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ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Together
a great place to be

To my new friends and brothers and sisters in Christ of the Alpha United Methodist Church,

Thank you for such an exciting and encouraging first month in our ministry together!

As your new pastor in this first month I have experienced the *nurture of Christian love in works of piety with fellow disciples, engaged in works of mercy for our world in outreach, and have even had opportunities to witness the love of God in Jesus Christ to pray for and with others in our community and invite them to worship with us. (We now have greeters ready to welcome them at the doors if and when they come join us on Sundays too!)*

Despite humid summer heat, we have worshiped the Lord in Spirit and truth together. We have recited and remembered God's promises for us from the Old Testament and the Psalms, and walked with Jesus in the Gospels and the New Testament together. We have sung rich hymns and new songs and offered up ourselves to God with our prayers and our presence as a church together. We have celebrated a new profession of faith, and shared the peace of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in Holy Communion together. We have affirmed what we believe and announced it in our Creed together. We have begun to lift up names of our family, friends, neighbors and coworkers who need the know the love of Jesus Christ....together.

Together, as a congregation you have helped me to begin to preach good news for the poor, to feed the hungry, to heal the sick, to visit the homebound, and pray for the hurting. Many of us have gathered to pray and hope and dream and plan for our present and future ministry together. We have started to learn and laugh together, and some of us are already embarking on the journey of discovering and affirming our spiritual gifts to use in our mission of **making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our community**....together.

Together, you have received me as your new pastor and welcomed my family to our new home in Alpha. My family has been blessed by your abundant hospitality for us in our new home, and at the church for a delightful United Methodist Women's ice cream social, a wonderful Sunday potluck & baby shower, and we have already been invited over by some to your homes for dinner together. I've had the privilege to meet so many of you in church and to see you in our community and greet you by name, listen to your stories, and learn about your livelihood. You have begun to share your life and your faith with me as your new pastor....together.

For all this Christian love and faithful prayers you've shared I say to you my friends:
"Thank you Jesus" and "May God bless you"....together.

Please keep my family in your prayers. Baby Ezra is almost here (or already has come by the time you read this). I'll be on paternity leave beginning the first Monday of August.

See you in six weeks!

Pastor Zack

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.:

UMW Chair: Mary Nice

Men in Mission: Dean Kernan

Lay Leader: Lindi Kernan

Alternate: Cathy Jordan

Youth Rep.: Joseph Nickolayson

Recording Secretary: Desirae Silvis



Secretary's Hours

Beginning August 17:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

There is also a new email address for the office, effective immediately.

NEW email

alphaumc@gmail.com

Pastor Zack's Paternity Leave

As the Glenn family prepares to welcome baby Ezra, we have been making plans for Pastor Zack's 6 week paternity leave, which begins August 4, if not before. His tentative return date will be September 14.

The Worship Design Team has been working hard planning our worship services during this time and have a number of lay speakers lined up to lead our worship services on Sundays.

During Pastor Zack's leave, Pastor Suzie Geer will be filling in for emergencies.



**Monday,
August 24**

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www.alphaumc.org



Find us on
Facebook

LGLS

Cathy Jordan and the middle school class will be continuing to lead Bible Trivia through August. The kids are having a great time! Bible Trivia starts at 9:00 am on Sundays in the middle school classroom.

Plans are underway for our LGLS kick off this September! Look in next month's newsletter for details.



Community Meal
Saturday, August 1
5:00 - 7:00 pm



Mission Meal
Sunday, August 9
Following worship



Save the Date!

Alpha UMC will be sponsoring a blood drive.

Date: Monday, Sept. 14

Time: 1 - 6 pm

Place: Alpha American Legion

Contact Julie Cole to schedule an appointment.

309-629-9745

Serving at Humility of Mary

Outreach will be serving a meal at the Humility of Mary Shelter, Davenport Tuesday, August 25. Meet at Alpha UMC at 4:15 pm.



Another Child
FOUNDATION

THANK YOU!

Thank you Alpha UMC for your generous donations and prayers for Another Child Foundation. This vibrant ministry does great things for orphans in Romania. On Thursday, July 30, Pastor Zack and Dave Lambin brought Alpha UMC's donation check along with a huge box of shoes, socks, and underwear to the drop off site.



Pastor Zack and Tim Oloffson, founder of Another Child Foundation, at donation drop off site.



UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, is constantly responding to ongoing needs around the world. If you are interested in making a donation to support UMCOR, there are a variety of options.

Mail to: UMCOR
P.O. Box 9068
New York, NY 10087-9068

Web: www.umcor.org and click on the donate link

Text: To make a \$10 donation anytime text UMCOR to 41444

UMCOR donations are tax deductible, as it is a 501 (c)(3) organization.

*Wedding Shower Open House
for*

Eric & Hailey Atchison

Saturday, August 8

9:30 - 11:00 am

Alpha UMC



*Come anytime between 9:30 and
11:00 to have breakfast and meet
Hailey!*



*The couple has gratefully requested gift cards
from any local stores.*

Alpha Mobile Meals

Alpha Mobile Meals is looking for volunteers to cook a meal 2 - 4 times a year. This wonderful service provides meals to the elderly in our community for a very low cost. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Vanya Cowser at 309-629-4008.

Our Online Directory is Now Available!

The online directory is now finished and available for use. All families that provided an email address should be receiving an email from CTRN, the directory provider, with username and password information, as well as directions to manage your family's information.



To visit the online directory, visit our website, www.alphaumc.org, click on the upcoming events tab, and click on the directory picture. You can also download the CTRN directory app for free from your app store.

If you have questions, please contact Desirae at alphaumc@gmail.com or 309-629-5161.

Orders for directory books will be taken toward the end of August.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 5- 7 pm Community Meal
2 3:00 pm Worship Design Team Meeting	3 Pastor Zack's paternity leave begins	4	5	6	7	8 9:30 - 11:00 am Open house Wedding Shower for Eric & Hailey Atchison
9 Mission Meal Following Worship	10	11	12	13 1:30 pm UMW	14	15
16	17	18 7:00 pm Church Council	19	20	21	22
23 7:00 am Men's Breakfast _____	24 _____	25 Serving at Humility of Mary Meet at 4:15 pm	26	27	28	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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