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CATCH THE SPIRIT
ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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WHAT IF I TOLD YOU OF A MAN THAT PLAYED FOOTBALL 23 YEARS, 15 YEARS IN THE NFL, FOUR YEARS IN COLLEGE, AND FOUR YEARS IN HIGH SCHOOL AND HE NEVER SCORED A TOUCH DOWN OR MADE A POINT? He never even scored one point? THIS MAN WOULD HAVE TO BE A FAILURE WOULDN'T HE?

Well, let's look at this? This man never made a touchdown, but he played in 245 games in his career.

Why start a man that can't score? He made 1,032 tackles, pretty impressive? He blocked 86 passes. He made 19 fumble recoveries, but still no touch downs? He made 3 interceptions, but no touchdowns?

While in a football game everything centers on the football and the goal line, but there is more to the game than that.

THE MAN'S NAME IS ED "TOO TALL" JONES!

Ed "Too Tall" Jones is in the Football Hall of Fame, the reason he never made a touchdown was his position ---

Ed was an All Pro Defensive End, he played 15 years for the Dallas Cowboys. Ed was a TEAM PLAYER, he never played to make touchdowns, he played to help his team win.

Not everyone that plays football is there to make touchdowns.

**TEAM
T-OGETHER
E- ACH
A- CCOMPLISHES
M- ORE**

Proverbs 27:17 CEB As iron sharpens iron, so friends sharpen each other's faces.

I have always heard that there is no "I" in teamwork and with teamwork we can move mountains.

Thank you for allowing my family to be part of the team.

See ya in Church! Pastor T.

**Church Council
Members:**

Chair: Dale Lanning
Vice Chair: Mary Nice
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Recording Secretary: Linds
 Brooks
Annual Conference Delegate:
 Lindi Kernan
Pastor: Terry Evans

LGLS Roundup--Sunday Sept.8, 2013

LGLS--9:00am

Church Service 10:30am

Bibles will be handed out during children's moments

Pizza Lunch 11:30am

Bowling 12:15pm

Ice Cream 1:30

Parents Pick up 1:45-2:00pm

Yes it is that time of the year once again. Above is our schedule for the day, all LGLS kids are invited along with the family. We are asking that the family contribute some money to pay for their share if possible. LGLS funds will take care of the LGLS students. Please remember or have socks for bowling and be sure to know the shoe size you will need.

I need to know who and how many will be attending so that I can order the correct amount of pizza. Please let me know by email, Facebook or phone--629-2221 no later than Sunday Sept.1, 2013. Hope to see everyone on the 8th and hear from everyone soon! Thanks, Deb Briggs



Youth News

September 29 @ 5:30 p.m.

Grades 5th – 12th

Bring your friends and let's find some fun discovering our community.

FOOD, FUN, and Insight

Is there anyone out there who would be willing to make a new advent wreath? They are very expensive to purchase; our committee would pay for the supplies if we could find someone who might want to tackle this project. If you find yourself being called to help with this project, please let Pastor Terry or Linda Lanning know.



Attention!!!! Photo Journalists Needed!!!

We have so many exciting things happening in our church and we think it's important to document these things for future generations to see. We are looking for a group of people who like to take candid photos. This group would be responsible for photographing various events at the church. You don't need a special camera or be a professional. You won't need to attend EVERY event. Just have fun! This is open to all ages. I know there are Jr. High and High School kids who LOVE snapping photos.

If you are interested please contact Lindi Kernan.



**Walk for Life 2013
Grace & Truth**

Saturday, September 21, 2013, 9:00 a.m. –
Ben Butterworth Parkway

We have a team this year! The Alpha UMC Crew!!!!
Anyone can join this fun walk. Help the crew raise funds for Pregnancy Resources. Our goal is to raise \$1000! Forms are available or do it all online. It's easy!
Contact Lindi Kernan for details!

We have another opportunity for you to assist with worship. We are looking for volunteers to take turns doing a children's moment during the worship service. The more volunteers we have, the less times you will be needed! Or if you just want to try it out one Sunday, that is fine too. If you would like to assist in this way, please let Pastor Terry or Linda Lanning know.

September 8, 2013
Regular Worship hours resume
9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Coffee Fellowship
10:30am Worship



OUTREACH THANK YOU'S
 Dear Alpha United Methodist Church,

Thank you for participating in Pregnancy Resources' 2013 Baby Bottle Campaign. As of June 26, 2013, your church has collected \$292.35. We are so grateful for your support. Because of your gifts, we are able to continue to provide our life-affirming support to women and men who find themselves in an unplanned pregnancy. We could not do it without you! Sincerely, Susan Skoglund, Executive Director

Dear Alpha United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your donation of a meal for the clients staying at the shelter and for your donation of coffee, sugar and creamer. We are blessed by your friendship and truly appreciate your support and commitment to the homeless in our community.

Humility of Mary Shelter

Dear Sponsors,

Greetings! It is a pleasure for me to write you this little note. How are you doing? I hope and pray that everything is well. I want to thank you very much for helping me with Danoucheka. She is a miracle of God. I think Brother Larry gave you her history. God is good to us, men cannot reward you but God will. Keep working for Him. Your reward will be great in Heaven! I am praying for you. Keep praying for us too.

I love and appreciate you very much.

May God bless you and surround you with His love. Love, Dada

Thank you for all who donated items and/or cash for the kitchen shower! The items are a big help with the various outreach programs we are doing. Here are items we have collected or purchased. We hope we haven't forgotten to list an item, but if so, please forgive. We greatly appreciate your generosity! We will bless others with what you've blessed us with! Roaster, Coffee Maker, Clock, Glass pitchers, Ove Gloves, towels and dish cloths, Salt/Pepper shakers, Cheese shakers, can opener, 3 cutting boards, 3 paring knives, chef's knife, large serving spoons, 2 sheet pans, large baking pan, ice bucket with scoop.

It's time for AWANA!!!!

The first night is Thursday, October 3rd 6:30 – 8:00pm
We are excited for the new year ahead! Please be on the look out for
volunteer training details in September.

We are in need of more volunteers this year.
Please contact Cathy Jordan for more information!

EMERGENCY!!!!

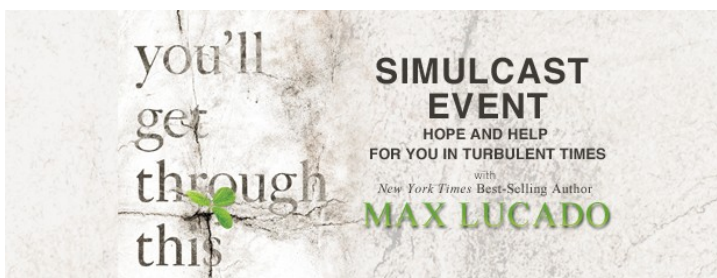
The Emergency Outreach Fund is very low! This fund is used to
help folks in our community who find themselves in a financial
crisis. It's a short-term or one-time financial assistance meant
to help in an emergency (for example-power about to be shut
off). Please put donation in offering plate and mark
EMERGENCY OUTREACH.

You'll Get Through This

You'll Get Through This. Perhaps it's a difficult promise for you to
believe. After all, who can understand your struggle? Who's been in your shoes
and seen the depth of your pit? You fear the depression will never lift, the
yelling will never stop, the pain will never leave. Will this gray sky ever
brighten? This load ever lighten?

9-11-01 was a day our Nation, our friends, our families, and our church asked
"How will we get through this?" But God weaved what was meant for evil into
good. It's been 12 years since that horrific day, but from the ashes we have
heard stories of heroic survival, the selflessness of many, and love overflowing
to heal what was one of the most difficult times of all.

Perhaps your church needs to remember because perhaps the people within
your church are encountering his/her own horrific time. God is in the business
of redeeming the broken. He was then. He is still. Do you crave some hope for
these tough times? Then this is the message you, your church,
and your community need.



Join Max Lucado, the Salvation
Army Choir, and special guests for
this incredible simulcast event!

Join us in the Church Sanctuary
Sept 11th 6:00—7:45 pm

THIS MONTH USHERS

Parris and Desirae Silvis

September Liturgists: 1st: Sam Althaus 8th: Sarah Vordtriede-Patton
15th: Larry Roberts 22nd: Angie Althaus 29th: Eddie Bradshaw

September Birthdays:

02: Andrew Kidd
Don Peden
03: Brittney Sardi
04: Bob Bateman
05: Marty Hines
07: Cole Young
12: Travis Atchison
13: Tyson Cremeens
18: Gina Medley
21: Phyllis Anthony
Kali Bedford
Clarissa Young
23: Alexis Britt
24: Lucas Althaus
Grace Althaus
26: Karen Schultz
27: Dave Althaus
Dick Rutledge
28: Meghan Cole
Abi Rutledge
29: Erika Rutledge
Dave Cole
30: Dale Lanning

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

Sept 24th



**Community
Dinner
September 7th**

**Mission Meal
September 15th**

September Anniversaries:

02: Don & Edie Peden
04: Paul & Gina Young
12: Ned & Mary Nice
17: Ron & Gina Medley

September Host & Hostess

01: Sadie Carlson
08: Bill & Tracy Harmon
15: Dave & Angie Althaus
22: Stan & Barb Damron
29: Dave & Angie Althaus

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Be sure to check out the church website! There have been many updates done to meet the needs of our church family and community.

Please contact Lindsy Brooks if you want anything added to it!



2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 5:00–7:00pm Free Community Dinner
8 Back to Normal Worship Hours Sunday School Kick-off	9 Blood Mobile 1:00 –6:00pm 6:30pm Boy Scouts	10 5:30 Worship Team	11 Max Lucado Simulcast 6:00-7:45pm 6:30p Wolves & Bears	12 1:30 UWM	13	14 Alpha Lighted Parade at Dusk
15 Mission Meal Following Worship	16 6:30pm Boy Scouts	17 7:00pm Church Council	18 6:30p Wolves & Bears	19	20	21 9:00-10:30am Pregnancy Resources “Walk for Life”
22 7:00am Men in Mission	23 6:30pm Boy Scouts	24 Humility of Mary visit <u>Newsletter Deadline</u>	25 6:30p Wolves & Bears	26	27	28
29 5:30pm Youth Group	30 6:30pm Boy Scouts					

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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