



# ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Happy July! Can you believe its already July? Seems like the summer is going pretty darn fast, but there are exciting things going on in the Alpha United Methodist Church and Galesburg Faith United Methodist Church!

As of July 1, these two churches are now yoked together. I am writing this after the first Sunday that I led both services. All went well with just a few minor hiccups. Alpha has great liturgists that can finish the service if need be, and Faith has fine liturgists that can start the service!

As I was watching the fireworks, with all the excitement and happy faces that they cause, I thought, "Wouldn't it be nice if these two churches caused that excitement?" How about a joint effort to bring a new excitement in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! That would be more exciting than watching fireworks! We all have to be willing to do our part to make that happen, even if that just means praying!! And "just" praying is a BIG thing. Prayer is powerful and prayers are being answered!

We are planning on starting a Children's Sunday School this fall! How exciting is that? We need volunteers to lead classes, and parents, we need you to make sure to bring your children and spread the word among the community!! I am hoping to have a kickoff Sunday this fall. More on that as plans are made. I am also hoping to start a supper and game night once a month this fall. This would be for the community, so I will let you know more as plans are made.

Hopefully we will have a few combined services with Faith, so everyone can get to know each other also! *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is come from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."* James 1:17. Let's see what gifts God has planned for our two churches!!

Have a wonderful July and for everyone that is traveling, I pray for safe travels!

Pastor Karna



## Church Council

Council Chair: Lindi Kernan  
 Treasurer: Parris Silvis  
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 Christian Education: TBD  
 Men in Mission: Dean Kernan  
 Youth Representative: Jack Silvis  
 Lay Leader: Lindi Kernan  
 Recording Secretary: Desirae Silvis

### Next Council Meeting:

Tuesday, August 8

6:00PM

## AlWood Community VBS

Thursday & Friday

July 13 & 14

5:30-8:30PM

Alpha UMC

Grades PreK - 5

\*Dinner will be served.



## Church Office Hours

9AM - 1PM— Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

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## Let's Celebrate!

### July Birthdays

- 02: Nadine Nice
- 04: Dana Schultz
- 06: Bill Schultz
- 17: Kynleigh Fox
- 17: Allison Lambin
- 18: Desirae Silvis
- 21: Eric Atchison
- 22: Phyllis Kearney

### July Anniversaries

- 03: Marvin & Ann Enstrom
- 26: Dale & Linda Lanning



# Join Us !

## NEW Sunday Schedule

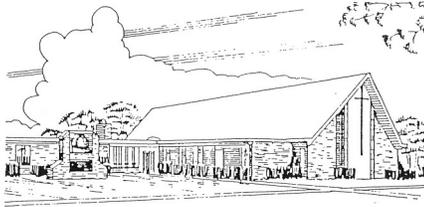
**Adult Sunday School - On Break**

**\*8:45AM Coffee Hour\***

**\*9:30AM Worship\***

## Prayer Group

9:15AM Wednesdays



## July Worship Volunteers

### July 2

Liturgist: Roger Swanson

Children's Moment: Pastor Karna

Ushers: Erica Thorstenson & Devin Reed

### July 9

Liturgist: Sadie Carlson

Children's Moment: Pastor Karna

Ushers: Brooks Family

### July 16

Liturgist: Roger Swanson

Children's Moment: Pastor Karna

Ushers: Kurt Jordan & Dave Lambin

### July 23

Liturgist: David Althaus

Children's Moment: Pastor Karna

Ushers: Melvin Briggs & Desirae Silvis

### July 30

Liturgist: Sadie Carlson

Children's Moment: Angie Althaus

Ushers: Desirae & Jack Silvis

## Thank You Volunteers!

We are always looking for more Sunday morning volunteers.

Please contact the church office if you can help out.



## New Coffee Hour Time

Coffee hour now begins at 8:45AM.

Those serving snacks should be at the church around 8:30.



## New Start Time for Sunday Service

As of July 1, 2023, Pastor Karna will be serving as pastor at both Alpha UMC and Galesburg Faith. This means our coffee hour and service time will be changing as follows:

Beginning July 2, 2023

8:45AM - Coffee Hour

9:30AM - Service Begins

\*Coffee Hour servers should plan on being at the church by 8:30



## AlWood Food Pantry Fundraiser at Pizza Ranch!



## Final Days for Annual Shoe & Sock Drive

This is the final month for donating to ACF's Project Respond. Donations of shoes and socks, are being accepted through July 16th.

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.

Donations due July 16th.

Please contact Angie Althaus if you have any questions.



# July 2023

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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2 9:30AM Service New Worship Time Begins	3 6:30PM Scouts	4 	5 9:15AM Prayer Group	6	7	8
9	10 6:30PM Scouts	11 6:00PM Book Club @ Pastor Karna's	12 9:15AM Prayer Group	13 5:30 -8:30PM VBS	14 5:30-8:30PM VBS	15
16	17 6:30PM Scouts	18	19 9:15AM Prayer Group 5-8PM Food Pantry Fundraiser @Pizza Ranch	20	21	22
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