



ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*I was the night before Christmas,
God glanced over the earth.
He looked to and fro,
All over it's girth.
They missed it again He said with a sigh,
A heavy heart and a tear in his eye.
I gave them my son,
So they could be free.
My greatest gift,
To them from me.
They traded me in,
For a man in red.
A little tree,
And a horse drawn sled.
How do I save them,
And make them see.
My love is complete,
My grace is free.
How do I help them,
When all they know,
Is a talking snowman,
And a box with a bow.
Maybe next year,
They will stop and see.
The biggest gift of Christmas
Is the little child from me.*

Let's always remember the true meaning of Christmas! When we all look at the beautiful lights, open our presents and go to all the Christmas parties we are invited to, let's remember to thank God for sending his only son to earth as a baby! Let's also remember those who have no one to be with, those who are hungry, those who are lonely, and those who need healing! Acts 20:35 says, "In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas! I pray you have a wonderful time with family and friends! Remember those in nursing homes, there are so many lonely people!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Pastor Karna



Church Council

- Council Chair: Lindi Kernan
- Treasurer: Parris Silvis
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- Nurture: Kelli Swanson
- Worship: Roger Swanson
- Christian Education: TBD
- Men in Mission: Dean Kernan
- Youth Representative: Jack Silvis
- Lay Leader: Lindi Kernan
- Recording Secretary: Desirae Silvis

Next Church Council

Meeting:

January 2, 2024



Church Office Hours

9AM - 1PM— Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

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Let's Celebrate!

December Birthdays

- 13: Evelyn Barton
- 13: Ruby Naslund
- 13: Parris Silvis
- 14: Linda Buban
- 17: Kelly Atchison
- 17: Cody Lanning
- 18: Tom Briggs
- 19: Patsy Broadus
- 20: Kolton Fox
- 22: Melvin Briggs
- 23: Mary Nice
- 23: Cindy Thompson

December Anniversaries

- 18: Bob & Miriam Greene



Join Us !

Sunday Schedule

8:30AM - Adult Sunday School

8:45AM - Coffee Hour

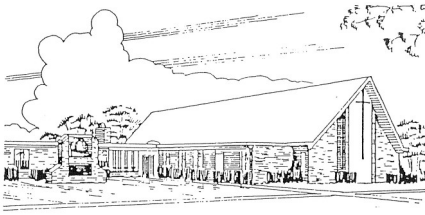
9:30AM - Worship

Bible Study

Tuesdays 10:00AM

Prayer Group

Wednesdays 9:15AM



December Worship Volunteers



December 3

Liturgist: Angie Althaus

Children's Moment: Roger Swanson

Ushers: Brooks Family

Coffee Hour: Swanson Family

Advent Candle: Ali Catey Family

December 24 (Morning Service)

Liturgist: Sadie Carlson

Children's Moment: TBD

Ushers: TBD

Coffee Hour: Pastor Karna

Advent Candle: TBD

December 10

Liturgist: Dale Lanning

Children's Moment: Lindi Kernan

Ushers: Silvis Family

Coffee Hour: Althaus Family

Advent Candle: Heather Anderson Family

December 24 (Candlelight Service)

Liturgist: Lindi Kernan

Ushers: TBD

Christ Candle: Brooks Family

December 17

Liturgist: Lindi Kernan

Children's Moment: Pastor Karna

Ushers: Erica Thorstenson & Devin Reed

Advent Candle: Erica Thorstenson Family

Coffee Hour: **Need Volunteer**

December 31

Liturgist: Dale Lanning

Children's Moment: Pastor Karna

Ushers: Silvis Family

Coffee Hour: Lanning Family

Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn king!



2 Christmas Eve Services this year!

As Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, we will have 2 services:

Christmas Eve Morning Service



Regular Sunday service times

8:45AM Coffee Hour

9:30AM Service

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 24

9:00PM



Join us for our annual service of lessons and carols.

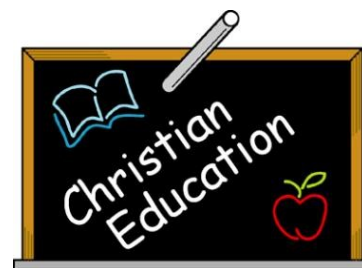
It's Finals Time!

The Nurture Team will once again be sending \$25 VISA gift cards to our college students this year.

Please write college cards on your check or envelope if you would like to donate.

Children's Sunday School is coming soon!

More information coming in January!



Evelyn Barton



will celebrate her

100th birthday on Dec 13

We would love to present her with a basket of cards from family and friends.

Please send cards to:

Evelyn Barton

C/O Erica Thorstenson

691 N. Division St.

Woodhull, IL 61490



Poinsettia Orders Due to Linda Lanning

December 10

\$15 Each



	Total
_____ Poinsettias (\$15.00/each) \$	_____

Given by: _____

Please fill out your choice below:

_____ Given in memory of:

_____ Given in honor of:

_____ Given to the Glory of God for:

ORDERS ARE DUE TO LINDA LANNING

BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

Please pick up your poinsettia after the Christmas Eve service.

_____ Check here if you would like it donated.

December 2023



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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3 First Sunday of Advent	4 6:30PM Scouts	5 10:00AM Advent Study 6:30PM Girl Scouts	6 9:15AM Prayer Group	7	8	9
10 Second Sunday of Advent AlWood Christmas Program	11 6:30PM Scouts	12 10:00AM Advent Study	13 9:15AM Prayer Group	14 12:00PM Backpack Bags	15	16
17 Third Sunday of Advent	18 6:30PM Scouts	19 10:00AM Advent Study 5:00PM Girl Scouts	20 9:15AM Prayer Group	21	22	23
24 Christmas Eve 9:30AM Morning Service 9:00PM Candlelight Ser- vice _____	25 	26	27 9:15AM Prayer Group	28	29	30
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