



ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! For many of us it was different from last year, not being able to celebrate with family.

"Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks." — Philippians 4:6

The Good News: So much of our lives are spent worrying about what could happen, that we often lose sight of the here and now. As you head into the new year, give your anxiety up to God, and release yourself from chronic worry or fear. Isn't that good advice! Give your anxiety up to God, and release yourself from chronic worry or fear! To some degree I did that! Then Kourtnie, Kolton, and Kynleigh were born, and our world seems to be getting scarier and scarier. I worry a lot more about Kynleigh than I did Kourtnie and Kolton. Is the world scarier now than when Kourtnie and Kolton were young? Yes, I believe it is! When things get scarier, I tend to worry more. Then I turned my worries over to God I did not worry anymore about dying, people liking me, things like that. Some of that worry has crept back in. I do not make New Year's resolutions any more, but this year I am going to try and give up my anxiety to God, and release myself from chronic worry or fear; doesn't that sound wonderful? Will it be easy? It won't, but just think - a little less fear and worry in life would make living so much easier. Won't you join me in giving up your worry and fear to God? This is going to be one of my daily prayers: **"Dear Father, I admit that I often forget that you are with me. I often forget what you're like. Would you please forgive me for that? I need to get to know you better. I need to get to know your Word and your promises better. Help me to put you first in every area of my life. Help me to live one day at a time. Help me to not worry about tomorrow but instead focus on what you're doing in my life right now. I want to trust in your promise to take care of every one of my needs — financial, relational, physical, social, spiritual, and emotional. Help me to trust you more and worry less. I pray in Jesus' Name. Amen."**

I would like to thank everyone for the Christmas cards, gifts, gift cards and money. I appreciated you all thinking of me! Thanks so much!

Pastor Karna

Church Council

Council Chair: Lindi Kernan
 Treasurer: Parris Silvis
 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: Jack Silvis
 Lay Leader: Lindi Kernan
 Recording Secretary: Desirae Silvis

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

Reminder...

**Don't forget to begin
 dating your checks with
 the year 2022.
 Happy New Year!**

Church Office Hours

9AM - 1PM— Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

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Let's Celebrate!

January Birthdays

8: Pyper Swanson
 13: Jack Silvis
 17: PJ Mikaele
 22: Ron Buban
 23: Dawson Medley
 26: Joella Holdsworth
 27: Mark Atchison
 28: Gary Barton

January Anniversaries

16: Dave & Julie Cole



I would like to thank my church family once again for another wonderful year as secretary. Thank you for the generous Christmas gift. I feel truly blessed to work for this church family.

Desirae

Join Us !

Sunday Schedule

***Please wear a mask ***

9:30AM - Coffee Hour

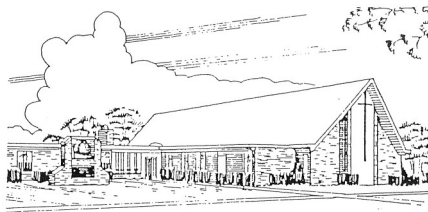
10:00AM - Worship

Bible Study

On Break Until March

Prayer Group

Thursdays 6:00PM



January Worship Volunteers

January 2

Liturgist: Dale Lanning

Children's Moment: Lindi Kernan

Ushers: Brooks Family

January 9

Liturgist: Roger Swanson

Children's Moment: Pastor Karna

Ushers: Silvis Family

January 16

Liturgist: Lindi Kernan

Children's Moment: Angie Althaus

Ushers: Angie Briggs & Sadie Carlson

January 23

Liturgist: David Althaus

Children's Moment: Pastor Karna

Ushers: Dave & Linda Lambin

January 30

Liturgist: Dale Lanning

Children's Moment: Lindi Kernan

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.

COVID Precautions

COVID numbers are once again rising. We ask that you wear a mask when in the building for everyone's protection and safety.

We will also be using prepackaged communion elements to help prevent illness.



Alpha UMC Community Book Club



The book club will meet Thursday, January 13th, at 7:00PM at Kelly Luallen's house to discuss *As Long As We Both Shall Live*. For those of you wanting to participate in our next book, the book will be announced soon, so be sure to check your email and the church facebook page for the announcement.



Bible Study Resumes in March

Our regular Tuesday morning Bible study is on break until March. We will resume with a Lenten study in early March. More details coming in the February newsletter.



Backpack Bags

Alpha UMC provides backpack bags every Friday for AlWood elementary students needing food assistance.



We include 2 easy meals (macaroni & cheese, Spaghettios, etc.), 2 breakfasts, 2 snacks, and juice.

Bags are packed every other Thursday at 1PM in the fellowship hall. Please check the newsletter calendar for dates. All are invited to help pack bags. If you would like to donate monetarily, please write "backpack bags" on your check or envelope.

Thank you!

2022 Committees

Church Council Chair: Lindi Kernan

Lay Leader: Lindi Kernan

Church Treasurer: Parris Silvis

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, Roger Swanson (chair)



January 2022

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1 Happy New Year!
2 Communion	3	4 6:00PM PEO	5	6 1:00PM Backpack Bags 6:00PM Prayer Group	7	8
9	10 6:30PM Scouts	11	12	13 6:00PM Prayer Group 7:00PM Book Club @ Kelly Luallen's	14	15
16	17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	18 5:00PM Church Council	19	20 1:00PM Backpack Bags 6:00PM Prayer Group	21	22
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