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One of my favorite columns by Erma Bombeck tells of God in the act of creating mothers. She says that on the day God created mothers He had already worked long overtime. And an angel said to Him, "Lord, you sure are spending a lot of time on this one."

The Lord turned & said, "Have you read the specs on this model? She is supposed to be completely washable, but not plastic. She is to have 180 moving parts, all of them replaceable. She is to have a kiss that will heal everything from a broken leg to a broken heart. She is to have a lap that will disappear whenever she stands up. She is to be able to function on black coffee & leftovers. And she is supposed to have six pairs of hands."

"Six pairs of hands," said the angel, "that's impossible." "It's not the six pairs of hands that bother me," said the Lord, "It's the three pairs of eyes. She is supposed to have one pair that sees through closed doors so that whenever she says, 'What are you kids doing in there?' she already knows what they're doing in there."

"She has another pair in the back of her head to see all the things she is not supposed to see but must see. And then she has one pair right in front that can look at a child that just goofed & communicate love & understanding without saying a word."

"That's too much," said the angel, "You can't put that much in one model. Why don't you rest for a while & resume your creating tomorrow?"

"No, I can't," said the Lord. "I'm close to creating someone very much like myself. I've already come up with a model who can heal herself when she is sick - who can feed a family of six with one pound of hamburger - & who can persuade a nine year old to take a shower."

Then the angel looked at the model of motherhood a little more closely & said, "She's too soft." "Oh, but she is tough," said the Lord. "You'd be surprised at how much this mother can do."

"Can she think?" asked the angel. "Not only can she think," said the Lord, "but she can reason & compromise & persuade."

Then the angel reached over & touched her cheek. "This one has a leak," he said. "I told you that you couldn't put that much in one model." "That's not a leak," said the Lord. "That's a tear." "What's a tear for?" asked the angel. "Well it's for joy, for sadness, for sorrow, for disappointment, for pride." "You're a genius," said the angel. And the Lord said, "Oh, but I didn't put it there."

Thank God for the mother's and other important women in our lives.

See you in Church

Terry

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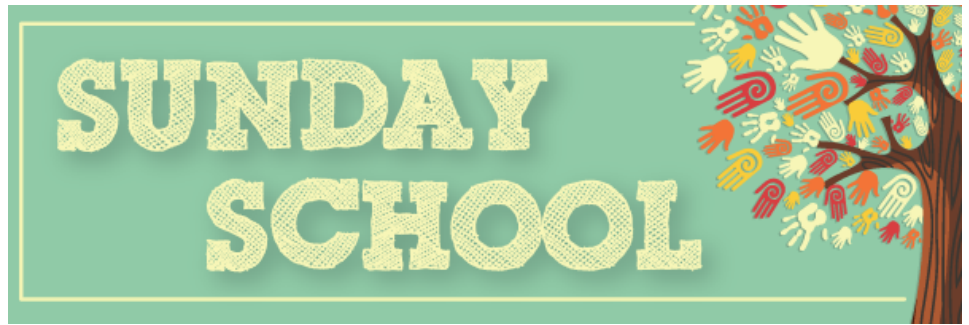
**Outreach Chair:** Lindi Kernan

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Lindi Kernan

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*LGLS needs your help!!*

*We will be participating in an United Methodist Committee on Relief mission project. We will be collecting items to make UMCOR Sewing Kits. On **May 25th** we will assemble the Sewing Kits during Sunday School. The completed Kits will be mailed to UMCOR and they will send them all over the world, where needed.*

*Here is a list of what we will be collecting:*

*\*3 continuous yards of fabric (cotton or cotton blend only-- no patriotic, religious, holiday, camouflage or military patterned fabric please)*

*\*1 pair scissors (fabric scissors only)*

*\*1 package needles (hand needles in original packaging only)*

*\*1 spool thread (medium to large spool, no travel kit thread please)*

*\*1 package of 5 to 8 buttons (no loose buttons, leave in original package)*

*\*1 plastic bag ( one gallon size sealable bags only)*

*I HAVE RECEIVED WORD THAT WE HAVE SEVERAL SPOOLS OF THREAD, SCISSORS, GALLON BAGS AND NEEDLES COMING SOON. SO IT SOUNDS LIKE WE ARE IN NEED OF FABRIC AND BUTTONS. IF YOU WOULD RATHER DONATE MONEY FOR US TO DO THE SHOPPING FOR YOU OR TO GO TOWARDS SHIPPING, THAT WOULD BE FINE ALSO.*

*Please watch for sales and help us make several Sewing Kits. A box is in the fellowship hall to put your items in.*

*Questions contact Deb Briggs*

*Thank You for supporting us with our mission!*



**Mother's Day**

**Remember on Mothers Day, May 11th,  
we will be  
taking a second offering instead of giving gifts to our moms.**

**The offering that we collect will be given to Pregnancy Resources to help out other young mothers.  
Thank You for your support.**

**Nurture Team**



SUMMER CAMP SEASON is almost here!  
There are several CHURCH Camps you may want to attend. There are several different types of camp from mom and me to advance camping.

For a link to see an online camp guide see Deb Briggs or Cathy Jordan.



VBS is in need of 15 to 20 CD'S/DVD'S that are no good any more.

We also need small trinkets like beads, jewels, colorful buttons or small shells.

Ask Deb Briggs if you have any questions.

Thank You!

Mother's day weekend (Saturday 5/10) is the Thrifty on 150 event where VBS has a bake sale to raise funds for VBS. We are asking for items to be donated for the bake sale. No price necessary simply a note of what the items is. All bake sale items will be sold for a donation price. Items need to be to the church by 7am on Saturday 5/10/14 or you can drop off directly at Alpha Baptist Church by 8am that day.

Please come and support our community VBS and pick up some GREAT items. Just a note - we had a lot of requests for pies last year so if you can make a pie or two - we would be grateful!!

If you have any questions, con-



**BIG thank you to all the volunteers, donations and prayers for the Awana Ministry. The ministry will begin again in Sept. this year - so be looking to future newsletter for more details.**

### NURSERY

The nursery is now staffed by Angie Briggs. It is for ages 6 and under. Age 7 & older will remain in the sanctuary. There is a sign up sheet for ONE helper each Sunday. Please take a Sunday and sign up!



## Saturday May 17, 2014 @ 8:00 a.m.

We have had a very busy fall and winter around the church and now is the time to spruce things up to complete the work. The Trustees have scheduled a complete church clean up day for May 17. Please bring your brooms, mops, cleaning supplies, yard tools and gloves. Let's all work together and spruce up God's house together.



## 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 6:30 p.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 **May 21.**

### *Community Baby Shower & Breakfast to benefit Pregnancy Resources of the Quad Cities*

*Saturday May 3rd @ 9:30 am*

*Alpha United Methodist Church*

*Suggested Items to Donate: Disposable Diapers,  
Baby Wipes, New Baby Clothes up to size 2T,  
Pacifiers, Baby Bottles, Socks, Small Toys, & Cash*

*Sponsored by Sunshiners*

*Breakfast served by Methodist Men*



### **New Interim Secretary**

Sadly, we have to say goodbye to Lindsy Brooks and we thank her for all of her devoted service to our church. We are happy to announce that Lindy Evans will be serving as interim secretary. To contact Lindy with your prayer concerns, newsletter articles, or request you can e-mail her at [AUMCSecretary@aol.com](mailto:AUMCSecretary@aol.com) or 309-629-2709.

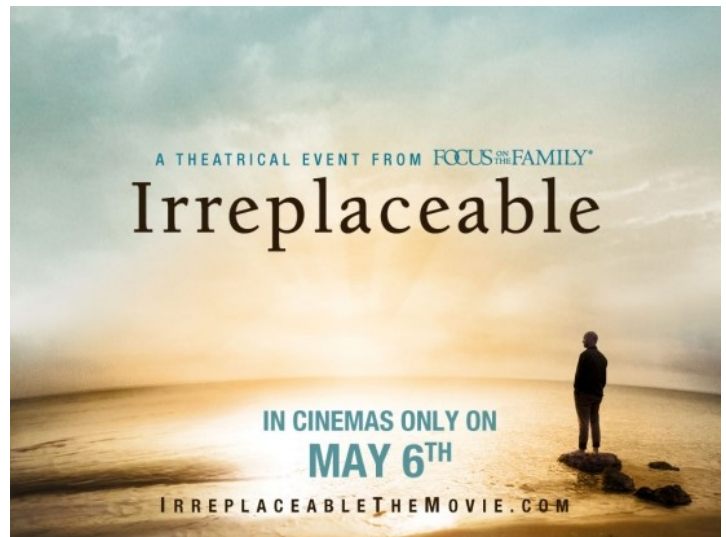
### Irreplaceable the Movie

On **May 6** we will be going to see the Focus on the Family movie called Irreplaceable. The movie starts at **7:30**. We will meet at the church and car-pool. We have already purchased 10 tickets at the cost of \$12.50 each. If you are interested in going please contact Lindi Kernan at 629-9924 or email at [dlkernan@divcominc.net](mailto:dlkernan@divcominc.net).

#### What is Irreplaceable About?

Every member of the human race has the desire for significance—a desire to belong. And the family is where those deepest longings are fulfilled.

Unfortunately, the word “family” has all but lost its meaning in our modern cultural landscape. And the fallout has been significant. Divorce. Crime. Poverty. Addictions. Abuse. Our attempts to redefine and reimagine the family only make these problems worse, not better. When the family is weakened, society suffers. But strong families make the world a better place!



#### Promise Keepers

Promise Keepers is coming to Peoria **June 6 and 7**. This is a wonderful men's event. Several years ago a group traveled to Kansas City for the event and those who attended said it was great! If 10 or more attend the registration fee is \$69 each

(scholarships are available). The Friday night session is from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm and the Saturday session is from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. If you are interested contact **Dean Kernan at 629-9924 or at [dlkernan@divcominc.net](mailto:dlkernan@divcominc.net)**.

Here's a little information about Promise Keepers. For more information go to [www.promisekeepers.org](http://www.promisekeepers.org)

Society is crumbling around us. Marriages are collapsing. Pornography is winning the battle for men's minds. And our children are abandoning the Church. But there is hope.

When a child is the first to attend church, 31/2% of the families follow. When a wife/mom is the first to attend church, 17% of the families follow. When a dad/husband is the first to attend church, 93% of the families follow. In the words of Dr. Tony Evans, "As the man goes, so goes the world." America - and the World - needs men with a renewed passion for obedience to God, and His Word.

Promise Keepers is a catalytic event for men, challenging them to embrace their calling to lead their families, churches, and communities in worship of, and obedience to, Jesus the Messiah. Through powerful worship and anointed preaching, men are called out to become everything that God has created them to be, and then to return to their families, churches, and communities with a commitment to hear and obey God's Word in the power of the Holy Spirit.



Marvin Enstrom & Ian Yoder

May Liturgists: 4th: Mary Nice  
18th: Bob Bateman

11th: Sabrina Medley  
25th: Sarah Vordtriede-Patton



May Anniversaries:

08: Paul & Tracy Greenman  
17: Basil & Melba Jordan

May Birthdays

06: Melba Jordan  
10: Shirley Spivey  
13: Paul Greenman  
24: Kay Cole  
26: Kurt Jordan  
31: Lawrence Anthony

May Host & Hostess

04: Outreach  
11:  
18:  
25: Jordan's

Humility of Mary - May  
27th

Meet at church at 4:00

This month we will be collecting coffee, styrofoam cups, sugar and creamer packets and fresh fruit for our friends at Humility of Mary. The best fruits to donate are: bananas, grapes, peaches, pears, oranges. Bring to the church by noon on Tuesday, May 27.



**Next Community Dinner: May 3rd**

**5:00-7:00 pm**



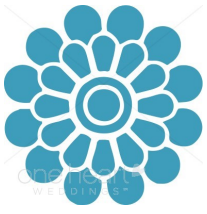
**Don't Miss**  
**Newsletter Deadline**  
**May 22nd**

**alphaumc.org**

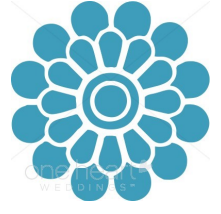
Be sure to check out the church website! There have been many updates done to meet the needs of our church family and community.

Please contact Dean Kernan if you want anything added to it!

Taco Supper!  
The Boy Scouts are having their taco supper on Tuesday, May 6th  
5:00-7:00 pm  
At Alpha UMC



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 AWANA Volunteer Dinner @ 6:30 pm	2	3 Pregnancy Resources Baby Shower @ 9:00am  5:00–7:00pm Free Community Dinner
4 Communion Sunday  Adult Bible Study @ 6:00pm	5 VBS Meeting @ 6:30pm  Boy Scouts @ 6:30 pm	6 Irreplaceable Movie @ 7:30pm Boy Scouts Taco Supper @ 5:00 pm	7  Cubs Scouts @ 6:30	8	9	10  Thrifty on 150
11  Mission Meal After Worship  Mother's Day!	12  Boy Scouts @ 6:30 pm	13	14  Cub Scouts @ 6:30	15	16	17  Church Work Day @ 8:00am
18  Adult Bible Study @ 6:00pm	19 VBS Meeting @ 6:30 pm  Boy Scouts @ 6:30 pm	20  Church Council @ 7:00pm	21  Recharge Service @ 6:30pm	22  <u>Newsletter Deadline</u>	23	24
25 Men's Break- fast @ 7:00am  Adult Bible Study @ 6:00pm	26  Boy Scouts @ 6:30 pm	27  Humility of Mary @ 4:00 pm	28  Cub Scouts @ 6:30 pm	29	30	31

SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

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## 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?  
Dean Kernan is the creator and manager of our Website.  
Our Web address is [alphaumc.org](http://alphaumc.org)



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