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CATCH THE SPIRIT
ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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FROM THE PASTOR:

I'VE BEEN THINKING LATELY ABOUT COMMENTS I HEAR IN THE MEDIA AND AROUND TOWN CONCERNING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT MANY OF US HAVE IT ALL WRONG. WE SEEM TO THINK THAT BEING A CHRISTIAN IS SOMETHING YOU ACCOMPLISH—LIKE GETTING A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA. ONCE YOU GET IT, YOU HAVE NO FURTHER RESPONSIBILITIES **EVER**.

BUT, JESUS CAME TO TELL US OF A **RELATIONSHIP** THAT WAS AVAILABLE TO US WITH HIM AND THE FATHER. THIS RELATIONSHIP COULD BE COMPARED MORE TO MARRIAGE THAN A DIPLOMA. A GOOD MARRIAGE TAKES WORK DAY BY DAY EVERY DAY—LOVING, CARING, TALKING, LISTENING, SHARING, HELPING, SERVING...

LONG AGO FOR A SHORT TIME I WAS FIRST CHAIR CORNET IN THE ROCK ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL BAND. I HAD PRACTICED HARD AND LEARNED MY SCALES, ETC. LAST SUMMER AFTER LISTENING TO A COMMUNITY BAND, I WENT TO FIND MY CORNET, DUSTED OFF THE CASE, AND TOOK OUT THE CORNET TO SEE IF I COULD STILL PLAY. IT WAS SAD! AND I COULD HARDLY GET MY FINGERS TO FINGER THE NOTES I WANTED TO PLAY. IT USED TO BE SO AUTOMATIC. I DIDN'T HAVE TO EVEN THINK ABOUT IT.

IS THIS NOT WHAT MANY PEOPLE WHO CALL THEMSELVES "CHRISTIAN" HAVE LET HAPPEN IN THEIR LIVES? WE ONCE HAD A RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE OR PROFESSED THAT WE WANTED TO LIVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE, BUT THEN WE THOUGHT WE HAD OUR "DIPLOMA" AND WENT ON TO OTHER THINGS, AND LIKE MY CORNET PLAYING ABILITIES WE LOST EVEN WHAT WE HAD.

NEW YEARS IS A TIME OF RESOLUTIONS. I WANT TO SUGGEST ONE FOR **ALL** OF US. THIS YEAR LET'S START CULTIVATING THAT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AGAIN. HOW?—BY TAKING PART IN THE MEANS OF GRACE ORDAINED IN THE BIBLE: WORSHIP, HOLY COMMUNION, BIBLE STUDY, PRAYER, AND SERVICE TO OTHERS. WILL YOU THIS YEAR DO THOSE THINGS THAT BRING YOU INTO A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD? OR, WILL YOU LET THAT PRECIOUS RELATIONSHIP OFFERED BY JESUS JUST SLIP AWAY LIKE MY CORNET PLAYING ABILITY?

IT IS THE CHOICE EACH OF US MUST MAKE! I PRAY THAT WE WILL EACH MAKE THE CHOICE THAT LEADS US CLOSER TO GOD. JOIN A BIBLE STUDY, OR THE CHOIR, TAKE PART IN WORSHIP, HAVE DAILY BIBLE READINGS AND PRAYER. LET'S MAKE 2015 THE BEST YEAR IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD.

IN HIS SERVICE,

JOHN



Dear Friends,

Barbara and I want to thank the congregation for the cards (we do read each one), gifts of food and the money gift that was presented to us by the church and the prayers for our son (who is doing very well. God is good-all the time) Your loving kindness and support are greatly appreciated.

Thanks again!

John and Barbara Crede

Welcome

Please welcome our new church secretary, Desirae Silvis. Desirae will be in office on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays. Come by and say, Hi! Desirae is a wonderful addition to the Alpha United Methodist team, she will be handling the church website, facebook, newsletter, bulletins, and so much more. Please be patient with this transition, if you have questions or suggestions, please let Pastor John, Tracy Harmon (SPPRC chair), or Desirae know.

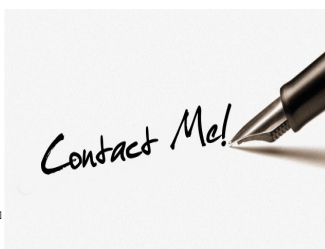


You can contact Desirae
309-629-5161 (office)
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Be sure to check out the church website!
There have been many updates done to meet the needs of our church family and community. Please contact Desirae, Dean or Pastor if you want anything added to it!

alphaumc.org



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Office Hours
Monday
8:30—12:30
Wednesday
8:30—12:30
Friday
8:30—12:30



THIS MONTH USHERS

Kurt & Kathy Jordan

January Liturgists: 04- Dale Lanning 11- Angie Althaus
18- Mary Nice 25- Sam Althaus

January Birthdays:

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



January Host & Hostess

- 04: Outreach 11: Althaus Family
- 18: Ann Enstrom 25: Marcia Atchison

January Anniversaries:

16: Dave & Julie Cole

Alpha UMC

is calling all who would love to share their musical, spiritual, outreach, in fact all talents/gifts



Newsletter Deadline:
January 29th

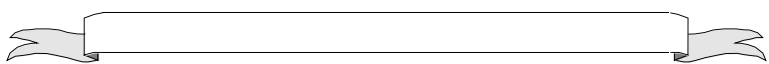
Christian Education & Sunday School News

The Young Adult Class
with
Miriam Greene Come join
her and discuss what
program you as a class
would like to
start out with.

Acolytes Needed
Calling all children we are in need of your help, we will be going back to having Acolytes on Sunday mornings by our youth.
If your interested please sign up at the table of opportunity.
If your not sure what needs to be done or how this is done, ask Pastor John, or your Sunday School teacher.

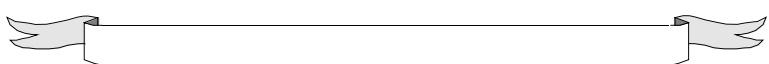


High School Sunday School Classes
 Emily and Eddie Bradshaw will be leading you twice a month to start out with.
 The classes will be the first and third Sunday's of each month



USHERS NEEDED

PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE TABLE OF OPPORTUNITES IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE TEAM OF USHERS ON SUNDAYS
 YOU CAN HAVE YOUR FAMILY, A CHILD, OR A CLOSE FRIEND JOIN YOU
 USHERS ARE SETUP FOR A MONTH AT A TIME, BUT IF YOU WOLD PREFER TO BE A FILL-IN USHER PLEASE INDICATE THAT ON THE SHEET AT THE TABLE OF OPPORTUNITY



Outreach Committee

News & Tidbits



The month of December was a busy month as the people of Alpha UMC were being the hands and feet of Jesus. The Community meal was a blessing to folks of the community and 85 were served. Thanks to Cathy Jordan for taking charge this month.

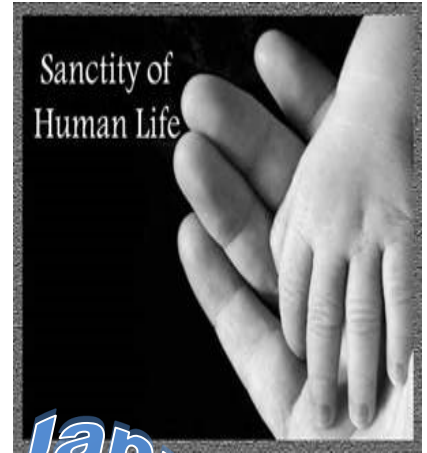
Six backpacks were filled and delivered to the Humility of Mary shelter. These were given to the clients of the shelter on Christmas morning. On the 23rd we served a Christmas dinner to the clients. We served about 85 meals. It was a blessing to have time to sit and share the meal with our friends there. Thanks to

Deb and Angie Briggs for helping prepare the meal and thanks to those for who donated food and served it. If you've never experienced this great ministry you should try it!

Thanks to all who donated gifts and gift cards to help area families this Christmas. What a generous bunch of disciples you are.

January 18th is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday and we will again support Pregnancy Resources of the Quad Cities by filling baby bottles with change. These will be distributed soon! This is also a great time to pick up disposable diapers and bring them to the church for the Pregnancy center. You can bring any brand, any size.

Lindi, Outreach Chair



January 18



Community

Dinner
Jan. 3rd
5-7pm



Mission Meal

January 11th

Committees 2015

FINANCE

2015: Gary Barton, Kelly Atchison, Kurt Jordan, Ruby Nasland

2016: Linda Lanning, Chris Young, Mary Nice, Marvin Enstrom

2017: **Trustee Chair, SPPRC Chair**, Dean Kernan (Finance Treasurer)

TRUSTEES

2015: Parris Silvis, Ed Schultz, Traci Greenman

2016: Sadie Carlson, Mark Atchison, Brian Brooks

2017: Ken Kearney, Marvin Enstrom, Deana Yoder

PPRC

2015: Dave Lambin, Ed Schultz, Tracy Harmon

2016: Marvin Enstrom, Kelly Atchison, Dale Lanning

2017: Sadie Carlson, Cathy Jordan

NOMINATIONS

2015: Desirae Silvis, Lindsy Brooks, Cathy Jordan

2016: Dave Althaus, Eddie Bradshaw, Melvin Briggs

2017: Ruby Nasland, Karen Schultz, Bill Harmon

Administrative Council Chair: Kurt Jordan

Administrative Council Vice Chair: Mary Nice

Lay Leader through 2016: Lindi Kernan

Lay Delegate to Annual Conference: Lindi Kernan

Alternate Lay Delegate to Annual Conference: Cathy Jordan

Youth Representative to Council: Josepha Nickolayson

Recording Secretary: Desirae Silvis



JANUARY 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Happy New Year!!!	2 Pastors Sabbath	3 Community Meal 5-7pm
4 Removal of the Greens	5 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	6	7 6:30 pm Wolves & Bears	8	9 Pastors Sabbath	10
11 Mission Meal	12 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	13	14 6:30 pm Wolves & Bears	15	16 Pastors Sabbath	17
18 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday	19 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	20	21 6:30 pm Wolves & Bears	22	23 Pastors Sabbath	24
25	26 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	27	28 6:30 pm Wolves & Bears	29	30 Pastors Sabbath	31

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.
Our Web address is alphaumc.org



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