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MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE TRANSFORMATION OF OUR COMMUNITY
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From The Emotionally Healthy Church by Peter Scazzerro:

“Walking as a Cracked Pot: There once lived a water carrier in India. He used two large pots for his task. He suspended a pole across his neck and attached a pot at each end of the pole. One of the pots had a big crack in it while the other pot was perfect. The perfect pot always delivered a full portion of water from the stream to the master’s house, while the cracked pot arrived only half full each day.



For two years this water carrier made the same journey. The perfect pot became proud of its accomplishments. The cracked pot was ashamed of its imperfection and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do. Finally, one day by the stream, the cracked pot spoke to his owner about his bitter failure, “I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize that I have only been able to deliver half my water to your house. There is a crack in my side which causes water to leak out. Because of my flaws, you don’t get full value from your efforts .

Then the water carrier replied, smiling, “As we return to the master’s house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path.”

On that trip from the stream, the cracked pot looked around.

“Did you notice there are flowers only on your side of the path, but not on the other pot’s side?” the water carrier commented. “That’s because I have always known about your flaw, and I took advantage of it. I planted seeds on your side of the path, and everyday while we passed these spots, you watered them. Now for two years I have been able to pick those beautiful flowers to decorate my master’s table. Without you being just the way you are, I would not have this beauty to grace his house.”

It is the way God works.”

On the next page is a table comparing two types of churches; one proud and defensive, the other broken and vulnerable.

Two Types of Churches:

The following chart describes two very different ways a church lives out her spirituality. The first, for lack of a better term, is characterized by pride and defensiveness; the second is marked by brokenness and vulnerability. Which column best describes you and your church? *From the Emotionally Healthy Church by Peter Scazzerro, pg. 118-119.*

Proud & Defensive	Broken & Vulnerable
I am guarded and protective about my imperfections and flaws.	I am transparent & weak; I disclose myself to appropriate others.
I focus on the “positive”, strong, successful parts of myself.	I am aware of the weak, needy, limited parts of who I am, and I freely admit failure.
I am highly “offendable” and defensive.	I am approachable and open to input.
I naturally focus first on the flaws, mistakes, and sins of others.	I am aware of my own brokenness. I have compassion and am slow to judge others.
I give my opinion a lot, even when I am not asked.	I am slow to speak and quick to listen.
I don’t get close to people.	I am open, soft, and curious about others.
I keep people from really seeing what is going on inside of me.	I delight in showing vulnerability and weakness, that Christ’s power may be seen.
I like to control most situations.	I can let go and give people opportunity to earn my trust.
I have to be right in order to feel strong & good.	I understand that God’s strength reveals itself in admitting mistakes, weakness, and statements that “I was wrong.”
I blame others.	I take responsibility for myself and speak mostly in the “I,” not the “you” or “they”.
I often hold grudges and rarely ask forgiveness.	I don’t hold people in debt to me, and am able to ask others for forgiveness as needed.
When I am offended, I write people off.	When I am offended, I ask questions to explore what happened.
I deny, avoid, or withdraw from painful realities.	I honestly look at the truth underneath the surface, even when it hurts.
I give answers and explanations to those in pain, hoping to fix or change them.	I am present with people in their pain, and am comfortable with mystery and with saying, “I don’t know.”
I have to prove I am right when wronged.	I can let things go.
I am demanding.	I assert myself respectfully and kindly.
I am highly self-conscious and concerned about how others perceive me.	I am more aware of God and others than the impression I am making.
I see people as resources to be used for God.	I see people as gifts to be loved and enjoyed.

Administrative Council 2016

Chair: Kurt Jordan

Vice Chair: Mary Nice

Finance & Treasurer: Dean Kernan

Financial Secretary: Linda Lanning

Trustees: Dave Lambin

S/PPRC: Dale Lanning

Outreach: Linda Lambin

Nurture: Kelli Johnson

Worship: Roger Swanson

Christian Ed Interim: Desirae Silvis

UMW Chair: Mary Nice

Men in Mission: Dean Kernan

Lay Leader: Lindi Kernan

Alternate: Cathy Jordan

Youth Rep.: Delainey Bradshaw

Recording Secretary: Desirae Silvis



Pastor Zack will be out of the office June 8 - 11 for Annual Conference. He will also be out of the office June 20-26 for vacation.

Desirae will be on vacation May 28- June 5.

AlWood Community Prayer Walk Ministry

Mondays from 6:30-7:30pm

Sharing a scripture before the prayer walk- spending time together walking around the community and building relationships with one another.

From WayMakers.org:

“Prayerwalking is usually a low profile affair: friends and family stroll through their own neighborhoods, schools, and workplaces, praying as they go. Though they usually go unnoticed, prayerwalkers quickly become aware of the realities and needs of their neighbors.”



Sunshiners are going to see Sister Act at Circa 21. We have already purchased our tickets. If anyone else would like to attend we could carpool. If you would like to attend, you can call 309-786-7733 to order tickets. The cost is \$48 plus tax (\$46 plus tax for seniors over 60). This includes dinner and the show. If you are interested in attending and carpooling contact Linda Lanning.

Doors open at 3:45. Dinner is from 4-5 and the show starts at 5:45pm.



WEDNESDAY,

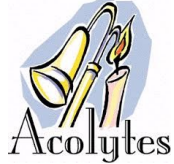
JUNE 22

THIS MONTH USHERS

Marvin Enstrom & Dave Lambin

June Liturgists: 05: Bob Bateman 12: David Althaus
19: Mary Nice 26: Dale Lanning

June Acolytes: 05 & 14: Ty Anderson & Delainey Bradshaw



19 & 26: Libby Fox & Tucker Swanson

May Birthdays

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



June Coffee Hour Hosts

03: Need Volunteers
10: Need Volunteers
17: Need Volunteers
24: Need Volunteers

June Anniversaries

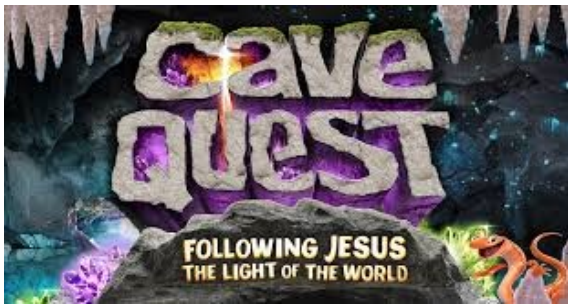


01: Paul & Sadie Carlson
03: Chris & Renee Young
04: Jason & Ronda Lambin
06: Lawrence & Phyllis Anthony
07: Mark & Erika Rutledge
09: David & Angie Althaus
19: Dean & Lindi Kernan
27: Pete & Evelyn Barton
30: Dick & Doris Rutledge
Parris & Desirae Silvis

Parent's Prayer Group

Alpha UMC is starting a Parent's Prayer Group. The purpose of the group is for **parents of all ages** to have a place to come together and pray about their children and families. Parents can share joys and concerns, pray over these, and leave knowing you've got a group of wonderful people praying for your family all week.

Our next prayer group will be Sunday, June 5th following worship. We will meet in the fireplace room. Meetings will be relatively short. We will gather, share, and pray.



It's almost VBS time!!!!!!

VBS 2016

June 13 - 17

9:00am—Noon Each day

Registration forms on pg. 6, on website,
and in the fellowship hall.

Please return to the box in the fellowship hall.

VBS Volunteers' Meeting

VBS volunteer meetings will be held Thursday, June 2nd and Thursday, June 9 at 6:30. Anyone interested in helping out with VBS is invited to attend.



Summer Sunday School

Every Sunday 9:00- 9:45 am

The 10 Commandments for All Ages

Parent & Children Sunday School

June 5 Kick Off—Family Feud

Parents, you are invited to attend Sunday School with your children this summer! Sunday School for families and anyone who would like to join us, will kick off Sunday, June 5 with a game of Family Feud. Find out what the survey says June 5!

As we continue this summer, each Sunday will begin with contemporary music, often lead by our praise band. Following music, we will pray and have a short lesson on one of the 10 Commandments, lead by Pastor Zack or one of our Sunday School teachers. If you think you know your Commandments, think again! We will be looking at how they apply to our lives today. What should we be doing and what needs to change? How can you live out God's laws in your daily life?

Following the lesson, parents will gather for discussion, prayer and fellowship, while students will do hands on activities that will further their understanding of the day's lesson. Some weeks we will stay together for a family activity. We will finish up with snacks, coffee, and juice. Please join us for what is sure to be a fun way to learn to be better disciples of Jesus Christ!

Outreach Update

Our Midwest Missions Ministry continues through the month of May. Please donate hand towels, washcloths, and large bars of soap. These will be distributed when Lindi and Cathy attend Annual Conference.



Meals for June;

Free Community Meal: Saturday, June 4, 5:00 - 7:00pm

Mission Meal: Sunday, June 12 following worship

Humility of Mary: Tuesday, June 28. Come join us if you can help cook or go with us to serve. This is a wonderful opportunity to be the hands and feet of God.. This time together will share smiles and warm your heart.

See page 7 of the newsletter for information on our June & July ministry, Another Child Foundation.

Christ has no body on earth now but ours. We will walk to do good and our hands will bless the world for him.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR ALL THE SUPPORT YOU GIVE AND CONTINUE TO GIVE TO OUR MINISTRIES!



Ice Cream Social & Silent Auction

at Maranatha All proceeds benefit
 Saturday, June 11 AlWood Food Pantry.
 5:00—7:00pm

Congratulations to our confirmands and welcome to our new members!

May 15 was a special day at Alpha UMC. Not only did we celebrate Pentecost, but we also baptized 4 confirmation students, held confirmation, and welcomed 2 new members to our church family!

Congratulations to the following confirmands: Grace Althaus, Lucas Althaus, Ty Anderson, Libby Fox, Leah Reed, Jacob Sproston, Tucker Swanson, and Natalie Wilson.

Welcome to new members Jan Bateman and Jenni Trego!



For June and July, we will again be collecting for the

Project Response Shoe & Sock Drive

for children in Romania.

We will be collecting NEW youth sized shoes for ages 3 to 14 years old. This is an essential to us and is a great need to these kids! A pair of shoes or athletic shoes with a **good sole** is ideal. Please also remember that even a 14 year old can have adult-sized feet (see Althaus children!)

We will also collect boy & girls socks - a need that gets under-valued but is in great demand!

Things you can do:

~Pray with Alpha Methodist Church as we secure needs for this ministry for things that many of us take for granted in our own closet!

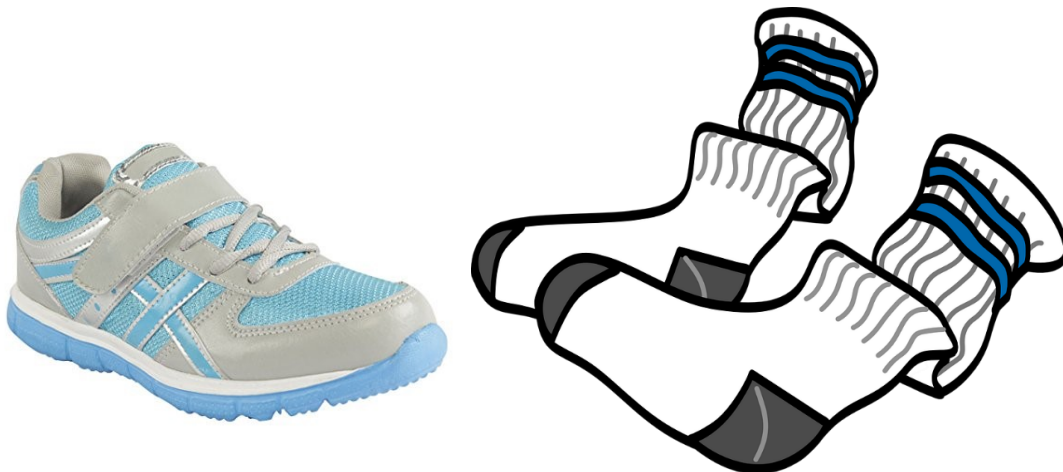
~Bring your items to church for our Outreach Team "Fill the Clothesline" Mission

by 23 July

~If you choose not to donate items, consider a monetary donation to the church with a line memo for Another Child Foundation Shoe Drive

~Celebrate with us on Sunday, 24 July as we pray over our collection before taking it to the ACF Gathering!

If you have any questions, please contact Angie Althaus, Linda Lambin, or any member of the Outreach Team



Vacation Bible School 2016
06/13/2016 through 06/17/2016
9am to 12noon daily
AlWood Community Churches

ONE FORM PER CHILD

Child's Name _____ **Birth Date** _____ **Grade** _____

Mother's Name _____

Address _____

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

Father's Name _____

Address _____

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

Medical information (allergies, medications, etc. Please list out, no abbreviations)

Food allergies/sensitivities (nuts, gluten, fruit, etc. Please list out, no abbreviations)

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



JUNE 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 6:30pm Trustees Meeting	2 6:30pm VBS Volunteer Meeting	3	4 5:00-7:00pm Community Meal
5 9:00am Summer Sunday School Kick off Family Feud	6 6:30pm Prayer Walk	7 6:30pm SPPRC	8 Pastor at Annual Conference thru 6/11	9 1:30 UMW 6:30pm VBS Volunteer Meeting	10	11 Food Pantry Ice cream so- cial & silent auction 5 - 7pm
12 Mission Meal following worship	13 9:00-12:00 VBS 6:30pm Prayer Walk	14 9:00-12:00 VBS	15 9:00-12:00 VBS	16 9:00-12:00 VBS	17 9:00-12:00 VBS	18
19 Father's Day	20 Pastor on Vacation thru 6/26 6:30pm Prayer Walk	21	22 Newsletter Deadline	23	24	25
26 7:00am Men in Mission	27 6:30pm Prayer Walk	28 4:15 pm Humility of Mary	29 6:30pm Council	30		

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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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