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CATCH THE SPIRIT
ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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We always hear "the rules" from the feminine side. Now you get to hear the guys' point of view.

These are our rules!

Please note...these are all numbered "1" ON PURPOSE.

- 1. Learn to work the toilet seat. You're a big girl. If it's up, put it down.**
- 1. Birthdays, Valentines, and Anniversaries are not quests to see if we can find the perfect present yet again!**
- 1. Sometimes, we are not thinking about you. In fact if you listen closely you can hear the silence.**
- 1. Do not ask us what we are thinking about unless you are prepared to discuss such topics as navel lint, the shotgun formation, or the latest Bruce Willis movie.**
 - 1. Shopping is NOT a sport, and no, we are never going to think of it that way.**
 - 1. When we have to go somewhere, absolutely anything you wear is fine. Really.**
- 1. Ask for what you want. Let us be clear on this one: Subtle hints do not work. Strong hints do not work. Obvious hints do not work. Just say it!**
 - 1. We don't remember dates. Mark birthdays and anniversaries on a calendar. Remind us frequently beforehand.**
- 1. Anything we said 6 months ago is inadmissible in an argument. In fact, all comments become null and void after 7 days.**
 - 1. If something we said can be interpreted two ways, and one of the ways makes you sad or angry, we meant the other one.**
 - 1. You can either ask us to do something or tell us how you want it done - not both. If you already know best how to do it, just do it yourself.**
 - 1. Whenever possible, please say whatever you have to say during commercials.**
 - 1. Christopher Columbus did not need directions, and neither do we.**
- 1. ALL men see in only 16 colors, like Windows default settings. Peach, for example, is a fruit, not a color. Pumpkin is also a fruit. We have no idea what mauve is.**
 - 1. If it itches, it will be scratched. We do that.**

Often we look at the imperfections of our spouses. We place them in mind set scenarios that are quite often hard or impossible to complete. As we experience the holiday that hallmark built, let us remember that the love we have is blessed by God.

1 Corinthians 13:7 (NLT) reminds us; Love never gives up, never losses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

Love the one with your with!

Pastor T.

**Church Council
Members:**

Chair: Dale Lanning

Vice Chair: Mary Nice

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Youth Rep: Sabrina Medley

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Bradshaw**

**Recording Secretary: Linds
Brooks**

**Annual Conference Delegate:
Lindi Kernan**

Pastor: Terry Evans

LGLS/SUNDAY SCHOOL invites anyone from 3 years old on up to adults to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Come learn about God's Word, make new friends, enjoy conversation and have some fun. Hope to see you on Sunday!!

February 7, 2013 - MOVIE NIGHT - bring your sleeping bags, pillows and prepare for a great movie, time with your Awana friends and great snacks!

February 14, 2013 - "Red and Chocolate night" - wear as much red as you can and for each Bible verse you say, chocolate will be your treat!

February 21, 2013 - "Wacky Tacky night" - Who can be the wackiest, tackiest dresser at Awana? YOU CAN!!!!!!

February 28, 2013 - Craft night at Awana. We will be making decorations for some area senior programs to make others in our community SMILE!!!!

Boy Scout Sunday

February 10th

Our church is very blessed to sponsor excellent Cub and Boy Scout troops. We would like to honor them and their service to our community. There will be special presentations by the scouts and they will be hosting our morning fellowship. We are asking that during the weeks leading up to Scout Sunday take the time to write down a note of encouragement that we can present to the scouts.





Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent.

Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline.

Ash Wednesday emphasizes two themes: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality. The service focuses on both themes, helping us to realize that both have been triumphed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This year we will recognize Ash Wednesday on February 13 with two separate time blocks to all you to come and go as your schedule allows.

Our first session will be held at 11:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Our second session will be conducted from 4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

These heartfelt services will have spiritual readings, time for reflection, imposition of ashes, and will conclude with Holy Communion.

COME AS YOU ARE

A NIGHT FILLED WITH
PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Saturday, February 16th, @ 6:00pm



Alpha United Methodist Church
Friendship potluck to follow;
All are invited to stay and
enjoy!

Benefit Meal & Silent Auction

Sandy Merideth

Saturday
Feb 9
5-8 pm

Daughter of Harold & Rosie Merideth

Auction Items Include

*Kindle Fire
Pearl Necklace
Dinner and Movie
Certificates & more*

**Meal Includes
Spaghetti & Desserts**

Carry Outs Available

**MEALS
Donation
Only**

**Alpha United Methodist Church
211 N. Scandia St.
Alpha, IL 61413**

Other auction items include:

4 piece luggage set, Green Bay Packers fleece blanket, Chicago Bears fleece blanket, Chicago Cubs fleece blanket, baby blanket, several baskets made up by area churches and more!

**We are partnering with
Another Child Foundation
again this year.**

**We are collecting winter coats,
hats, gloves/mittens and scarves
for Orphans in Romania.**

**Now is a great time to look for
sales. We are collecting children's
coats from size 4 to 12.**

**This year we will also accept good
used coats.**



**Humility of Mary Shelter
Rescheduled for Tuesday February 5th**

We will meet at the church at 3:15 to load the vehicles.

We plan to be there by 5:00 for setup and to serve.

This month we will be collecting socks. It's cold and new socks are a blessing. As always we will take fresh fruit, hotel soaps, & shampoos for our friends.

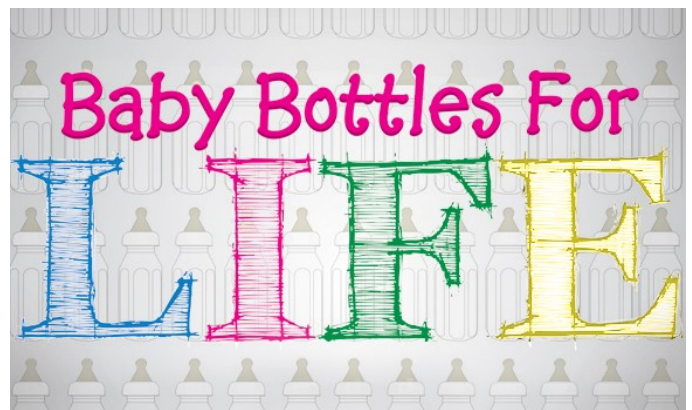
Sanctity of Human Life

2013 Baby Bottles for Life campaign

**The money we raise will go to
Pregnancy Resources of the Quad
Cities.**

**Your gift reaches women and families
with God's grace and truth at a
time when they need it most.**

Please return by Feb. 24th



USHERS THIS MONTH

Rich McCurdy & Gary Barton

February Liturgists: 3rd: Angie Althaus 10th: Eddie Bradshaw
17th: Cathy Jordan 24th: Sabrina Medley



February Birthdays

- 02: Vicki Jordan Geiger
- 04: Clint Cole
Bryton Brooks
- 10: Cathy Jordan
Geri McLaughlin
- 14: Haley Peden
- 16: Devin Reed
- 26: Nicole Schmitt
- 28: Brittany Kane

February Anniversaries:

- 10: Ron & Linda Buban
- 13: Ron & Ruby Naslund
- 17: Chester & Diane Peterson
- 18: Bill & Tracy Harmon



February Host & Hostess

- 06: Bill & Tracy Harmon
- 13: Althaus/Boy Scouts
- 20: Deb & Angie Briggs
- 27: Dean & Lindi Kernan



February 19th

Next Mission Meal:
February 10th



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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 Lindsy Brooks if you want anything added to it!



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 5:00–7:00pm Free Community Dinner
2	4 6:30pm Boy Scouts	5 Humility of Mary Shelter leave by 3:30	6 6:45pm Sunshiners 6:30p Wolves & Bears	7 AWANA “Movie Night” 6:30–8:00pm	8	9 5:00-8:00pm Benefit for Sandy Merideth
10 Boy Scout Sunday Mission Meal Following Worship	11 6:30pm Boy Scouts	12 5:30 Worship Team	13 Ash Wednesday 11:00-1:00pm 4:00-7:00pm 6:30p Wolves & Bears	14 AWANA “Red & Chocolate Night” 6:30–8:00pm	15	16 6:00pm Community Worship
17	18 6:30pm Boy Scouts	19 7:00pm Church Council <u>Newsletter Deadline</u>	20 6:30p Wolves & Bears	21 AWANA “Wacky Tacky Night” 6:30–8:00pm	22	23
24 Return Baby Bottles 7:00am Men in Mission	25 6:30pm Boy Scouts	26	27 6:30p Pack Night	28 AWANA “Craft Night” 6:30–8:00pm		

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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