



ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Happy October! I can't believe it is October already! I love fall, the leaves turning, pumpkins, pumpkin patch, etc.! There are several things planned for the last three months of 2022. Confirmation class has started and there are three confirmands and they are doing an awesome job! Book club is going well. If there is anyone who would like to join us, just let me know! A six-week Bible Study will start on Oct 4 and then at the end of November we will start a 4 week Advent study. Trunk n Treat will be Oct 31, reserve your table now!! November 6th will be Congregation Appreciation Sunday and a catered meal will be served after Church, please plan on staying. Community Thanksgiving service will be November 20. Hanging of the Greens will be November 27 during the service with a meal afterward. Cookies at the parsonage will be December 4th from 2 to 4, stop by for cookies and beverage. There are a lot of fun events planned please plan on attending.

I want to thank everyone who brought me and my helper supper the first week I came home after surgery. They were all good and really helped out. Also, thanks to those who dropped off goodies, always appreciated. I am hoping to write thank you notes but I don't always get that done, but know I really appreciate the meals and goodies! I also appreciate the prayers, cards, e-mails, and texts I have received. My shoulder is doing really well, probably 4 or 5 more weeks of therapy and I should be good as new! LOL! This is a very caring congregation and I appreciate you all!

Pastor Karna



Church Council

Council Chair: Lindi Kernan
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 Youth Representative: Jack Silvis
 Lay Leader: Lindi Kernan
 Recording Secretary: Desirae Silvis

Next council meeting:

Wed. October 5, 6PM

Charge Conference

Sun., October 16, 1PM
 Aledo UMC

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
 23: Joey Lambin

October Anniversaries

06: Melvin & Deb Briggs
 16: Richard & Jamie Coffey
 24: Bryan & Lindsy Brooks



Join Us !

Sunday Schedule

9:00AM - Coffee

9:30AM - Coffee Hour

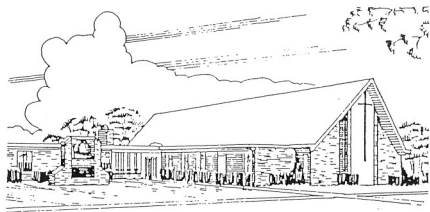
10:00AM - Worship

Bible Study

Tuesdays at 10AM

Prayer Group

Wednesdays 9:00AM



October Worship Volunteers

October 2

Liturgist: Angie Althaus

Children's Moment: Lindi Kernan

Ushers: Silvis Family

October 9

Liturgist: TBD

Children's Moment: Pastor Karna

Ushers: Angie Briggs & Sadie Carlson

October 16

Liturgist: Lindi Kernan

Children's Moment: Dale Lanning

Ushers: Kurt Jordan & Dave Lambin

October 23

Liturgist: Dale Lanning

Children's Moment: Pastor Karna

Ushers: Brooks Family

October 30:

Liturgist: Lindi Kernan

Children's Moment: Pastor Karna

Ushers: Silvis Family

Thank You

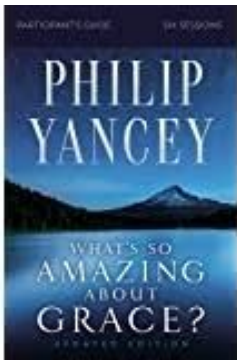
Volunteers!

We are always
looking for more
Sunday morning
volunteers.

Please contact
the church office
if you can help
out.



New Fall Bible Study



What: *What's So Amazing About Grace?* by Philip Yancey

When: Tuesdays - October 4 - November 8

Time: 10: 00AM

October 4th we will meet at 1:00PM due to food pantry.

Pastor Karna will be leading a 6 week bible study beginning Tuesday, October 4th. If you are interested in participating in the study, please contact the church office so we can get you a book. If you are interested in an evening session of the study, please let Pastor Karna know. She will add an evening session if there is interest.

Discover grace as you've never known it before: the most powerful force in the universe and our only hope for love and forgiveness.

Grace is the church's great distinctive. It's the one thing the world cannot duplicate, and the one thing it craves above all else--for only grace can bring hope and transformation to a jaded world.

*In **What's So Amazing About Grace?** award-winning author Philip Yancey explores grace at street level. If grace is God's love for the undeserving, he asks, then what does it look like in action? And if Christians are its sole dispensers, then how are we doing at lavishing grace on a world that knows far more of cruelty and unforgiveness than it does of mercy?*

Yancey sets grace in the midst of life's stark images, tests its mettle against horrific "ungrace":

- Can grace survive in the midst of such atrocities as the Nazi holocaust?
- Can it triumph over the brutality of the Ku Klux Klan?
- Should any grace at all be shown to the likes of Jeffrey Dahmer, who killed and cannibalized seventeen young men?

Grace does not excuse sin, says Yancey, but it treasures the sinner. True grace is shocking, scandalous. It shakes our conventions with its insistence on getting close to sinners and touching them with mercy and hope. It forgives the unfaithful spouse, the racist, the child abuser. It loves today's AIDS-ridden addict as much as the tax collector of Jesus's day.

In his most personal and provocative book ever, Yancey offers compelling, true portraits of grace's life-changing power. He searches for its presence in his own life and in the church. He asks, How can Christians contend graciously with moral issues that threaten all they hold dear?

And he challenges us to become living answers to a world that desperately wants to know, *What's So Amazing About Grace?*



United
Women
in Faith

Learn about United Women of Faith

To all women of IGRC,

You are invited to join us to hear Alice Staley, a Program Advisory Member of United Women of Faith (formerly UMW), she will be speaking at First United Methodist Church 120 N. Kellogg St., in Galesburg, IL on October 10 at 2:30 PM.

Ms. Staley will talk about the changes, re-branding and core values of United Women of Faith, stating, "What we do, we can do better," the United Women of Faith is open to all women, and is still involved in mission to women and children.



Trunk or Treat

Alpha UMC Annual Trunk or Treat

Fellowship Hall

Halloween, October 31

6-8PM

Alpha UMC will once again host its annual trunk or treat this Halloween. Tables will be available in the fellowship hall if you would like to set up a space. Candy donations are needed and can be dropped off in the basket in the fellowship hall.

We will be serving free hotdogs, chips, and hot chocolate. Please contact Kelli Johnson if you would like to help out.

A Look Ahead...

Sunday, November 6

~Pastor Karna will host a catered congregation appreciation meal following worship. Please plan to stay after the service to celebrate our congregation.

~November 6 is also All Saints Sunday. The white table cloth will be in the fellowship hall. Please add the names of those who have passed in the last year. This is the cloth that will be used during communion on November 6.

Sunday, November 20

~Community Thanksgiving Service - Alpha UMC, Alpha Baptist, and Maranatha Chapel will come together for a Thanksgiving service. Location and time will be announced soon.

Sunday, November 27 - First Sunday in Advent

~Hanging of the Greens Service - Pastor Karna will hold a special service in which we will all participate in decorating the sanctuary for the Christmas season. Stay after the service to help decorate the rest of the church. Lunch will be served.

Tuesday, November 29

~Advent Bible Study begins. Pastor Kana will lead the study *Prepare the Way for the Lord*. This is a 4 week study that will be held Tuesdays at 10AM. Please let Pastor Karna know if you would be interested in attending an evening session of the study.





October 2022

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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2 Confirmation Class Following Worship	3 6:30PM Scouts	4 1:00PM Bible Study 6:00PM Book Club	5 9:00AM Prayer Group	6	7	8
9 Confirmation Class w/ mentors Following Worship	10 Columbus Day	11 10:00AM Bible Study	12 9:00AM Prayer Group	13	14	15
16 11-12 Conf. Class 1:00PM Charge Conf. Aledo UMC	17 6:30PM Scouts	18 10:00AM Bible Study	19 9:00AM Prayer Group	20	21	22
23 No Conf. Class <hr/> 30 Confirmation Class Following Worship	24 6:30 Scouts <hr/> 31 	25 10:00AM Bible Study	26 9:00AM Prayer Group	27 1:00PM Backpack Bags	28	29

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9:00AM Adult Sunday School

9:30AM Coffee Hour

10:00AM Worship

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