



ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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For me it has been a great pleasure and honor to serve Alpha UMC and Faith UMC these past three months! Both churches have great, supporting congregations. There have been a couple of minor bumps, but that is expected when two churches form a parish.

I have been thinking of ideas for the two congregations to get together to know each other and the first opportunity will be November 5. We will have a combined worship service at Alpha UMC. For those who do not want to drive to Alpha, I hope you can ride with someone else or maybe the bus will be able to be taken. The DS, Rev Nic Showalter will be preaching that day, which gives you all the opportunity to meet our new District Superintendent! We will have communion and also honor the Saints from both churches. There will be a potluck after the service. If you would like bring a dish to pass, and please stay even if you do not bring a dish - there is always plenty of food!! Table service and drinks will be provided.

I hope you all take this opportunity to meet your sister congregation and Rev Showalter! More get togethers will be planned!

Pastor Karna



Church Council

Church Office Hours

9AM - 1PM— Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

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- Council Chair: Lindi Kernan
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- Nurture: Kelli Swanson
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Pastor Karna's Contact Info:

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Let's Celebrate!

October Birthdays

October Anniversaries

- 02: Ned Nice
- 05: Linda Lambin
- 06: Annie Althaus
- 06: Deb Briggs
- 08: Stan Damron
- 15: Linda Lanning
- 19: Ken Kearney
- 20: Julie Cole
- 20: Kim Gillette
- 23: Joey Lambin

- 06: Melvin & Deb Briggs
- 16: Richard & Jamie Coffey
- 24: Bryan & Lindsi Brooks



Next council meeting:
October 17, 6:00PM

Charge Conference
 Sun., October 22, 4PM
 Galesburg 1st UMC



Join Us !

Sunday Schedule

8:30AM - Adult Sunday School

8:45AM - Coffee Hour

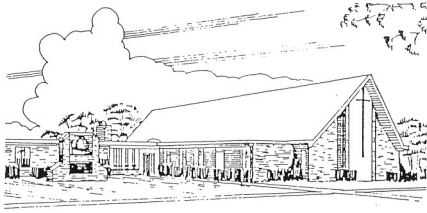
9:30AM - Worship

Prayer Group

Wednesdays 9:15AM

Bible Study

On Break



October Worship Volunteers

October 1

Liturgist: Sadie Carlson

Children's Moment: Angie Althaus

Ushers: Brooks Family

Coffee Hour: Kurt Jordan

October 8

Liturgist: Roger Swanson

Children's Moment: Roger Swanson

Ushers: Kurt Jordan & Dave Lambin

Coffee Hour: Ali, Aiden, and Ayla

October 15

Liturgist: Lindi Kernan

Children's Moment: Pastor Karna

Ushers: Bob Bateman & Parris Silvis

Coffee Hour: Heather Anderson

October 22

Liturgist: Dale Lanning

Children's Moment: Lindi Kernan

Ushers: Silvis Family

Coffee Hour: Dean & Lindi Kernan

October 29

Liturgist: Roger Swanson

Children's Moment: Angie Althaus

Ushers: Erica Thorstenson & Devin Reed

Coffee Hour: Sadie Carlson



All Saints Tablecloth

Sunday, November 5th is All Saints Sunday. We will once again use our All Saints tablecloth as the cloth for the communion table that day.

The cloth will be in the fellowship hall the last 2 weeks of October. Please add the names of any loved ones who have passed in the last year to the cloth and write them on the paper provided.



**Alpha UMC Annual Trunk or Treat
Fellowship Hall
Halloween, October 31
6-8PM**

Alpha UMC will once again host its annual trunk or treat this Halloween. Tables will be available in the fellowship hall if you would like to set up a space. Candy donations are needed and can be dropped off in the basket in the fellowship hall.

We will be serving free hotdogs, chips, and hot chocolate. Please contact Kelli Johnson if you would like to help out.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Pastor Karna does so much for our congregation. October is the month to let her know how much we appreciate her. Please take a moment to let her know how much she means to our church family!



Thank you, Pastor Karna!



Alpha UMC & Galesburg Faith Combined Service & Meal

Sunday, November 5

Alpha UMC


Please plan on attending a special joint All Saints Sunday Service November 5. Alpha UMC and Galesburg Faith will worship together, led by Pastor Karna and our district superintendent Nic Showalter.

Following the service we will have a meal including, ham, Swedish meatballs, pork loin, cheesy potatoes, rolls, and drinks. The congregation is asked to bring side dishes and desserts.





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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2 6:30PM Scouts	3 6:30PM Girl Scouts	4 9:15AM Prayer Group	5	6	7
8	9 6:30PM Scouts	10	11 9:15AM Prayer Group	12 12:00PM Backpack Bags	13	14 7:30AM- 1:30PM Kairos
15	16 6:30PM Scouts	17 6:00PM Church Council 6:30PM Girl Scouts	18 9:15AM Prayer Group	19	20	21
22 4:00PM Charge Conf. @ Galesburg 1st	23 6:30PM Scouts	24	25 9:15AM Prayer Group	26 12:00PM Backpack Bags	27	28 6:30PM Emmaus
29	30 6:30PM Scouts	31 6:00-8:00PM Trunk or Treat 				



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