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CATCH THE SPIRIT
ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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The women were frightened and bowed their faces toward the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead?

Luke 24:5 (CEB)

Young Harold had a really bad case of Attention Deficit Disorder.

On Palm Sunday, Harold’s Sunday school teacher sent empty plastic eggs home with each of her students. Mrs. Wilson told them to bring something back in the eggs next Sunday to represent Easter. She really didn’t expect Harold to bring anything, because he never listened in class. The next Sunday her children brought their eggs back to class and were excited to display them. Susan had a pretty spring flower inside her egg. Joey had a little cross in his egg. Jackie had put a plastic butterfly in her egg. But, just as Mrs. Wilson suspected, there was nothing in Harold’s egg. She was surprised that he even remembered to bring it back! She had praised each of the other children for what they brought, but she didn’t say anything about Harold’s empty egg. Harold looked at her with anticipation and said, "Mrs. Wilson, you didn’t say anything about my egg!" Mrs. Wilson said, "But, Harold, you don’t have any reminder of Easter in your egg."

Harold replied, "Uh-huh! It’s empty just like Jesus’ tomb!"

What does your egg hold? Are you blessed and experiencing the beauty of the spring? Our Lord promises us the joy of the empty tomb and with this empty tomb we are prepared to enjoy the riches of his kingdom.

My prayer for you during this joyous season is to experience all the glory that our Lord provides.

Pastor T.

**Church Council
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 Lindi Kernan
Pastor: Terry Evans



Easter Cantata

Voices are needed for the Easter Cantata which will be shared with the congregation on Palm Sunday during the worship service. Soloists are needed as well as voices for the choir.

Dramatic readers are also needed.

Come and share your talents!

Contact Annetta @ Arevans427@aol.com
for more information.

March 7, 2013 - "Give us this day our daily bread" -
Come with a canned good for the area food pantry.
Let's make the box so full it breaks!!!!

March 14, 2013 - "Green machine night" - let's all
wear as much green as possible - start with your
head and go all the way to your toes!!!!!!

March 21, 2013 - "Understand the Cross night" -
come and learn how Awana and the Cross are con-
nected....each clubber and guest tonight gets a
cross necklace!

March 28, 2013 - NO AWANA - Spend time with your
family talking about the Easter Story!



March 24 Palm Sunday-Music Cantata 10:30 a.m.

March 28 Holy Thursday
Fellowship meal 6:00 p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m.

March 29 Good Friday Worship 7:00 p.m.
Location TBA

March 31 Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m. /
Breakfast to follow/Sunday school 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

DUE TO LINDA LANNING

OR LINDI KERNAN BY MARCH 17th

Choices of flowers are \$14 each

Easter lily _____

Tulips _____

Daffodils _____

Hyacinth _____

How you would like it printed in the bulletin



_____ Given in memory of:

Five horizontal lines for writing the name of the person in memory of.

or

_____ Given to the Glory of God in honor of:

Five horizontal lines for writing the name of the person in honor of.

Given by:

Four horizontal lines for writing the name of the person giving the flowers.

Kids vs Pastor Terry for Soup-er Bowl Sunday!



It was total 39 for Pastor Terry & 61 for Kids!!

Way to go Alpha UMC!

Lucas & Grace Althaus loaded the soup & took it to the AlWood Food Pantry. They were very excited to receive such a generous gift.

As an added note, Lucas also used this as the final requirement to complete his Webelos badge.

He will cross over to Boy Scouts at the Blue & Gold Banquet in March.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in and attended the benefit for Sandy Merideth. The church was overflowing with love, caring, enthusiasm and above all community spirit. Thank You to all who helped in any way, donated items for the auction and/or the meal, set up the tables, set up the auction items, helped serve, collected money, cleaned up, enjoyed the meal and those who bid on the auction items.

We couldn't have done it without any of you.

Our grand total collection from the auction and meal is \$ 5,240.26.

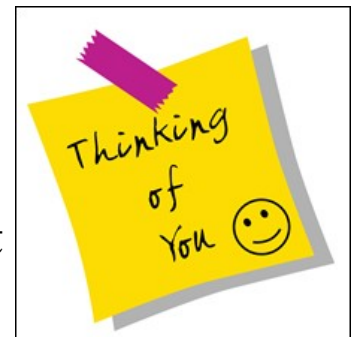
Great job everyone. Thanks again.

Nurture Committee

Deb Briggs, Renee Young, Desirae Silvis, Patsy Broadus, Angie Briggs, Barb Kane, Kathleen Kane, Barb Damron

Please watch for the college boxes to be set out in March.

We will be collecting goodies for our college students so they can enjoy some snacks and know that their church family is thinking of them.



OUTREACH

February was a great month of working for the Lord! He accomplished great things through the people of Alpha UMC. We served about 70 at the Community meal and about 70 at the Humility of Mary Homeless Shelter. Both of these are great times to fellowship with our brother and sisters. All are welcome to participate in any or all of these outreach opportunities.

The mission meal brought in \$236 this month. These funds help us do the work we do!

March Outreach

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| March 2 | 5-7 pm | Community Meal—Meatloaf & Au Gratin Potatoes |
| March 10 | | Mission Meal—Soups |
| March 26 | | Humility of Mary—Chili & Cornbread
(Meet at the church at 4 p.m.) |

March Shelter Supplies: Coffee, Creamer, Sugar packets

COME AS YOU ARE

A NIGHT FILLED WITH
PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Saturday, March 16th, @ 6:00pm



Alpha United Methodist Church
Friendship potluck to follow;
All are invited to stay and
enjoy!

THIS MONTH'S USHERS

Eddie & Emily Bradshaw

March Liturgists: 3rd: Jean Roberts 10th: David Althaus
17th: Mary Nice 24th: Dale Lanning 31: Sam Althaus



March Birthdays

- 01: Linda Zuidema
Austin Peterson
- 03: Phyllis Linn
- 05: Gina Young
- 08: Robby Young
- 12: Mitchell Brooks
- 13: Bryan Brooks
- 14: Ali Catey
- 17: Diane Peterson
- 24: Sheldon German
- 27: Barb Damron
- 28: Doris Rutledge
Sabrina Medley
- 30: Chris Young
- 31: Angie Althaus

March Anniversaries:

- 23rd: Ed & Karen Schultz
- 27th: Brian & Melissa Brown



March 19th

March Host & Hostess

- 03: Harmon's
- 10: Lanning's
- 17: Evans
- 24: Kearney's
- 31: Kernan's

Next Mission Meal:
March 10th



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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 Lindsy Brooks if you want anything added to it!



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 5:00–7:00pm Free Community Dinner
2	4 6:30pm Boy Scouts	5	6 6:45pm Sunshiners 6:30p Wolves & Bears	7 AWANA “Daily Bread” 6:30–8:00pm	8	9
10 Mission Meal Following Wor- ship	11 6:30pm Boy Scouts	12 5:30 Worship Team	13 6:30p Wolves & Bears	14 AWANA “Green Ma- chine Night” 6:30–8:00pm	15	16 6:00pm Community Worship
17	18 6:30pm Boy Scouts	19 7:00pm Church Council <u>Newsletter Deadline</u>	20 6:30p Wolves & Bears	21 AWANA “Cross Night” 6:30–8:00pm	22	23
24 <u>Palm Sunday</u> 7:00am Men in Mission	25	26	27	28 <u>Holy Thursday</u> 6pm Meal 7pm Worship	29 7:00pm <u>Good Friday</u> Location TBA	30
31 <u>Easter Sunday</u>	6:30pm Boy Scouts		6:30p Pack Night	NO AWANA		

SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Terry Evans, Pastor

Sunday Schedule:

9:00 A.M. All Sunday School Classes Begin

10:00 A.M. Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall

10:30 A.M. Worship Service



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



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