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CATCH THE SPIRIT
ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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February 18 was Ash Wednesday the beginning of the Lenten season. February 22 was the first Sunday in Lent. But what is Lent?

It is forty days of stripping down to the living essentials;

It is forty days of facing the truth about one's self-indulgent evasions;

It is forty days of fellowshiping with Christ in the desert;

It is forty days of rejoicing in God's mercy and forgiveness.

In the last several years there have been many self-help books talking about what we need to do in life to reach the goals we have. One question that is often asked is this: If you get where you are going, is it where you want to be? That is an important question. On an old slab in the Cathedral of Lebeck, Germany was found the following—something we all need to consider during Lent.

CALL ME MASTER

Ye call Me Master and obey Me not,

Ye call Me Light and see Me not,

Ye call Me Way and walk not,

Ye Call Me Life and desire Me not,

Ye call Me Wise and follow Me not,

Ye call Me Fair and ask Me not,

Ye call Me Eternal and see Me not,

Ye call Me Noble and serve Me not,

Ye call Me Mighty and honor Me not,

Ye call Me Just and fear Me not.

Are we on the path to where we want to end our journey?

Pastor John

Administrative Council 2015

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Desirae Silvis



REMEMBER?
Set Your
Clocks
Ahead!

Daylight Savings Time begins
March 8th! Don't forget
to set your clocks **AHEAD** one hour
when you go to bed March 7th!

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**Wednesday,
March 25**



Mark Atchison & Need Volunteer

March Liturgists: 01-Dale Lanning 08- Cathy Jordan
15- Ian Yoder 22- Sam Althaus
29: Eddie Bradshaw

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 Host & Hostess

- 01: Barton's 08: Outreach
- 15: Kurt & Cathy Jordan 22: Need Volunteers

March Anniversaries:

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

We Need Your Help!

Acolytes , Ushers
&
Liturgists Needed!

Kids & teens, if you would like to serve as an acolyte during services, let your Sunday School teacher know! It's a great way to help serve!

Anyone interested in serving as a liturgist or usher please contact Desirae Silvis.

Christian Education & Sunday School News



VBS Planning Meeting

It's that time of year again! Time to start planning this year's Vacation Bible School.

This year's theme will be Backstage with the Bible, from Go Fish.

If you are interested in helping in any way with this ministry, there will be a meeting Thursday, March 5th at 6:30 pm at Alpha UMC.

Middle/High School student volunteers needed!



LGLS

We will be starting a new quarter
March 1st!

Come join us and hear the Good
News!

There are a few of you who haven't been in a while
and we miss you. Remember, we have a class for
everyone from 3 years old to 99+!

High School class is the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the
month.

Hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events



This month's community meal will be
Saturday, March 7 from
5-7 p.m.
Come help out, visit, and
have a great meal!

Mission Meal
Sunday, March 15
Following worship



Sunshiners

Wednesday, March 4, 6:45 p.m.

Our program this month will be

presented by a Hy-Vee nutritionist about "superfoods". All are invited. Contact Julie Cole if you wish to attend.

Upcoming Events



UMCOR One Great Hour Of Sharing March 15, 2015

Have you ever watched the news, saw people suffering and wondered, "What can I do?"? Here's your chance.

UMCOR is a ministry of the United Methodist Church helping people around the world in need. When communities are affected by natural disaster, war, health epidemics, and other crisis, UMCOR provides long-term support. UMCOR steps in and stays in the community until it begins to reach a "new normal".

On Sunday, March 15, United Methodist Churches worldwide, including Alpha UMC, will be taking part in a special offering in support of UMCOR. This One Great Hour of Sharing offering will allow UMCOR to continue to help those affected by disaster, war, hunger, and other crisis.



**MEN IN MISISION
BREAKFAST
SUNDAY,
MARCH 22 AT 7:00 AM**

Nurture Team Meeting

Nurture will be meeting during the 2nd week of March to plan the Maundy Thursday meal.

Please let Deb Briggs know if any date/time works better for you.

Easter Flowers



Easter flower order forms are now available and will be handed out each Sunday through March 15.

Flowers are \$10 and money and form may be put in the offering plate or given to Linda Lanning.



Check out our Facebook Page!

Keep up with events at Alpha United Methodist Church on Facebook.



March 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Worship Meeting following service	2 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	3	4 Sunshiners 6:45 pm 6:30 pm Wolves & Bears	5 VBS Planning Meeting 6:30 p.m.	6 Pastor's Sabbath	7 Community Meal 5-7
8	9 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	10	11 6:30 pm Wolves & Bears	12	13 Pastor's Sabbath	14
15 Mission Meal following worship	16 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	17 Ad. Council 7:00 pm	18 6:30 pm Wolves & Bears	19	20 Pastor's Sabbath	21
22 Men's Breakfast 7:00 am Worship Meeting after service	23 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	24	25 6:30 pm Wolves & Bears	26	27 Pastor's Sabbath	28
29 Palm Sunday	30	<u>31</u>				

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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