



ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Thanks to everyone who gave me a card and/or gift card for Pastor Appreciation month!! Also thanks to everyone who stayed for the Vision-Mission meeting! There were a lot of good ideas and be prepared to hear more about exciting things going on at Alpha UMC.

On November 11 the confirmation class is hosting a Trivia night, serving walking tacos! Everyone is invited and would love to see you all there! The fun starts at 5:30pm.

Confirmation Sunday will be Dec 1. Please come and welcome our new members: Bryton Brooks, Aiden Catey, and Carson Brown. It has been an interesting class with three boys but they were a lot of fun!! Also thanks to the mentors Roger Swanson, Bobbie Warren and Barb Brown!

Pastor Karna

Community Thanksgiving Service



Join us for a community Thanksgiving service!

Sunday, November 24

6:00PM

Alpha UMC

Refreshments following service

Donations of cookies are needed.



Church Council

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

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, November 6

6:30PM

Church Office Hours

9AM - 1PM— Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

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Let's Celebrate!

November Birthdays

6: Deanna Yoder

15: Dave Lambin

18: Tucker Swanson

27: Sam Althaus



Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour at bedtime on Saturday, November 2nd!

Join Us !

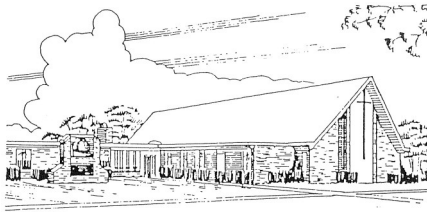
Sunday Schedule

8:45AM - Coffee Hour

9:30AM - Worship

Prayer Group

Wednesdays 9:30AM



November Worship Volunteers

November 3

Liturgist: Roger Swanson

Children's Moment: Dale Lanning

Ushers: Parris & Desirae Silvis

Multimedia: Sadie Carlson

November 10

Liturgist: David Althaus

Children's Moment: Angie Althaus

Ushers: Erica Thorstenson & Devin Reed

Multimedia: Desirae Silvis

November 17

Liturgist: Sadie Carlson

Children's Moment: Lindi Kernan

Ushers: Kurt Jordan & Dave Lambin

Multimedia: Dean Kernan

November 24

Liturgist: Lindi Kernan

Children's Moment: Dale Lanning

Ushers: Lindsy & Brylee Brooks

Multimedia: Bryton Brooks



**Thank You
Volunteers!**

We are always looking for more Sunday morning volunteers.

Please contact the church office if you can help out.



Bridal Open House for Annie Althaus

You are invited to community bridal open house for Annie Althaus, fiancé of Jared Smith.

Sunday, December 1

1:00 - 3:00PM with gifts to be opened at 2:30

Alpha United Methodist Church

Please RSVP to Imkernan60@gmail.com or text 309-337-9012

Registered at:

<https://www.theknot.com/us/annie-althaus-and-jared-smith-jan-2025/registry>



College Gift Card Donations Needed

The Nurture Team will be sending our college students VISA gift cards to purchase anything they might need to help them during finals week.

If you would like to donate to help cover the cost of the cards, please write College Finals GC on your check or envelope.



Pack the Pantry



It's time to pack the AlWood Food Pantry! During the month of November, bring non perishable food and hygiene items (shampoo, soap), and cleaning items to the altar. Items will be donated to the food pantry at the end of the month. Pack the pantry is more important than ever with prices rising over the past year. Items always needed include peanut butter, coffee, spaghetti sauce, and soups, but all items are appreciated!

All Church Meeting Report

On Sunday, October 27, Alpha UMC held an all-church meeting to discuss our vision for the church and come up with ideas for new ministries. We had a very productive meeting, with many great ideas. Members voted for their choices of ministries to pursue by putting a sticky note with their name next to ministries they would like to see happen and would be willing to help with. Below are the results:

Community Meals - 18
Sunshiners Return - 8
Community Work Day - 8
Have Bible Studies Again (Small group, Women's, Men's) - 5
Drivers For Medical Appointments - 4
Begin A Daycare/After-school program - 4
Donate Time to AlWood Food Pantry - 3
Support Galesburg Rescue Mission - 3
One-on-One Neighbor Support - 3
Invite Someone To Church - 3
Send Cards For Birthdays, etc. - 3
Financial Bible Study - 3
Sunday School - 2
Activities With Other Churches - 1
Sermons Relating To Current Events - 1

Look for more information on what we plan to do with this information coming soon!



Christmas is coming!

Sunday, November 24



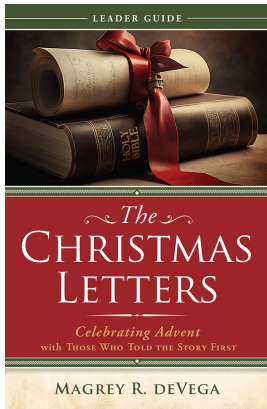
We will be having a special Hanging of the Greens service on November 24. During the service we will set up the nativity, decorate our trees, bring in other decorations, and sing lots of Christmas hymns! This is a fun service and a great way to start the season! We will need volunteers to help set up and participate in the service. Be looking for a sign up sheet soon.

Advent Study

The Letters of Christmas:

Celebrating Christmas with Those Who Told the Story First

4 Week Study beginning Sunday, Dec. 1 at 6PM.



You may or may not know the story of your birth. If you do, there is something special about hearing your origin story again and remembering how it all began for you. That's why we observe Advent: to celebrate how it all began for us. In *The Christmas Letters*, Magrey deVega invites you to hear about the miracle of Christ's birth from those who first told the story. The letters in the New Testament, known as the Epistles, contain the first attempts by the church to understand and celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation. They point us to the origins of what we believe about Jesus, fully human and fully divine. By spending time with these holy, ancient words this Advent, you'll come to know the meaning of Christ's coming like never before.

Read the New Testament letters, Romans, 1 John, Philippians, and Colossians as your first Christmas letters of the season and find within them an invitation from God to deepen your understanding of the Incarnation and embrace a fuller commitment to Jesus Christ.

Contact the church office for a book.

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1	2 Women's Emmaus
3 All Saints Sunday	4 6:30PM Scouts	5	6 9:30 AM Prayer Group 6:30PM Girl Scouts	7 12:00PM Backpack Bags	8	9
10	11 Veteran's Day 5:30PM Trivia Night and Meal	12	13 9:30AM Prayer Group Shoebboxes Due!	14	15	16
17	18 6:30PM Scouts	19 6:30PM Girl Scouts	20 9:30AM Prayer Group	21 12:00PM Backpack Bags	22	23
24 Hanging of the Greens Service 6:00PM Comm. Thanks- giving Service	25 6:30PM Scouts	26	27 9:30AM Prayer Group	28  Happy Thanksgiving	29	30

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8:30AM Adult Sunday School
8:45AM Coffee Hour[®]
9:30AM Worship

