

# ALPHA

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



Summer is on its way out, school's in session, and September is here! I like September because it comes with a much-needed 3 day weekend. Labor Day celebrates the social and economic achievements of the American workforce. According to Wikipedia, "It is a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of their country." For many of us, it comes with an implicit message: "OK, summer is on its way out....let's get back to work!" Shortly after Labor Day I will be preparing to transition from my paternity leave to resume my work as Pastor of the Alpha UMC. So, "work" is on my mind at the moment.

The other day I searched the Bible (online) for "work" and yielded huge results. Yes, the word "work" appears in Scripture a whopping 330 times in a vast array of verses between Genesis 2:2 to Revelation 22:12. The majority of the Bible is contained in the Old Testament so it seems appropriate that work is addressed there 254 times: 79 times in the Books of Law, 88 times in the Books of History, 47 times in the Books of Wisdom, 38 times from the Major Prophets, and 8 times by the Minor Prophets. However, work is mentioned 76 times in the New Testament as well: 18 times in the Gospels, 6 times in Acts, 51 times in the Epistles, and 1 last time in Revelation. Work is significant to God.

One of my favorite passages I recently learned is about **God's work in us** and is from *Philippians 2:12* *Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Yes, we have work to do in our ministry as the church and as disciples of Jesus, but the good news is that God is already at work IN YOU. Paul says it best in Thessalonians 1:11* *To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, 12 so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

May these promises that **God is at work in you** bless you this Labor Day!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Zack



## Administrative Council 2015

**Chair:** Kurt Jordan

**Vice Chair:** Mary Nice

**Finance:** Dean Kernan

**Trustees:** Ed Schultz

**S/PPRC:** Tracy Harmon

**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

Beginning in September:  
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**



Worship Team has been helping Pastor Zack transition into his new role here at Alpha UMC. We are excited about the meaningful worship, dynamic music, and the way he helps us connect to Jesus to understand the ministry of the church and in our world. As a reminder, Sunday morning worship begins at 10 am and is a 75 minute service to incorporate all these great things into our Sunday mornings. If you have any questions, please see a member of the Worship Team.



**Monday,**  
**Sept. 21**

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# THIS MONTH USHERS

## Kurt & Cathy Jordan

September Liturgist: 06: Ian Yoder      13: Eddie Bradshaw

20: David Althaus 27: Mary Nice

### 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: Grace Althaus  
Lucas Althaus  
26: Karen Schultz  
27: David Althaus  
Dick Rutledge  
28: Meghen Cole  
Abi Rutledge  
29: Erika Rutledge  
Dave Cole  
30: Dale Lanning



06: Need Volunteers  
13: Need Volunteers  
20: Barb & Stan Damron  
27: Need Volunteers

### September Anniversaries



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

# Thank you!

A BIG thank you to everyone who helped out while Pastor Zack has been on paternity leave.

A special thank you to our lay speakers:

Sue Clark, Cathy Jordan, Lindi Kernan, Larry Roberts, &

Roger Swanson



# LGLS



## Sunday School Round Up is Coming! Please join us Sunday, September 13

9:00am Sunday School Kick Off for 2015-16

9:45am Fellowship & Snacks

10:00am Worship with Sunday School Promotion

(all children & families are welcome to worship!)

11:30am Sunday School kids/families head to QC Entertainment Center-Moline, for pizza and bowling!

Return to church by 2:30 pm for ice cream!

\*\*Families will be responsible for transportation to QC Entertainment Center or make carpool arrangements on your own. Sunday School will pay for pizza & bowling for each child.

Feel free to invite a friend!

RSVP to Gina Medley

(309)297-0442

Pastor Zack is looking into starting a weekday morning Bible study. If you are a retiree, stay at home parent, or just someone that is home during the day this could be for you!

Please call or email the church office if you would be interested in a weekday morning Bible study.

309-629-5161 or [alphaumc@gmail.com](mailto:alphaumc@gmail.com)



### Sunday School Needs You!

We are in need of Sunday School teachers to help share the word with our children. Without volunteers for this very valuable service we risk losing the ability to provide our children with the Christian education we are called to provide. Please consider volunteering on some level.

Feel free to contact me directly. I look forward to serving with you.

Jean Roberts

Christian Education Superintendent

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# LGLS



## Nursery Age Reminder

Our nursery is available for children in kindergarten and younger during worship.

Children in first grade and up may pick up a Worship Buddy Bag and join us during the worship service.

Thanks!



## HEY PARENTS!!!

Do you want your tween to have a ministry on Sunday mornings?

Cathy Jordan will be leading the middle school class (5th–8th graders) 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 assistant on Sunday mornings, as well as finding a ministry that is all your own!

Please plan on joining this great group on Sunday, September 13, 2015 at 9 am. This learning experience will last approximately 8 weeks and will be a great time of sharing, learning, and GREAT FOOD!!!



## Safe Sanctuaries and its impact on you

Safe Sanctuaries is an initiative designed to reduce the risk of abuse to children in our church. There are several Bible passages that speak to keeping our children safe: Micah 6:1-8, Isaiah 58:100-112, Amos 5:25, Psalm 27:4-5, Luke 2:21-52, and Matthew 18:5-6, to name a few. Abuse takes on multiple forms including, but not limited to physical, emotional, ritual, and sexual abuse. It is a risk we don't want to take. We don't even want there to be an impression of inappropriate behavior. When the initiative was first introduced, members of our church were educated on its policies. It's important for everyone in our church family to at least be aware and understand what Safe Sanctuaries means. One of the basic rules is that all classes with minor children include two unrelated adult teachers. This rule has a great impact on our ability to provide quality youth services. This rule puts a greater strain on our limited number of teachers.

Safe Sanctuaries includes several other basic safety procedures. They include: appropriate interpersonal boundaries, no leaders under the age of 18, open door policies, and new leader orientation to name a few. If you are interested in learning more about Safe Sanctuaries, please contact Jean Roberts. [jean.maloroberts@gmail.com](mailto:jean.maloroberts@gmail.com) 309-667-2162

## Outreach Update

Outreach has had a busy year so far! In addition to our monthly mission meals, free community meals, and trip to the Humility of Marty Shelter, Outreach has completed the following projects:

- \*Offered a community-wide CPR/First-Aid refresher course
- \*Collected 24 health kits to donate to UMCOR
- \*Collected 33 pairs of shoes plus socks and underwear to donate to Another Child Foundation for children in Romania
- \*Purchased banner to display Alpha UMC name and cross at Alpha softball diamond

Our next Free Community Meal will be held Saturday, September 5 from 5–7 pm.



### Starting Something New...

The Outreach Team discussed that there are some personal hygiene and household items the food pantry does not provide. This is a great place for Alpha UMC to reach out to our community.

Outreach will begin collecting these items to be made available at the monthly community meal. This will be an ongoing project, so whenever your out shopping please pick up a few of these items. They can be left in the fellowship hall.

Here is a list of the items we will start with: toothpaste, bar soap, liquid soap, lotion, deodorant, and dish soap.



### Heroes!! Walk for Life

Saturday, September 19th

9:00 am

Ben Butterworth Parkway—Moline

This is one of two fundraisers which helps fund the ministry of Pregnancy Resources. It would be awesome to have a large group there to represent Alpha UMC. It's only a two mile walk (fun & leisurely). If you'd like a pledge form contact Lindi Kernan. You can also register and collect pledges online at

[www.qcpregnancyresources.org](http://www.qcpregnancyresources.org)

How Pregnancy Resources is helping QC and QC area families:

- |                           |                                |                                     |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| *Pregnancy tests          | *Ultrasounds                   | *Pregnancy & fetal development info |
| *Abortion education       | * Parenting Classes            | *Adoption information & referrals   |
| *Maternity & baby clothes | *Diapers                       | * Post abortion grief classes       |
| *Car seats                | *Abstinence classes in schools |                                     |

Pregnancy Resources is in need of diapers. Please leave diaper donations in the fellowship hall.

The Outreach Team will be serving a meal at the Humility of Mary Shelter Tuesday, September 29. Meet at Alpha UMC at 4:15 pm if you would like to help serve. Donations of coffee, coffee cups, cream, sugar and creamer are needed at the shelter. Please leave donations in the fellowship hall.



## New Window Campaign

It is time for new windows here at Alpha UMC. They will improve our energy efficiency, keep us warm in the winter, and spruce the building up.

In order to raise the money to replace windows, trustees are asking families to consider donating money to purchase one window as a memorial to a loved one.

Each window costs, on average, \$500. A memorial plaque will be placed in the fellowship hall listing names of those memorials.

To see what our new windows look like, check out the two windows at the front of the sanctuary (behind piano and pulpit). Ron Medley recently installed them and they look great!

For more information about the new windows please contact Ed Schultz.

Thanks!

### Have you noticed...

The new windows at the front of the sanctuary are in and look great! Thanks, Ron Medley!

The dead tree on the south side of the church has been removed and the trees and bushes around the church and parsonage were trimmed.

Melvin Briggs is currently building a new closet for the Sunday School and installing a sliding window in the office. Thanks, Melvin!



## Chris Tomlin Concert!

Chris Tomlin Concert (with Rend Collective)

Saturday, October 10

7:00 pm

iWireless Center - Moline

Anyone interested in attending the Chris Tomlin concert with Alpha UMC please contact Desirae by September 15.

309-629-5161 or [alphaumc@gmail.com](mailto:alphaumc@gmail.com)



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 6:45 pm Sunshiners	3	4	5 5 - 7 pm Community Meal
6	7 Labor Day	8	9 7:00 pm Finance Meeting	10 1:30 pm UMW	11	12 Sprit of Alpha Lighted Pa- rade at dusk
13 Sunday School Round Up & Promo- tion No Mission Meal	14 1 - 6 pm Blood Drive at Alpha Legion	15 7:00 pm Church Council	16 Last day to do- nate a Bible for Bridging the Gap	17	18	19 9:00 am Heroes!! Walk for Life Ben Butter- worth Moline
20	21 Newsletter Deadline	22	23	24	25	26
27 7:00 am Men's Breakfast	28	29 Serving at Humility of Mary 4:15	30			

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Rev. Zackary T. Glenn, pastor

### 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.  
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