

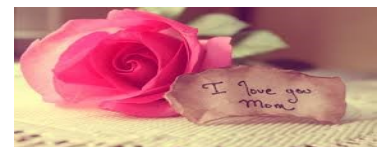
From the Pastor...

I keep thinking that sometime things will get a little less rushed. But here we are with May: Graduations, Memorial Day, spring sports, planting season, and of course - MOTHER'S DAY.

- * Somebody said a mother is an unskilled laborer - somebody never gave a squirmy infant a bath.
- * Somebody says it takes about six weeks to get back to normal after you've had a baby - somebody doesn't know that once you're a mother, "normal" is history.
- * Somebody said a mother's job consists of wiping noses and changing diapers - somebody doesn't know that a child is much more than the shell he lives in.
- * Somebody said you learn to be a mother by instinct - somebody never took a three-year-old shopping.
- * Somebody said being a mother is boring— somebody never rode in a car being driven by a teenager with a driver's permit.
- * Somebody said teachers, psychologists and pediatricians know more about children than their mothers - somebody hasn't invested her heart in another human being.
- * Somebody said if you're a "good" mother, your child will "turn out" - somebody thinks a child is like a bag of plaster of Paris that comes with directions, a mold and a guarantee.
- * Somebody said being a mother is what you do in your spare time - somebody doesn't know that when you're a mother, you're a mother ALL the time.
- * Somebody said you don't need an education to be a mother - somebody never helped a fourth grader with his math.
- * Somebody said "good" mothers never raise their voices - somebody never came out the back door just in time to see her child wind up and hit a golf ball through the neighbor's kitchen window.
- * Somebody said you couldn't love the fifth child as much as you love the first - somebody doesn't have five children.
- * Somebody said the hardest part of being a mother is labor and delivery - somebody never watched her "baby" get on the bus for the first day of kindergarten.
- * Somebody said a mother can do her job with her eyes closed and one hand tied behind her back - somebody never organized seven giggling Brownies to sell cookies.
- * Somebody said a mother could stop worrying after her child gets married - somebody doesn't know that marriage adds a new son or daughter-in-law to a mother's heartstrings.
- * Somebody said a mother's job is done when her last child leaves home - somebody never had grandchildren.
- * **Somebody said your mother knows you love her, so you don't need to tell her - somebody isn't a mother!**

Don't forget Mother's Day - and all the other special days of May.

Pastor John



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Office hours will be
changing beginning
June 1.

Summer Office Hours:
June 1 - August 14
Monday, Tuesday, Friday
9:00 am - 1:00 pm



A sincere thank you to everyone who sent a card or letter to my mom, Irene Bodeen, for her 99th birthday. She received over 100 cards from friends and relatives from all across the country and the world. She will enjoy reading them for a long time to come. Thanks again, and God bless your congregation.

Diane Fairfield

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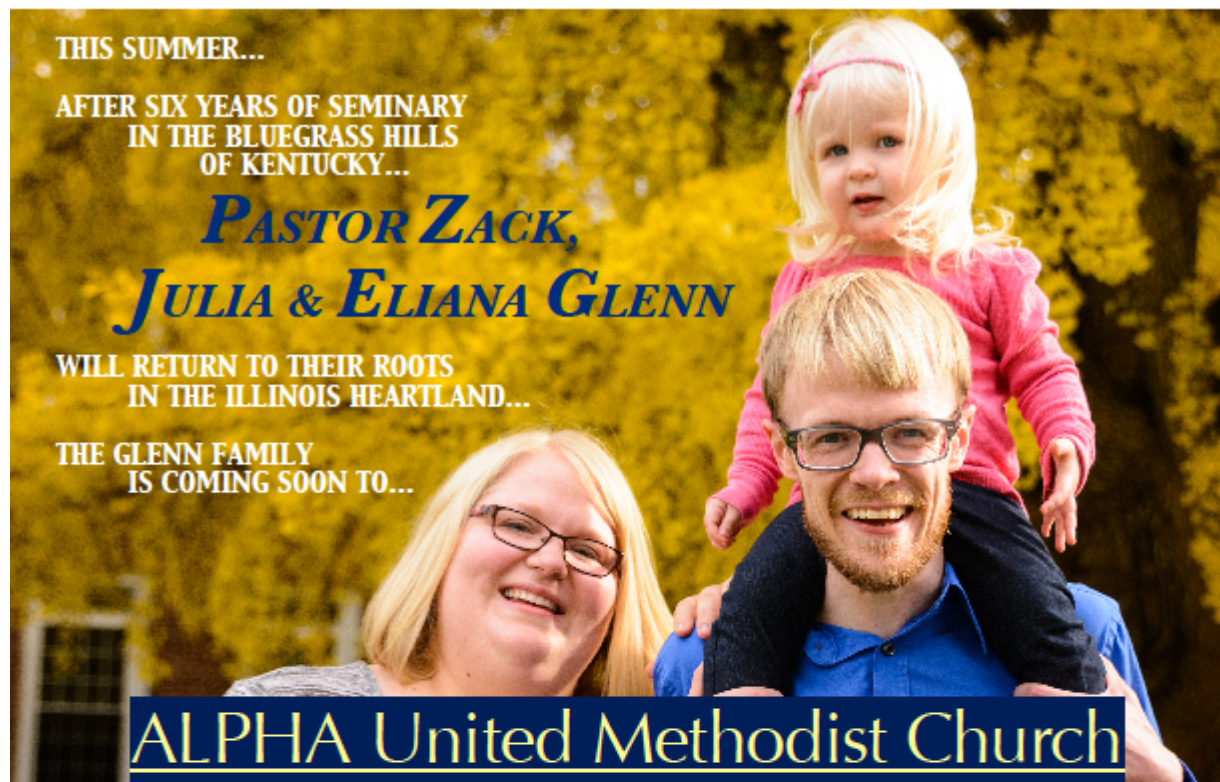


**Tuesday,
May 26th**



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ANNOUNCEMENT!!!



Pastor Zackary T. Glenn was born and raised in central Illinois and has lived an itinerant life. At thirty-one years old, his first pastoral appointment will represent his fifteenth residential zipcode. Growing up as "the new kid" in school, his faithful spiritual home was at the local United Methodist Church. Zack's youth hometown was Pontiac, Illinois where he attended junior high and high school. He is a 2006 graduate of Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology/Communication/Music.

Zack is passionate about sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and helping people find themselves in God's Story. He has been pursuing God's call into pastoral ministry since summer of 2008. Since then he has served several churches in Illinois and Kentucky. During seminary he has ministered with clergy mentors and student teams in the areas of worship design, discipleship, healing prayer, spiritual formation, and pastoral care for homebound residents. He will soon graduate with his Master of Divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky this May.

Zack is married to his lovely wife Julia of nearly six years. Julia was raised in Aledo, Illinois. She is a graduate of Lincoln Christian University and a former financial aid consultant and YMCA business manager. Today, she enjoys life as a stay-at-home mom. Zack and Julia are blessed parents of two-year-old Eliana. They look forward to welcoming their baby boy, Ezra, this August!

Zack's hobbies include singing and playing guitar, reading bedtime stories with his daughter Eliana, dining out with his family at Mexican restaurants, and playing tabletop games with his wife Julia. He is a lifelong Fighting Illini fan and roots for the Chicago Bears, the Bulls, and the Cubs.

Zack is humbled to receive his first pastoral appointment in the Illinois Great Rivers Conference and is honored to serve the faithful people of Alpha United Methodist Church as their new Pastor. His family is praying for their new church family and they appreciate the hospitality that awaits them as they prepare to move to their new home.

VBS News

This year's VBS theme is Backstage with the Bible from GoFish!



Dates: June 15 - 19

Time: 9am - 12pm each day

Place: Alpha UMC

Please fill out a registration form for **EACH** child in your family attending VBS. Forms may be found at the end of this newsletter or on the front table in the fellowship hall. Please return to box in the fellowship hall or bring with you to the first day of VBS.

VBS Planning Meeting

There will be a **VBS planning meeting Monday, May 11 at 6:30pm** at Alpha UMC. Both adult and middle/high school volunteers are needed!

VBS Bake Sale!!!

Thrifty on 150 will be Saturday, May 9. The Alwood Community VBS will be hosting a bake sale at the Alpha Baptist Church from 8am - 2pm. This bake sale is solely donation-driven which means, donated items are purchased with a donation to VBS.



We are in need of any items, but would like to see more pies, snacks like Chex Mix or Puppy Chow in snack bags, as well as easy carry items such as cookies divided into 2's or 3's.

Again, all four churches: Harvest Bible Chapel-Woodhull, Alpha Baptist, Alpha UMC, as well as Maranatha Chapel in Alpha are hosting this event. **Drop off** donated items to Alpha UMC by 6am Saturday, May 9 or Alpha Baptist Church by 8am. Please come and support this great community event and help our community VBS!

**VBS needs donations of cardboard egg cartons!!!
Don't throw them away, bring them in!**



Outreach is offering an Adult, Child, and Infant Refresher Class for CPR & First Aid, Saturday, May 23 from 9 am - 12 pm at Alpha UMC.

Class will be taught by Certified Instructor Brian Lynch and cards will be given out (good for 2 years).

Cost is \$30 per person. Space is limited so please call Gina Medley, 629-2106, to register.



This May, Outreach will be collecting Health Kits for UMCOR.

Our goal is for each family in our congregation to donate 1 kit.

A list of items included in the kit & instructions can be found on the front table in the fellowship hall. Please follow instructions EXACTLY.

The items need to be EXACTLY as specified, or they can't be used. For example, a 2 toothbrush pack may be cheaper, but each kit may only contain 1 toothbrush, otherwise kits will not be equal.

Please place kits in the box marked Health Kits on the front table of the fellowship hall.

THANK YOU!!!!



Cans for a Cause!

Alpha UMC Missions

Accepting donations of aluminum cans . Please place cans (in plastic bags) upside down in Althaus alley corral (between Scandia/Park St).

Thanks for your support!



Community Meal

Free Community Meal
Saturday, May 2
5pm - 7pm

There will be no Mission Meal this month.

Humility of Mary

Outreach will be serving a meal at the Humility of Mary Shelter Tuesday, May 26. Please meet at the church at 4 pm if you wish to help serve.



Church Banners

We have been purchasing new banners to brighten up our sanctuary and help connect our congregation to a wonderful worship experience!

Any worship related questions or concerns? Speak to a worship team member: Adrienne DeSutter, Paul Greenman, Cathy Jordan, Dean Kernan, Lindi Kernan, Linda Lanning, Karen Schultz, Roger Swanson & Ian Yoder.

LGLS



There will be Sunday School this summer!
Plan to join the fun and excitement!
More details coming soon.

Humility of Mary Fundraiser

HELPING
with HUMOR
ESTABLISHMENT
THEATRE
MAY 3rd 2015
6:00PM

ComedySportz Quad Cities and Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc. have partnered once again to provide our community with an evening of comedy for a cause, featuring a performance by magician David Casa followed by a ComedySportz match!

Pre-show activities include an Art Exhibit featuring pieces created by Humility of Mary Shelter participants.

Tickets are \$10, which help support one bed for one night at Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc.

To purchase tickets: visit humilityofmaryshelter.com or call Humility of Mary Shelter, (563) 322-8065

The Establishment Theatre is located at 220 19th Street, Rock Island IL.

Doors open at 5pm

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Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc. provides emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing programs that offer opportunities for men and women experiencing homelessness to become emotionally, mentally and physically more stable.

Class of 2015 Congratulations!

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2015 ALWOOD HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

SAMUEL ALTHAUS—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS—ADVERTISING

EVAN CURRY—BLACK HAWK COLLEGE—PRE-ENGINEERING

ANDREW JOHNSON—BLACK HAWK COLLEGE EAST—AGRI BUSINESS MGT.

KATHLEEN KANE—CAPRI COLLEGE—COSMETOLOGY

JOEY LAMBIN—ST. AMBROSE UNIVERSITY—CRIMINAL JUSTICE

JAIMIE SCHROEDER—BLACK HAWK COLLEGE—UNDECIDED



“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
Jerimiah 29:11

8th Grade Promotion



Congratulations to our middle school grads!

Lauren Curry—Trinity Lutheran

Allison Lambin—AlWood Middle School

Congratulations!



Join us as we celebrate~

Samuel Kenneth Beryl Althaus

AlWood High School Class of 2015

Baccalaureate ~ Sunday, 10 May 7:00pm

Graduation Ceremony ~ Sunday, 17 May 2:00pm

A Night at The Sammy's...

Red Carpet Celebration & Desserts

Sunday, 17 May 6:00pm

The Althaus Family Theater

202 North Scandia Street, Alpha



**Announcing the Graduation of
EVAN CARVER CURRY**

AlWood High School

2 pm

Please join us to celebrate Evan's graduation after the ceremony at our home.

5.17.2015

4299 US HWY 150 ALPHA, IL



Online Church Directory Coming Soon!

Alpha UMC will soon have an online directory. We will still be creating a print version of our directory for those that wish to have one, but we will also have a new online edition available.

The online directory is easy to use, easy to update, and secure. Each family will have a password that will allow them to access the directory. With this password you can also update your information and picture. No one can access the directory without a password.

The directory will be accessible through our website or through a free app that is iPhone, iPad, Android and Kindle compatible.

The directory is formatted to contain member, family, staff and committee information. No more searching for your committee lists!

If you would like to try a demo of the directory visit-
www.onlinechurchdirectory.com, go to features and select demo.

More information will be coming as we get closer to a release date.

If you wish to opt out of the online directory please contact
Desirae at 309-629-5161 or aumcsecretary@aol.com



A big thank you to Bob Bateman and Emily Bradshaw for taking family photographs for the directory!

Please remember to turn in your family info update sheets to Desirae ASAP!

Vacation Bible School 2015
06/15/2015 through 06/19/2015
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.



MAY 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 5 - 7 pm Community Meal
3	4 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	5 4:30 - 6:30 pm Boy Scouts hot dog fundraiser dinner 7:00 pm P.E.O.	6 6:30 pm Wolves & Bears	7	8 9 - 11am AlWood LEAP screening	9 8am - 2pm VBS Bake Sale Thrifty on 150
10 Mother's Day 7:00 pm Baccalaureate	11 6:30 pm VBS planning meeting 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	12	13 6:30 pm Wolves & Bears	14 1:30 pm UMW	15	16
17 2:00 pm Alwood H.S. Graduation 	18 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	19 7:00 pm Church Council	20 6:30 pm Wolves & Bears	21	22	23 9am - 2 pm CPR/First Aid Class 
24 7:00 am Men's Breakfast <hr/> 31	25 Memorial Day 	26 4:00 pm Serving at Humility of Mary	27	28	29	30

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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