



ALPHA

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MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST, TRANSFORMING OUR COMMUNITY
ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Greetings friends,

I have something to confess, I have not usually been a fan of the summer since I was a young boy. I don't like heat, I get sunburned easily, and I'm not the aquatic type. All that being said, I am learning to appreciate the distinctive benefits of a hot summer since my return to the prairie state.

One, the fresh local farmer's market produce and neighborhood/family garden food around here has been delicious and nutritious. I actually feel more invigorated and at home here when eating tasty meals made from local sweet corn, cucumbers, melons, peaches, plums, pluots, etc. I am amazed with how good God has been to our land and our farmers, despite the harsh political and social climate of our nation. In our area it appears agricultural bounty awaits us and we will have a lot to be grateful for when harvest season returns. It excites me to hear our farmers hopeful for their crops and pleased with their labors in 2016.

Two, this summer I have been refreshed by not only some memorable family vacations, but I have also been renewed by having some redeemed time for getting some timely perspective on my life, my relationships, my work, and my new friendships that God has blessed us with here in the past 14 months. Seeing so many incredible summer blooms and flora and fauna has been a boon to my soul too, being in awe of God's abundant life in our created environment. It feels great to be HOME in this village.

Three, this summer has been the most productive season for me in terms of long-term creative and strategic planning as a United Methodist Church pastor. I am grateful and inspired to get to work with our encouraging district superintendent Rev. Sylvester Weatherall again and I am thrilled with the election and appointment of our new Bishop Dr. Rev. Frank Beard too. These men are "all about Jesus" in their ministry and in their servant leadership from what I have observed and heard from my colleagues. I am gearing up for a great school year at Alpha UMC. In the coming days, I'll be sharing with y'all our church council's three strategic goals for our ministry in the 2016-17 school year. Finally, I am deeply grateful for the gracious response and participation by the kind learners who have embraced and supported my Luke bible study experiment "Meals at the Margins with the Messiah". I am amazed at what we are learning from Jesus' ministry in Luke during our fun and delicious times together: our hospitality is an opportunity for healing to take place in our hearts and relationships as we share God's love in Christ together and experience our salvation in the present moment. "Today, salvation has come to this house!"

This summer has been a great blessing for my family. Thanks to God for you in your continued prayers, ongoing ministry, and willingness to share the love of Christ in your everyday lives. I remember you with joy in my prayers!

Grace and Peace in Christ,

Pastor Zack

Administrative Council 2016

Chair: Kurt Jordan

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Lay Leader: Lindi Kernan

Alternate: Cathy Jordan

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Recording Secretary: Desirae Silvis

Secretary's Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

9:00am - 1:00pm

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Parent's Prayer Group

The parent's prayer group will hold it's monthly meeting Sunday, August 7 following worship. Let's get together and pray for our kids as they prepare to begin the new school year.

Parent's prayer group is open to parent's of all ages! Please join us in supporting one another in fellowship and prayer.



MONDAY,

DEADLINE AUGUST 22

Melba Jordan's new address:

Ridgecrest Village

4130 Northwest Blvd.

E. Ridge Apt. 154

Davenport, IA 52806

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of my children.

Please **watch over them** as they go back to school, and protect them from negative influences.

Help them be a light to others, and help them show love, care, and respect to their friends and teachers.

Please protect them from bullies, but if they face one, **give them courage to stand up for themselves and for others.**

Help them to remember when they are scared or afraid, You are there with them. **As much as I love my children, You love them even more,** and I know You will be watching out for them.

THIS MONTH USHERS

Marvin Enstrom & Kurt Jordan

August Liturgists: 07: Need Volunteers 14: Angie Althaus
21: Eddie Bradshaw 28: Bob Bateman

August Acolytes: 07 & 14: Ty Anderson & Tucker Swanson
21 & 28: Delainey Bradshaw & Libby Fox



August Birthdays

- 1: Jamie Coffey
- 3: Marvin Enstrom
- 4: Ezra Glenn
- 10: Makenna Medley
- 11: Mark Rutledge
- 15: Trace Thompson
- 17: Gloria German
Ed Schultz
- 18: Ron Medley
- 22: Ronda Lambin



August Coffee Hour Hosts

- 07: Karen & Ed Schultz
- 14: Jenni & Jensen Trego
- 21: Need Volunteers
- 28: Kurt & Cathy Jordan

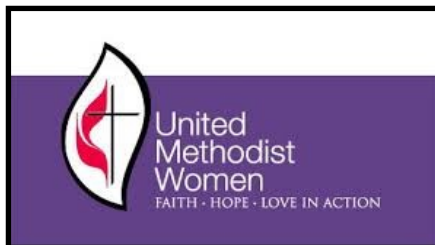
Nursery Helpers



- 07: Miriam Greene
- 14: Need Volunteers
- 21: Need Volunteers
- 28: Cathy Jordan

August Anniversaries

- 18: Bill & Dana Schultz
- 22: Eddie & Emily Bradshaw
- 30: Kelly & Trudy Atchison



Thursday, August 11
1:30pm
All women welcome!



Sunday, August 28
7:00am
All men welcome!



Outreach Team Updates

Another Child Foundation Ministry for June/July

We collected 49 pairs of shoes, 176 pairs of socks, and \$200 for shipping. Thank you Angie Althaus, Annie, and Gracie for delivering.

Meals for August

Free Community Meal Saturday, August 6 from 5-7pm

Mission Meal Sunday, August 14 following service

Humility of Mary Tuesday, August 27 Come join us to help cook at our church, or come and help serve the meal. We will leave the church at 4:15pm. Thank you Lindi and crew for all the work you have done in preparing, serving, and cleaning up.

The urgent need request for T-shirts and undies for Humility of Mary Homeless Shelter will continue through the end of August. A box and 2 large bags were taken to the shelter in July. Thanks be to God for the Giving Spirit. Items needed include: women's underwear in sizes L & XL, men's white and colored t-shirts in sizes XL & XXL. There is also an ongoing need for coffee, creamer, sugar, and Styrofoam cups.

AlWood Elementary After School Program will be our ministry for August.

Our children will be going back to school August 16. They have an after school program that is funded through an initial 5 year grant, however NO snacks are included. The outreach team has set up a bin in the fellowship hall, and will be collecting the following snack items throughout the month of August:



Sun Chips, granola bars, string cheese, Goldfish crackers, peanut butter or cheese crackers, Rice Krispie treats, cereal bars, pretzels, Nutrigrain Bars, popcorn, apple juice boxes.

Let us all pray for our young people as they begin a new school year. Help them to make good decisions and know that they are never alone.

I am so thankful for the Outreach Team...and my Church Family.

Linda Lambin/chair



Our church will be sponsoring the Red Cross Blood Drive on **Monday, Sept. 19th from 1pm-6pm**. There is currently a blood shortage so if you or someone you know can donate it would be a big help. Because we don't have air conditioning in fellowship hall, we will use the American Legion Building.

Frank Beard elected bishop by North Central Jurisdiction

Joey Butler

July 13, 2016, Peoria, IL (UMNS)

The Rev. Frank Beard, pastor of Castleton United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, has been elected as a United Methodist bishop by delegates at the North Central Jurisdiction Conference.



Beard was elected July 13 at the jurisdiction's quadrennial meeting in Peoria, Illinois. On the sixth ballot, he received 109 votes, one more than the 108 needed for election.

Beard told delegates that in 1968, he was a "snotty-nosed" kid playing around a United Methodist church when its members invited him for cookies and Kool-Aid and then provided a scholarship so he could attend United Methodist Church camp.

"That little Methodist Church took me under their wing," he said. "In 1968, it wasn't popular for white churches to invite little black boys to be part of their congregation." Beard said that church blessed him and God called him to the glorious task of preaching the good news.

Beard was the second bishop elected by the delegates, an equal number of United Methodist clergy and laity, from the nine states that form the North Central Jurisdiction. The assignments of bishops for the next four years will be announced later in the week. His four-year term of service begins Sept. 1.

Beard has served Castleton United Methodist since 2012. He was previously superintendent of the Kokomo District 2004-2012. He has been vice chair of the General Commission on General Conference since 2004 and a member of the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry since 2010. He is a five-time General Conference delegate and a six-time Jurisdictional Conference delegate. He is a graduate of Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky.

A consecration service for the four new bishops will be held July 16. The ceremony can be watched live at the North Central Jurisdiction's website.

Within the United States, local United Methodist churches are organized into increasingly larger groups: numerous districts, dozens of annual conferences and five jurisdictions (regions). Nine active bishops now lead the 11 annual conferences that form the North Central Jurisdiction.

A United Methodist bishop is elected for life. Typically, a bishop will serve in a specific annual conference for eight years. The United Methodist Book of Discipline, the denomination's law book, directs each bishop to "guard the faith, order, liturgy, doctrine, and discipline of the Church" and to "lead all persons entrusted to their oversight in worship, in the celebration of the sacraments, and in their mission of witness and service in the world." Bishops also are to be "prophetic voices and courageous leaders in the cause of justice for all people."

The states represented in this jurisdiction are: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Butler is a multimedia producer/editor for United Methodist Communications. Christa Meland of the Minnesota Conference contributed to this story.



September Walk to Emmaus

Alpha UMC will again be hosting both the men and women's Walk to Emmaus in September. Walk to Emmaus is a 4 day retreat and participants will be staying at Camp Summit in New Windsor. Dates are as follows:

Men's Walk: Thursday, September 15– Sunday, September 18

Women's Walk: Thursday, September, 22–Sunday, September 25

Please see Pastor Zack for more information or visit the following websites:

emmaus.upperroom.org

qcemmaus.org

Sunday School 2016-17

Sunday School Roundup info will be coming soon! Look for info in our next newsletter for information about Sunday school roundup and our upcoming 2016-17 school year.

Thanks to all who participated in our Summer Sunday School study of the 10 commandments. This will be wrapping up August 14.



We are always looking for volunteers to serve as ushers, greeters, and liturgists. If any of these ministry opportunities interest you, please contact Desirae via email: alphaumc@gmail.com or phone 629-5161. Each of these ministries are a vital part of our church and take little to no time outside of Sunday worship.





August 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 6:30 pm SPPRC meeting	3 6:30pm Christian Ed. meeting	4 7:15pm Band Practice	5	6 5:00-7:00pm Free Community Meal
7 Parent's Prayer Group following worship 5:30-7:00pm Luke Bible Study	8	9 6:30pm Worship meeting	10 6:30pm Finance meeting	11 8:30am-12:00pm AlWood Pre-K Screening 1:30pm UMW 7:15pm Band Practice	12	13
14 Mission Meal following Worship 5:30-7:00pm Luke Bible Study	15	16	17 6:30pm Outreach Meeting	18 7:15pm Band Practice	19	20
21 5:30-7:00pm Luke Bible Study	22 Newsletter Deadline	23 4:15pm Humility of Mary	24 6:30pm Council	25 7:15pm Band Practice	26	27
28 7:00am Men's Breakfast	29	30	31			

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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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