



# ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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The Spoon River District, of which Alpha UMC is a part of, will have a new District Superintendent as of July 1. Please see the article below for details.

## Crawford appointed Spoon River District Superintendent

By Paul Black

**GALESBURG** – Bishop Frank J. Beard, in consultation with the Spoon River District Committee on Superintendency has appointed the Rev. Michael J. Crawford as district superintendent, effective July 1.

Crawford will succeed the Rev. Stephen Granadosin, who along with his wife, Cecilia, are planning to relocate to Texas to be near family. Both were appointed to their current sites of ministry in 2017 – Stephen to the Spoon River District superintendency and Cecilia – to Peoria: Forrest Hill UMC.



“Rev. Mike Crawford has proven himself to be a very valuable member of the IGRC leadership team and has excelled in his work as the Coordinator of Congregational Development,” said Bishop Beard in making the announcement. “Rev. Crawford is a forward thinker with tremendous skills of strategic planning and insight. He has assisted the Cabinet for the past two years as our coordinator/implementor of Strength Finders. Strength Finders is used in the appointment process to match pastors and churches. Reverend Crawford’s work in this area over the last two years has given him experience with the Cabinet and the Extended Cabinet.”

Bishop Beard also noted, “Rev. Crawford has analytical assessment skills and a wealth of experiences that have proven to be significantly valuable to the Cabinet. I appreciate the hard work ethic, the commitment to integrity, and the openness to explore new and emerging ideas.”

Crawford spoke of the role the Conference has played in his faith and ministry.

“The Illinois Great Rivers Conference has done much to nurture my faith and that of our family,” he said. “We have come to know IGRC as our ‘home church.’ I hope through my serving IGRC churches in this role that I can encourage churches to live into God’s call for their next season of ministry.”

Working closely with the Congregational Development Committee, the IGRC Personnel Committee will begin a search process for the next Coordinator of Congregational Development.

Bishop Beard has also announced that Rev. Crawford’s installation will be a part of the Opening Worship at the 2022 Annual Conference at 10 a.m. June 9. “I am thrilled about his appointment and welcome him as a full member of the IGRC appointive Cabinet.”

### **Mike Crawford**

Crawford, 61, is a graduate of Staunton High School and Trinity College in Deerfield where he received his bachelor’s degree in Biblical Studies and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

He has served as pastor of Mineral, Owaneco-Buckeye, associate at Galesburg: First, co-pastor with his wife, Patty Johansen at Rochester and at East Moline: Christ. He was appointed Acting Director of Congregational Development Jan. 16, 2003, later a part-time consultant with Congregational Development and two years as associate director of congregational development before assuming the role of Coordinator of Congregational Development July 1, 2006.

His wife, Patty Johansen, currently pastor of Quincy: Vermont Street UMC, will be retiring July 1. They are the parents of two grown children, Kara and Mark Crawford (wife: Andrea), pastor of Onarga-Gilman-Ashkum UMC’s; and grandparents of 5 ½-month-old Levi Rios Crawford.



## 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, May 17**

**6:00PM**

## Church Office Hours

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

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## Let's Celebrate!

### May Birthdays

13: Paul Greenman

23: Jan Bateman

26: Kurt Jordan

### May Anniversaries

08: Paul & Traci Greenman



## Join Us !

### Sunday Schedule

9:00AM - Adult Sunday School

9:30AM - Coffee Hour

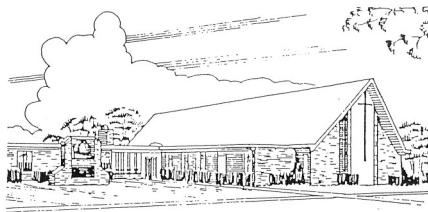
10:00AM - Worship

### Bible Study

Tuesdays 10 AM beginning May 10

### Prayer Group

Wednesdays 6:00PM



### May Worship Volunteers

#### May 1

**Liturgist:** Dale Lanning

**Children's Moment:** Dale Lanning

**Ushers:** Angie Briggs & Sadie Carlson

#### May 8

**Liturgist:** Roger Swanson

**Children's Moment:** Pastor Karna

**Ushers:** Brooks Family

#### May 15

**Liturgist:** Dale Lanning

**Children's Moment:** Pastor Karna

**Ushers:** Kurt Jordan & Dave Lambin

#### May 22

**Liturgist:** Lindi Kernan

**Children's Moment:** Dale Lanning

**Ushers:** Silvis Family

#### May 29

**Liturgist:** Roger Swanson

**Children's Moment:** Lindi Kernan

**Ushers:** Angie Briggs & Sadie Carlson

### Thank You Volunteers!

We are always  
looking for more  
Sunday morning  
volunteers.

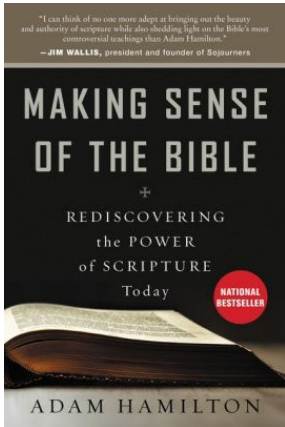
Please contact  
the church office  
if you can help

## Mother's Day Service

Mothers Day is May 8th. We will have a special service for our mothers, grandmothers, and those who are like mothers to us. Pastor Karna would like stories about your mother, stories about your children, and pictures to use during the service. Please have your information turned in by May 4th.



## Tuesday Morning Bible Study



Tuesday morning Bible Study is starting a new study on May 10th at 10AM.

We will be reading *Making Sense of the Bible* by Adam Hamilton. This 6 week study will meet each Tuesday at 10AM.

### Summary:

Denominations from evangelical to mainline continue to experience deep divisions over universal social issues. The underlying debate isn't about a particular social issue, but instead it is about how we understand the nature of scripture and how we should interpret it. The world's bestselling, most-read, and most-loved book is also one of the most confusing. In *Making Sense of the Bible*, Adam Hamilton, one of the country's leading pastors and Christian authors, addresses the hot-button issues that plague the church and cultural debate, and answers many of the questions frequently asked by Christians and non-Christians alike.

Did God really command Moses to put gay people to death? Did Jesus really teach that everyone who is not a Christian will be assigned to hell? Why would Paul command women to "keep silent in the church?" Were Adam and Eve real people? Is the book of Revelation really about the end times? Who decided which books made it into the scriptures and why? Is the Bible ever wrong? In approachable and inviting language, Hamilton addresses these often misunderstood biblical themes leading readers to a deeper appreciation of the Bible so that we might hear God speak through it and find its words to be life-changing and life-giving.

## Alpha Sesquicentennial Parade

Alpha UMC will have a float in this year's Sesquicentennial parade, Saturday, September 10. We are looking for ideas for the float, and volunteers to help build it. If you have a idea, please let Pastor Karna know.

## AlWood Food Pantry Ice Cream Social & Silent Auction is Back!

Saturday, June 11

5-7Pm

Maranatha Chapel

Come for Whitey's ice cream, pie, a silent auction, and fun!

# Congratulations Class of 2022!

## **Tucker Swanson**

AlWood High School

Will attend University of Wisconsin - Platteville



## **Adrianna M. Frances Louise Althaus**

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Health

(Pre-MSN/DNP)

with Minor in Psychology

Highest Honors & Senior 100 Honorary Recognition

Convocation:

Sunday, the fifteenth of May

Two Thousand twenty-two

5:30 in the afternoon

State Farm Center



## **Kourtnie Fox**

Carl Sandburg College

Nursing



## **Makenna Medley**

Indiana State University

Bachelors Degree in Health Sciences

with a concentration in Health Administration

Minor in Business Administration

Graduating with Honors

Magna Cum Laude



# May 2022



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5 1:00PM Backpack Bags	6	7 Thrifty on 150 VBS Bake Sale
8 9:00AM Adult Sunday School  Mother's Day	9 6:30PM Scouts	10 10:00AM Bible Study	11	12	13	14
15 9:00AM Adult Sunday School	16	17 10:00AM Bible Study  6:00PM Council	18	19 1:00PM Backpack Bags	20	21
22 9:00AM Adult Sunday School	23 6:30PM Scouts	24 10:00AM Bible Study	25	26	27	28 Private Wedding
29 9:00AM Adult Sunday School	30 Memorial Day	31 10:00AM Bible Study				



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