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CATCH THE SPIRIT
ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Making the Choice to Follow Jesus

Jesus said to everyone, "All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow me. Luke 9:23 CEB

With whom will you choose to walk today? Will you walk with shortsighted people who honor the ways of the world, or will you walk with the Son of God? Jesus walks with you. Are you walking and talking with Him? Hopefully, you have chosen to walk with him today and every day that you live.

Jesus has called upon believers of every generation, every walk of life, every gender, and every nationality to pick up their cross and follow in his footsteps. In Matthew 11:28-30 CEB; "Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. 29 Put on my yoke, and learn from me. I'm gentle and humble. And you will find rest for yourselves. 30 My yoke is easy to bear, and my burden is light." We learn that we are not working or walking alone.

Jesus does not want us to be run-of-the-mill Christians; he does not want us to follow the crowd type of people. He wants us to be just like him for we are all created in his image. Jesus wants us to cast off the ways of our past lives and become a "New Creation" through him. This is exactly what we should want for ourselves also.

Nothing in our earthly walk is more important than having a personal relationship with Christ. By having this relationship we need to realize that Jesus wants 100% commitment on our part. Each of us have to make the decision, no one can make this life changing decision for us. Our faith should never be an afterthought or something that we pencil in our planners that can be easily erased for something else. This walk becomes your possession which requires care, passion, and love. You are a recipient of Christ's love.

See you in August,

Terry

Church Council**Members:**

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Lindi Kernan

Pastor: Terry Evans

60th Wedding Anniversary Party

Please join Marvin and Ann Enstrom in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Saturday July 5th 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Alpha United Methodist Church.



Cards are welcomed but please refrain from gifts.



Humility of Mary – we will be traveling to visit our friends at Humility of Mary

again this month. If you've never participated you should try it! Please drop

off any of the following sometime before July 22nd if you can donate items:

styrofoam cups, coffee, sugar packets, artificial sweetener packers, creamer packets.

Jeni Fredrick Benefit Fundraiser
There will be a fundraiser for Jeni Fredrick in September. Now's a great time to begin gathering or making items to donate for the silent auction.

For anyone willing to help with the benefit, there will be a planning meeting Tuesday, July 1st @ 7:00 pm at the church



Apple Ann's Concession Stand -

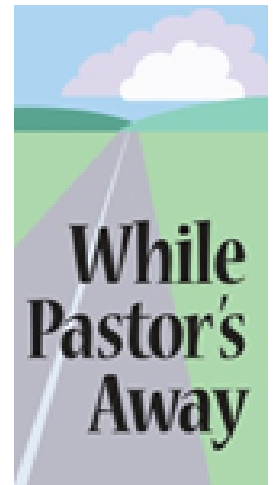
We have been asked to serve food at this event again this year. We will serve breakfast sandwiches in the morning and lunch in the early afternoon.

We will need donations and workers. The money we raise will be used to fund our many outreach projects. Contact Lindi Kernan if you are interested in helping. There will be sign up sheets passed around at church too.

Worship Schedule for July

As many of you already know the pastor will be out of town attending Course of Study in Kansas City.

We are very blessed to have some special guest speakers filling in the pulpit during his absence. We are searching for those who are willing to visit with our shut-ins and those who may be admitted into the hospital. Should God lay this important ministry upon your heart please contact Pastor Terry.



Another Child Foundation

We will be helping our friend Tim Oloffson with Another Child Foundation again this year. They provide group homes for kids who have aged out of the orphanages in Romania and support kids coming to their day center. We will be collecting blue jeans and shoes. If you like to go to yard sales please start picking up gently used jeans for young girls or boys. Also watch for sales for these and tennis shoes. There will be more specific information later but for those who like to start early....go get 'em!!!! Tim will be coming to visit Alpha UMC in August.

THIS MONTH USHERS

Mark Atchison & Kelly Atchison

July Liturgists: 06- Eddie Bradshaw 13- David Althaus
20- Mary Nice 27- Sabrina Medley



July Birthdays:

- 04: Dana Schultz
- 06: Bill Schultz
- 17: Allison Lambin
- 18: Desirae Silvis
- 20: Tim Caulkins
- 21: Eric Atchison
- 22: Phyllis Kearney
- 24: Pete Barton
- 26: Bill Harmon
- 30: Kelsey Schultz
- Larry Roberts

July Anniversaries:

- 03: Marvin & Ann Enstrom
- 15: Sheldon & Gloria German
- 26: Dale & Linda Lanning

No Community Meal this month

July Host & Hostess

- 06: Outreach
- 13: Need Volunteers
- 20: Need Volunteers
- 27: Need Volunteers



Don't Miss

**Newsletter Deadline
July 22nd**

alphaumc.org

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 Dean Kernan if you want anything added to it!



JULY 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 7:00pm Jeni Fredrick Benefit Planning Meeting	2 6:30pm Cub Scouts	3	4 Independence Day 	5 2:00-4:00 pm Enstrom Anniversary Party
6	7 6:30pm Boy Scouts	8	9 6:30pm Cub Scouts	10 1:30 UMW	11	12 Apple Ann's Flea Market 7am-3pm
13 Mission Meal After Worship	14 6:30pm Boy Scouts	15	16	17	18	19
20 1:00-3:00pm Damron Family Bridal Shower	21 6:30pm Boy Scouts	22 4:15pm Humility of Mary <u>Newsletter Deadline</u>	23 6:30pm Cub Scouts	24	25	26
27 7:00am Men in Mission	28 6:30pm Boy Scouts	29	30 6:30pm Cub Scouts	31		

SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Terry Evans, Pastor

Sunday "Summer" Schedule:

9:00 A.M. Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall

9:30 A.M. Worship Service



Have you visited our new Web site?
Dean Kernan is the creator and manager of our Website.
Our Web address is alphaumc.org



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