



ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Wow! I can not believe it is October already!! Fall is my favorite time of year. I love watching the farmers in the field harvesting their crops, I love pumpkins and all the treats that are made from them, the changing colors of the leaves, and the cooler weather!

There are a lot of the things going on at the Alpha United Methodist Church. October 3 we will have a movie with the confirmands, mentors, family, everyone is invited. The movie is "Invictus", it is about Nelson Mandela and forgiveness. We will have a discussion on forgiveness and we will have supper!! The movie starts at 4pm.

Also, Confirmation Sunday is October 17 and we will have a potluck after the service.

On October 31 there will be hotdogs, hot chocolate and CANDY at the church from 6pm to 8pm. I am sure there is more in the newsletter on these items; Desirae does a great job keeping us all informed on what is happening!

Pastor Karna



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

Upcoming Meetings:

October 5, 6PM - Quick meeting to approve paperwork

October 12, 6PM - Regular meeting



Church Office Hours

9AM - 1PM— Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

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Let's Celebrate!

October Birthdays

02: Ned Nice

05: Linda Lambin

06: Annie Althaus

06: Deb Briggs

08: Stan Damron

15: Linda Lanning

19: Ken Kearney

20: Julie Cole

20: Kim Gillette

October Anniversaries

01: Dennis & Kim Gillette

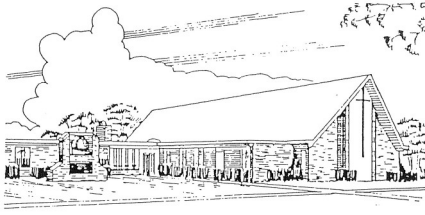
06: Melvin & Deb Briggs

16: Richard & Jamie Coffey

24: Bryan & Lindsai Brooks



Join Us !



Sunday Schedule

*Please wear a mask *

9:30AM - Coffee Hour

10:00AM - Worship

Prayer Group

Thursdays 6:00PM

Bible Study

Tuesdays at 10:00AM.



October Worship Volunteers

October 3

Liturgist: Bob Bateman

Children's Moment: Lindi Kernan

Ushers: Brooks Family

October 10

Liturgist: Dale Lanning

Children's Moment: Pastor Karna

Ushers: Silvis Family

October 17

Liturgist: Lindi Kernan

Children's Moment: Dale Lanning

Ushers: Kurt Jordan & Dave Lambin

October 24

Liturgist: Dale Lanning

Children's Moment: Pastor Karna

Ushers: Sadie Carlson & Jo Holdsworth

October 31

Liturgist: Lindi Kernan

Children's Moment: Dale Lanning

Ushers: Brooks Family

Thank You Volunteers!

We are always
looking for more
Sunday morning
volunteers.

Please contact the
church office if
you can help out.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Don't forget to let
Pastor Karna know how
much you appreciate
her leadership of our
congregation this
October.

Thank You!



Confirmation Sunday & Potluck



On Sunday, October 17th, we will hold a special confirmation service. We will be confirming Dawson Medley, Jack Silvis, and Jodi Wood.

Following the service, we will celebrate with a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish to share. Drinks and table service will be provided.



Our confirmands and their mentors, Linda & Dale Lanning and Lindi Kernan.



Trunk or Treat

Indoor Trunk or Treat

Halloween, October 31, 6-8PM

The Nurture Team will once again sponsor our annual indoor trunk or treat. Join us for free hot dogs and hot chocolate!

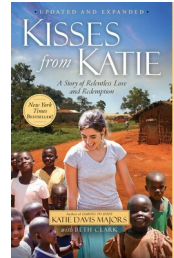
Tables will be set up in the fellowship hall for those who would like to set up a space.

Candy donations are needed. Please drop off donations to the basket in the fellowship hall. If you would like to donate money, please mark your check or envelope with Trunk or Treat.



October Book Club Meeting

The Alpha UMC Community Book Club has rescheduled its first book discussion for October 13th at the parsonage. That means there's still time to read our book, *Kisses From Katie*, if you didn't get a chance. The book is available on Amazon, or contact the church office and we can order one for you. Katie's story is amazing and inspirational!



Charge Conference

This year's charge conference is Sunday, October 17 at 5PM at Galva First UMC. All are invited to attend.

This is the *Day*
that the Lord has made,
let us *Rejoice*
and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24



All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday is November 7. We will again honor our loved ones who have passed away by adding their names to the white table cloth we started last year. The table cloth will be in the fellowship hall beginning in mid-October. Please add the names of those loved ones who have passed away in the last year.



Church Clean Up Days

It's time to spruce up the building! Please help us to clean, de-clutter, and generally make things look nice at Alpha UMC. Below is a list of items to be completed. Church clean up days are October 14 and 15, but feel free to complete tasks before then if you are unavailable on those days. A sign up sheet is in the fellowship hall and will be passed around during worship. Thank you!!!

Church Cleanup - October 14th & 15th (Or Before)

Room		Sign up to do	Initial When Done
Kitchen			
	Dispose of all expired foods &	Julie Cole	
	Declutter - remove all things	Julie Cole	
	Wipe out both refrigerator/ freezers	Julie Cole	
	Clean off dry erase board	Schultz	
	Clean closet - get rid of some of the bags	Jo Holdsworth	
	Clean stove/ovens (ovens are self cleaning)	Schultz	
	Clean fan blades (ceiling fan)	Jo Holdsworth	
	Pull out trash cans and clean	Jo Holdsworth	
Sanctuary			
	Wash curtains	Barb Damron	
	Clean pulpit area and provide	Lindi Kernan	
General			
	Wash windows	Batemans	
Green/Orange SS Rm			
	Remove couch		
	Move Christmas décor and basket of cloth		
	Drum set	Linda Lanning	
Room across from Kitchen			
	Defrost chest freezer	Medleys	
	Remove couch (the one that doesn't match)		
	Straighten closets	Lindi Kernan	
SS Room in NW corner			
	Get rid of bean bag chairs & recliner	Medleys	
	Remove one round table and		
	Clean closet - dispose of old glue/markers etc	Medleys	

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Nursery			
	Declutter/organize toys	Silvis	
	Straighten closets	Silvis	
	Clean toys	Silvis	
Janitor Closet			
	Remove all old lightbulbs	Barb Damron	
	Remove all old paint		
	Organize cleaning products and remove those no longer used		
	Repair sink if possible		
Closet in FP Room			
	Remove tables		
	Declutter	Linda & Lindi	
Parsonage			
	Clean Gutters	Kurt Jordan	
	Weed Flower Beds	Medleys (?)	
	Trim low tree branches	Kurt Jordan	

Items to be removed should be put on the "to go" table in fellowship hall per Trustee's policy. If you are unsure, place item on the table in the Northwest Sunday school room.

Items from the clean up will be in the back of the fellowship hall until October 15th. Please feel free to take anything you want.



Looking Ahead...

November 1 - All Saints Sunday

November 16 - Advent Bible Study Begins

Pastor Karna will be leading a study called *The Journey* by Adam Hamilton for 5 weeks.

November 21 - Congregation Appreciation Meal

Pastor Karna is hosting a special meal following worship on Sunday, November 21st, to show her appreciation for the people of Alpha UMC.

November 28 - First Sunday of Advent

Read the Bible Everyday Calendar

October 21

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1 Hebrews 5-7	2 Numbers 29-32
3 2 Chronicles 11-15	4 Psalms 117-118	5 Proverbs 28	6 Jonah	7 Acts 3-4	8 Hebrews 8-10	9 Numbers 33-36
10 2 Chronicles 16-20	11 Psalms 119	12 Proverbs 29-30	13 Micah	14 Acts 5-6	15 Hebrews 11-13	16 Deuteronomy 1-3
17 2 Chronicles 21-24	18 Psalms 120-121	19 Proverbs 31	20 Nahum	21 Acts 7-8	22 James 1-3	23 Deuteronomy 4-6
24 2 Chronicles 25-28 <hr/> 31 2 Chronicles 29-32	25 Psalms 122-124	26 Ecclesiastes 1-2	27 Habakkuk	28 Acts 9-10	29 James 4-5	30 Deuteronomy 7-9

October



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3 Confirmation class following worship 4:00PM Movie Night	4 6:30PM Boy Scouts	5 1:00PM Bible Study 6:00PM Council Quick Meeting	6	7 6:00PM Prayer Group	8	9
10 Confirmation Family Meal following worship	11 Columbus Day	12 10:00AM Bible Study 6:00PM Council	13 6:00PM Book Club @ Parsonage	14 -1:00PM Backpack Bags -Church Clean Up -6:00PM Prayer Group	15 Church Clean Up	16
17 Confirmation Sunday & Potluck 5:00PM Charge Conf.@ Galva	18 6:30PM Boy Scouts	19 10:00AM Bible Study	20	21 6:00PM Prayer Group	22 Newsletter Deadline	23
24 _____ 31 6-8PM Trunk or Treat	25 6:30PM Boy Scouts	26 10:00AM Bible Study	27	28 1:00PM Backpack Bags 6:00PM Prayer Group	29	30

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10:00AM Worship

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