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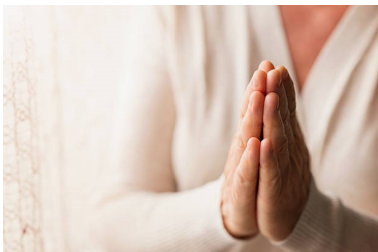
Advent: Guess Who's Coming?

What's new? Just about everything: the season, the church year, the mood. In Advent we celebrate not only the historical coming of Jesus as Lord, as one of us, but the promise of his coming again in glory at the end of time. If everything's right in our lives, then Jesus — coming and going and then coming again — is cause for hope and joy. And if we get giddy at times, why not? Jesus is present among us now, this very moment, in the eucharist and in each other.



Thank You For This Year

O God, I come at the end of this year to thank you for all the good times — the fun, happiness, laughter and love. I thank you also for steering me through the bad times; for helping me cope. Thank you for all the growth I have had this year; thank



you for everything I have learned about you, about others and about myself. Thank you for all your guidance during the troubling times and events of this past year. I look forward to your help in the new year to come. Amen.

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

Next Council Meeting:
Tuesday, Jan. 18, 5PM

Financial statements
through November 30th
will be mailed the first
week of December.



Church Office Hours

9AM - 1PM— Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

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Let's Celebrate!

December Birthdays

12: Rosie Merideth

13: Evelyn Barton

13: Ruby Naslund

13: Parris Silvis

14: Linda Buban

17: Kelly Atchison

17: Cody Lanning

18: Tom Briggs

19: Patsy Broadus

20: Kolton Fox

22: Melvin Briggs

23: Mary Nice

December Anniversaries

18: Joe & Miriam Greene



Join Us !

Sunday Schedule

*Please wear a mask *

9:30AM - Coffee Hour

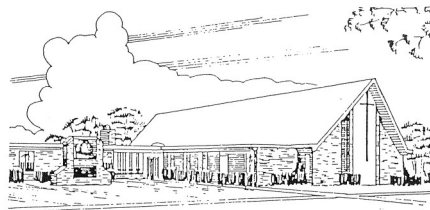
10:00AM - Worship

Bible Study

Tuesdays at 10:00AM

Prayer Group

Thursdays 6:00PM



December Worship Volunteers



December 5

Liturgist: Lindi Kernan

Children's Moment: Dale Lanning

Ushers: Silvis Family

Advent Wreath: Brooks Family

December 12

Liturgist: Roger Swanson

Children's Moment: Pastor Karna

Ushers: Brooks Family

Advent Wreath: Medley Family

December 19

Liturgist: Dale Lanning

Children's Moment: Lindi Kernan

Ushers: Dave & Linda Lambin

Advent Wreath: Silvis Family

December 26

Liturgist: Lindi Kernan

Children's Moment: Dale Lanning

Ushers: Angie Briggs & Sadie Carlson

Thank You

Volunteers!

We are always
looking for more
Sunday morning
volunteers.

Please contact the
church office if
you can help out.



Cookies at the Parsonage

Pastor Karna will be hosting Cookies at the Parsonage Saturday, December 4th from 2-4PM. Drop by between 2 and 4 for cookies and time to visit with Pastor Karna and other members of your Alpha UMC family!



Alpha UMC Community Christmas Party

Saturday, December 18

1:00PM



Gather the whole family for an afternoon of fun. We will be crafting, watching *The Polar Express*, eating snacks, and taking pictures with Santa. Everyone is invited, so let your friends know about this fun holiday event.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



Join on Christmas Eve!

Friday, December 24

9:00PM

Poinsettia Orders



Below is the order form for poinsettias. If you would like to purchase one or more, please fill out the form and place it in the collection plate with your payment, or drop off to Linda Lanning's box at the church.

Christmas Flower Order Form

			Total
_____	Poinsettias	\$9.00 each	\$ _____

Given by: _____

Please fill out your choice below:

_____ Given in memory of:

_____ Given in honor of:

_____ Given to the Glory of God for:

ORDERS ARE DUE TO LINDA LANNING

BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

*Please pick up your poinsettia after the
 Christmas Eve service.*

_____ *Check here if you would like it donated.*

2022 Committees

Church Council Chair: Lindi Kernan

Lay Leader: Lindi Kernan

Church Treasurer: TBD

Financial Secretary: Linda Lanning

Trustees Committee Chair: Dave Lambin

S/PPRC Committee Chair: Dale Lanning

Nurture Team Chair: Kelli Swanson

Outreach Team Chair: Linda Lambin

Worship Team Chair: Roger Swanson

Christian Education Team Chair: TBD

United Methodist Men: Dean Kernan

Youth Representative: Jack Silvis

Lay Delegate to Annual Conference: Lindi Kernan

Alternate Lay Delegate: Dale Lanning

Recording Secretary: Desirae Silvis

Trustees:

2022: Barb Damron, Dave Lambin (chair), Linda Zuidema

2023: Dean Kernan, Ron Medley

2024: Melvin Briggs, Kurt Jordan, Dawson Medley

S/PPRC:

2022: David Althaus

2023: Dale Lanning (chair), Ed Schultz, Linda Lambin

2024: Ruby Naslund, Roger Swanson

Open Ministry Teams: Note: The following ministry teams are open and can be joined at any time.

Nurture:

Deb Briggs, Angie Briggs, Kelli Swanson (chair), Barb Damron, Karen Pfeiffer

Outreach:

Gina Medley, Lindi Kernan, Sadie Carlson, Linda Lambin (chair), Julie Cole, Angie Althaus, Kurt Jordan

Worship:

Lindi Kernan, Linda Lanning, Linda Lambin, Karen Schultz,

Read the Bible Everyday Calendar

December 21

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 Malachi	2 Acts 19-20	3 1 John 4-5	4 Deuteronomy 23-25
5 Nehemiah 5-9	6 Psalms 140-142	7 Song of Songs 1-2	8 Revelation 1-6	9 Acts 21-22	10 2 John	11 Deuteronomy 26-28
12 Nehemiah 10-13	13 Psalms 143-145	14 Song of Songs 3-4	15 Revelation 7-11	16 Acts 23-24	17 3 John	18 Deuteronomy 29-31
19 Esther 1-5	20 Psalms 146-148	21 Song of Songs 5-6	22 Revelation 12-17	23 Acts 25-26	24 Jude	25 Deuteronomy 32-34
26 Esther 6-10	27 Psalms 149-150	28 Song of Songs 7-8	29 Revelation 18-22	30 Acts 27-28	31	

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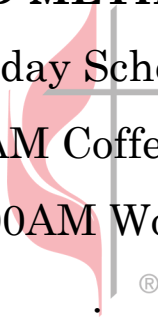
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2 1:00PM Backpack Bags 6:00PM Prayer Group	3	4 2:00PM Cookies @ the parsonage
5 2nd Sunday of Advent	6 6:30PM Boy Scouts	7 1:00PM Bible Study 7:00PM PEO	8	9 6:00PM Prayer Group	10	11
12 3rd Sunday of Advent AlWood Christmas Program	13 6:30PM Boy Scouts	14 10:00AM Bible Study	15	16 6:00PM Prayer Group	17	18 1:00PM Christmas Party
19 4th Sunday of Advent	20	21 10:00AM Bible Study	22	23 6:00PM Prayer Group	24 9:00PM Christmas Eve Service	25 
26	27	28 10:00AM Bible Study	29 7:00PM Book Club @ Kelly Luallen's	30 6:00PM Prayer Group	31 New Year's Eve	

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9:30AM Coffee Hour

10:00AM Worship



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