



ALPHA

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 2016

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF OUR COMMUNITY
ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Greetings friends!

Spring is here and the flowers are peeking through and the trees are budding. Likewise, people here in Alpha are coming alive in Jesus and are experiencing the life-changing power of his death resurrection.

I am grateful to God for the miracles of mercy I have witnessed in the past few weeks through caring disciples of Christ from our church family who give of themselves for the sake of others (even strangers). God is readily providing resources and relationships through YOU for others in need of support, encouragement, and hope that we share in Jesus Christ.

I am hearing reports of your answered prayers as God has been faithful to provide: work for persons seeking employment, food for hungry people, assistance for people in need of help and counsel, visitation and healing prayers for those who are sick or injured or grieving, reconciliation of estranged family members seeking forgiveness, and even new faith in Jesus Christ for those who are experiencing God's love for the first time in their life or now once again. I have also received requests from persons wanting to be baptized, and from others ready to join our church's membership and make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our community. This is an encouraging time for us as a church family.

I pray that this holy attitude of gratitude and grace is at work in you my brothers and sisters as you minister to people with your prayers, your presence, your service, your gifts, and your witness in order to help your neighbors (and their families) experience the love of God in Jesus Christ. These tangible simple acts of mercy and compassion for others comprise true worship of God in Spirit and truth and such abundant love at work in us and for this community cannot be contained by the walls of a church building.

This is my prayer for you in April that I hope you will be courageous to pray continually and often for yourselves, your families, our church, and our community as you love God and love others:

"29 'And now Lord, look at their threats, and grant to your servants to speak your word with all boldness, 30 while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.' 31 When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness." Acts 4:29-31

Grace and Peace in Christ,

Pastor Zack

Administrative Council 2016

Chair: Kurt Jordan

Vice Chair: Mary Nice

Finance & Treasurer: Dean Kernan

Financial Secretary: Linda Lanning

Trustees: Dave Lambin

S/PPRC: Dale Lanning

Outreach: Linda Lambin

Nurture: Kelli Johnson

Worship: Roger Swanson

Christian Ed Interim: Desirae Silvis

UMW Chair: Mary Nice

Men in Mission: Dean Kernan

Lay Leader: Lindi Kernan

Alternate: Cathy Jordan

Youth Rep.: Delainey Bradshaw

Recording Secretary: Desirae Silvis



Pastor Zack will be out of the office April 7th–9th while attending the John Wesley Fellowship

Annual Conference on the Holy Spirit in Peoria.

He will be on vacation from April 18–April 26.

Rev. Dave Schultz, Pastor of Orion UMC will be on call for any pastoral care emergencies while Pastor Zack is away with his family on vacation.

Secretary's Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

9:00am - 1:00pm

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Alpha UMC is hosting Walk to Emmaus this year. The spring Walk will be Thursday, April 7 - Sunday, April 10 and Thursday, April 14 - Sunday, April 17. Walk to Emmaus participants will be using the church at various times during these days.

The next Walk will be held in October.

October 6-9 for men and October 13–16 for women. Keep these dates in mind if you are interested in participating.



FRIDAY,

APRIL 22

THIS MONTH'S USHERS

Parris, Desirae & Jack Silvis

April Liturgists: 03: Angie Althaus 10: Eddie Bradshaw
17: Bob Bateman 24: David Althaus

April Acolytes: 03 & 10: Libby Fox & Tucker Swanson
17 & 24: Ty Anderson & Delainey Bradshaw



April Birthdays

- 02: Dennis Gillette
- 03: Katy Schmitt
- 06: Taylor Brooks
- 09: Kelby Lanning
- 14: Lindsy Brooks
Shannon Cremeens
- 15: Morgan Britt
Renee Young
- 22: Seth Thompson
- 25: Kaci Bedford
Dean Kernan



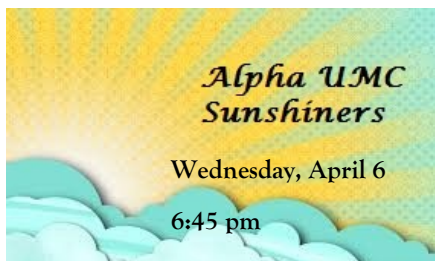
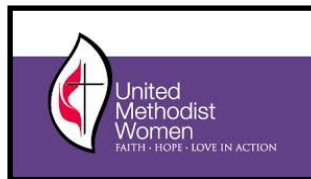
April Coffee Hour Hosts

- 03: Need Volunteers
- 10: Need Volunteers
- 17: Need Volunteers
- 24: Need Volunteers

April Anniversaries



- 03: Gary & Judy Barton
- 10: Kurt & Cathy Jordan
- 26: Dave & Linda Lambin
- 29: Chad & Ashley Clark



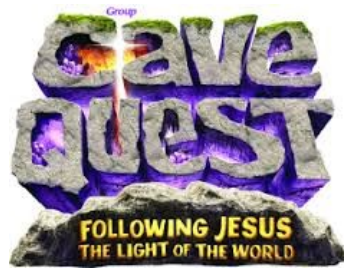
UMW will meet Thursday, April 14 at 1:30 pm at Ann Enstrom's house. UMW meets the second Thursday of the month April - December. All women are welcome to attend!

This's month's Men in Mission breakfast will be held at the Alpha Fire station. Sunday, April, 17

LGLS Sunday School News

Children & Youth Sunday

Our children and youth will be preparing for Children & Youth Sunday, Sunday, May 1. Don't miss this special service in which our children will be helping throughout the service. The Children's Bell Choir will also be performing.



VBS 2016

June 13-17
9:00am - 12:00pm

Registration forms can be found on page 6 of this newsletter, in the fellowship hall, or on our website, www.alphaumc.org under upcoming events. Please return forms to the box in fellowship hall.

Please save any plastic peanut butter or mayonnaise jars for VBS. Drop off rinsed jars to the box in the fellowship hall. Thanks!

Confirmation

Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 15, 2016

There will be no confirmation class Sunday, April 10, Sunday, April 17, or Sunday April 24.

Confirmation Parents Appreciation Dinner

The nurture team will be sponsoring a parent appreciation dinner for confirmation students and their parents. The dinner will be held Sunday, May 1 at 5:30pm at Alpha UMC. Child care will be available.

Youth Group Leaders Needed

The Christian Education team is looking for anyone interested in leading a youth group here at Alpha UMC. Our confirmation students will be confirmed May 15, but would like to continue to meet. They just need a few great leader!

Please speak with Pastor Zack or Desirae if you are interested in this ministry opportunity.





Tim Hawkins Live in Concert!

May 8, 2016

7:00pm

Grace Presbyterian Church
8607 N. State Route 91
Peoria, IL

Order tickets at TrinityCommunications.org
or call 888-780-1116



IGRC's Bishop's Open

Friday, April 22, 2016

Noon shotgun start

Edgewood Golf Course, Auburn, IL

\$100 per person entry fee. 100% goes to the
Bishop's Scholarship Initiative for Africa
University.

Individual or foursome registration. See Desirae or go to www.igrc.org/bishopsopen2016



Support our college students!

The Nurture Team will be sending out college boxes April 24. Please drop off snacks, cards, and notes of encouragement to the box in the fellowship hall by April 24. Let's help our student's finish the school year strong!

Outreach Update

The next outreach team meeting will be Wednesday, April 20 at 5:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

April Meals:

Saturday, April 2, 5-7pm— Community Meal

Sunday, April 10, Following Worship—Mission Meal

Tuesday, April 26, 4:15pm—Meet to serve at Humility of Mary

ALWOOD FOOD PANTRY During the month of April our Outreach team will be participating in a campaign to gather much needed items for the food pantry. Laundry Soap, Dish Soap and All misc. paper items are needed. Please assist our efforts with this needed ministry. We will have a place on the table in the fellowship hall to leave your donations. Our church representatives are Angie Briggs and Angie Althaus. We thank them for their dedication ministry.

Vacation Bible School 2016
06/13/2016 through 06/17/2016
9am to 12noon daily
AIWood Community Churches

ONE FORM PER CHILD

Child's Name _____ Birth Date _____ Grade _____

Mother's Name _____

Address _____

Telephone (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

Father's Name _____

Address _____

Telephone (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

Medical information (allergies, medications, etc. Please list out, no abbreviations)

Food allergies/sensitivities (nuts, gluten, fruit, etc. Please list out, no abbreviations)

Does your family have a church home? _____ If so where? _____.

Who has permission to pick up your child from VBS? _____

I, _____, do hereby state that I am the parent and/or legal guardian of my child _____, a minor, age _____. I do hereby authorize adult volunteers with Vacation Bible School ministry at the Alpha United Methodist Church to administer appropriate first aid to my child when needed. I give consent to any examination, x-ray, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment and hospital care which is rendered under supervision of any physician or surgeon licensed under the provision of the Medical Practice Act on the medical staff of a licensed hospital, whether such diagnosis or treatment is rendered at the office of said physician or at said hospital. Further, as parent or guardian of the minor named above, I do hereby expressly consent that my son/daughter may receive emergency medical treatment from any physician, hospital, or other medical center without the necessity of first notifying me, and do further agree to hold blameless any physician, hospital or other medical center for rendering such services.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



April 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 5:00 - 7:00pm Community Meal Private Wedding
3 3:00pm Spencer Beck Eagle Scout Ceremony 5:30pm Confirmation Class	4 6:30pm Boy Scouts	5 6:30pm SPPRC	6 6:30pm Christian Ed. 6:30pm Cub Scouts 6:45pm Sunshiners	7 Pastor Zack out of office thru 4/9 6:00pm Walk to Emmaus	8	9 9:15 am The Journey Women's Re- treat @ Aledo UMC 7:30pm Walk to Emmaus
10 Mission Meal Following Worship 4:30pm Walk to Emmaus	11 6:30pm Boy Scouts	12	13 6:30 pm Worship 6:30pm Cub Scouts	14 1:30pm UMW @ Ann's 6:00pm Walk to Emmaus	15	16 7:30pm Walk to Emmaus
17 7:00am Men's Breakfast @ fire station 4:30pm Walk to Emmaus	18 6:30pm Boy Scouts Pastor Zack on vacation thru 4/26	19	20 5:30pm Outreach 6:30pm Cub Scouts	21 7:15pm Music Rehearsal	22	23
24 College Box Deadline	25 6:30pm Boy Scouts	26 4:15pm Serving @ Humility of Mary Shelter	27 6:30pm Council 6:30pm Cub Scouts	28 7:15pm Music Rehearsal	29	30

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Sunday Schedule:

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

9:30 A.M. Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall

10:00 A.M. Worship Service



Have you visited our website?
Dean Kernan is the creator and manager of our website.
Our Web address is alphaumc.org



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