



# ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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January 2024

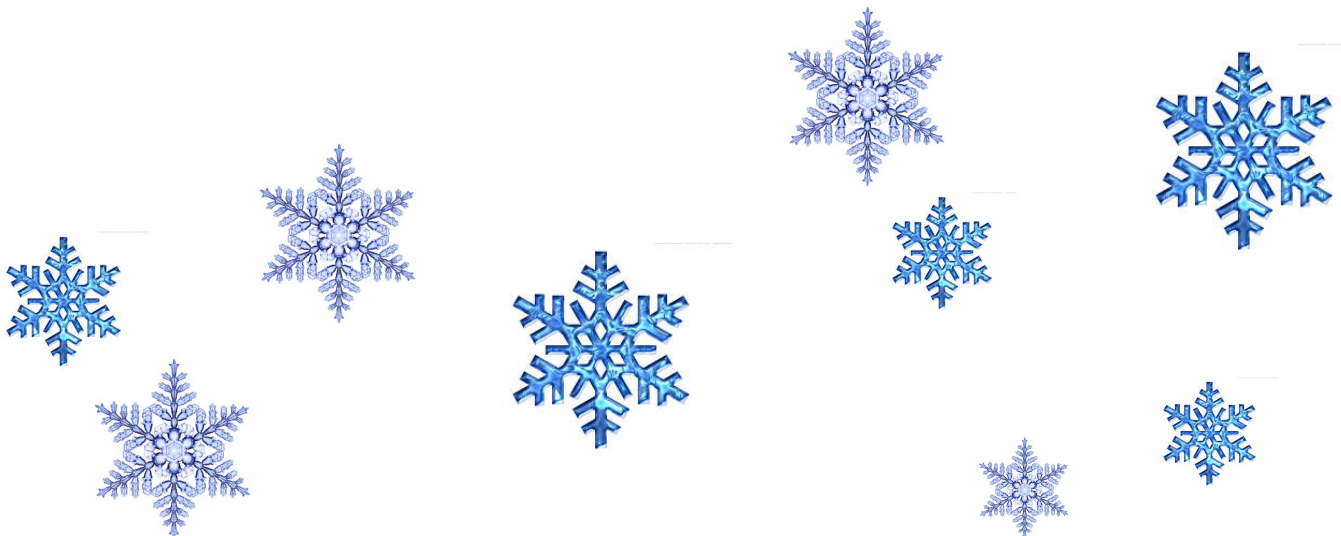
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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** First of all I would like to thank you all for the cards, gifts, gift cards, and money you gave to me as Christmas gifts. I loved them all and they all were greatly appreciated. I hope you all know how much I appreciate each and everyone of you and I am so honored to be your Pastor!!

With the New Year it is exciting to see what God has planned for the Alpha Methodist Church! At the council meeting in January we talked about many things we hope for this church and community for 2024. I loved the enthusiasm so many showed!! I pray that we will be the Church that reaches out to our community and we also get to know our sister church, Faith UMC better!! Please pray for your church, the people who attend, and the community!!

The next exciting thing is a Lenten Bible Study!! It will be Tuesdays at 10:30AM and I am always willing to do a night time Bible Study if there is interest. February 20 will be the first session of the Lenten Bible Study. It is the new study by Adam Hamilton, "The Walk". I pray we have many who would like to attend!!

Pastor Karna



## Church Council

Council Chair: Lindi Kernan  
 Treasurer: Parris Silvis  
 Financial Secretary: Linda Lanning  
 Trustees: Ian Yoder  
 S/PPRC: David Althaus  
 Outreach/Nurture: Kelli Swanson  
 Worship: Roger Swanson  
 Christian Education: TBD  
 Men in Mission: Dean Kernan  
 Lay Leader: Lindi Kernan  
 Recording Secretary: Desirae Silvis

## Church Office Hours

**9AM - 1PM— Monday, Wednesday, Thursday**

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### Pastor Karna's Contact Info:

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## Let's Celebrate!

### January Birthdays

- 05: Kelli Swanson
- 8: Pyper Swanson
- 13: Jack Silvis
- 22: Ron Buban
- 23: Dawson Medley
- 26: Joella Holdsworth
- 27: Mark Atchison
- 28: Gary Barton

### January Anniversaries

- 16: Dave & Julie Cole



### Reminder...

**Don't forget to begin dating your checks with the year 2024.**

**Happy New Year!**



**Many plates, pans, etc. were left in the kitchen over the past few months. Please check back counter to see if they are yours.**

# Join Us !

## Sunday Schedule

8:30AM - Adult Sunday School

8:45AM - Coffee Hour

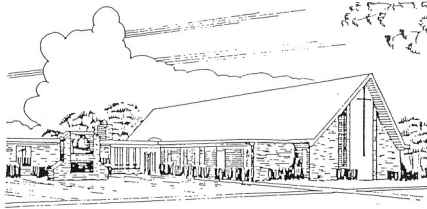
9:30AM - Worship

## Bible Study

On Break Until Feb. 20

## Prayer Group

Wednesdays 9:15AM



## January Worship Volunteers

### January 7

Liturgist: Roger Swanson

Children's Moment: Lindi Kernan

Ushers: Brooks Family

### January 14

Liturgist: David Althaus

Children's Moment: Dale Lanning

Ushers: Erica Thorstenson & Devin Reed

### January 21

Liturgist: Lindi Kernan

Children's Moment: Pastor Karna

Ushers: Silvis Family

### January 28

Liturgist: Sadie Carlson

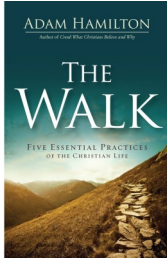
Children's Moment: Pastor Karna

Ushers: Kurt Jordan & Dave Lambin

## Thank You Volunteers!

We are always looking for more Sunday morning volunteers. Please contact the church office if you can help out.





# New Lenten Study

## *The Walk* by Adam Hamilton

### Begins Tuesday, February 20 at 10:30AM

**Examine five essential spiritual practices rooted in Jesus' own walk with God.**

How do we walk with Christ—daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him?

In the Gospels, Jesus modeled for us the Christian spiritual life. The apostles taught it in their writings. And the Church has, through the last 2,000 years, sought to pursue this Christian spiritual life.

In *The Walk*, Adam Hamilton focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Each of these practices is intended as part of our daily walk with Christ while also being an essential part of growing together in the church.

In each chapter, Hamilton explores one of these practices, its New Testament foundation, and what it looks like to pursue this practice daily in our personal life and together in the life of the church. Deepen your walk with Christ as we explore the five essential practices of worship, study, serving, giving, and bearing witness to our faith.

## Time to Take Down the Trees!

**January 8th following the service.**

We will be taking down our Christmas decorations after worship on January 8. A light lunch of soup, bread, and dessert will follow.



# January 2024



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 <i>Snowy New Year!</i>	2 6:30PM Girl Scouts	3 9:15AM Prayer Group	4	5	6
7 Take down Christmas decorations following wor- ship	8 6:30PM Scouts	9	10 9:15AM Prayer Group	11 12:00PM Backpack Bags	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16 6:30PM Girl Scouts	17 9:15AM Prayer Group	18	19	20
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