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CATCH THE SPIRIT
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Growing up as a child of the seventies I fondly remember watching Gilligan's Island and now many years later I look back on some of the episodes and see the real story hidden in the humor. There were very few of these episodes that you could consider emotionally touching. But I do remember one. Gilligan had gotten his feelings hurt and decided to move away to the other side of the Island to live alone in a cave. Immediately, this became a miserable existence for Gilligan—he was all alone. But also miserable for everyone else on the island—one of their own was no longer among them, in fellowship with them...and there was a terrible void. They missed him at the dinner table. They missed his jokes, his laughter, and his gentleness. They even missed his clumsy screw-ups. I think at one point in the episode they were sitting around the dinner table taking turns talking about the specific things they missed about him. So what did they do? I think it began with Skipper. He decided to leave the rest and go live with Gilligan so he wouldn't be alone. Then another person did the same and then another. Until finally, all seven people were together again on the other side of the island in Gilligan's cave. In true spiritual community, we either make it together, or we don't make it...at least not in a healthy way.

This month with the help of the Worship Committee and you we are focusing on our gifts, friends and family with special "Theme Sunday's" each week. I pray that each of us celebrates the blessings that God has been providing to us for opportunities to minister and grow as a community of believers.

12 This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than to give up one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 I don't call you servants any longer, because servants don't know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because everything I heard from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You didn't choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last. As a result, whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. 17 I give you these commandments so that you can love each other. John 15:12-17 CEB

See ya in Church!

Pastor T.

**Church Council
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Chair: Dale Lanning

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Recording Secretary: Linds
Brooks

Annual Conference Delegate:
Lindi Kernan

Pastor: Terry Evans

Thank you to everyone that helped out with my benefit. Thank you to the Nurture Team for organizing everything and for all those who helped and donated all the items. I greatly appreciate your support and prayers.

The money that you raised is a huge blessing!

God Bless,

Sandy Merideth

April 4, 2013 - NO AWANA

April 11, 2013 - "Rock and Roll night" - Dress up just like a rockstar! Be creative and be prepared to sing!!!!

April 18, 2013 - "Spring into action night" - wear as many spring colors as you can and prepare to dance during songs!!!!

April 24, 2013 - End of the year PARTY!!! Shop in the Awana store, and come prepared to have a good time. Parents are encouraged to attend this year end celebration. Come and introduce your parents to your leader and the other Awana staff. We will be having BANANA SPLITS FOR A TREAT!!!!!!!

Springing with Friends

During the month of April we are placing our focus on utilizing our Spiritual Gifts and Connecting with friends and family. Check out the following dates for opportunities to be involved.

April 7—Spiritual Gift Sunday & Communion

April 14—Bring a Friend to Church (Mission Meal)

April 20—"Come as You Are" Contemporary Worship Service and friendship Pot Luck

April 21—Focus on the family invite a family member to join us for worship

April 28—New View Sunday experiencing worship from a "New Prospective"



United Methodist Women—Caring for women and children

We are collecting toothpaste, and gift cards to Subway and Wal-Mart for Cunningham Children's Home. These will be taken to the April 21st District Meeting. Please drop off items in the collection box in the fellowship hall.



If anyone is interested in joining UMW please see Mary Nice.

LGLS

If you haven't joined us yet, you should. We have great music and even some dancing going on in our opening. Then we split into 2 groups. One goes and learns a Bible story and the other goes to make a craft, then we trade places. We have fun while we learn, did you know spring is a time for new life? Bulbs turn into flowers, chicks into chickens, tad poles into frogs and Jesus offers us new life, come to LGLS and learn all about it.

ATTENTION JR/SR HIGH STUDENTS!

“Big Dog” Reunion

What: No-talent, talent show: Things you're really good at: singing, playing an instrument etc. Or things you're kinda bad at: lip sinking, dancing, being awkward, etc.

Who: All High school and junior high students welcome, bring ALL of your friends

When: Saturday April 6 (Last Saturday of spring break), 6-8:30/9ish at Harvest Bible Chapel – 161 N. Division, Woodhull

Why: Pizza and snacks, games, pool, ping-pong, videos you don't want to miss, fun-like-you've-never-had-before

Also, bring a crazy mask or costume, we'll be making a “Harlem Shake” video (that's a good enough reason to come by itself)



Alpha United Methodist Church is pleased to sponsor
JJ Heller in concert
at AlWood High School on May 5, 2013 at 7:00 PM.
Details are being hammered out now.
Tickets will be on sale soon.

New Bible Study - Lindi Kernan's house
Begins Wednesday, April 3, 6:30-7:45

When Godly People Do Ungodly Things - Beth Moore

A message of warning, protection and restoration. The goal is to understand how whole-hearted, sincere, and purely devoted followers of Christ can be seduced by the enemy. Through the study we will examine ways to seduce-proof our lives so that we are protected from the enemy's schemes. Finally, we will see in Scripture that there is hope and restoration for any believer who truly repents.

The first week will be the introduction followed by six weeks of study. There are workbooks which will require daily individual study. Each week we will watch a video and discuss the weeks study.

Each session will last 1 to 1 1/2 hours.

Each workbook is \$13 and scholarships are available.

Contact Lindi Kernan if you plan to participate in the study.

It's time for April Showers to make our kitchen supplies grow!

We are doing some great mission work out of our kitchen and are finding there are some things we need to help us with this work. So, the outreach committee is having a kitchen shower!

There will be a list of items needed. Some can be purchased or you can donate money for the Outreach Committee to purchase items that must be bought at specialty stores.

A list of items and prices will be available at church or it can be emailed or mailed to you.

Contact Lindi Kernan for the list.

629-9924 or dlkernan@divcominc.net



All items should be left at the church and monetary donations can be put in the offering plate in an envelope. It should be marked "kitchen shower" and note the item you wish to purchase. A master list will be posted at the church and on the church website so all will know what has been purchased and what is still needed.

Starting April 7, 2013, there will be "Worship Buddies" for kids during church. These bags will be hanging outside the sanctuary before worship and clearly labeled 3/6 for children 3 to 6 years old and also 7/12 for children 7 to 12 years old.

Each Worship Buddy Bag contains: simple snacks, coloring page and crayons and a Children's Bulletin that will allow our children to follow Pastor Terry's message while doing some creative things (dot to dot activity, word searches, crossword puzzles, "can you find" activities) and other great fun!

These bags were created by the Worship Committee to allow our children to participate in church and have fun while learning about Jesus. Parents are encouraged to place bags back on the rack after worship so that they will be refilled for the following week and enjoyed by other children.



The Worship Committee would like to thank *Dave and Linda Lambin* for their generous contribution for creating the rack and also embroidering the Worship Buddies for our children!

Without their assistance, this project would not have been possible.

COLLEGE BOXES

It is time to help our college students have snacks while they study for finals. There is a box in the fellowship hall to drop off your donations.

Sample items include:

granola bars, chips, cookies, candy, gum, popcorn, microwave Mac N Cheese or any other snack you can think of.

You can also write them a note of encouragement or scripture or even a joke, just to let them know that we are thinking of them.

We have 5 students to mail to this time.

THANKS for donations.

The box will be there thru Sunday April 28 and will be mailed out on Monday April 29.



Word has been received that Rev Don W. Funk died on March 11. Rev. Funk faithfully served this congregation from 1972 until 1976. His legacy continues to live in this congregation through the lives that he changed during his ministry. Please be in prayer for the family of Rev. Funk as the grieve his loss.

VBS 2013

June 10-14th @ Alpha UMC

"Gotta Move" by Go Fish.

Once again the Go Fish guys return with a VBS that is Biblically based with great music for kids that adults also enjoy. "Gotta Move!...Keepin' In Step With The Spirit" reminds children that God provides everything we need to walk with Him: A Savior, Forgiveness, a Helper & His Word.



We need volunteers for all positions
Church congregation can start now picking up paper napkins,
liquid hand soap, antibacterial wipes.
Next meeting is Sunday 4/7 at 2pm at Alpha UMC....

COME AS YOU ARE

A NIGHT FILLED WITH
PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Saturday, April 20th, @ 6:00pm



Alpha United Methodist Church
Friendship potluck to follow;
All are invited to stay and
enjoy!

USHERS

THIS MONTH

Marvin Enstrom & Dave Lambin

April Liturgists:

7th: Sarah Vordtriede-Patton
21st: Angie Althaus

14th: Larry Roberts
28th: Eddie Bradshaw



April Birthdays

- 02: Dennis Gillette
- 03: Katy Schmitt
- 09: Kelby Lanning
- 14: Shannon Cremeens
Lindi Brooks
- 15: Morgyn Britt
Renee Young
- 22: Seth Thompson
Leon Sardi
- 25: Dean Kernan
Kaci Bedford

April Anniversaries:

- 03: Gary & Judy Barton
- 10: Kurt & Cathy Jordan
- 26: Dave & Linda Lambin



April 23

Next Mission Meal:
April 14th

April Host & Hostess

- 07: Harmon's
- 14: Lambin's
- 21:
- 28: Evans



Next Community Dinner
April 6th

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Be sure to check out the church website! There have been many updates done to meet the needs of our church family and community. Please contact Lindi Brooks if you want anything added to it!



2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 6:30pm Boy Scouts	2	3 6:45pm Sunshiners 6:30p Wolves & Bears	4 NO AWANA	5	6 5:00–7:00pm Free Community Dinner
7 <u>“Spiritual Gifts”</u> 2pm VBS Mtg @ AUMC	8 6:30pm Boy Scouts	9 5:30 Worship Team	10 6:30p Wolves & Bears	11 1:30 UWM Ann Enstrom’s AWANA “Rock N Roll” 6:30–8:00pm	12	13
14 <u>“Bring a Friend”</u> Mission Meal Following Worship	15 6:30pm Boy Scouts	16 7:00pm Church Council	17 6:30p Wolves & Bears	18 AWANA “Spring into Action” 6:30–8:00pm	19	20 6:00pm Community Worship
21 <u>“Bring a Family Member”</u>	22 6:30pm Boy Scouts	23 Humility of Mary 4:00pm Newsletter	24 6:30p Pack Night	25 AWANA Year End Party 6:30–8:00pm	26	27
28 <u>“New View Sunday”</u> 7:00am Men in Mission	29 6:30pm Boy Scouts	30				

SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

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Terry Evans, Pastor

Sunday Schedule:

9:00 A.M. All Sunday School Classes Begin

10:00 A.M. Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall

10:30 A.M. Worship Service



Have you visited our new Web site?
Lindi Brooks is the creator and manager of our Website.
Our Web address is alphaumc.org



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