

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

My name is Rev. Zackary Thomas Glenn and I am thrilled to be Pastor of Alpha United Methodist Church. As you introduce yourselves and we become acquainted, please feel welcome to call me Pastor Zack. For my part, I will do my utmost to learn your names and remember your faces during our first few weeks together. I look forward to meeting you.

When I was a young boy, there was a popular toy commercial on TV with a wacky jingle that went like this: "Zack, Zack; he's a LEGO Maniac!" Having the same name, I never heard the end of it during recess on the playground. It was ironic that my favorite toys back then were LEGO construction sets. I still feel nostalgic whenever I see a child playing with those colorful interlocking plastic bricks because they are symbolic of my purpose in life. I see myself as one of the LORD's LEGOs.

I exist to connect people with Jesus Christ.



Thus as your Pastor, I am wholeheartedly devoted to praying for you and praising God with you. I am prepared to preach, teach, and study the Bible with you. I am excited to celebrate and share holy communion with you and I look forward to the joy of baptizing your loved ones and neighbors in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I am ready to feed the hungry, heal the sick, visit the lonely, grieve with the bereaved, and to serve and preach good news for the poor with you. I am willing to walk beside anyone (young or old) interested in becoming a disciple (a lifelong learner and faithful follower) of Jesus Christ. I am glad to encourage you to grow in your Christian faith, to understand God's grace, and to live out each day with a holy love for God and our neighbors. I am honored to listen to, learn from, lead with, and love you as we worship God, follow Jesus, and are guided by the Holy Spirit together.

I ask this of you in return: please continue to pray for me and for my family and pray for one another and for our community and for your church's present and future. Pray for God's will to be done here on earth in Alpha as it is in heaven and pray for the Holy Spirit to make Jesus Christ known to all in our midst through our daily lives at home and work and school. Pray for us as a church to become more like Jesus in our love for God and for one another. Pray for God's Word to be sown into our hearts so that we would have the mind of Christ to do no harm, to do good, and to abide in our heavenly Father's love for us. Please pray without ceasing!

"I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers." Eph. 1:16

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Zack

Administrative Council 2015

Chair: Kurt Jordan

Vice Chair: Mary Nice

Finance: Dean Kernan

Trustees: Ed Schultz

S/PPRC: Tracy Harmon

Outreach: Lindi Kernan

Nurture: Deb Briggs

Worship: Cathy Jordan

Christian Ed: Ian Yoder

Sunday School Supt.:

UMW Chair: Mary Nice

Men in Mission: Dean Kernan

Lay Leader: Lindi Kernan

Alternate: Cathy Jordan

Youth Rep.: Joseph Nickolayson

Recording Secretary: Desirae Silvis



Secretary's Info

Summer Office Hours

June 1 - August 14

Monday, Tuesday, Friday

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

email: aumcsecretary@aol.com

I will be on vacation July 17 - July 26. Please contact
Pastor Zack or Tracy Harmon if needed.

Thanks!

Desirae

Welcome Pastor Zack!

As of July 1, Pastor Zack will be assuming his
duties as pastor of Alpha UMC.

He will be announcing office hours soon.
Please contact the church office, 309-629-5161
or email aumcsecretary@aol.com if you have a
need.

Thank You!

Visit Our Website

www.alphaumc.org



Monday,

July 27



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Need Volunteers

July Liturgists:	05- Angie Althaus	12- Ian Yoder
	19- Eddie Bradshaw	26- David Althaus

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 Host & Hostess

7: Outreach	14: Need Volunteers
21: Need Volunteers	28: Need Volunteers



July Anniversaries

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



Thanks for a GREAT VBS!

We had an awesome time at VBS 2015. Kids learned about God's love for them and what Jesus did for all of us. They had a great time rocking out to Go Fish, playing games and making friends!

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped out with VBS! Your support of this ministry means the children of our community will hear the gospel message and learn about Jesus' love!

Nursery Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers (teens and up) to assist Angie Briggs in the nursery Sunday mornings. If you are interested in volunteering in the nursery, please sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall.



Summer Sunday School

9:00 am Sundays

Join LGLS for a summer of Bible Trivia!

Cathy Jordan and the middle school class are leading Bible Trivia for all LGLS students each Sunday morning this summer.

Break out those Bibles

kids, and get ready to learn a lot and show what you know!





Welcome Potluck and Baby Shower for the Glenn Family!

Sunday, July 12 following worship

Please join us in welcoming Pastor Zack, Julia and Eliana to Alpha UMC! Sunshiners, Nurture and SPPRC will be hosting a potluck lunch and baby shower.

Please bring a dish to pass. Desserts will be provided by Sunshiners.

Pastor Zack and Julia are registered at Amazon and Target.



Thank you to all who donated to the Humanitarian Aid Drive sponsored by Another Child Foundation!

No Meals in July

Due to the many events planned in July, there will be no community meal, mission meal, or meal at Humility of Mary Shelter in July. Look for August dates in our next newsletter.

FYI



Pastor Zack, Julia, and Eliana Glenn would like to say a hearty thank you to everyone for praying intentionally and often for our family during this ongoing transition. Our family of three (soon-to-be four with baby Ezra) are “home sweet home” in our new parsonage. We have greatly appreciated the many friendly folks who have helped us since our move-in day. Thanks to the members of Alpha UMC for the fabulous welcome basket, for mowing our lawn, for the many graduation and welcome cards, for homemade meals, for personal introductions and tours of town, and for the frequent blessings of encouragement since we first moved to Alpha. God’s Word instructs us in several instances to “welcome the stranger” (i.e. Deut. 10:19 & Matt. 25:35) You have done likewise for us and we are truly grateful. Thank you for being Christlike and for sharing God’s love with us in your hospitality!



Online Directory is Ready!

Families that provided an email address for the online directory, should be receiving an email in the next week with a user name and password to access the online directory.

Go to <https://alphaumc.ctrn.co> or download the CTRN app from your app store and enter the given user name and password to access the directory. If you have any problems please contact Desirae by email or at 309-629-5161.



We are in need of volunteers to be ushers. If you’ve never been an usher, that’s ok! It’s easy to do and a wonderful way to serve. Please contact Desirae if you are interested in ushering.



JULY 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 6:30 pm Worship Meeting	3	4 
5	6 6:30 pm SPPRC	7	8	9 1:30 pm UMW	10	11
12 Welcome Pot- luck/Baby Shower For the Glenn Family follow- ing Worhsip	13	14 7:00 pm Church Council	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 7:00am Men's Breakfast	27 Newsletter Deadline	28	29	30	31	

SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Zack Glenn, 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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