



ALPHA

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 2016

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

At the time of this writing, I am filled with great anticipation. Thanksgiving is coming, and we have a lot to be thankful for as a church. I'm thankful for how God has been at work in our ministry of *making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our community*.

First, the Chicago Cubs tied the Cleveland Indians 1-1 in the World Series last night and the next three games are at Wrigley Field so I think that they have a legitimate shot of winning their first championship since 1908. These young players look like they are having the time of their life and it's refreshing to see two perennial underdog teams playing in the World Series for a change.

Second, I am delighted to announce that our Spoon River District Superintendent Rev. Sylvester Weatherall will be visiting our church to worship with us and preach the gospel for our community at 10:00am on the 2nd Sunday of Advent, December 4th, 2016. Rev. Sylvester preaches with the fire of the Holy Spirit in his bones and his passion for connecting people with Jesus Christ is infectious. A native of urban East St. Louis, Rev. Sylvester has an incredible testimony of how Jesus Christ saved his life and helped him find his calling through the radical hospitality and witness of a small town United Methodist Church. You won't want to miss this special Sunday service. Let's show him our best and "be ready to share the hope we have in Christ" when he asks us how the Lord has been at work here in Alpha. Invite your friends and neighbors, especially those who might not yet know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Third, we have a wonderful local opportunity on Monday, November 14th, 2016 to meet and greet our new Bishop, Dr. Rev. Frank Beard at the Galesburg First United Methodist Church. See page 7 for more details. I have heard nothing but positive reports from my clergy colleagues who have had the honor of meeting Bishop Beard and hearing him preach. I can't wait to hear him preach and I look forward to meeting him and sharing how Jesus is changing lives here at Alpha UMC. So if you want to hear what God has in store for the churches of our conference and you want to learn more about the UMC's mission of *making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world*, then mark your calendars for Monday November 14th at 6:00pm Galesburg FUMC.

Finally, I am thankful for YOU! I am thankful for your prayers and acts of kindness for my family and I during Pastor Appreciation Month in October. I'm thankful that you are continuing to seek to know God more through the means of grace like prayer, bible study, worship, and holy communion. I'm thankful that you are giving yourselves to God through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. I'm thankful that we are continuing to feed the hungry and provide hospitality and space for fellowship for the people in our community. I'm thankful for our children and youth who have been leading us lately in our worship and are exploring the Bible and growing in their faith in Jesus. The other day, Julia and I were walking with the kids to the school, and a lady was burning a pile of leaves at the curb. Eliana looked up at me and exclaimed, "Daddy, is that a burning bush!?" My heart grew when I listened to her share what she was learning in her Sunday School class about Moses. So, I am especially thankful for the faithful disciples in our church who pour themselves out each week to teach our children and youth the Word of God! Most of all I'm thankful for God our Father, in whom we can always trust to provide for us, and the Holy Spirit, in whom we can trust to revive us and help us become more like Jesus Christ in our everyday lives.

Give thanks to the LORD!
Pastor Zack

Administrative Council 2016

Chair: Kurt Jordan

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Nurture: Kelli Johnson

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Men in Mission: Dean Kernan

Lay Leader: Lindi Kernan

Alternate: Cathy Jordan

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Secretary's Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

9:00am - 1:00pm

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District Superintendent

coming to preach at Alpha UMC



D.S. Rev. Sylvester Weatherall will be preaching during worship Sunday, December 4.

Born in St. Louis, Mo., Weatherall graduated from East St. Louis High School, McKendree College and Eden Theological Seminary, graduating with a Master of Divinity degree in 1991. A probationary member in the former Southern Illinois Conference in 1990, Weatherall was ordained into full membership in 1993.

He began serving the East St. Louis Metro Ministry, which later became Washington Park Grace UMC in 1989 and was there for 13 years before being appointed to the Springfield East Side Mission Parish, serving a predominantly white congregation at Kummer and a predominantly African-American congregation at Grace UMC, beginning in 2002.

He is a two-time winner of the Denman Evangelism Award, having been honored by both the former Southern Illinois Conference and the Illinois Great Rivers Conference. Weatherall was the first-elected clergy delegate for the 2016 General Conference and was a General Conference delegate in 2012, a General Conference alternate in 2008 and a jurisdictional conference delegate in 2004, 2008, 2012 and 2016.

“He is a strong preacher and has the heart of an evangelist, in every community he has served he has a track record of missional engagement. He is a compassionate pastor and a committed lifelong learner.”

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer



MONDAY,

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Sunday, November 27

7:00am

All men welcome!

THIS MONTH USHERS

Kurt Jordan & Need Volunteer

November Liturgists: 06: Eddie Bradshaw 13: Bob Bateman
20: David Althaus 27: Mary Nice

November Acolytes: 06 & 13: Grace Althaus & Jacob Sproston
20 & 27: Lucas Althaus & Jacob Sproston



November Birthdays

06: Matt Gillette
09: Kevin Spivey
11: Jensen Trego
15: Dave Lambin
18: Tucker Swanson
Betty Willet
27: Sam Althaus



November Coffee Hour Hosts

06: Outreach
13: Need Volunteers
20: Need Volunteers
27: Barb & Stan Damron

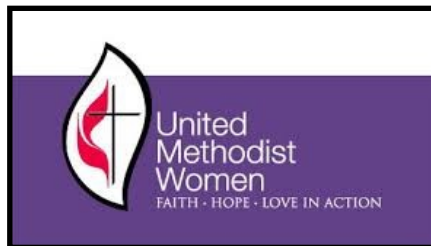


Nursery Helper

06: Althaus Family
13: Linda Lambin
20: Julia Glenn
27: Need volunteer

November Anniversaries

25: Ken & Phyllis Kearney



Thursday, November 10
1:30pm
All women welcome!

UMW District Women's Retreat
Lake Storey Pavilion
Saturday, November 5
8:30am
Cost \$15

Rev. Joye Perry and Aletha Weatherall will be presenting. Bring your friends! All women are welcome to attend. Please call Anita Anderson, 309-734-6338 with any questions.



Alpha UMC's Men-in-Mission

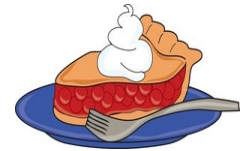
Annual Soup Supper

At Alpha United Methodist Church

November 19 serving from 5 to 7 PM

Cost: Donation at the door

Meal includes choices of chili or potato soup,
peanut butter sandwiches, carrots, celery sticks, and pickles,
and a dessert!



LGLS Sunday School

Thanks to all our students for making children and youth Sunday a success! You did a great job!

Save the date! Our Sunday School Christmas EVENT will be held Sunday, December 18 in the evening. We are doing something brand new and it should be a fun evening! Look for more details coming in December!



Saturday, November 26

10:00am

It's almost time for Advent! Join us for the hanging of the greens. We will be setting up and decorating the Christmas tree, hanging banners, and decorating the fellowship hall and fireplace room. It's a fun way for your family to kick off the Advent season!





God's Stewardship: Service

November Meals:

Free Community Meal: Saturday, November 5, 5:00-7:00pm
 Mission Meal: Sunday, November 13 following worship
 Humility of Mary: Tuesday, November 22 come join us. Help cook at our church, or come and help serve the meal. We will cook around 2:30 and leave around 4:15. God's stewardship in action: Service

November Ministry: 1. Fill the altar for the food pantry. As we prepare for our Thanksgiving, let us remember those less fortunate and share our abundant harvest.
 2. Also, we will collect gift cards for Cunningham Children's Home this holiday season. A list of the gift cards requested will be printed and put on table in the fellowship hall. A list can also be found on pg. 8 of this newsletter.

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1



Donations Needed for College Boxes



Finals are quickly approaching for our college students. Let's show them how much their church family cares for them by sending them boxes full of goodies!

The Nurture Team will be sending each of our students a care package. We currently have 9 college students.

So, while you're out doing that Thanksgiving shopping, grab a couple of snacks for our college students. Donations may be dropped off in the bin in the fellowship hall. Thanks!

Below is a letter from Bishop Frank Beard.

What can you expect from me?

My quest to get into every District before Christmas is under way. I'm off to a great start, and am looking forward to personally meeting many more folks in the Illinois Great Rivers Conference.

I have already visited four of the 10 districts. I have been amazed and overwhelmed with the wonderful ways that you have welcomed and received me.

One of the things I have been sharing with each district is EXPECTATIONS. I firmly believe that unrealistic, or under-stated and unstated expectations are often the root causes of confusion, chaos, and disappointment. Allow me to share a few things that I expect of you and that you can expect from me as your new Bishop.

Here are seven things that I expect of you:

1. I expect you to do your best. I want your "A Game!" Paul reminds us in Colossians 3:23 "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."
2. I expect you to have and utilize a Team Approach to Ministry. One of the beauties of our denomination is that we are "connectional." We depend on one another, and we count on each person's gifts to be successful.
3. I expect your support of our stated vision and values both publicly and privately. We will achieve more as we pull together in the same direction.
4. I expect and desire your prayers. My goal is to be the most prayed for Bishop in the denomination.
5. I expect you to continue to be generous givers. Both tithes and offerings should be the norm for those that love the Lord.
6. I expect great reports of fruitful and successful growing and vibrant ministries. The harvest is still plentiful and we are expected to participate as co-laborers with Christ.
7. I expect you to have fun serving the Lord and working for the advance of Christ. I read the back of the book, and we win! So, relax, and enjoy serving the Lord.

Here are seven things you can expect from me:

1. Consistency - Just like everyone else I have good days and bad days, but you will find me to be a person of consistency.
2. Support - I am here to serve and support the IGRC. I am here for both laity and clergy, and I will support you with my prayers, my concern for you and the church you attend, my encouragement of your existing and emerging ministries, and with my trust.

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3. I will be faithful in my devotion to Christ and to the IGRC. You can count on me to be loyal no matter what is going on. I will uphold my vows.
4. Collaborative Leadership. I will engage others in the decision-making process. I will work with intentionality to ensure that many voices are heard.
5. Honesty, you can count on me to provide clarity, rationale, and perspective. There may be times for confidentiality, but you will always get an honest response from me.
6. Generosity. I believe that leaders set the pace and should model extravagant generosity. You can count on Melissa and me to tithe and to give above and beyond.
7. Respect for all voices and a genuine love and respect for the members and constituents of the IGRC. I am here to be a servant-leader, and I will work to earn your respect and trust as I strive to provide Christ-like leadership.

I hope to see you and to be able to greet you soon. Thanks for all that you do to help IGRC to be a strong and vibrant Conference for Jesus. I believe the Lord expects and deserves our very best.

God bless,
Bishop Beard



Meet & Greet Bishop Beard

**Bishop Frank Beard will be visiting Spoon River District
Galesburg First UMC**

120 N. Kellogg St.

Monday, November 14

6:00pm—Light Meal

6:30-7:30—Bishop Beard Vision

7:00pm—Questions/Answer

7:30-8:00pm—Closing



Thank You!

Thank you for showering Everly with love, gifts, and support! We feel so blessed to be surrounded by such a compassionate church family! Special thanks to Linda Lanning and all of the gracious women who helped prepare for the event!

-Drew, Adrienne, & Everly DeSutter

Thank you to Men-in-Mission for financially supporting my Chrysalis Weekend. Thank you to those who prayed for me while I attended and continue to pray for us teens. I had a very meaningful weekend and I am thankful I attended. It is one that I will never forget.

-Makenna Medley

Thank you church family for helping celebrate my retirement of nearly 30 years with the insurance exchange. The cards, gifts, and kind words. I appreciated it all so much...

Love to you all,
Friends in Christ,
Linda Lambin

I wish to thank my church friends for all the care given to me since my heart attack and surgery. The food, cards, visits, and especially prayers are all appreciated. Also thanks to the Sunshiners for coming to Seminary Manor and sharing their meeting with me.

God bless you all,

Alpha United Methodist Women are collecting gift cards for the youth of Cunningham Children's Home for Christmas.

Below are a list of gift cards requested.

Amazon.com	Barnes & Nobel	Bath & Body Works
Arby's	Best Buy	Burger King
Casey's	Dollar Tree	Family Dollar
Gordman's	iTunes	Jimmy John's
Old Navy	Shoe Carnival	Taco Bell
TJ Maxx	Toys R Us	Wal- Mart
Wendy's		



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 9:30-11:00am Epic of Eden SPPRC 6:30pm	2 6:30-8:00pm Epic of Eden 6:45pm Sunshiners	3 1:00-2:30pm Epic of Eden 6:30pm Worship Team	4 Pastor's Sabbath	5 5:00-7:00pm Free Community Meal
6	7 6:30pm Boy Scouts	8 9:30-11:00am Epic of Eden	9 6:30-8:00pm Epic of Eden	10 1:00-2:30pm Epic of Eden 1:30pm UMW	11 Veteran's Day Pastor's Sabbath	12
13 Mission Meal following wor- ship	14 6:00pm Galesburg 1st UMC Meet & Greet w/ Bishop Beard	15 9:30-11:00am Epic of Eden	16 6:30-8:00pm Epic of Eden	17 1:00-2:30pm Epic of Eden	18 Newsletter Deadline Pastor's Sabbath	19 5:00-7:00pm Soup Supper
20 Community Thanksgiving Service	21 6:30pm Boy Scouts	22 4:15pm Humility of Mary	23	24 	25 Pastor's Sabbath	26 10:00am Hanging of the Greens 
27 1st Sunday of Advent 7:00am Men's Breakfast	28 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	29 9:30-11:00am Epic of Eden 6:30pm Council Meeting	30 6:30-8:00pm Epic of Eden			

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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

Happy Thanksgiving



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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