



# ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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We are the church! I love that song, and I believe it reminds us that we are all the church together! The song tells us that the church is not a building; that the church is the people. We always need to remember that as the church we are the hands and feet of Christ, and should treat everyone with love, and do our best to show people how Jesus wants us to be by our actions; by the way we live! We are going to be singing that song the first Sunday in May! As you sing the words, really pay attention to those words!

It is May already! May is a busy month; Mother's Day, graduations, end of the school year and Memorial Day! On May 23 I have signed up to go help at Midwest Mission for the day and would like 3 people to go with me, anyone interested? Please let me know if you would like to go by May 15th. I have never been but I have always wanted to go .

Summer is quickly arriving and many have vacations planned. I pray for safe travels for everyone traveling and to have fun vacation, but always remember the Alpha United Methodist Church still needs your support these summer months!

Pastor Karna



## Church Council

Council Chair: Lindi Kernan  
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 Men in Mission: Dean Kernan  
 Youth Representative: Jack Silvis  
 Lay Leader: Lindi Kernan  
 Recording Secretary: Desirae Silvis

**Next Council Meeting:**  
**May 16 at 6:30**

## 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



**Congratulations to our AlWood Middle School graduates:**

**Dawson Medley, Devin Reed,  
 Pyper Swanson, and Abby Yoder**  
**Good luck as you move on to high school!**

# Join Us !

## Sunday Schedule

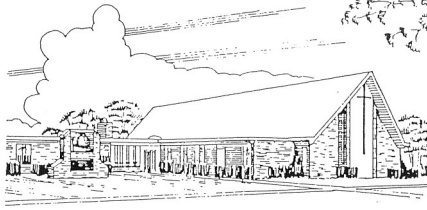
9:00AM - Adult Sunday School

9:30AM - Coffee Hour

10:00AM - Worship

**Prayer Group**

Wednesdays 9:15AM



## May Worship Volunteers

**May 7**

**Liturgist: Angie Althaus**

**Children's Moment: Pastor Karna**

**Ushers: Sadie Carlson & Dave Lambin**

**May 14**

**Liturgist: Devin Reed**

**Children's Moment: Jack Silvis**

**Ushers: Brooks Family**

**May 21**

**Liturgist: Lindi Kernan**

**Children's Moment: Pastor Karna**

**Ushers: Angie Briggs & Kurt Jordan**

**May 28**

**Liturgist: Sadie Carlson**

**Children's Moment: Lindi Kernan**

**Ushers: Erica Thorstenson & Devin Reed**

## Thank You Volunteers!

We are always looking for more Sunday morning volunteers.

Please contact the church office if you can help out.



Happy  
**Mother's**  
Day





## Annual Shoe & Sock Drive Begins

Alpha UMC will once again be collecting new shoes and socks of all sizes for Another Child Foundation. Donations will go to Romanian orphans.

Monetary donations are also being accepted to help offset the cost of shipping the donations to Romania. If you would like to donate, please write "ACF" on your check or envelope.

We will collect through July 16.

Please contact Angie Althaus if you have any questions.



## AlWood Vacation Bible School News

AlWood VBS will hold its annual bake sale outside of Alpha Baptist Church during the Thrifty on 150 Car Show. Alpha UMC has been asked to cover the 11AM - 1PM shift at the bake sale. We need 2 volunteers. Please speak with Desirae if you can help out. We also need donations of baked goods that do not need to be refrigerated. Please have your donations to Alpha UMC by 8AM Saturday, May 13.



**Thursday & Friday, July 13-14**

**5:30-8:30PM**

**Alpha UMC**

AlWood Community VBS will hold a 2 evening VBS this July, here at Alpha UMC. We'll begin both nights with a meal, followed by music, bible stories, games, crafts, and lots of fun! We will need volunteers to help with food, crafts, games, and lead groups. Please contact Desirae if you would like to help out.

# May 2023



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 6:30PM Scouts	2	3 9:15AM Prayer Group	4	5	6
7 5:00PM AlWood Baccalaureate	8 6:30PM Scouts	9	10 9:15AM Prayer Group	11 1:00PM Backpack Bags	12	13 VBS Bake Sale
14 Mother's Day  2:00PM AlWood Graduation	15 6:30PM Scouts	16 6:30PM Council Meeting	17 9:15AM Prayer Group	18	19	20
21	22 6:30PM Scouts	23	24 9:15AM Prayer Group	25	26	27
28 Pentecost	29 Memorial Day	30	31 9:15AM Prayer Group			

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