

# AUMC

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CATCH THE SPIRIT  
ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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## The Diary of a Bible

Jan. 15—Been resting quietly for a week. The first few nights after the first of the year my owner read me regularly, but he has forgotten me now, I guess. Another New Year's resolution gone wrong.

Feb. 3—Owner quickly picked me up and rushed off to Sunday School, he did not open me up however.

Feb. 23—Cleaning day, dusted and put me back up in my place. I have been down in the lower hall since my trip to Sunday School.

April 2—Busy day. Owner had to present the lesson at church society meeting and quickly looked up a lot of references.

May 5—In grandma's lap, she let a tear fall on John 14:1-3.

May 7,8,9—In grandma's lap every afternoon now. A comfortable place to be.

May 10—Grandma's gone. Back in my old place. She kissed me goodbye.

May 20—Baby born here today. They wrote it's name on one of my pages.

July 1—Had a couple of four-leaf clovers put in me today.

July 5—Packed in a trunk with a lot of other things, off for a vacation.

July 7—Still in the trunk.

July 15—Still in the trunk.

July 20—Still in the trunk, almost everything else taken out.

July 25—Home again in my old place. Quite a journey, though I don't see why I went.

Aug. 2—Rather stuffy and hot. Two magazines, a book and an old hat on top of me. Wish they would take them off.

Aug. 9—Cleaning day, dusted and put back again.

Aug. 16—Cleaning day, cleaned again with special care and put in a prominent place on the library table, heard them say the minister is to be here for dinner.

Aug. 20—Owner wrote grandma's death in my family record. He left his glasses between my pages.

Dec. 31—Owner just found his glasses. Wonder if he will make any resolutions about me for the New Year? Isn't this a funny world—and what kind of diary could your Bible write?



I was looking for something the other day, and this clipping fell out of a folder—and I pondered that last question. What kind of diary could my Bible write? And what about your Bible? We are called the people of the Book. Yet few of us really spend quality time with the Book. This may not be January 1st, a day of resolutions, but it is still the first day of the rest of our lives. What response will we make to God's great gift of a Risen Lord at Easter? A Lord who has prepared a place for us and who comes to empower us to do his will. How will you use this day and the Book for the glory of God?

Have a happy and fruitful Easter,

Pastor John

## Administrative Council 2015

Chair: Kurt Jordan

Vice Chair: Mary Nice

Finance: Dean Kernan

Trustees: Ed Schultz

S/PPRC: Tracy Harmon

Outreach: Lindi Kernan

Nurture: Deb Briggs

Worship: Cathy Jordan

Christian Ed: Ian Yoder

Sunday School Supt.: Deb Briggs

UMW Chair: Mary Nice

Men in Mission: Dean Kernan

Lay Leader: Lindi Kernan

Alternate: Cathy Jordan

Youth Rep.: Joseph Nickolayson

Recording Secretary: Desirae Silvis

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Our  
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page are updated weekly. Check them out to stay up to date on services, meetings, and events happening at Alpha UMC!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



**Acolytes , Ushers  
&  
Liturgists Needed!**

**Kids & teens, if you would like to serve as an acolyte during services, let your Sunday School teacher know! It's a great way to help serve!**

**Anyone interested in serving as a liturgist or usher please contact Desirae Silvis.**



**Monday,  
April 27th**

### Secretary's Info

Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

8: 30-12: 30

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# THIS MONTH'S USHERS

Parris, Desirae & Jack Silvis

April Liturgists: 05- David Althaus      12- Mary Nice  
19- Bob Bateman      26- Dale Lanning

## 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  
Leon Sardi
- 25: Dean Kernan  
Kaci Bedford

## March Host & Hostess

- 05: Outreach Committee      12: Need Volunteers
- 19: Barb & Stan Damron      26: Need Volunteers

## April Anniversaries:

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

## *Bridal Shower*

*A bridal shower for Katie Amick, fiancée of Seth Thompson, will be held:*

*Sunday, April 12 at 2:00 p.m.  
at Alpha UMC*

*Seth & Katie are registered at Bergners/Youngers.*





# Holy Week Schedule



Sunday, March 29th  
Regular Sunday Worship Schedule



Thursday, April 2  
6:00 pm meal served by the Nurture Team  
7:00 pm Service of Table Talk with Jesus  
Communion will be served.



Friday, April 3  
7:00 pm Community Service at Maranatha  
Pastor John preaching.



He is risen! Happy Easter!  
Sunday, April 5  
Regular Sunday Worship Schedule

# Christian Education & Sunday School News



The next VBS planning meeting will be Thursday, April 9, here at the church. Anyone wishing to help with VBS is welcome to attend! Our theme this year is Backstage with the Bible by Go Fish.

Looking ahead, VBS will hold a bake sale during Thrifty on 150, May 8th. Be thinking of treats you would like to donate!

## LGLS

3 years to middle school meet  
at 9:00 am.

Don't miss out on the fun!

## High School Students

Eddie and Emily Bradshaw  
are leading the HS Sunday  
School class.

They meet the 1st and 3rd  
Sundays of the month.



## Adult Sunday School Classes

Mary Nice and Miriam Greene will be leading their Sunday School classes again beginning Sunday, April 12 at 9 am. Come join one of these groups for study, discussion, and fellowship. It is a great way to start your Sunday and your week!

# Upcoming Events

## OUTREACH

### Humility of Mary Update:

The shelter is in need of coffee, creamer, sugar and styrofoam cups. Please consider donating any of these items.

Outreach will be serving at the shelter **Tuesday, April 21**. Meet at the church at 4:00 to travel to the shelter.

### Community Meal

Saturday, April 11

5:00-7:00 pm

### Mission Meal

Sunday, April 19

Following Worship

\*Meal dates have changed due to Easter Sunday.



**Men in Mission Breakfast is at the Alpha Fire Station this month.**

**Join us on Sunday, April 26 at 7:00 am.**



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Methodist  
Women  
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UMW will meet Thursday, April 9 at 1:30 pm. This month's meeting will be held at Ann Enstrom's house.

# Upcoming Events



## College Box Donations Needed!

Nurture Team will be sending care packages to our college students as they begin to prepare for finals.

Let's show our college students that their church family supports them by donating goodies !

Place donations in the box in the fellowship hall by April 26.



## New Directory Coming Soon!

In preparation of our new pastor's arrival, a new church directory is being put together.

Bob Bateman will be taking family photographs.

**More info on dates and time to come.**

Please fill out the info sheet at the end of this newsletter and return to Desirae's mailbox outside the office, or email her your info to:

[aumcsecretary@aol.com](mailto:aumcsecretary@aol.com)

Thanks!!!

# Upcoming Events

## Henry & Stark County Health Depts.



**A Comprehensive  
Metabolic Panel &  
Lipid Panel!**

**\$5**

- \* Cash Only!
- \* 22 Results!
- \* Appointments Encouraged

\* Free PSA Tests for Men 50+ Yrs.!  
(40-49 Yrs. Old Physician Order Required)

**Tuesday, April 7th**

**7:00am-12:00pm**

**Main Office, Rt. 78 South, Kewanee**

**8:00am-12:00pm**

**Colona Office, 103 1st St., Colona**



**National  
Public Health Week,  
April 6-12, 2015**



**(309) 852-5272 (Kewanee)    (309) 792-4011 (Colona)**

**www.henrystarkhealth.com Find Us On Facebook!**



This is a test that is normally \$50-\$75 and is being offered to area residents at this discounted price by the Henry/Stark Co. Health Dept.



# April 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm dinner 7:00 pm service	3 7:00 pm Good Friday Service At Maranatha	4
5 Happy Easter!  	6 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	7	8 6:30 pm Wolves & Bears	9 UMW 1:30 @ Enstrom's  6:30 pm VBS Planning Meeting	10 Pastor's Sabbath	11 Community Meal 5:00-7:00pm
12 Amick/ Thompson Bidal Shower 2:00 pm	13 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	14	15 6:30 pm Wolves & Bears	16	17 Pastor's Sabbath	18
19 Mission Meal Worship Meeting after Service Sunshiners Circa 21	20 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	21 Church Council 7:00 pm	22 6:30 pm Wolves & Bears	23	24 Pastor's Sabbath	25
26 7:00 am Men's Breakfast at Alpha Fire Station	27 Newsletter Deadline	<del>28</del>	29	30		

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## ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

John Crede, Pastor

### 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](http://alphaumc.org)



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# New Church Directory Coming!

As we prepare for the coming of our new pastor, we will be updating Church records and creating a new Church directory. Please help by updating your family's information. Thanks!

## Names & Birthdates of Family Members:

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Anniversary date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Box # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email addresses \_\_\_\_\_

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Please fill out this form and return to Desirae's mailbox outside of the Church office, or email your information to [aumcsecretary@aol.com](mailto:aumcsecretary@aol.com). Please include college student info as well!