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March 2014

CATCH THE SPIRIT
ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Ash Wednesday — it's kind of a solemn day. It's the start of Lent — a word which means “spring” in German. But more than this, it's the time each year when we intently focus on the path Christ Jesus laid out for us to follow — to be true to his word, true to his calling, and true to the faith, hope and life we share in him.

You know though, sometimes it's kind of hard to focus on spring when winter is in full force around us. Today it's been snowing, and within the past week alone, the mountains surrounding our communities have received over 50 inches of fresh snow. For, while we're beginning to look forward to spring, we have still have to live in the reality that we're still surrounded by the billions of fluffy white flakes from the Lord's heavenly storehouses.

Snow — the bible speaks of it often, likening it to that which is pure, clean, and righteous. Truly, the crystal formations of snowflakes are beautiful. There are many different shapes and sizes of snowflakes; amazingly, each and every one is unique.

But despite their uniqueness, snowflakes have one common thing: dirt at the core. Oddly enough, snowflakes start as tiny dust particles, which serve as the center of the snowflake.

Like snowflakes, we have been beautifully created by God. We are the greatest of all God's creation. We are his pride, and his joy; and like snowflakes we are all created uniquely. Yet, like snowflakes, we too have dirty hearts. We're all marked by sin; we're all stained at the core of our being; we're all dirty in the middle. But through Jesus Christ, we can all be made clean. The dirt at the core of our being can be washed away, and we can be made pure in Christ Jesus.

Come now, and let's settle this, says the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet, they will be white as snow. If they are red as crimson, they will become like wool. Isaiah 1:18

See you in Church

Pastor Terry

**Church Council
Members:**

Chair: Cathy Jordan

Vice Chair: Emily Bradshaw

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: Linds
Brooks

Annual Conference Delegate:
Lindi Kernan

Pastor: Terry Evans

Batteries Feeling Drained

Looking for an exciting new way to help you get through the week.

Are you sometimes feeling a little run down from all the hectic schedules that you're trying to keep?

Mark your calendars NOW, each month we will be having a midweek recharge service on the third Wednesday night at 6:30p.m.

The service will consist of dynamic and uplifting contemporary Christian music, Uplifting presentation of the scriptures, and fantastic fellowship.

This month we will be meeting on March 19.



Thank You!

Thank You for all of the prayers, phone calls, visits and food that has been sent my way since my accident. All was very much appreciated. I am healing well and hope that I have the patience to stay quiet and slow down for a month or so while I heal completely. Thanks again! Melvin Briggs

March 6, 2014 - "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 13, 2014 - "Zoo night" - Come to Awana and bring your favorite stuffed animal!

March 20, 2014 - "Irish night" - Wear as much green as you can - does anyone have green shoes???????

March 27, 2014 - "Count your blessings night" - wear something with a number!

Adult Bible Study



Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m.
 Make plans to join our group for a casual
 discussions and studies.
 Everyone is invited to attend no matter if you are a
 seasoned Bible scholar or a first time student we
 ALL bring something new and exciting to the
 conversations.



A Night of Laughter

Saturday, March 8, 2014
Alpha UMC

Meal at 6:00pm
Laughter to follow

This is family friendly comedy

Childcare will be provided

Everyone is invited for a fun evening!

COMMUNITY BRIDAL SHOWER for

Melissa Bernhardt

finance of Tyson Cremeens
(son of Karen Schultz)

Sunday, March 9th @ 2:00 PM

Alpha UMC

Tyson & Melissa

are registered at

Younkers

Bed, Bath & Beyond

Crate & Barrel

COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER for

Kelsi Bedford

Saturday, March 29 @ 10:30 am

Alpha UMC

EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

DUE TO LINDA LANNING

on or before
April 6



Choices of flowers are \$13 each

- Easter lily _____
- Tulips _____
- Daffodils _____
- Hyacinth _____

How you would like it printed in the bulletin:

_____ Given in memory of:

or

_____ Given to the Glory of God in honor of:

Given by:

Vacation Bible School 2014

June 9-13
9am to noon
at Alpha UMC



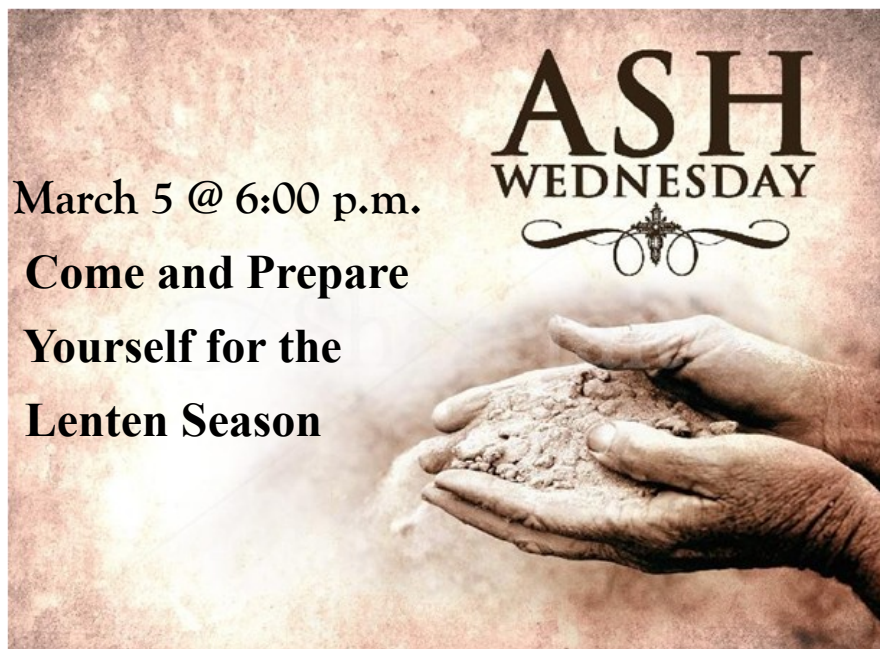
**Alpha UMC, Maranatha Chapel,
 Alpha Baptist Church and
 Harvest Bible Chapel - Woodhull
 Community VBS**

Ages Pre-K through 6th grade

Pastor Terry is our Zoo Keeper!!!!!!

**Will be collecting: Paper towels,
 hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, napkins,
 disposable cups, ziploc bags
 and small paper plates**

**Volunteers needed - next planning meeting is
 Monday, March 17th at 6:30pm at Alpha UMC.
 Please come if you are wanting to help or help with planning VBS.**



THIS MONTH USHERS

Mark Atchison & Kelly Atchison

March Liturgists: 2nd: Bob Bateman 9th: Sarah Vordtriede-Patton
16th: Sam Althaus 23rd: Dale Lanning 30: Cathy Jordan

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

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

March 18th



MISSIONS

**Community
Dinner
March 1st**

**Mission Meal
March 9th**

March Anniversaries:

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

March Host & Hostess

02: Outreach
09: Need Volunteers
16: Barb & Stan Damron
23: Marvin & Ann Enstrom
30: Need Volunteers

Humility of Mary

March 25th @ 4:15

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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!

March

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 5:00–7:00pm Free Dinner
2 6:00pm Adult Study	3 6:30pm Boy Scouts	4	5 6pm Ash Wednesday 6:45pm Sunshiners 6:30p Cub Scouts	6 AWANA “Daily Bread Night” 6:30-7:30pm	7	8 6:00pm Night of Laughter
9 <u>Mission Meal</u> <u>After Worship</u> 2pm Wedding Shower <u>6:00pm</u> <u>Adult Study</u>	10 6:30pm Boy Scouts	11	12	13 AWANA “Zoo Night” 6:30-7:30pm	14	15
16 6:00pm Adult Study	17 6:30pm VBS mtg 6:30pm Boy Scouts	18 7:00pm Church Council <u>Newsletter</u> <u>Deadline</u>	19 6:30pm Recharge Service	20 AWANA “Irish Night” 6:30-7:30pm	21	22
23 7:00am Men in Mission 5:30 pm Youth Group	24 6:30pm Boy Scouts	25 Humility of Mary 4:15pm	26	27 AWANA “Count Your Blessings” 6:30-7:30pm	28	29 10:30 am Baby Shower for Kelsi Bedford
30	31					

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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