

# AUMC

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CATCH THE SPIRIT  
ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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**Recently I had the opportunity to enjoy watching several of the Little League World series games from Williamsport Pennsylvania. Throughout the games one could hear the various stories of the teams across the nation. Each team came with a different story; in fact, some of the teams had risen over some very serious obstacles that should have prevented them from obtaining their goals.**

**One particular team from the South side of Chicago accomplished something that many pro players would hope to achieve, unity. This team of kids came from various walks of life and differing abilities to play the game. They rose through the ranks of local competitions and advanced on to arrive at Williamsport with a goal in mind. Many would believe that goal was to win but this was not the case their coaches reminded them that they needed to have hope and fun to reach their dreams.**

**As the team walked on the field on that fateful Sunday morning already winning the National title the day before, one would be lead to believe that fear was in their young hearts. I sat glued to the television screen watching the faces of the young players as they took the field against a superior team from South Korea but the kids from Chi-town had hope. As the team took the field you could see the smiles because they already knew that win or lose they were still winners in the hearts of their community. The team fell behind early on in the game but would not give up and lose hope. Then one player, the smallest player on the team, reached first base hope began to rally the players. The battle was on and these kids played with all of their abilities and laughed and celebrated as players slowly circled the diamond to score. Sadly, the boys from Chicago fell short in their quest to be World champions. However, as you watched their celebrations on the field you would have never known they lost unless you looked at the score board.**

**Being a Christian is much like the little team with hope. We should take the field with two objectives every day, not to win, but have hope and enjoy each minute of the day. We have already won the game because of the one who went before us. We should never give power to the superior opponents in our lives because they have their own game to play. We should smile, laugh, and love for the unity and hope that we experience makes us winners.**

**See you in Church!**

**Terry**

**Church Council****Members:**

Chair: Kurt Jordan

Vice Chair:

Lay Leader: Lindi Kernan

Trustee Chair: Ed Schultz

Treasurer: Dean Kernan

SPPRC Chair: Tracy Harmon

Men in Mission: Dean Kernan

UMW Chair: Mary Nice

Christian Ed: Ian Yoder

Sunday School Supt: Deb Briggs

Youth Rep: Joseph Nickolayson

Nurture Chairs: Deb Briggs

Outreach Chair: Lindi Kernan

Worship Chair: Cathy Jordan

Recording Secretary: Lindy Evans

Annual Conference Delegate:

Lindi Kernan

Pastor: Terry Evans

**New Permanent Schedule**

We are excited to announce that starting Sunday September 7, 2014 our Sunday morning activity schedule will make a permanent change. Sunday school classes

for all ages will be offered from 9:00 – 9:50. Morning fellowship will begin at 9:30 and conclude at 10:00.

Our worship service will be offered at 10:00. We encourage you to share the news with your friends and neighbors and invite them to join you.



Our church is sponsoring this year's Red Cross blood drive at the Alpha American Legion on Monday

September 8th from 1:00-6:00pm to schedule an appointment, contact

Julie Cole at  
(309)629-9745

**SERMONS****September Sermon Schedule**

September 7, Matthew 15:10-20 CEB  
"Riddle Me This"

September 14, Genesis 1:1-5, 26-29 CEB  
"Then God Said..."

September 21, Matthew 4:17-23 CEB  
"Where Do We Get Bait"

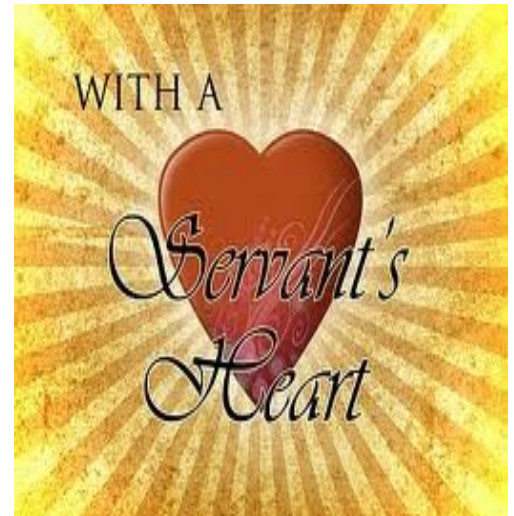
September 28, Psalms 25:1-7 CEB  
"Pleading and Needing"



I thank God for your generous, loving hearts. This church family is always so faithful in serving The Lord. In August we collected many pairs of jeans to send to young friends in Romania, served the folks in our community a delicious meal and had a great time of fellowship, fed our friends at the homeless shelter and generously donated food and items for the Jeni Fredrick benefit. Never tire of doing good! I'm thankful for your servants heart.

Luke 3:11 John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same."

-Lindi Kernan, Outreach Chair



### Ushers and Liturgists

Have you ever searched for opportunities to serve the church? Every Sunday we experience great opportunities to blessed and serve God and our church. Worshipping involves active participation. We are searching for volunteers to join in serving as liturgist and/or ushers for the upcoming year beginning in January 2015. Please contact the church office to signup today.



### Morning Fellowship

We are embarking on an exciting new format schedule for our church. We are still offering our morning fellowship time each Sunday. However, we are in serious need for volunteers to host this great morning ministry. We also need someone to oversee the fellowship schedule and coordinate volunteers. A signup sheet is located on the hospitality table in the fellowship hall.

### Hospitality Committee



### Humility of Mary

September 23th

We will be leaving the church by 4:15.

The shelter is in need of Styrofoam cups, coffee, creamer, and sugar

## Jeni Fredrick Benefit

Don't forget, the benefit for Jeni Fredrick will be on Saturday, September 6th from 5:00-8:00pm. Items for the silent auction can be dropped off in the church office at anytime. If you have any questions, contact Deb Briggs.



## Budget Time

We have begun preparations for 2015. One of our first steps is to tabulate our yearly budget. Committees are asked to submit their budget request to the Finance committee prior to Tuesday September 30 for review. Our budget will then be approved during Charge Conference on Sunday November 23, 2014.



## THANK YOU!

I would like to thank my church family for the prayers, calls, cards, visits and the good food brought to our house. We appreciated it all. I can not return to work until October and am on restrictions as to what I can do, but at least I am home. I feel so blessed to have such a caring church family. Thank You for all you do for my family and myself. May God bless each and every one of you.

Love, Deb





## **LGLS Sunday School Round Up!**

**Sunday September 7th**

**11:00 am-1:30pm**

**Pizza after church for kids &  
families**

**Bowling**

**Ice Cream Sundaes back at the  
church**

**RSVP with Deb Briggs as soon as  
possible.**

**Don't forget to bring socks and know your shoe size!**

**We look forward to seeing you all there!**



**LGLS is in need a  
couple of parents  
to volunteer to go  
bowling to help  
chaperone the  
kids during the  
Sunday School  
Round Up on Sept.  
7th. It is sure to be  
an afternoon of  
great fun!**





Kurt Jordan & Mark Atchison

September Liturgists: 07- Angie Althaus 14- Ian Yoder  
21- Eddie Bradshaw 28- David Althaus

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

September Anniversaries:

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

**Mission Meal**  
**September 14th**

**No Community  
Meal —  
Jeni Fredrick  
Benefit**



**Don't Miss**

September Host & Hostess

07: Need Volunteers  
14: Need Volunteers  
21: Need Volunteers  
28: Need Volunteers

**Newsletter Deadline**  
**September 23th**

**alphaumc.org**

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 Dean Kernan if you want anything added to it!



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Jeni Fredrick Benefit 5:00- 8:00pm
7 New Worship Hours Begin Sunday School Round Up 11:00 -1:30pm Adult Bible Study @ 6:00p	8 Blood Mobile 1:00 -6:00pm @ American Legion 6:30pm Boy Scouts	9 Nominations Committee Meeting @ 6:00pm	10 6:30p Wolves & Bears	11 1:30 UWM	12	13 Alpha Lighted Parade at Dusk Scout Spa- ghetti Supper 5:00-7:00pm
14 Mission Meal Following Worship  Adult Bible Study @ 6:00p	15  6:30pm Boy Scouts	16 7:00pm Church Council	17  6:30p Wolves & Bears	18	19	20
21 7:00am Men in Mission Eagle Scout Cere- mony @ 4:00pm Adult Bible Study @ 6:00pm	22  6:30pm Boy Scouts	23 Humility of Mary @ 4:15  <a href="#">Newsletter Deadline</a>	24  6:30p Wolves & Bears	25	26	27
28  Adult Bible Study @ 6:00 pm	29  6:30pm Boy Scouts	30				

SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD

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## 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](http://alphaumc.org)



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