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CATCH THE SPIRIT
ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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SOME QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT THIS NEW YEAR

**There is a lot to consider when planning our New Year's resolutions. Have you considered this:
A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk I have a workstation...**

Can atheists get insurance for acts of God?

If Fed Ex and UPS were to merge, would they call it FedUP?

Does fuzzy logic tickle?

If they arrested the Energizer Bunny, would they charge it with battery?

I believe five out of four people have trouble with fractions.

How come you never hear about grunted employees?

I don't have a solution, but I admire your problem.

If a tin whistle is made out of tin (and it is), then what, exactly, is a fog horn made out of?

If quitters never win, and winners never quit, what fool came up with, "Quit while you're ahead"?

Okay, who stopped the payment on my reality check?

I believe the only time the world beats a path to my door is when I'm in the bathroom.

Do Lipton employees take coffee breaks?

What hair color do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?

What was the best thing BEFORE sliced bread?

If it's zero degrees outside today & it's supposed to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold is it going to be?

Since Americans throw rice at weddings, do Orientals throw hamburgers?

Why are they called apartments, when they're all stuck together?

Why is a carrot more orange than an orange?

Why do they call it the Department of Interior when they are in charge of everything outdoors?

Tell a man that there are 400 billion stars and he'll believe you. Tell him a bench has wet paint and he has to touch it.

Why do we wait until a pig is dead to "cure" it?

Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

Do Roman paramedics refer to IV's as "4's"?

Whatever happened to Absorbine Senior?

Is there another word for Thesaurus?

Why is there Braille on the keypad of the drive-up ATM machine?

As we celebrate the beginning of yet another year. I challenge you to laugh, love and enjoy this blessing that we have received called life. We often get too wrapped up in the day to day activities that we forget to enjoy the world around us. My prayers are that each of us re-discovers the enjoyment of life and celebrate a prosperous New Year filled richly with the blessings of the Father.

Loving Life!

Pastor T.

**Church Council
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Brooks**

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Lindi Kernan**

Pastor: Terry Evans

I want to thank the Alpha UMC and Pastor Terry for thinking of me at Christmastime. I was surprised and I truly appreciate your act of kindness. My church family is so thoughtful. God Bless each of you.

Wishing you a wonderful 2013.

God is Good! Thank you so much

Edie Peden

January 3, 2013 - NO AWANA

January 10, 2013 - "Zoo night" - Bring your favorite stuffed animal and for extra points dress up to look like your favorite stuffed animal!

January 17, 2013 - "Make a joyful noise night" - this was a HIT from last year - bring your favorite noise maker and come to sing your heart out!!!!

**January 24, 2013 - "BARF night"
Be A Real Friend and bring a friend to Awana!**

January 31, 2013 - "Jelly Bean Night" Come wearing different colors and each Bible verse you say - jelly beans will come your way!!

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.

Have You Heard the News....

We will be holding a confirmation class
this year.

Confirmation is a time when youth
grades 5th thru 12th have the
opportunity to join the church.

This year we will be starting our classes
at the end of January with confirmation being scheduled for
Easter Sunday.

Please contact Pastor Terry to sign up.



COME AS YOU ARE

A NIGHT FILLED WITH
PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Saturday, January 12th, @ 6:00pm



Special Date This Month Only
Alpha United Methodist Church
Friendship potluck to follow;
All are invited to stay and
enjoy!

OUTREACH

What a great November and December! This church did some great things in the name of Jesus Christ and I know they touched hearts and warmed souls.

Thank you so much to all who participated in the first free community dinner and the appreciation dinner.

When we all work together we can get so many things done! The Alpha United Methodist Church showed the love of Jesus to many of our brothers and sisters!

In January we will start serving the mission meal again. It will be changed to the second Sunday of each month. It's a wonderful time of fellowship and all the money donated goes to fund our many mission and outreach projects.



As always, outreach isn't just for those serving on the outreach committee. WE, THE CHURCH, all are involved in outreach to the community, our country and our world! Join us on any or all of these different projects. God has big plans and many things for us to do and it can't be done by a small committee. If you would like to help in any way big or small please contact Lindi Kernan at 629-9924 or dlkernan@divcominc.net. If you have ideas to improve what we're doing or if you believe God has called you to a certain mission/outreach project just let us know.

The 2013 Outreach Committee members are: Lindsy Brooks, Angie Althaus, Larry Roberts, Jean Roberts, Gina Medley, Sadie Carlson, Bill Harmon, Linda Lambin, Julie Cole and Lindi Kernan.

The first free community-wide dinner was a great success. We received a very nice thank you note from a couple and those who attended really appreciated the nice meal and fellowship time.

We will continue to reach out to our community by serving a hot meal each month on the first Saturday. The next meal will be January 5th from 5:00 to 6:30.



Humility of Mary Shelter Tuesday, January 29.

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 and hotel soaps and shampoos for our friends.

January is Sanctity of Human Life month Sunday, January 27th

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.



THIS MONTH'S USHERS

Kurt Jordan & Ken Kearney

January Liturgists: 6th: Dale Lanning 13th: Sam Althaus
27th: Sarah Vordtriede-Patton 30th: Larry Roberts



January Birthdays

- 05: Ella Brads
- 08: Catarina Pruett
Pyper Swanson
- 11: Penny Hunt
- 22: Ron Buban
- 23: Dawson Medley
- 26: Eddie Bradshaw
Joella Holdsworth
- 27: Mark Atchison
- 28: Gary Barton
- 30: Angie Taflinger
- 31: Ian Yoder

January Anniversaries:

16: Dave & Julie Cole



January 21st



Next Mission Meal:
January 13th



January Host & Hostess

- 06:
- 13:
- 20:
- 27:



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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!



2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 No AWANA	4	5 5:00–6:30pm Free Community Dinner
6	7 6:30pm Boy Scouts	8 5:30 Worship Team	9 5:30pm Yoga 6:30p Wolves & Bears	10 1:30 UMW AWANA “Zoo Night” 6:30–8:00pm	11	12 6:00 Worship
13 Mission Meal Following Worship	14 6:30pm Boy Scouts	15	16 6:30p Wolves & Bears	17 AWANA Make a Joyful Noise 6:30–8:00pm	18	19
20 Outreach Mtg following Worship 1:00pm Baby Shower	21 6:30pm Boy Scouts	22 <u>Newsletter Deadline</u>	23 6:30p Wolves & Bears	24 AWANA BARF Night 6:30–8:00pm	25	26
27 Baby Bottles for Life Kickoff	28 6:30pm Boy Scouts	29 Serving @ Humility of Mary	30	31 AWANA Jelly Bean 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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