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CATCH THE SPIRIT
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Alone?

A minister arrived early at the church where he was to be the guest preacher. He opened the door and walked down a long hall with his robe draped over one arm and his sermon notes in hand. He saw a four or five-year-old boy sitting all alone in one of the rooms. So he stopped.

“Hi,” said the child. “My name is Tommy and I’m all alone in this big room.”

“You feel all alone in that room?” asked the preacher.

“I don’t just feel it. I **know** I’m all alone!” answered the child.

“Don’t worry. I’m sure that somebody will come along soon to be with you,” replied the pastor.

With wistful eyes, little Tommy searched the preacher’s face, then said, “**How about you?**”

Good question. And isn’t that the question God asks each of us regarding God’s work on Earth? “I need faithful friends to do my work,” God says. “**How about you?**”

--story told by Dr. Jim Moore



February is also important for the celebration of love on Valentine’s Day. As our Valentine’s Day salute, on Sunday February 15th, we will have a **RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS SERVICE** immediately following the morning Worship Service for those couples who would like to renew their vows. So bring your sweetheart on the 15th. Tell her/him you would do it all over again!

Pastor John

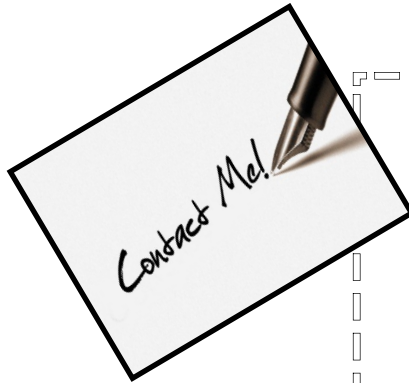


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Prayer Requests

Prayer requests in the bulletin will now be updated every two weeks. Please see Desirae to keep a request on the bulletin longer, or if you would like it to be a part of our continual prayer requests.



**Tuesday,
February
24th**

THIS MONTH'S USHERS

Dave Lambin & Marvin Enstrom

February Liturgists: 01-Eddie Bradshaw 08- David Althaus
15- Mary Nice 22- Bob Bateman

February Birthdays:

- 02: Vicki Jordan Geiger
- 03: Jason Lambin
- 04: Clint Cole
- Bryton Brooks
- 10: Cathy Jordan
- Geraldine McGlaughlin
- 22: Nicole Schmitt
- 28: Brittany Kane

February Host & Hostess

- 01: Barb & Stan Damron 08: Outreach
- 15: Kurt & Cathy Jordan 22: Bradshaw Family



February Anniversaries:

13: Ronald & Ruby Naslund

**Men in Mission
Breakfast Sunday,
February 22 at 7 am**



Sunshiners

Sunshiners will meet
Wednesday, February 4
at 6:45 p.m.

Christian Education & Sunday School News

Special Bible Study for Lent!

Pastor John will be leading a Bible study throughout lent that will take you through the events leading to the resurrection of Christ. Each video is presented in a nightly news format with interviews and stories surrounding the events.



When: February 15 - March 29

Where: Fellowship Hall

Time: 9:15 am

Enjoy coffee and snacks during the class!

High School Sunday School Classes

Emily and Eddie Bradshaw
will be leading you twice a
month to start out with.



Lay Speaker Training

**Spoon River District is holding
Laity Training**

**Saturday, February 21 at 12 p.m. at
Galesburg First UMC.**

**Multiple workshops to choose from.
See Desirae for more information.**



Outreach Committee News & Tidbits

Come Join Us!

**Community
Meal
Feb. 7
5 – 7 p.m.**

**We will be serving at the
Humility of Mary Shelter
Tuesday, February 24.**

**Mission
Meal
Feb. 15
Following
Worship**



Don't forget to turn in your Baby Bottles for life by February 15!!!!



Join us Saturday, February 21 at 6 pm for a night of laughter! Potluck dinner with DVD to follow. Bring the whole family!

Ash Wednesday

Come prepare for the Lenten season. Ash Wednesday is on February 18.

This year we will have 2 time blocks available to fit your schedule.

The first session will be from 10:00a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Session 2 will be from 5 to 7 p.m.

The service includes an open altar with prayer, reflection time, and Holy Communion.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

**Alwood Troop #144 , Boy Scouts of America
Cordially Invites You to Attend an
Eagle Court of Honor**

**Honoring Eagle Scout Award Recipients
Samuel K. B. Althaus and Andrew B. Johnson**

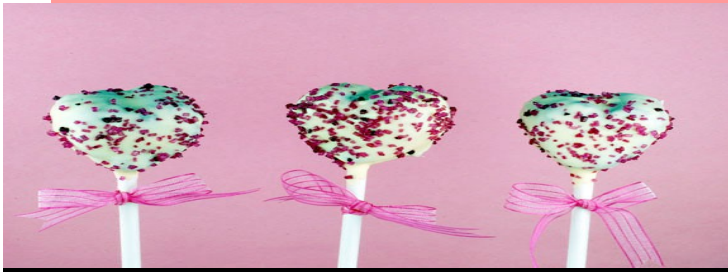
Sunday, February 8, 2015

4:00 p.m.

Reception to follow



Come celebrate with Sam and Drew in honor of their great accomplishment!



February 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	3	4 Sunshiners 6:45 pm 6:30 pm Wolves & Bears	5 VBS meeting 6:30 pm	6 Pastor's Sabbath	7 Community Meal 5-7
8 Eagle Scout Ceremony for Sam Althaus and Drew Johnson 4pm	9 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	10	11 6:30 pm Wolves & Bears	12	13 Pastor's Sabbath	14 Valentine's Day
15 Renewal of Vows Ceremo- ny following worship Mission Meal	16 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	17 Ad Council 7 pm	18 Ash Wednesday service 10:00 am- 12:30 pm and 5:00-7:00 pm	19	20 Pastor's Sabbath	21 6 pm Comedy Night
22 7:00 am Men in Mission Breakfast	23 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	24 Serving at Humility of Mary Shelter	25 6:30 pm Wolves & Bears	26	27 Pastor's Sabbath	28

SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

John Crede, 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.
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