayer Group	17	18
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**Sunday Schedule:**

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