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Recently, I was reading an article that I found to be very interesting and thought that I would share it with you.

On August 7, 1994, a 5200-horsepower locomotive pulled twenty four cars from Chicago to Fort Wayne, Indiana, and back. On board the train were 846 passengers. The passengers weren't in a hurry to reach their destination, though, because their interest was not in travel per se but the train. Most were members of the National Historical Railway Society.

Powering the train was a Class J, No. 611 steam locomotive. Steam locomotives may sound very old fashioned but they are very powerful. In fact some of the old steam locomotives were more powerful than three modern diesel locomotives.

The heart of their power, of course, is steam. Steam "is water turned to gas," writes Kate Eaton.

You may think you see it above your whistling tea kettle or on your bathroom mirror, but that's not it. Steam is a clear vapor between the hot water and the visible mist. As it forms, at 212 degrees Fahrenheit, it expands to take up much more space than the liquid state. This explosive expansion, harnessed in a giant locomotive, is what powered the 250-ton engines pulling 20 or more railcars through the Blue Ridge Mountains, across the Great Plains and over the deserts of the west. "It's a powerful force," said Robert Pinsky, of the Railway Society.

Just as steam gives power to a locomotive, so zeal gives power to a believer. The more we boil with zeal for Christ, the more power we have for service.

Romans 12:11(CEB)

Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic—be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord!

Serving Him and You!

Pastor Terry.

Sunday School News!!

****LGLS classes are working in the Grow Proclaim and Serve series.**

****The High School Class is learning from the Teen Sunday School series.**

****Young adult group is doing the Study Of Psalm by Max Lucado.**

****The adult group will be doing a mix of topics-- studying the history of the United Methodist Church, the art of Upper Room covers and there will be some surprise speakers also.**

Please come & join any of these groups. You don't want to miss out!!

LGLS is making a folder of our kids information to keep for our records. Forms were handed out during church. On page 3 is a form just in case you have misplaced it or did not get one.

Please fill the form out for each of your children and return it to Deb or Cathy. Thank You!

It's time to sing! The Christmas Choir will begin rehearsals in October for their December holiday performances. Please sign up in the hall by Sunday, October 13th if you are interested, and Adrienne will contact you with rehearsal and performance information.

We are also looking for musicians/soloists who would like to share their talents during the worship services. Please let Pastor Terry know when you would like to share with the congregation.



**Nurture Team will be sponsoring Treat-n-Trunk
October 31, Halloween night.**

**Bring your car to the Church and hand out your treats to the kids from your trunk in the Church parking lot.
Please decorate your trunk and dress in costume (not required.)**

We will also be serving hot dogs and hot chocolate to the kids.

We will be making treat bags to hand out from the Church.

If you would like to donate candy for the bags, bring your donation to the Church

Alpha United Methodist Church
LGLS (Let God's Light Shine)
Child Registration Form
2013-2014

Child's Name _____

Birthdate _____ Grade in School _____

Allergies or Special needs:

Parent/Guardian _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Family Email _____

Emergency Contact during Sunday School Time : _____ I will be at church

Other: Name _____ Phone _____

I give permission for my child to participate fully in the LGLS Program at Alpha United Methodist Church including lessons, snacks and games. In case of an emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact me. In the event that I cannot be reached, I hereby give permission for the medical personnel selected by the LGLS staff to secure proper and necessary treatment for my child as named on this form.

Signature & Date _____

Physician's name & clinic _____

I understand that during the course of the year pictures will be taken. I give permission for my child's picture to be used in the church publications such as but not limited to; the newsletter, bulletin board, website, & facebook page.

Signature & Date _____



Adult Bible Study

We would like to invite you to an exciting new Bible study class coming to Alpha. Pastor Terry will be leading a class covering the *book of James*.

The study is scheduled to start meeting October 6th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

The course will meet for three weeks each month allowing Pastor Terry to meet with the youth on the fourth week. All adults, no matter your Bible knowledge, are encouraged to attend and reminded to bring your BIBLES.

Thanks to all who helped in any way with the Community meal, Mission meal or Humility of Mary meal for the homeless. September was an amazing month! We served 111 at the community meal, 65 at the mission meal and 96 at the shelter. That's 272 meals all served with the love of Christ. Keep up the good work for Him! He has blessed us so much through these ministries.

AlWood Food Pantry

As of the last meeting 17 families have been served with a total of 68 people!

The grocery bill for one month was \$1600

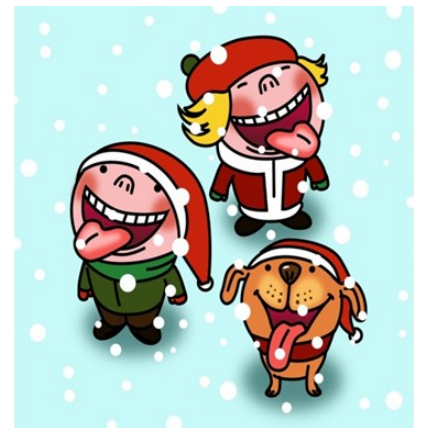
There is such a great need in our community for this service.

Coming up in November we'll be packing the pantry by filling the alter.

It is a fun competitive time. Start shopping for items now.

L.G.L.S. Christmas Program

Hey Kids! It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! This is your cue to join us in presenting a fabulous Christmas Program to our church family and the community. We need your help! Like to sing? Like to act? Please let Annetta (arevans427@aol.com) or Deb Briggs know so you can be part of the fun



Awana Registration Form 2013-2014 Alpha UMC

Mother's Name _____ E-mail _____

Telephone (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____ (Pager) _____

Address _____
Street/Apt.# _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Father's Name _____ E-mail _____

Telephone (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____ (Pager) _____

Address _____
Street/Apt.# _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Children in Awana (Kindergarten – 6th):

1. Child's Name _____ Birth Date _____ Grade _____

2. Child's Name _____ Birth Date _____ Grade _____

3. Child's Name _____ Birth Date _____ Grade _____

4. Child's Name _____ Birth Date _____ Grade _____

Medical information (allergies, medications, etc. Please list for each child) _____

Our family attends church at _____.

Who has permission to pick up your child from Awana? _____

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN Awana ministry at Alpha United Methodist Church

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 Awana 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.

(please read and sign)

I will pick up and drop off my child myself or through the designated persons above according to the specified timelines. I understand that Alpha United Methodist Church is not responsible for early drop off or late pick up. Also, I understand it is my responsibility to notify the Awana staff as to where I can be reached in the event of an emergency.

I understand that my child may participate in physical activities such as those held during game time. As with any physical activity there is a risk of injury. I fully accept this risk and hold harmless from any legal liability Alpha United Methodist Church and any persons involved in the Awana Ministry.

I give my permission for my child to attend and participate in activities sponsored by Alpha United Methodist Church. This includes transportation for occasional off campus activities.

I grant permission for a photo of my child to appear in club year videos, photographs, and/or slides will be taken of Awana club members.

I have read, and agree to, the Terms and Conditions stated above

Parent/Guardian Name (Print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

AWANA 2013 NEWS



Awana begins Thursday, October 10, 2013.
New times of 6:30pm to 7:30pm

It is now is a free ministry to all area children.
We need prayers and financial support to keep this ministry alive for
all of our area children.

Awana Volunteer Training

Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 6pm with potluck meal.
Meat, table service and beverages provided - please bring a dish to
pass. Training will be conducted from 6pm to 7:15pm. If you
have a passion for bringing the love of Jesus Christ to the children
of this area, please plan on attending. What a great way to meet
others in area churches that love our community's children and
have a desire to see Jesus in each child's life.

Awana Theme Nights

**October 10, 2013 – “Jersey Night” – wear your favorite team colors or
jersey and prepare to have snacks while meeting your leaders!**

October 17, 2013 – “Pajama Night” – wear your favorite pajamas.

October 24, 2013 – No Awana

October 31, 2013 – “Pumpkin Night” - Wear as much orange as you can!

Recently, the Church Council voted to replace current Pew Bibles with the Common English Bible version. This will give individuals in our midst the chance to follow along with the scriptures that are being taught to the church family. If you wish to sponsor a Bible, the cost is \$8.16 and checks made payable to Alpha UMC.

In the memo line, please write "Pew Bibles".

Also, the Church Council voted to give each new member of Alpha UMC a Common English Bible of their own. This is a wonderful way to welcome new members into our midst and provide them with the Word of God to fill their own lives each and everyday.

For those that would like to have a Common English Bible of their own, orders will be taken by Pastor Terry. Cost will be \$20 and orders will be placed as demand is needed. What a wonderful Christmas gift to family and friends!!



Youth Fundraiser

AUMC Youth are pleased to announce one of the easiest fundraisers ever! We are participating in Great Lakes Scrip (Gift Card) Program. This on-going fundraiser will offer gift cards to many of your favorite retailers just in time for the holidays! In addition, you can purchase gift cards to use for your weekly Wal-Mart, Target, CVS/Walgreens, gas and restaurant trips. It's a WIN/WIN opportunity! Why not help out our youth program while doing your routine shopping? More details to follow in upcoming bulletins and newsletters. If you have questions, please contact Annetta at arevans427@aol.com or 629-2709.

Calling all scrapbookers

We are planning a Scrap-a-thon October 19 from 8 a.m – 2 p.m. at AUMC. Bring your photos and supplies and a “brunchable” type snack to share. And why not bring a friend?



Never scrapped before?? All you need are photos, a scrapbook/photo album, some scrapbook paper, stickers and a tape runner. We will also have a Cricut Cutting Machine to use as well! Please RSVP so we know how many tables to have set up ~ for more information, contact Annetta at arevans427@aol.com or 629-2709. Hope to see you!



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 6:45pm Sunshiners	3	4	5 5:00–7:00pm Free Community Dinner
6	7 6:30pm Boy Scouts	8 5:30 Worship Team	9 6:30p Wolves & Bears	10 1:30 UWM AWANA “Jersey Night” 6:30-7:30pm	11	12
13 Mission Meal following Worship	14 6:30pm Boy Scouts	15 7:00pm Church Council	16 6:30p Wolves & Bears	17 AWANA “Pajama Night” 6:30-7:30pm	18	19 Scrap-a-thon 8am–2pm
20	21 6:30pm Boy Scouts	22 <u>Newsletter Deadline</u>	23 6:30p Wolves & Bears	24 NO AWANA	25	26
27 7:00am Men in Mission 5:30pm Youth Group	28 6:30pm Boy Scouts	29	30	31 Treat-n- Trunk AWANA “Pumpkin Night”		

SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

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?
Lindi Brooks is the creator and manager of our Website.
Our Web address is alphaumc.org



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