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CATCH THE SPIRIT
ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Ron Hutchcraft tells the story of Harold. Harold wanted to be in the annual Christmas play which was always a big production in his town. But Harold was not the top student in his class and seemed to have a lot of problems. The directors of the children's play did not want to hurt Harold's feelings, but they were worried about whether he could handle a part. They finally decided to give him the part of the Inn Keeper. All he had to say was, "I'm sorry, there is no room in the Inn."

Well, the night of the big play came and the church was packed. At the precise moment Mary and Joseph came and knocked on the Inn door. The whole village of Bethlehem shook as Harold tried to open the cardboard door to the Inn which was stuck. At last he got the door open, and the pitiful young couple was standing there looking all too real to Harold, but with a little coaching he blurted out the words: "I'm sorry, all the rooms are full, and there's no room for you here."

The couple turned sorrowfully away and began to walk off stage when all of a sudden the door of the Inn swung open again, and Harold ran up to the couple and said in a loud voice so that everyone could hear, "Wait a minute. Come back. You can have my room." It was a great addition to the play, even though it was not in the script.

The world was not interested enough to provide a room for the Savior, but you don't have to follow the script either. You can give Him room — your room, the room in your heart. Give Him room to live in you. Jesus says to us, "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3:20).

My prayers for you throughout this Advent season is that like Harold you adlib your script. Do not be afraid to change the course of time, invite the Savior in to enjoy your home. Many times I have read the phrase, "Jesus is the reason for the season!" I like Harold, would like to add to that and say, "Reason for the season is because 'He Lives!'"

From our family to yours, May the reason be your season. Merry Christmas!

Pastor Terry

**Church Council
Members:**

Chair: Dale Lanning

Vice Chair: Mary Nice

Lay Leader: Eddie Bradshaw

Trustee Chair: Ed Schultz

Treasurer: Dean Kernan

SPPRC Chair: Eddie Bradshaw

Men in Mission: Dean Kernan

UMW Chair: Mary Nice

Christian Ed: Cathy Jordan

Sunday School Supt: Deb Briggs

Youth Rep: Sabrina Medley

Nurture Chairs: Deb Briggs
Renee Young

Outreach Chair: Lindi Kernan

Worship Chair: Emily
Bradshaw

Recording Secretary: Linds
Brooks

Annual Conference Delegate:
Lindi Kernan

Pastor: Terry Evans

New Address for Freeda Bonnett

Freeda has moved from Galesburg and she would like us to share her “New” address with all of her church family.

Freeda Bonnett
Jersey Ridge Place
5605 Jersey Ridge Place Rd
Davenport, IA 52807



Children’s Christmas Program

December 9th

Dinner @ 6:00pm

Program @ 7:00pm

Dinner will be provided by the Nurture Team.

Please join us in this special program!

Holiday Open House at the Parsonage

Come join us in celebrating the season,

Sunday December 16

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The parsonage will be decked out for the holidays and we will have tasty treats to sample! From our home to yours – we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, prosperous New Year.

God Bless you all!

Pastor Terry and Annetta



Girls Fun Day with Lindy and Angie

Hey Girls, join us at the parsonage from 10-2

Saturday, December 15th

We're making cookies & treats and you know we will sample some too!

Jr & Sr. High Girls we hope to see you there.

Lunch will be provided



We will have a choir for Christmas.
Anyone that is interested please join us.

Practice schedule:

Wednesday, Dec. 5th—6:30 PM

Wednesday, Dec. 12th—6:30 PM

Sunday, Dec. 16 immediately following church service

We will sing Dec. 16, Dec. 23 & Christmas Eve.

COME AS YOU ARE

**A NIGHT FILLED WITH
PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

Saturday, December 15th, @ 6:00pm

Alpha United Methodist Church

Friendship potluck to follow;

All are invited to stay and

enjoy!



Help us to Update Our Files

We live in an age where things are in a constant state of change. Often we have to change our e-mail addresses or phone numbers for one reason or another. Please take the time and fill out this form and help us update our files so that we can keep you updated on all the happenings.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address(s): _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone(s): _____

Please Answer the Following Questions

_____ I would like to be added to the church prayer e-mail list.

_____ I would like to receive weekly reminders about the happenings around the church.

WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS:

Nurture Team will be sponsoring a Benefit Meal and Silent Auction for Sandy Merideth to be held on Saturday Feb. 9, 2013.

Sandy needs a double lung transplant and is in need of help paying for all the extra things that go along with the transplant.

Insurance will not pay for these items for example:

Sandy's sister has to go out to Iowa City with her and stay for 30 days.

Hotel, gas and food are a few things that need to be paid for Miriam and her stay.

Please plan to attend this event. If you are interested in donating items for the silent auction or the meal please contact one of the members of Nurture.

COLLEGE BOXES are out and ready to be filled.

Please help us give our college students a burst of energy with goodies and encouragement

Let's send a short note telling them we care and are praying for them.

We only have 3 students this year.

Please bring the items to the church by

Sunday December 9th.

We will mail them out on the 10th. Thank you for your help.

Poinsettia Order Form

	Total
_____ # of poinsettias @ \$13 each	\$ _____

Given by: _____

Please fill out your choice below:

_____ Given in memory of:

_____ Given in honor of:

_____ Given to the Glory of God for:

ORDERS ARE DUE TO LINDA BY DECEMBER 2nd

Please pick up your poinsettia after the Christmas Eve Service

_____ *Check here if you would like it donated.*

The Worship Committee

THIS MONTH'S USHERS

Dave Lambin & Marvin Enstrom

December Liturgists: 2nd: Bob Bateman 9th: Cathy Jordan
16th: Jean Roberts 23rd: Dale Lanning 30th: Eddie Bradshaw



December Birthdays

- 02: Kevin Brown
- 06: Brooke Harmon
- 11: Caleb Pruett
- 12: Rosie Merideth
- 13: Evelyn Barton
 - Ruby Naslund
 - Parris Silvis
- 14: Josh McCaw
 - Linda Buban
- 15: Basil Jordan
- 17: Kelly Atchison
 - Cody Lanning
- 18: Tom Briggs
- 19: Patsy Broadus
- 22: Melvin Briggs
- 23: Mary Nice
- 26: Paul Young
- 30: Pam Bateman

December Anniversaries:

27: Leon & Brittney Sardi



December 21st



No December Mission Meal



December Host & Hostess

- 02:
- 09:
- 16:
- 23:
- 31:



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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 Lindsi Brooks if you want anything added to it!



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3 6:30pm Boy Scouts	4 7:00pm Church Council	5 5:30pm Yoga 6:30p Wolves & Bears	6 1:30 UMW AWANA "Winter Wonderland" 6:30–8:00pm	7 Emergency Services Appreciation Dinner 6:00pm	8
9 Sunday School Christmas Program 7pm	10 6:30pm Boy Scouts	11 5:30 Worship Team 7:00 Finance	12 6:30p Wolves & Bears	13 AWANA Measles Night 6:30–8:00pm	14	15 Worship 6:00pm
16 8:15a CE Mtg 2-4pm Open House @ Parsonage	17 6:30pm Boy Scouts	18	19 6:30p Wolves & Bears	20 AWANA Craft Night 6:30–8:00pm	21 <u>Newsletter Deadline</u>	22
23	24 9pm Christmas Eve Service	25 Merry Christmas!!	26	27	28	29
30	31			NO AWANA		

SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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