

ALPHA

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 2015

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST, TRANSFORMING OUR COMMUNITY
ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Beloved Friends in Christ,

Fall has arrived and autumn leaves color our landscape with rich hues of red, orange, and gold. Harvest season is here as faithful farming families are hard at work reaping the fields and yielding their crops to sustain our local agricultural economy.

Matthew 9:37 Then he said to his disciples, *"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."*

Please continue to pray with me for the Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us in our everyday ministry of **making disciples of Jesus Christ** and **transforming our community** in our church, within our homes, through our friendships, and out in our neighborhoods.

We as a local church family have been blessed by God and are beginning to see the first fruits of our shared ministry together as Pastor and Parish since July 1st this year. It is time to celebrate the abundance of new friends and familiar faces who have shared meals and worshiped God together here in the past three months. This month I look forward to welcoming new members into our local church family who are ready to connect people with Jesus and serve in ministry.

James 3:18 *And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.*

I am already seeing a positive change in the way that we relate with one another in our relationships for ministry. I believe that we as a church will continue to pray and seek peace with one another throughout this time of transition and navigating change.

In the United Methodist Church, harvest time is also crucial time of reflection, evaluation, and assessment by our administrative teams in which we 1) recommend and nominate servant leaders for ministry teams in 2016 and 2) we prepare and submit reports for the annual Charge Conference at Orion UMC on Tuesday Oct. 27th. Please lift up our leadership teams in your prayers as we seek God's will and direction for our church in 2016.

2 Corinthians 9:10 *He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness."*

This month we will also kick-off the Finance team's 2016 membership campaign on Stewardship Sunday, Oct. 18th. You won't want to miss worship that morning because I am going to introduce our new streamlined expectations for membership and ministry at our church: "WORSHIP + 2." I hope to see you here at church in worship!

Philippians 1:9 *This is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight 10 to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, 11 having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.*

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Zack



Administrative Council 2015

Chair: Kurt Jordan

Vice Chair: Mary Nice

Finance: Dean Kernan

Trustees: Ed Schultz

S/PPRC:

Outreach: Lindi Kernan

Nurture: Deb Briggs

Worship: Cathy Jordan

Christian Ed: Ian Yoder

Sunday School Supt.: Jean Roberts

UMW Chair: Mary Nice

Men in Mission: Dean Kernan

Lay Leader: Lindi Kernan

Alternate: Cathy Jordan

Youth Rep.: Joseph Nickolayson

Recording Secretary: Desirae Silvis



Secretary's Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

There is also a new email address for the office, effective immediately.

NEW email

alphaumc@gmail.com

New Window Campaign Update

Donations are beginning to come in for the new windows! Thank you to those who have donated.

Please consider donating any amount towards purchasing new windows.

Those purchasing a window for the church, a donation of \$500, as a memorial will have the name of their loved one on a memorial plaque to be hung in the fellowship hall.



**Friday,
October 23**

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THIS MONTH'S USHERS

October Liturgist:

Parris, Desirae & Jack Silvis

04: Bob Bateman

11: Dale Lanning

18: Cathy Jordan

25: Angie Althaus

October Birthdays

02: Ned Nice

03: Delaney
Bradshaw

05: Linda Lambin

06: Deb Briggs

Annie Althaus

07: Kathleen Kane

15: Linda Lanning

16: Mikayla Young

18: Ashley Hunt

19: Ken Kearney

20: Kim Gillette

23: Joey Lambin

27: Chris
Van Beveren



04: Kurt & Cathy Jordan

11: Need Volunteers

18: Need Volunteers

25: Need Volunteers

October Anniversaries



01: Dennis & Kim Gillette

06: Melvin & Deb Briggs

24: Bryan & Linsi Brooks

Please join us for an Open House celebrating

KEN KEARNEY'S

80th Birthday

Sunday, October 18, 2015

Lake Storey Pavilion

1572 Machen Drive

Galesburg, Illinois

1:30pm - 4:30pm

Hosted by his daughters:
Kathy, Patty and Penny and their families.
Desserts and beverages will be served.

Your presence and fellowship are precious gifts, we request no other.



LGLS

LGLS stands for Let God's Light Shine and it is what we try to do with our kids!

LGLS is for children ages 3 through 8th grade. Classes are held each Sunday morning from 9 am until 9:45, when classes return to the fellowship hall for snacks. LGLS is divided into two classes. A class for 3 year olds—4th graders and a class for our middle school students (5th - 8th grade).

The Christian Ed. team is looking for volunteers! If you are interested in helping out, please see Jean Roberts or Ian Yoder.

Elementary Class Ages 3 - 4th grade



Following music worship time, the elementary class will be using Deep Blue Curriculum. Deep

Blue is the new awe-inspiring resource for children which includes adventure, exciting stories, science experiments, arts and crafts, animated video storytelling, and active games—all combined into a living-faith experience that will help children discover what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ today!. Children will be encouraged to bring their own Bibles each Sunday.

We would love to divide the elementary class to be more effective. Thoughts are to put pre-k through Kindergarten into their own class, but we need volunteer teachers to make this happen! At the pre-k/kindergarten level we would provide a simple Bible story from The Children's Bible and a simple craft or coloring sheet. We would also pray with the children each morning. In anyone is available for this type of ministry—PLEASE inquire!

Middle School 5th - 8th grades

HEY PARENTS!!!

Do you want your tween to have a ministry on Sunday mornings? Cathy Jordan will be leading the middle school class to learn about serving in the Acolyte ministry at Alpha UMC.

This will be a way to learn what an Acolyte ministry is, find the ways to help be an assistant on Sunday mornings, as well as finding a ministry that is all our own!

Please plan on joining this great group on Sunday, September 13 at 9 am. This learning experience will last approximately 8 weeks and will be a great time of sharing, learning, and GREAT FOOD!!!



Upcoming Classes, Studies, and Training

This fall there will be some new opportunities at Alpha UMC. Read below to find out about confirmation classes, a new adult Bible study, and UMCOR Early Responder Training.

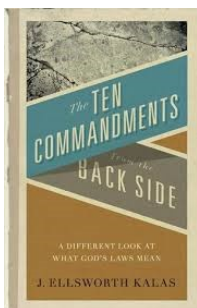
CONFIRMATION

Pastor Zack and Lindi Kernan will be leading confirmation classes this fall. Confirmation is open to students 5th grade and up. We will be using the We Believe curriculum and also listening to the book The Story of God, the Story of Us by Sean Gladding. Each class will begin with a shared meal.

Dates: Every 1st and 3rd Sunday October 4 - May 1.

Time: 5:30pm - 7:30pm Dinner will be provided at each session.

New Adult Bible Study!



Are you a retiree, stay at home mom, or just someone that is home in the mornings? This Bible study may be for you.

Pastor Zack will be leading a weekday morning Bible study beginning Tuesday, October 6, from 9:30am - 11:00am, for the next 10 - 12 weeks.

We will be reading The Ten Commandments from the Back Side by J. Ellsworth Kalas. The book looks at the "Thou shall" side of the Ten Commandments.

Plan on attending and participating in good conversations and great fellowship!

Early Response Training

If a disaster were to strike in our community or within the Spoon River District, wouldn't it be great to have a team of trained Early Responders from Alpha UMC to help in those first days of recovery? We have the opportunity to begin this ministry now.

Early Response Teams are not emergency workers or a recover, rebuild, repair team. Rather, they fill a specific need in the early days after a disaster to establish the presence of the church.

Early Responder Training will be offered by UMCOR trainers in October. Let's try to a group together to attend, so that Alpha UMC will be ready to help when disaster strikes.

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2015

Time: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Place: Peoria First UMC

Registration Deadline: October 16, 2015

Register at <https://igrc-reg.brapp.com/ERTatPeoriaFirst102415>
or contact Desirae for more information.

Cost is \$40 and includes background check, training materials, lunch, ERT t-shirt, and UMCOR badge.

Outreach Update

Meals this month:

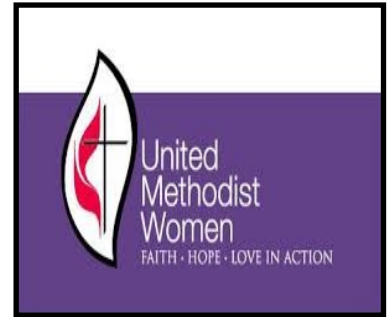
*Free Community Meal: Saturday, October 3, 5:00 - 7:00pm

*Mission Meal: Sunday, October 18 following worship. Date has been changed to coincide with Stewardship Sunday.

The Outreach team will also be serving their monthly meal at the Humility of Mary Shelter in Davenport on WEDNESDAY, October 28. We will be serving on Wednesday this month due to Charge Conference. Meet at the church at 4:15 pm.

Thank you!

Thank you to all who helped with the Red Cross Blood Drive by working, donating food, or donating blood. We collected 23 units of blood. Thanks also to the Alpha American Legion for the use of their building.



Keep bringing in those plastic lids!

The UMW will continue to collect plastic lids and bottle caps to help children in an underprivileged school in Huntsville, Alabama.

Lids must be plastic and contain no metal. The lids are turned into a commercial company, melted down, and made into plastic buckets.

Mary Nice and Kay Cole recently attended a district meeting and tuned in the MANY lids Alpha UMC has donated so far.



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 2015

Stewardship Sunday will be October 18. We will be passing out pledge cards to fill out on October 11. However, cards will not be collected until October 18.

Your name is not needed on the pledge card. This is a covenant between yourself and God. Keep your portion of the card in place you will see everyday to remind yourself of your commitment to God and Alpha UMC.

Please pray and consider how you will donate your time, talents, gifts, and financial resources in order to support your church.

Thank You!





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 5-7 pm Free Community Meal
4 World Communion Sunday 5:30 Confirmation Class	5 6:30 pm Nominations Meeting	6 9:30 - 11:00am Bible Study	7 6:45 pm Sunshiners	8 1:30 pm UMW	9	10
11	12 Columbus Day	13 9:30 - 11:00am Bible Study	14	15	16	17
18 Stewardship Sunday Mission Meal 5:30 pm Confirmation Class	19	20 9:30 - 11:00am Bible Study 7:00 pm Church Council	21	22	23 Newsletter Deadline	24
25 7:00 am Men's Breakfast	26	27 9:30 - 11:00am Bible Study 4:30 pm Charge Conference Orion UMC	28 4:15 pm Serving at Humility of Mary	29	30	31 Trunk-or- Treat

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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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