

Food for Thought—questions credited to Dr. Frederick Buechner.

“If you had to bet everything you have on whether there is a God or whether there isn’t, which side would get your money and why?”

“Of all the things you have done in your life, which is the one you would most like to undo? Which is the one that makes you the happiest to remember?”

“Is there any person in the world, or any cause, that, if circumstances called for it, you would be willing to die for?”

“If this were the last day of your life, what would you do with it?”

“If you had only one last message to leave to the handful of people who are most important to you, what would it be in 25 words or less?”

As I consider these profound questions in this my last month as your pastor, I think of what would be my final message to you all. So here it is (at least for today):



**“I love to tell the story,
T’will be my theme in glory,
To tell the old old story
Of Jesus and his love.”**

~Pastor John

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.: Deb Briggs

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 out of the office Friday, June 5th. Please email or call 309-235-7764 if you have a prayer request.

Thanks!
Desirae



Going Away Potluck for Pastor John
Sunday, June 7 following Worship.

Please bring a dish to pass.

**Fragrance
Free
Please**

IMPORTANT: This will need to be a **fragrance free Sunday**, as Pastor John's wife, Barbara, will be joining us and cannot be exposed to fragrances.

Thank you.



**Monday,
June 22nd**

THIS MONTH USHERS

Eddie & Emily Bradshaw

June Liturgists: 07—Mary Nice 14—Bob Bateman
21—Dale Lanning 28—Cathy Jordan

June 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 Host & Hostess

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

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
19: Dean & Lindi Kernan
27: Pete & Evelyn Barton
30: Dick & Doris Rutledge
Parris & Desirae Silvis

VBS

Backstage with the Bible by GoFish!

June 15 - 19

9:00 am - 12:00 pm



Please fill out a registration form for EACH child attending VBS. Registration forms can be found at the end of this newsletter, in the fellowship hall and on our church website, alphaumc.org.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the VBS bake sale. Almost \$900 made at the sale!

Nursery Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers 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.

Thanks!



Summer Sunday School

9:00 am Sundays

Join LGLS for a summer of Bible Trivia!

Cathy Jordan and the middle school class will be 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!





Beginning 1 June, our Outreach/Missions Team will begin collecting items for the 2015 Project Respond Humanitarian Aid Drive – sponsored by Another Child Foundation. We will be collecting:

~**NEW YOUTH-SIZED shoes.** These shoes will be for ages 3-14 years old. A pair of athletic shoes with a good sole is an ideal way to help! (And remember, Youth can wear even BIG SHOES! Look at the Althaus twins wearing size 10!)

~**NEW YOUTH-SIZED socks!**

~**Boys & Girls underwear.** A great need not always met! These are for ages up to 12 years old.

~**Monetary funds** to help with the shipping costs to Romania that usually reach about \$200.

Please bring your donated items to the church by Sunday, 28 June. We will dedicate them and send them in time for the Celebration Event in Moline in late July.

If you have questions, please contact Angie Althaus or any member of the Outreach/Missions committee.

Community Meal



Free Community Meal

This month's meal will be on FRIDAY instead of Saturday.

Friday, June 5th

5pm - 7pm

Great food, great fellowship!

Humility of Mary

Outreach will be serving a meal at the Humility of Mary Shelter Tuesday, June 23. Please meet at the church at 4 pm if you wish to help serve.

FYI



Our new online directory is almost complete! Soon, each family will be receiving an email with their password to access the directory. Once they have access to the directory, families will be able to update information and pictures at any time.

Be sure to check out our groups tab. Here you will find committee information, as well as members names and info.

A print version of the directory will be coming soon as well.



A welcome celebration and baby shower for Pastor Zack and family is being planned.

Look for more info in the July newsletter!!



Dear Church Family,

Thank you to all of you who sent cards, came to our party, or prayed for us for my graduation. We are amazed by all of the love and support shown to me and my family through my celebrations – whether it has been for my Eagle Scout, my sports or school awards, and now for my graduation. I look forward to what God has planned next for me and to share that with you too.

**Thank you again,
Sam Althaus**

Pastor Zack and family have moved into the parsonage. He will officially begin his duties as pastor July 1. Until then, please contact the church office, Pastor John or any SPPRC member with questions or concerns. Thanks!

Alpha Mobile Meals

Alpha Mobile Meals is looking for volunteers to cook a meal 2 - 4 times a year. This wonderful service provides meals to the elderly in our community for a very low cost. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Vanya Cowser at 309-629-4008.

Getting to know the Glenn Family!!

Pastor Zack

Date of Birth: 12/08/1983

Wedding Anniversary: 08/23/09

Favorites/Dislikes (if any)



Scripture(s): Lately I have been amazed at God's holy love expressed in **1 John 4:7-19**

7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. **9** God's love was revealed among us in this way: **God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 10** In **this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11** Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. **12** No one has ever seen God; **if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. 13** By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. **14** And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. **15 God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. 16** So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. **God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. 17** Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. **18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear;** for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. **19 We love because he first loved us.**

Color: Blue (if I had to choose one) and Orange and Navy Blue (favorite color combination).

Food: I like to eat food and I prefer to do so with people. Barbeques, cookouts, fish fries, and make-your-own-pizza parties are always a good time for me. Ice cream and homemade pies are probably my favorite sweets; I'm also that strange person who prefers to eat the cake instead of the frosting. I have always liked street vendor foods like Chicago Dogs, Philly Cheesesteaks, and Greek Gyros. My wife and I enjoy eating at authentic Mexican restaurants together. I like trying new foods and learning to eat healthier with fresh locally farmed foods. As far as dislikes go, I will avoid eating anything with coconut or hummus (it's the tahini).

Movie/Show: I've always liked to watch comic book films and epic action/adventure dramas (the *Star Wars* saga, *the Lord of the Rings*, and *the Dark Knight* trilogy come to mind). I also enjoy watching romantic comedies with my wife. The best movies I have seen this year on our couch are *Chef* starring Jon Favreau and Disney/Marvel's *Guardians of the Galaxy*. My wife and I's favorite TV shows of all time to watch together are The Office and Parks & Recreation. My favorite TV show to watch with Eliana is The Penguins of Madagascar and our favorite movie to watch together right now is Disney's Frozen.

Getting to know the Glenn Family!!

Pastor Zack (continued)



Song/Hymn: My favorite hymn writer is Charles Wesley and my favorite hymns that he wrote the lyrics for are “Love Divine All Loves Excelling”, “Arise My Soul Arise”, and “And Can It Be”. My favorite songwriter musicians on my playlist lately are John Mark McMillan and Josh Garrels. The best new song I have heard and sung lately is probably “Come As You Are” by David Crowder; the chorus stays with you and invites you to come to Jesus even if you’re afraid.

Book: My most worn book is my NRSV Holy Bible that I received on my 3rd grade Bible dedication Sunday back in 1992 at Camp Point UMC. I am an avid reader and I typically read non-fiction. The best book I have read this year and heartily recommend is a memoir called *Same Kind of Different as Me: A Modern-Day Slave, an International Art Dealer, and the Unlikely Woman Who Bound Them Together* by Ron Hall and Denver Moore.

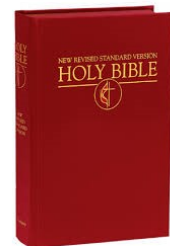
Sport/team: I am a lifelong Fighting Illini sports fan. I also root for the Chicago Bears, Bulls, and Cubs.

Holiday: My favorite holiday is Thanksgiving Day because families and friends gather together to give thanks to God for everyone and everything we have received that year and then we feast and relax.

Hobbies: I like to sing and play guitar and write songs. My favorite hobby is playing tabletop games with family and friends; Julia and I have a growing collection of board and card games. I used to read and collect comics (I sold my entire collection off to a reseller a month ago), but now I can just watch the great superhero shows and films that are so popular today.

Special Interest: I’ve been a fan of pro wrestling since 1985 and I have watched all 31 WWE WrestleMania events. Getting tickets to go and see WrestleMania live is a lifelong dream of mine.

Allergies: Poinsettia plants and Easter lilies



Getting to know the Glenn Family!!!

Julia

Date of Birth: January 31, 1985

Favorite Scripture: Isaiah 6

Favorite Color: Dark blue

Foods. Favorite: pizza, pasta, and ice cream. Dislikes: I don't eat a lot of meat but I especially don't eat meat with any pink.

Favorite Song/Hymn: Revelation Song

Favorite Movie/Show: So You Think You Can Dance

Favorite Book: Redeeming Love by Francine Rivers

Favorite Sport/Team: I don't like sports.

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Hobbies/Special interest: Board games, I used to knit and do crafty stuff but it is much harder to find craft time with a toddler.

Allergies: Poison ivy (my eyes swell shut)

Due Date: August 11 :-)

Do you have a baby registry? Target and Amazon

Eliana

Date of Birth: December 18, 2012

Favorite Animal: Penguins, followed closely by owls

Favorite Cartoon Character: Olaf the Snowman from *Frozen*

Food/DRINK: Pasta, mushrooms, pickles, and she likes most food. Lettuce is very offensive. She only drinks water and coconut milk.

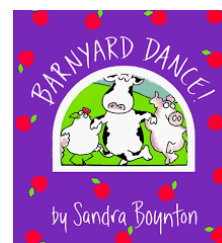
Favorite Book: Anything by Sandra Boynton. She loves to read and can read for an hour at time.

Favorite Movie/Show: Frozen, Happy Feet

Allergies: Eggs (by themselves, she can handle them cooked into food), hummus

What would you like us to know about each of you that we have not asked?

We are excited to come join you! Thank you for praying for us; we are praying for Alpha and for our new church home. We look forward to getting to know y'all and we can't wait to hear how Jesus has impacted your lives. We are most grateful for all of the moving hospitality in advance.



ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: SURVEY FOR PASTOR ZACK

(SO, HE CAN GET TO KNOW US/OUR FAMILY BETTER)

RETURN TO CHURCH BY SUNDAY JUNE 21ST

(PLACE IN ENVELOPE, INFORMATION IS FOR PASTOR ZACK, ONLY)

NAME (s) (LEGAL NAME AND NICKNAME) OF ALL HOUSHOLD MEMBERS (HOW ARE YOU ALL RELATED)

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ATTENDING ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (MEMBERS, REGULAR AT-
TENDEE, JUST STARTED)?

ARE YOU ORIGNIALLY FROM THE AREA, IF NOT WHERE ARE YOU ORIGINALLY FROM?

WHERE DO YOU WORK, GO TO SCHOOL, OR OTHER?

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE (ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS)

FAVORITE HYMN/SONG (ALL HOUSHOLD MEMBERS)

INTERESTS/HOBBIES (ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS)



| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---|---|---|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----|
| | 1 Summer Office Hours Begin 9am-1pm 6:30pm VBS meeting | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 5 - 7 pm Community Meal | 6 |
| 7 Fragrance Free Sunday Farewell Potluck for Pastor John following Worship | 8 6:30pm VBS planning meeting | 9 | 10 | 11 1:30 pm UMW | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Mission Meal following Worship SPPRC meeting following Worship | 15 VBS 9am-12pm | 16 VBS 9am-12pm 7:00pm Church Council | 17 VBS 9am-12 pm | 18 VBS 9am-12pm | 19 VBS 9am- 12pm | 20 |
| 21 Father's Day | 22 Newsletter Deadline | 23 4:00 pm Serving at Humility of Mary | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 7:00 am Men's Breakfast | 29 | 30 | | | | |

Vacation Bible School 2015
06/15/2015 through 06/19/2015
9am to 12noon daily
AIWood 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.

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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