



# ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6).*

Jesus was born to Mary and Joseph, but he was also born “unto us,” the spiritually bankrupt; the lost and broken. If Jesus was a regular child, the verse would read “unto Mary and Joseph a child was born.”

The King James Bible states several times that a child was born “unto” someone specific such as Abraham, Enoch, and Eber. Jesus was not born unto Joseph and Mary. He is the world’s Savior and servant King. He was born *unto us* because he came to *save us*. (I found this explanation on the internet and thought it explained what ‘unto to us’ means!

Merry Christmas!! I love Christmas! It is my favorite holiday and I have some wonderful memories of Christmas’ past. I especially loved going to my Grandparents church in Aledo on Christmas Eve. Service started at 11pm and it was over at midnight. Most years when we left the church snow was falling. The fresh snow and the sparkly snowflakes always gave me a warm feeling knowing this was the time of Jesus’ birth. The Christmas Eve service is probably one of my favorite services. I love hearing the story leading up to Jesus’ birth and his birth. I love singing all those familiar Christmas hymns. This year Christmas day is on a Sunday, how cool is that! We will have a regular worship service that day, probably a little shorter than normal, maybe! New Year’s Day is on Sunday also and we are going to have a laid back service. We will meet in the fellowship hall. We will have communion and then have a short service while we have a brunch! January 1 will start my fourth year as your pastor! Does not seem that long, seems like I just moved here! I have several ideas for the coming year, so stay tuned!!

Thanks to all who came to cookies at the parsonage! It was a small group, but it was fun getting to know each other better!

Thanks to all who have participated in the book club! Maybe this next year we can get more members! The last book club of the year will be Dec 29 and even if you did not read this book, come to the meeting because it will also be a Christmas party!! If anyone is interested in joining the book club let me know!

I hope to see you all for the Christmas Eve service at 9pm.

MERRY CHRISTMAS to you and your families!!

## 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 Church Council Meeting:

## Church Office Hours

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

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## Let's Celebrate!

### December Birthdays

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

23: Cindy Thompson

### December Anniversaries

18: Bob & Miriam Greene



## Join Us !

### Sunday Schedule

9:00AM - Adult Sunday School

9:30AM - Coffee Hour

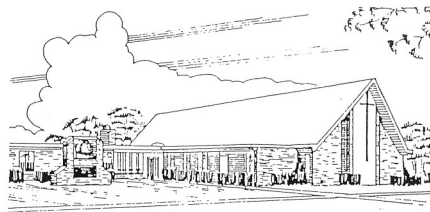
10:00AM - Worship

### Bible Study

Tuesdays 10:00AM

### Prayer Group

Wednesdays 9:00AM



### December Worship Volunteers

#### December 4

Liturgist: Roger Swanson

Children's Moment: Dale Lanning

Ushers: Kurt Jordan & Dave Lambin

#### December 11

Liturgist: Dale Lanning

Children's Moment: Lindi Kernan

Ushers: Angie Briggs & Sadie Carlson

#### December 18

Liturgist: Lindi Kernan

Children's Moment: Pastor Karna

Ushers: Silvis Family

#### December 25

No volunteers needed

### Thank You Volunteers!

We are always  
looking for more  
Sunday morning  
volunteers.

Please contact  
the church office  
if you can help  
out.



## *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

Saturday, December 24

9:00PM



## *Christmas Day Service*

Sunday, December 25

10:00AM (No Sunday School)



## Christmas Choir

The Christmas Choir will preform Sunday, December 18, during the service. If you would like to participate, please see Linda Lanning.

## Book Club Christmas Party

Thursday, Dec. 29  
6:00PM @ the parsonage

The book club will meet for a Christmas party and book discussion! Join us even if you haven't read the book!

## Congregation Appreciation Meal Moved to Jan. 8

Pastor Karna will be hosting a catered congregation appreciation meal Sunday, Jan. 8, following the service. Please stay to enjoy a delicious meal and visit with your church family.



Let's enjoy a  
meal together!





# December 2022



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4 Confirmation Class  1:00 - 3:00PM Cookies at the Parsonage	5 6:30PM Scouts	6 1:00PM Advent Study	7 9:00AM Prayer Group	8	9	10
11 Confirmation with mentors  2:00PM AlWood Christmas Program	12 6:30PM Scouts	13 10:00AM Advent Study	14 9:00AM Prayer Group	15	16	17
18 Choir Performance	19 6:30PM Scouts	20 10:00AM Advent Study	21 9:00AM Prayer Group	22	23	24  9:00PM Christmas Eve Service
25 10:00AM Service No Sunday School  	26	27	28 9:00AM Prayer Group	29 6:00PM Book Club Christmas Party@ Parsonage	30	31

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