



ALPHA

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST, TRANSFORMING OUR COMMUNITY
ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Greetings friends!

Spring is abloom and in our worship at Alpha UMC, we have been celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ during Eastertide, the 50 day feast that began with Easter Sunday and culminates on May 15th this year with the Day of Pentecost.

First, I look forward to Sunday, May 1st, which we've designated as Youth & Children's Sunday. On this day, the students of our church will serve the Lord with their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness and lead us to worship God through every possible aspect of our Sunday morning service. Then, on the evening of May 1st we will celebrate the fellowship and growing faith of our confirmands by hosting a confirmation students and parents appreciation dinner in the fellowship hall at 5:30pm.

Second, (Mother's Day) Sunday May 8th is a special day in the life of the church, Ascension Sunday. This is the day when we remember that not only is Jesus alive in his resurrected human body but that he is ascended in heaven and is always praying and interceding before the throne of God on our behalf. Jesus prays for us right now and perfects every single prayer that we lift up to God. We will also be expressing our thanks to God for the nurturing presence of the women in our church and collecting a special missions offering to support Pregnancy Resources Center in Moline, IL.

Third, (AlWood Graduation) Sunday May 15th is Pentecost Sunday and commemorates the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on humanity from opening chapters of Acts. On this day, we will remember the inauguration of the worldwide historical Christian Church. We will commemorate the new life God's Spirit has breathed into our church family by celebrating baptism, confirmation, and affirmation of faith in Jesus Christ with great joy and gratitude.

Indeed, Pentecost was the moment in history when the disciples of Jesus and the earliest Christians became the Body of Christ for the first time. In an instant, tongues of fire and wind from heaven fell upon the gathered disciples of Jesus who were hiding from their persecutors. Changed forever, these ordinary men and women were empowered by the Holy Spirit to boldly share their testimony of salvation and faith in Jesus Christ before a huge crowd of people from many different nations, languages, and cultures.

Strangely, the revival and awakening from God that they were waiting for didn't happen in the temple or at synagogue; no, it happened in a locked upper room and it spilled out into the streets! Notice also that this didn't happen because of any of the disciples' wisdom or strategic planning: they were anxious, afraid, and in over their heads as their lives were in mortal danger because of the aftermath of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Perhaps this turning point happened in concert with their mere faithful obedience to stay where they were and wait for God to give them all that Jesus had promised for them: the Holy Spirit. Without the Holy Spirit, their ministry was powerless in the face of its opposition. The Holy Spirit is the real abiding presence of Jesus Christ alive in and with his disciples. God's Spirit empowers and equips us to love and serve others in Jesus' name.

So, today, what are we afraid of or anxious about? Do we ever feel like we are in over our heads in some of our endeavors? Are we willing to pause from what we are doing in our ministries and wait for God's Spirit of truth to come upon us to teach us everything and remind us of all that Jesus taught his disciples? Are we ready to wait and pray for the Holy Spirit to come and awaken each of us, in our church, and our community to the reality of God's kingdom and the Father's will breaking into our lives right now "on earth as it is in heaven"? How might God's Spirit today lead us out of our own safe private spaces and out into the streets of our communities to fearlessly love others and to share the amazing grace of God in Jesus Christ through faith, word, and deed? Are you willing to pray with me in Jesus' name for God to awaken our hearts so that we can receive the Father's promised gift of the Holy Spirit?

"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him" Acts 2:38-39

In Christ,
Pastor Zack

Administrative Council 2016

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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 Out of Office

Pastor Zack will be on vacation Tuesday, May 24 - Sunday, May 29. Rev. David Schultz, Pastor of Orion UMC will be on call for any pastoral care emergencies while Pastor Zack is away.



There will be an ice cream social and silent auction at Maranatha Church on June 11, 2016 from 5–7pm. Proceeds will go to the AlWood Food Pantry. They would like all area churches to donate a basket. Anyone who would like to donate should speak to a food pantry representative. Our Alpha UMC representatives are Angie Althaus and Angie Briggs.



Secretary's Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

9:00am - 1:00pm

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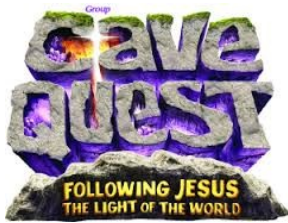
Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8th. We will be honoring mother's by collecting a special offering for Pregnancy Resources.

Pregnancy Resources provides many free services for pregnant women in our area, including: pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, maternity and baby clothing, baby supplies and adoption education and referrals.



MONDAY,

MAY 23RD



VBS 2016

June 13-17

9:00am—Noon



Registration forms are available in the fellowship hall, on page 6 of this newsletter, and on our website, www.alphaumc.org, under Upcoming Events. Please return to the box in fellowship hall. If you are interested in volunteering to help with VBS, please see Cathy Jordan.



VBS Bake Sale

AIWood Community VBS will be having their bake sale fundraiser during Thrifty on 150, Saturday, May 7th at the Alpha Baptist Church. All baked goods are needed to make this VBS fundraiser successful. Pies and breads are especially needed. If you wish to contribute any baked goods, please have them to the church by 6am on Saturday, May 7th.

VBS Director's Meeting

VBS Directors Committee Meeting is Thursday, April 28th at 6:30pm at Alpha UMC. VBS Directors are: Alpha Baptist - Martha Welch; Alpha UMC - Emily Bradshaw; Harvest Bible Chapel Woodhull - Mary Cooper; Maranatha Chapel - Pastor Melinda Bern and Committee member At Large - Deb Summers.

VBS Volunteer's Meeting

VBS Volunteer Community meeting is every Thursday in May at 6:30pm at Alpha UMC. Adults and youth helpers (middle school and high school students) are needed to help our community kids have a great time with Cave Quest, June 13-June 17, 2016, 9am to noon.



Prayer Walk Ministry



Want to get your week started off right? AIWood community VBS is starting a prayer walk ministry for the community. This group will meet every Monday at 6:30pm at Alpha UMC and walk for approximately one hour. Everyone is welcome to come and join this great time together!

Children & Youth Sunday Sunday May 1, 2016



Sunday, May 1st will be a special Sunday at Alpha UMC! Our children and youth will be participating in worship from coffee hour to communion. Our children's bell choir will have their first performance, as well. The children have worked hard to prepare for this special day!

New! 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 first prayer time will be Sunday, May 1st, following worship. We will meet in the fireplace room. Meetings will be relatively short. We will gather, share, and pray.



Helping with Humor

Helping with Humor is a family friendly event to raise funds for the Humility of Mary Shelter in Davenport, IA. \$5 of every ticket sold to Comedy Sportz will go directly to the Humility of Mary Shelter.

This year's event is Friday, May 20, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Tickets can be purchased by calling Comedy Sportz in Rock Island, IL at 309-786-1111.



Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc.
...because our community cares



Outreach Update

A big thank you for a successful April ministry. Food pantry items will be distributed on May 3 at the AlWood Food Pantry.

There will not be a community meal or mission meal this month.

We will be going to Humility of Mary on May 24. Please come and help cook or plan to go and help us serve. We will be leaving the church around 4:15. If you have any questions, please contact Lindi Kernan.

Our ministry for the month of May is Midwest Missions. We will be collecting hand towels, wash cloths, and large bars of soap. A bin will be on the table in the fellowship hall. Thank you to our church family for assisting our Outreach Team in this campaign.

Deuteronomy 15:10

Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart: then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.

Vacation Bible School 2016
06/13/2016 through 06/17/2016
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.

Parent/Guardian Signature **Date**



May 2016

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|--|---|---|--|---|-----|---------------------------------|
| 1 Children & Youth Sunday Parent's Prayer Group after worship 5:30 pm Confirmation Family Dinner | 2 Pastor Zack at Residency In Ministry 6:30pm Boy Scouts | 3 Pastor Zack at residency in ministry | 4 6:30pm Christian Ed | 5 6:30pm VBS Volunteer Meeting | 6 | 7 VBS Bake Sale @ Alpha Baptist |
| 8 Mother's Day Special Offering for Pregnancy Resources | 9 6:30pm Boy Scouts | 10 6:30 pm SPPRC | 11 6:30pm Nominations 6:30pm Boy Scouts | 12 6:30pm VBS Volunteer Meeting 1:30pm UMW 7:15 Music Rehearsal | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Pentecost Confirmation Sunday | 16 6:30pm Boy Scouts | 17 Boy Scout Hot Dog Supper | 18 6:30 pm Council 6:30pm Boy Scouts | 19 6:30pm VBS Volunteer Meeting 7:15pm Music Rehearsal | 20 | 21 |
| 22 7:00 am Men in Mission Breakfast | 23 6:30pm Boy Scouts Newsletter Deadline | 24 Pastor Zack on vacation through 5/29 4:15 pm Humility of Mary Meal | 25 | 26 6:30pm VBS Volunteer Meeting 7:15pm Music Rehearsal | 27 | 28 |
| 29 5th Sunday offering for Danoucheka | 30 Memorial Day | 31 | | | | |

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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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