

# AUMC

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CATCH THE SPIRIT  
ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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**The holidays always brought me great excitement as a child. I looked forward to Christmas morning with anticipation for what the beautiful packages under the tree contained. I would spend hours and hours staring at the packages and allowing my imagination to run wild with what was inside.**

**My mother also looked forward to the Christmas season. Her reasons were more than that of a child. She looked forward to the joy the presents would bring, but she truly enjoyed the “Cat and Mouse” game she would play with her inquisitive sons.**

**My brothers and I, Evans Team 3, would start to organize our search parties around mid-fall, because we knew that our mother shopped all year long for Christmas morning. My job, as the youngest, was to distract the parents with cuteness, while my brothers tossed the attic, the basement, and any closet in the house searching for the hidden treasures. However, our mother, the master of hide-and-seek would somehow always out smart us. The sad thing is that my mother would hide boxes in our house with notes making fun of our search efforts. The notes would always say;  
“You are looking for something that is already here, Love Mom”!**

**We were always curious about the notes and what was she implying. Her laughter would fill our house as she had foiled our efforts. One by one as Evans Team 3 would lose members due to age and basic lack of interest I was left to continue the search for the hidden prize. Until the year of my awakening!**

**Early one winter morning I simply asked my mother, “Why all the covert op’s and secret notes?” Her reply was very simple and straight forward; “Because you boys were missing the most important present that was right before your eyes all the time.” I asked her; “What was the present that we were missing?” To this day her response still resonates within me, when she said; “God and His Son is the greatest gift any of us could ever receive. He has blessed us with love, peace, family and friends.”**

**As I look back many years later, I truly understand what she was saying to a young boy looking for stuff. The packages under the tree bring about the anticipation and excitement for the season but the gift was revealed many years ago and we need not search the hiding places of the home to find what we already enjoy.**

**Merry Christmas Mom, your love and wisdom is truly missed.  
Wishing you a joyous Christmas Season, Pastor Terry.**

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## **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**

**Tuesday Dec. 24th**

**9:00pm**

**Please join us for a beautiful evening**



### **Special Voices and talents**

Advent is upon us and the Christmas holidays are fast approaching. We are looking for those with special voices and talents to share throughout Advent and Christmas Eve services. Should you want to share a special song, recite a favorite poem, or share a special memory please contact Pastor Terry so that your voices can be heard. Let us make this holiday season special for all to enjoy.

### **Parsonage Open House**

Every year in ministry we celebrate being part of an extended church family and we look forward to celebrating the Advent season with you. This year we would be honored to welcome you into the parsonage for refreshments and cheer on Sunday December 8, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Our prayers are for you to have a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Grace and Love,  
Pastor Terry, Annetta and Lindy



### Poinsettia Order Form

All poinsettias will be RED this year and wrapped in Gold foil  
If you bring in your own please make sure they are red with gold foil as well.

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

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please fill out your choice below:

\_\_\_\_\_ Given in memory of:

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\_\_\_\_\_ Given in honor of:

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\_\_\_\_\_ Given to the Glory of God for:

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**ORDERS ARE DUE TO LINDA LANNING BY DEC 8th**

*Please pick up your poinsettia after the Christmas Eve service.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Check here if you would like it donated.*

*The Worship Committee*

# THIS MONTH USHERS

Marvin Enstrom & Dave Lambin

**December Liturgists:** 1st: Ian Yoder      8th: Angie Althaus  
15th: Eddie Bradshaw      22nd: Cathy Jordan      29th: Sabrina Medley

## 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

NewsLetter  
**DEADLINE**

**Dec 20th**



**Community  
Dinner  
Dec 7th**

**No December  
Mission Meal**

## December Anniversaries:

27: Leon & Brittney Sardi

## December Host & Hostess

01: Damron's  
08: Outreach  
15: Briggs'  
22: Jordan's  
29: Need Volunteers

## Humility of Mary

No December Trip

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

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 Lindsy Brooks if you want  
anything added to it!



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 6:00pm Philippians Study	2	3	4 6:45pm Sunshiners	5 AWANA "Parents Night" 6:30-7:30pm	6	7 5:00-7:00pm Free Community Dinner
8 2-4 Parsonage open house  6:00pm Philippians	9 6:30pm Boy Scouts	10 5:30 Worship Team	11  6:30p Wolves & Bears	12 1:30 UWM  AWANA "Crazy Socks" 6:30-7:30pm	13	14
15 6:00pm Philippians Study	16 6:30pm Boy Scouts	17	18 6:30p Wolves & Bears	19 AWANA "Craft Night" 6:30-7:30pm	20 <a href="#"><u>Newsletter Deadline</u></a>	21
22 6:00pm Kids Program  6:00pm Philippians Study	23 6:30pm Boy Scouts	24 9:00pm Christmas Eve Service	25  Merry Christmas!	26  NO AWANA	27	28
29 7:00am Men in Mission  6:00pm Philippians Study	30 6:30pm Boy Scouts	31				

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](http://alphaumc.org)



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