

ALPHA

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 2016

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST, TRANSFORMING OUR COMMUNITY
ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Greetings friends!
I wrote a new fall poem this past week.

*October winds blow
Brisk blustery breeze
Deciduous trees
Mature autumn leaves*

*Foliage splendor
Auburn horizons
Arbor with ardor
Amber hues gleam*

*Harvest abundant
Crops golden to reap
Pray for our farmers
Who toil as we sleep*

*Bustling fruit orchards
Corn, pumpkins, and gourds
Festive fall fervor
Give thanks to the LORD!*



stewardship

Crafting poetry in meter requires a careful economy of words. A wordsmith is a good steward of his or her vocabulary. Likewise, disciples of Jesus Christ are called to be good stewards of the resources and relationships God has blessed us with, so that we can share the gospel with our neighbors through our words and deeds.

This fall, our lay leadership is working to improve our stewardship ministry. Members of the United Methodist Church resolve to honor five commitments related to Christian stewardship. We honor and worship God by giving ourselves to Christ through sharing **our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.** Each Sunday in October, prior to the offering, we will listen to an encouraging stewardship testimony about one of these vows from a faithful member of our local church family.

How has God blessed you and your family and friends this year? How might you be called by the Holy Spirit to share your blessings, so that others can experience the holy love of Jesus? May you offer yourselves wholeheartedly to God with great joy!

I hope to see you in church soon.

Pastor Zack

Administrative Council 2016

- Chair:** Kurt Jordan
- Vice Chair:** Mary Nice
- Finance & Treasurer:** Dean Kernan
- Financial Secretary:** Linda Lanning
- Trustees:** Dave Lambin
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- Nurture:** Kelli Johnson
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- Christian Ed Interim:** Desirae Silvis
- UMW Chair:** Mary Nice
- Men in Mission:** Dean Kernan
- Lay Leader:** Lindi Kernan
- Alternate:** Cathy Jordan
- Youth Rep.:** Delainey Bradshaw
- Recording Secretary:** Desirae Silvis

Secretary's Hours
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00am - 1:00pm
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Ministry Opportunities

As we head into fall, in the church office we begin to look ahead to next year. This means scheduling ushers, liturgists, and greeters. **We are in need of more volunteers for these ministries.** If you are interested in helping out, please email or call Desirae in the church office. If you have any questions about these ministries, please speak with Pastor Zack, Roger Swanson, or anyone already serving in one of these areas.



 **NewsLetter**
DEADLINE FRIDAY, OCT. 21




Sunday, October 23

7:00am

All men welcome!



Alpha UMC
Sunshiners
 Wednesday, October 5
 6:45pm



Thursday, October 13

1:30pm

All women welcome!



THIS MONTH USHERS

Parris, Desirae & Jack Silvis

October Liturgists:

- 02: Lindi Kernan 09: Bob Bateman
- 16: Need Volunteer 23: Dale Lanning
- 30: Angie Althaus



October Acolytes: 02 & 09: Ty Anderson & Libby Fox

- 16: Grace Althaus & Delainey Bradshaw
- 23: Delainey Bradshaw & Tucker Swanson
- 30: Libby Fox & Tucker Swanson



October Birthdays

- 02: Ned Nice
- 03: Delainey Bradshaw
- 05: Linda Lambin
- 06: Annie Althaus
 Deb Briggs
- 07: Kathleen Kane
 Danika Nelson
- 12: Alayna Mitchell
- 15: Linda Lanning
- 16: Mikayla Young
- 18: Ashley Clark
- 19: Ken Kearney
- 20: Kim Gillette
- 23: Joey Lambin
- 27: Chris Van Beveren

October Coffee Hour Hosts



- 02: Outreach
- 09: Ann & Marvin Enstrom
- 16: Althaus Family
- 23: Bradshaw Family
- 30: Kurt & Cathy Jordan

Nursery Helpers



- 02: Miriam Greene
- 09: Linda Lambin
- 16: Barb Damron
- 23: Linda Lanning
- 30: Lindsy Brooks



October Anniversaries

- 01: Dennis & Kim Gillette
- 06: Melvin & Deb Briggs
- 24: Bryan & Lindsy Brooks





Sunday school is off to a great start. The kids had a blast bowling and eating ice cream at roundup last month!

Children & Youth Sunday

October 30

This year, each 5th Sunday will be Children & Youth Sundays at Alpha UMC. Our Sunday School students will participate in all aspects of worship and our children's bell choir will perform. Our first Children & Youth Sunday will be **Sunday, October 30th**. Please try to attend as this is a special time for our kids and they work hard to do a good job!

During October the elementary students will be learning the story of Moses. Our Amazing Apostles middle school class will continue their study of Genesis.

Middle school parents, please remember to check page 3 of the newsletter to see if your child is scheduled to serve as an acolyte in October.



The Nurture Team will be holding Alpha UMC's annual Trunk or Treat on October 31 from 6-8pm. Join us for hot dogs, hot chocolate and fun!

There will be spaces available to hand out candy. If your house doesn't get many trick or treaters, join us here!

Donations of candy are needed. Please drop off candy in the bin in the fellowship hall.



Retirement Party for Linda Lambin

**Sunday, October 12
2-4pm
Alpha UMC**

Hosted by her children





STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY OCTOBER 30, 2016

October is Stewardship month. The finance team will soon be mailing letters detailing their plans for the month, as well as pledge cards for 2017. Each Sunday, a special speaker from our congregation will give a short talk about one of the 5 aspects of stewardship: prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

We will be capping off the month with a potluck dinner following worship on Stewardship Sunday, October 30. The Finance Team will provide meat.. Please bring a side or dessert to share. We have some amazing cooks and bakers in our church family , so this should be a delicious meal and great time to celebrate our commitments to God and our church.



Meals for August

Free Community Meal	Saturday, October 1, 5-7pm
Mission Meal	Sunday, October 9 following worship
Humility of Mary	Tuesday, October 25 Come join us to help cook at our church, or come and help serve the meal. We will leave the church at 4:15pm.

Upcoming Ministries: November: AlWood Food Pantry— Bring donations to set at the altar
December: Gift cards for Cunningham Children's Home - Details coming soon

We are So Blessed to Be Able to Continue God's Work in our Ministries of Giving and Sharing Our Gifts & Our Love in Jesus Name..

Thanks to all who came to donate blood, made sandwiches, cookies, or worked at the Red Cross Blood Drive. We had a very successful drive, meeting our goal of 22 units of blood. We also want to thank the Legion for use of their building. We really needed the air conditioning!



OCTOBER 2016



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 9:00-300 Reaching New People Conf. 5-7pm Free Community Meal
2 Christian Ed meeting fol- lowing wor- ship 4:00pm Charge Conf.	3 6:30pm Boy Scouts	4 9:30-11:00am Epic of Eden 6:30pm SPPRC	5 6:30-8:00pm Epic of Eden 6:45pm Sunshiners 6:30pm Cub Scouts	6 1:00-2:30pm Epic of Eden 7:15pm Band Practice	7 Pastor's Sabbath	8
9 Mission Meal following wor- ship 2:00-4:00pm Linda Lambin Retirement Party	10 Columbus Day	11 9:30-11:00am Epic of Eden 6:30pm Worship Team	12 6:30-8:00pm Epic of Eden 6:30pm Cub Scouts	13 1:00-2:30pm Epic of Eden 1:30pm UMW 7:15pm Band Practice	14 Pastor's Sabbath	15
16	17 6:30pm Boy Scouts	18 9:30-11:00am Epic of Eden 6:30pm Council Meeting	19 6:30-8:00pm Epic of Eden 6:30pm Cub Scouts	20 1:00-2:30pm Epic of Eden 7:15pm Band Practice	21 Pastor's Sabbath Newsletter Deadline	22
23 7:00 Men's Breakfast 30 Children's Sunday & Stewardship Sun- day Potluck	24 6:30pm Boy Scouts 31 Trunk or Treat	25 9:30-11:00am Epic of Eden 4:15pm Humility of Mary	26 6:30-8:00pm Epic of Eden 6:30pm Cub Scouts	27 1:00-2:30pm Epic of Eden 7:15pm Band Practice	28 Pastor's Sabbath 7:00pm Ignition Conf.	29 Ignition Conf.

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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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