



# ALPHA



## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 2016

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

I can hardly believe that Advent is upon us once again and Christmas is coming soon. If you ask me, with all of the excitement, controversy, and unforeseen events of fall 2016, Advent could not come at a better time. We need this holy time to be still in our souls, to patiently wait on the LORD, and remember that our deliverance and salvation is only in Jesus Christ, the Messiah. We must heed God's message to Solomon from 2 Chronicles 7:14. *"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."* Indeed, Advent is an appropriate time to remember the psalmist's plea for restoration from God from Psalm 85:4-9. "

**4 Restore us again, O God of our salvation,**  
*and put away your indignation toward us.*

**5 Will you be angry with us forever?**  
*Will you prolong your anger to all generations?*

**6 Will you not revive us again,**  
*so that your people may rejoice in you?*

**7 Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,**  
*and grant us your salvation.*

**8 Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,**  
*for he will speak peace to his people,*  
*to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.*

**9 Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,**  
*that his glory may dwell in our land."*

Heavenly Father, I pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, that this Christmas will be a holy time of healing, forgiveness, reconciliation, and restoration for our families, our community, and our nation. May we remember that our HOPE was born and our SALVATION arrived in the baby named JESUS. He shall save us from our sins!

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Zack



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year  
Zack, Julia, Eliana, & Ezra Glenn

## Administrative Council 2016

**Chair:** Kurt Jordan

**Vice Chair:** Mary Nice

**Finance & Treasurer:** Dean Kernan

**Financial Secretary:** Linda Lanning

**Trustees:** Dave Lambin

**S/PPRC:** Dale Lanning

**Outreach:** Linda Lambin

**Nurture:** Kelli Johnson

**Worship:** Roger Swanson

**Christian Ed Interim:** Desirae Silvis

**UMW Chair:** Mary Nice

**Men in Mission:** Dean Kernan

**Lay Leader:** Lindi Kernan

**Alternate:** Cathy Jordan

**Youth Rep.:** Delainey Bradshaw

**Recording Secretary:** Desirae Silvis

### Secretary's Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

9:00am - 1:00pm

(309)629-5161

alphaumc@gmail.com

**The church office will be closed**

**Dec. 23– Jan 3.**

Desirae will be on a flex schedule from Dec. 20-22 and will not be in during regular office hours.



### Christmas Eve Service

9:00pm

Candlelight Service



### Christmas Day

No Sunday School

Worship will begin at 9:00am in the fellowship hall, with Christmas cookies and cider.

SILENT NIGHT  
*Holy Night*



### 2017 Committees Lists

Please see pages 7 & 8 of this newsletter for a complete list of 2017 Church council and committee members.

Thanks to all who serve on these important teams!



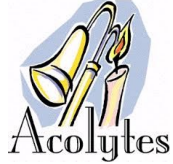
FRIDAY,  
DECEMBER 16

# THIS MONTH USHERS

## Marvin Enstrom & Dave Lambin

**December Liturgists:** 04: Dale Lanning 11: Angie Althaus  
18: Eddie Bradshaw 25: Bob Bateman

### December Acolytes:



04 & 11: Ty Anderson & Tucker Swanson  
18: Grace Althaus & Need Volunteer  
25: Lucas Althaus & Need Volunteer

### December Birthdays

02: Kevin Brown  
07: Carissa Fox  
Shanna Fox  
08: Pastor Zack Glenn  
12: Rosie Merideth  
13: Evelyn Barton  
Ruby Naslund  
Parris Silvis  
14: Linda Buban  
Josh McCaw  
15: Basil Jordan  
17: Cody Lanning  
18: Tom Briggs  
Eliana Glenn  
19: Patsy Broadus  
22: Melvin Briggs  
23: Mary Nice

### December Coffee Hour Hosts

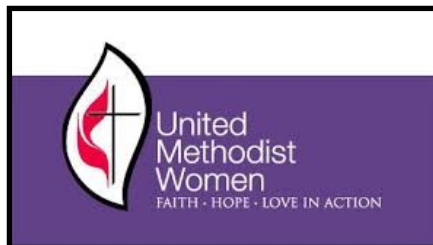


04: Outreach  
11: Bradshaw Family  
18: Need Volunteers  
25: Kurt & Cathy Jordan

### Nursery Helpers



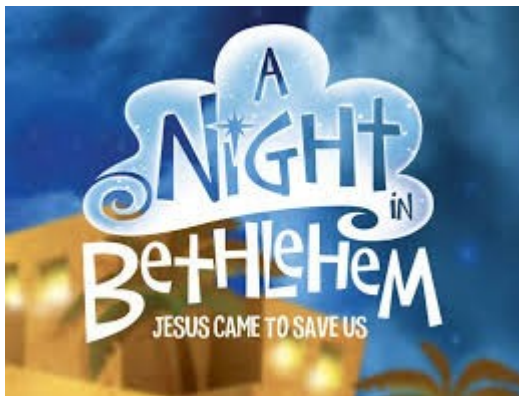
04: Miriam Greene  
11: Need Volunteer  
18: Julia Glenn  
25: Need Volunteer



Thursday, December 8  
1:30pm  
All women welcome!



No Men in Mission  
breakfast in December.



## Children's Christmas Program

### A Night in Bethlehem

Sunday, December 18

5:30pm— Dinner provided by Nurture Team

6:00pm -A Night in Bethlehem Activities

This year's children's program is going to be a fun event for the entire family!

During A Night in Bethlehem, families will travel together participating in activities that will give them an idea of what life was like in Bethlehem at the time Jesus was born. After traveling in groups throughout the church, we will all come together in the sanctuary to hear the Christmas story from Mary and Joseph, listen to the children's bell choir, and sing Christmas carols as a group. Finally, we'll close the evening with by celebrating Jesus' birthday with cupcakes.

This is a community event, so please feel free to invite friends, family, and neighbors!



## Advent & Christmas Sermon Series

2nd Sunday of Advent, Dec. 4—Guest preacher Rev. Sylvester Weatherall will be preaching from Joel 2:12-13, 28-29 and Luke 11:13

3rd Sunday of Advent, Dec. 11— *Prophetic Hope & Deliverance*, Isaiah 61:1-11; Luke 4:16-21

4th Sunday of Advent, Dec. 18—*Mary & the Hope of the Messiah*, Psalm 119; Luke 1:26-49

Special music by praise band, choir, and children's bell choir

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24— *The Birth of Jesus; Hope is Born*, Luke 1-2; John 1:1-14

Christmas Day, Dec. 25—*Hope Appears to the Shepherds*, Luke 2:8-20, Psalm 123:1-2



## District Superintendent coming to preach at Alpha UMC

D.S. Rev. Sylvester Weatherall will be preaching during worship Sunday, December 4.

*Born in St. Louis, Mo., Weatherall graduated from East St. Louis High School, McKendree College and Eden Theological Seminary, graduating with a Master of Divinity degree in 1991. A probationary member in the former Southern Illinois Conference in 1990, Weatherall was ordained into full membership in 1993.*

*He began serving the East St. Louis Metro Ministry, which later became Washington Park Grace UMC in 1989 and was there for 13 years before being appointed to the Springfield East Side Mission Parish, serving a predominantly white congregation at Kumler and a predominantly African-American congregation at Grace UMC, beginning in 2002.*

*He is a two-time winner of the Denman Evangelism Award, having been honored by both the former Southern Illinois Conference and the Illinois Great Rivers Conference. Weatherall was the first-elected clergy delegate for the 2016 General Conference and was a General Conference delegate in 2012, a General Conference alternate in 2008 and a jurisdictional conference delegate in 2004, 2008, 2012 and 2016.*

**“He is a strong preacher and has the heart of an evangelist, in every community he has served he has a track record of missional engagement. He is a compassionate pastor and a committed life-long learner.”**

**Bishop Gregory V. Palmer**



## Donations Needed for College Boxes

Finals are quickly approaching for our college students. Let's show them how much their church family cares for them by sending them boxes full of goodies!

The Nurture Team will be sending each of our students a care package. We currently have 9 college students.

So, while you're out doing that Thanksgiving shopping, grab a couple of snacks for our college students. Donations may be dropped off in the bin in the fellowship hall. Thanks!

## Christmas Mum Orders

Due to Pastor Zack's allergy to poinsettias, we will again be ordering mums for Christmas. Order forms can be found on page 6 of this newsletter and also in bulletins through Dec. 4. The mums are \$10 each. Please turn in your order to Linda Lanning by Dec. 4.



Basil Jordan is turning 90 December 15. If you would like to send a card to Basil, here is his address:

Basil & Melba Jordan  
Ridgecrest Village  
4130 Northwest Blvd  
East Ridge Apt 154  
Davenport, IA 52806



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](mailto:alphaumc@gmail.com) or phone 629-5161. Each of these ministries are a vital part of our church and take little to no time out- side of Sunday wor-



# Christmas Flower Order Form



	Total
_____ # of white mums @ \$10 each	\$ _____

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

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. 4**

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

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

## 2017 Administrative Committees and Ministry Teams

The mission of the United Methodist Church is “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” The local church is the primary means and environment for making disciples of Jesus Christ within a particular community.

**Church Administrative Council:** *The Church Council is responsible for the local **administration** of the Book of Discipline in policy and procedure, for reporting our ministry progress to the District Superintendent and electing new leaders at annual Charge Conference, and for the oversight of our local church’s ministry program in the areas of **nurture, outreach, and witness**. The Church Council works with the Pastor to guide the strategic planning for our church by prayerfully seeking God’s will in Scripture, casting long-term vision, setting realistic goals, and defining clear objectives when it comes to our local mission of “making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our community.”*

**Church Council Chair:** TBD

**Vice Chair:** Mary Nice

**Lay Leader:** Lindi Kernan

**Church Treasurer:** Dean Kernan

**Finance Committee Chair:** Dean Kernan

**Trustees Committee Chair:** Dave Lambin

**S/PPRC Committee Chair:** Eddie Bradshaw

**Nominations & Leadership Development Committee Co-Chair:** Parris Silvis

**Nurture Team Chair:** Kelli Johnson

**Outreach Team Chair:** Linda Lambin

**Worship Team Chair:** Roger Swanson

**Christian Education Team Chair:** Cathy Jordan

**United Methodist Women:** Mary Nice

**United Methodist Men:** Dean Kernan

**Youth Representative:** Delainey Bradshaw

**Lay Delegate to Annual Conference:** Lindi Kernan

**Alternate Lay Delegate:** Cathy Jordan

**Recording Secretary:** Desirae Silvis

**Finance:** *This fiscal committee is responsible for the financial records, budget, and accounting in the church.*

2017: Trustee Chair (Dave Lambin), SPPRC representative, Finance Treasurer – Dean Kernan

2018: Lindsy Brooks, Ed Schultz, Julie Cole

2019: Ruby Naslund, Joseph Shepherd, Parris Silvis

**Trustees:** *This stewardship committee is responsible for maintenance, improvement, and safety of the church property including the church facility and parsonage; they also oversee the distribution and use of memorial funds.*

2017: Marvin Enstrom, Melvin Briggs

2018: Dave Lambin (Chair), Edie Peden, Joella Holdsworth

2019: Kurt Jordan, Lindi Kernan, Ron Medley

Note: Trustees may recruit skilled and experienced workers for improvement projects as needed.

**S/PPRC:** *This human resources committee is responsible for the mutual well-being of the pastor and his/her family; they mediate concerns to and from the congregation; they hire and evaluate church staff and personnel.*

2017: Sadie Carlson, Cathy Jordan

2018: Eddie Bradshaw (chair), Bob Bateman, Deb Briggs

2019: Linda Lambin, Roger Swanson

**Nominations and Leadership Development:** *This recruitment committee is chaired by the Pastor and is responsible for the stewardship and application of our spiritual gifts for servant leadership in the church; they help people identify their spiritual gifts and talents for local ministry; they nominate and invite laity to serve on teams.*

2017: Ruby Naslund, Karen Schultz, Gina Medley

2018: Parris Silvis (co-chair), Dana Schultz, Barb Damron

2019: Jan Bateman, Kelly Atchison

**Open Ministry Teams:** Note: The following ministry teams are open and can be joined at any time.

**Nurture:** *This hospitality ministry team is responsible for the encouragement and well-being of our church members; they plan fellowship events and correspond with our students and soldiers at large; they also help welcome and thank visitors and encourage regular attenders to join our church congregation; they also assist the pastor with the annual cultivation report of our membership.*

Deb Briggs, Angie Briggs, Jamie Coffey Kelli Johnson (chair), Barb Damron, Karen Pfeiffer

**Outreach:** *This missional ministry team is responsible for our church's engagement with our local community to motivate us to engage in acts of mercy and compassion on behalf of our neighbors. They also oversee the benevolence policies and procedure for our church's discretionary Emergency Outreach Fund.*

Gina Medley, Lindi Kernan, Sadie Carlson, Linda Lambin (chair), Julie Cole, Annie Althaus, Makenna Medley;

**Worship:** *This creative ministry team is responsible for assisting the Pastor in planning the liturgy, sacraments, arts, and music for our worship services; they also recruit and train volunteers to serve as acolytes, musicians, A/V technicians, liturgists, children's ministers, ushers, greeters, and nursery personnel.*

Roger Swanson (Chair), Lindi Kernan (Song Leader), Linda Lanning, Linda Lambin, Emily Bradshaw, Karen Schultz, Dean Kernan (A/V Technician), )

**Christian Education:** *This discipleship ministry team is responsible for facilitating an inclusive all-ages Christian education and spiritual formation process for making disciples of Jesus Christ in our local church. They facilitate and recruit volunteers to help teach and mentor learners in our Sunday School classes, family ministry events, United Methodist Youth Fellowship, bible studies, and confirmation.*

Note: all children's and youth ministry volunteers are subject to annual required DCFS background checks.

Barb Damron, Desirae Silvis, Roger Swanson

**Christian Ed. Chair:** Cathy Jordan

**Sunday School Superintendent:** TBD

**Sunday School Teachers:** Gina Medley, Renee Young (Pre-K to 1st grade);

Thad & Kathy Curry (2nd-4th grade); Cathy Jordan & Sadie Carlson (Middle School);

Eddie & Emily Bradshaw (High School); Miriam Greene (Adult), Mary Nice (Adults).



**Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc.**  
*...because our community cares*

Holiday Gift Project

This year we want to provide a Holiday Gift to 75 participants who live in our emergency shelter, 42 participants who live in their own apartments in our Permanent Supportive Housing Program and 30 Veterans who also live in their own apartment and work with our VALOR Program.

If you are able to help with one gift, or many, please contact Christie Adamson at 563.322.8065 or [c.adamson@humilityofmaryshelter.com](mailto:c.adamson@humilityofmaryshelter.com) with a number of gifts you are committed to providing by December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Shelter Gift Package

Please include the following:

- o Book bag
- o 1 Bath Towel
- o 2 pair of socks (gender neutral, white)
- o Small Throw Blanket
- o Chapstick
- o Travel Mug OR Water Bottle
- o Notebook and Pen
- o 1 Package of Gum/Mints

Permanent Housing/VALOR Gift Package

Please include the following:

- o Garbage Can
- o Garbage Bags
- o Laundry Soap
- o Dryer Sheets
- o Dish Soap
- o Small Throw Blanket
- o 1 Package of Toilet Paper
- o 1 Package of Paper Towels
- o 1 Bath Towel

- Please place the items inside the book bag or garbage can.
- We ask that you not place any particular religious note inside the gift as we help people with varying beliefs. We encourage you to write a note of encouragement.
- All gifts will need delivered to HMSI on or before Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.
- If you need clarification on a specific item, please call Christie 563.322.8065.





# December 2016



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Pastor's Sabbath	3 5:00-7:00pm Free Community Meal
4 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Rev. Weatherall Preaching Children's Bell Choir Performance	5 6:30pm Boy Scouts	6 9:30-11:00am Epic of Eden  6:30pm Trustees Meeting	7 6:30-8:00pm Epic of Eden  6:45pm Sunshiners	8 1:00-2:00pm Epic of Eden 1:30pm UMW 7:15pm Band Practice	9 Pastor's Sabbath	10
11 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	12 6:30pm Boy Scouts	13	14	15 7:15pm Band Practice	16 Pastor's Sabbath  Newsletter Deadline	17
18 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent  5:30pm A Night in Bethlehem	19 6:30pm Boy Scouts	20 4:15pm Humility of Mary	21	22 7:15pm Band Practice	23 Pastor's Sabbath	24 9:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
25 9:00am Worship in fellowship hall  	26 Church office Closed thru January 2	27	28	29	30 Pastor's Sabbath	31 New Year's Eve

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Rev. Zackary T. Glenn, 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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