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CATCH THE SPIRIT
ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Ted Engstrom in The Pursuit of Excellence writes:

I was cleaning out a desk drawer when I found a flashlight I hadn't used in over a year. I flipped the switch but wasn't surprised when it gave no light. I unscrewed it and shook it to the batteries out, but they would not budge.

Finally, after some effort, they came loose. What a mess! Battery acid had corroded the entire inside of the flashlight. The batteries were new when I'd put them in, and I'd stored them in a safe, warm place. But there was no problem. Those batteries were not made to be warm and comfortable. They were designed to be turned on – to be used.

It's the same with us. We weren't created to be warm, safe, and comfortable. You and I were made to be "Turned on" – to put our love to work, to apply our patience in difficult, trying situations – to let our light shine.

Matthew 5:14-15 CEB 14 You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can't be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house.

God has called each of us to be a service in his kingdom. This is a great honor that comes with major responsibilities just as the flashlight has a great task during times of darkness. God needs us to be lights in the community of Alpha.

We face darkness everyday but God's light illuminates the way for us. Those that live in the despair of darkness are carrying corroded batteries. They are flashlights without the power source. Our job is to light the path help shake out the negative energy. We cannot illuminate the path, only God can accomplish that we just need to clear the way so that he can enter in.

My prayers are that your batteries are not starting to corrode and that your light is shining bright for those around you.

See you in Church!

Terry

Church Council**Members:****Chair: Kurt Jordan****Vice Chair:****Lay Leader: Lindi Kernan****Trustee Chair: Ed Schultz****Treasurer: Dean Kernan****SPPRC Chair: Tracy Harmon****Men in Mission: Dean Kernan****UMW Chair: Mary Nice****Christian Ed: Ian Yoder****Sunday School Supt: Deb Briggs****Youth Rep: Joseph Nickolayson****Nurture Chairs: Deb Briggs****Outreach Chair: Lindi Kernan****Worship Chair: Cathy Jordan****Recording Secretary: Lindy Evans****Annual Conference Delegate:****Lindi Kernan****Pastor: Terry Evans**

we thank you for your service. We are searching for a coordinator of our Coffee fellowship time. Fellowship is an outstanding ministry where it not only feeds the body but energizes the mornings with laughter and discussions. Are you the person for the job? Perhaps you would like to take on a more

permanent spot in the rotation?

All interested parties contact Pastor Terry.

**Father's Day**

Remember on Father's Day, June 15th, we will be taking a second offering instead of giving gifts to our dads. The offering that we collect will be given to our sponsored child from Haiti, Danouchka

Thank You for your support.

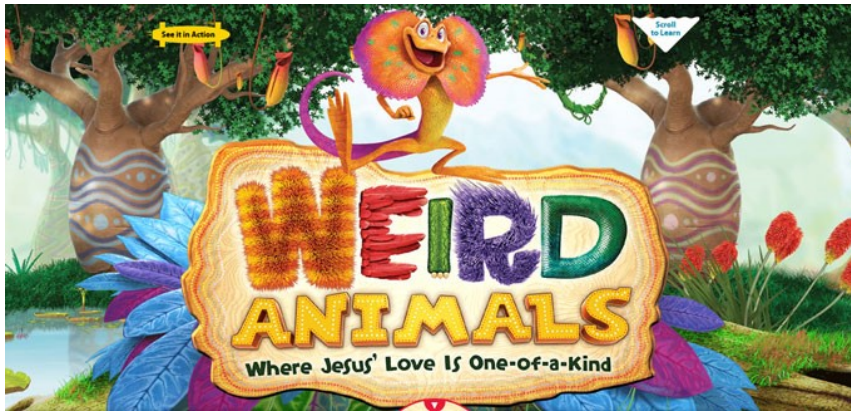
Nurture Team



**COMMUNITY
Meals**

Community Meal: June 7th
5:00pm—7:00pm

Sunday, June 22nd: Mission Meal
Served After
Worship



On **June 9th through June 13th** Alpha United Methodist Church, Alpha Baptist Church, Harvest Bible Chapel Woodhull and Maranatha Chapel are hosting VBS 2014, “Weird Animals” by Group Publishing.

Children ages Preschool through 6th grade will have fun learning that God filled the world with a

lot of crazy creatures...including you! When kids feel weird, different, or even lost in a crowd—nothing compares to the extraordinary love of Jesus!

This great experience is **FREE!!!!** Come and have fun! Meet new friends! Great snacks and fun games! Our fun begins at **9am and ends at 12 noon** each day. Come see Pastor Terry dressed as a zookeeper!

See you there!



VBS is in need of hand sanitizer as well as rolls of paper towels and paper napkins. Please drop these items off with Cathy Jordan on or before June 9th



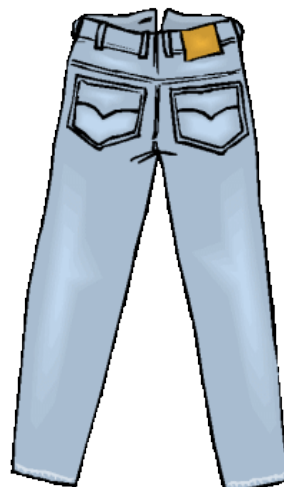
We are sponsoring a community-wide benefit for

Jeni Frederick

on September 6th.

There will be a silent auction so be thinking of items you might donate. A meal will be served as well. Watch for more information in the coming months.

In August, Outreach will be collecting for Another Child Foundation, Romania - Project Respond. We will be collecting **NEW** youth sized shoes for kids ages 3 to 14 and new or gently worn jeans for kids ages 3 to 14. We will collect these items throughout the month of August but you can start shopping now.



THIS MONTH'S USHERS

Emily & Eddie Bradshaw

June Liturgists: 01: Sarah Vordtriede-Patton 08: Dale Lanning
 15: Cathy Jordan 22: Angie Althaus 29: Ian Yoder



June Birthdays

01: Erica Reed
 07: Lindi Kernan
 Leah Reed
 09: Hilary Schultz
 13: Landon Willett
 17: Edie Peden
 18: Brittney Atchison
 Judy Barton
 20: Ann Enstrom
 22: Angie Briggs
 28: Emily Bradshaw
 30: Wendy Swanson



June Host & Hostess

01: Need Volunteers
 08: Outreach
 15: Kurt & Cathy Jordan
 22: Barb & Stan Damron
 29: Need Volunteers

VBS

June 9th—13th

9:00-Noon

June Anniversaries:

01: Mark & Marcia
 Atchison
 Paul & Sadie Carlson
 Chris & Renee Young
 04: Jason & Ronda Lambin
 06: Lawrence & Phyllis
 Anthony
 07: Mark & Erika Rutledge
 09: David & Angie Althaus
 17: Darrin & Erica Reed
 19: Dean & Lindi Kernan
 27: Pete & Evelyn Barton
 30: Dick & Doris Rutledge
 Parris & Desirae Silvis

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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 Dean Kernan if you want anything added to it!



Don't Miss

**Newsletter
 Deadline
 June 24**

Vacation Bible School 2014

6/9/2014 to 6/13/2014

9am to 12noon daily

AIWood Community Churches

Mother's Name _____ E-mail _____

Telephone (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

Address _____
Street/Apt.# _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Father's Name _____ E-mail _____

Telephone (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

Address _____
Street/Apt.# _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Children attending VBS 2014

1. Child's Name _____ Birth Date _____ Grade _____

2. Child's Name _____ Birth Date _____ Grade _____

3. Child's Name _____ Birth Date _____ Grade _____

Medical information (allergies, medications, etc. Please list for each child.)

Food allergies/sensitivities (nuts, gluten, fruit, etc. Please list for each child.)

Does your family have a church home? _____ If so where? _____

Who has permission to pick up your child from VBS? _____

I, _____, do hereby state that I am the parent and/or legal guardian of my child

_____, a minor, age _____. I do hereby authorize adult volunteers with Vacation Bible School ministry at the Alpha United Methodist Church to administer appropriate first aid to my child when needed. I give consent to any examination, x-ray, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment and hospital care which is rendered under supervision of any physician or surgeon licensed under the provision of the Medical Practice Act on the medical staff of a licensed hospital, whether such diagnosis or treatment is rendered at the office of said physician or at said hospital. Further, as parent or guardian of the minor named above, I do hereby expressly consent that my son/daughter may receive emergency medical treatment from any physician, hospital, or other medical center without the necessity of first notifying me, and do further agree to hold blameless any physician, hospital or other medical center for rendering such services.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Adult Bible Study @ 6:00pm	2 6:30pm Boy Scouts	3	4 6:30p Cub Scouts	5	6	7 5:00–7:00pm Free Community Dinner
8 Adult Bible Study @ 6:00pm	9 VBS 9-12 6:30pm Boy Scouts	10 VBS 9-12	11 VBS 9-12 6:30p Cub Scouts	12 VBS 9-12	13 VBS 9-12	14
15 Father's Day!	16 6:30pm Boy Scouts	17	18	19	20	21
22 Mission Meal—After Worship Adult Bible Study @ 6:00pm	23 6:30pm Boy Scouts	24 <u>Newsletter Deadline</u>	25 6:30p Wolves & Bears	26	27	28
29 7:00am Men in Mission Adult Bible Study @ 6:00pm	30 6:30pm Boy Scouts					

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

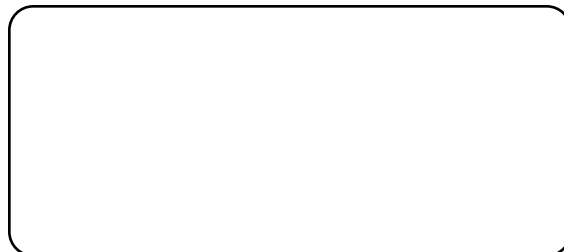
9:30 A.M. Worship Service



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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