



ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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I do not know, where the year has gone! Fall is my favorite time of year! I love the cooler weather, leaves turning colors, pumpkin bread, and all the fall festivals. I don't particularly like what comes after fall, winter! It is exciting for the things that are going to be going on at Alpha UM Church this fall. The trunk and treat sounds like a good time and a good community event. I hope many of you participate in this event. It is always fun to see all the children dressed in costume and getting candy.

On three Sundays in October I will be preaching on what vision you have for Alpha United Methodist Church. Church council asked me to do this and I think it's a good idea! What are your visions for Alpha United Methodist Church? The last Sunday of October, we will discuss what visions you have for the church. It is exciting for me to hear your visions for your church, start thinking about this.

On the first Sunday in October shoeboxes will be available for Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child is a program for children overseas that would not get anything for Christmas. There will be a list of items you could put in your box. More Information will be with the shoeboxes such as how to pack them. If you would like to participate in this, but don't want to do the shopping, just let me know and I will get Kynleigh to shop for you! If you have any questions, just let me know. November 13 is when the shoeboxes need to be back at the church.

On November 24, this year we are going to do Hanging of the Greens. This service includes participation from the congregation. We have done this service before and I think it is a great way to start off the Advent Season

So many fun activities! I love being your pastor and can't wait to see what we can do together!

Pastor Karna



Church Council

Church Office Hours

9AM - 1PM— Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

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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

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

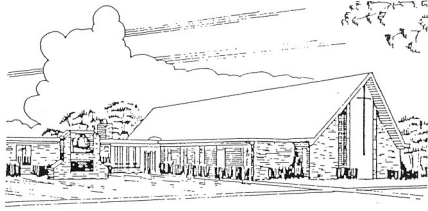


Next council meeting:
Monday October 14, 6:30PM

Charge Conference
Sun., October 13, 4:30PM
Galesburg 1st UMC



Join Us !



Sunday Schedule
 8:45AM - Coffee Hour
 9:30AM - Worship
Prayer Group
 Wednesdays 9:30AM
Bible Study
 On Break



October Worship Volunteers

October 6

Liturgist: Roger Swanson
 Children's Moment: Lindi Kernan
 Ushers: Erica Thorstenson & Devin Reed
 Multimedia: Dean Kernan
 Coffee Hour: Lanning Family

October 13

Liturgist: Dale Lanning
 Children's Moment: Pastor Karna
 Ushers: Kurt Jordan & Dave Lambin
 Multimedia: Sadie Carlson
 Coffee Hour: Sadie Carlson

October 20:

Liturgist: Lindi Kernan
 Children's Moment: Dale Lanning
 Ushers: Lindsi & Brylee Brooks
 Multimedia: Bryton Brooks
 Coffee Hour: Need Volunteer

October 27:

Liturgist: Parris Silvis
 Children's Moment: Pastor Karna
 Ushers: Kurt Jordan & Dave Lambin
 Multimedia: Desirae Silvis
 Coffee Hour: Althaus Family



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.



Thank You!

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!

Deb & Melvin Briggs 50th Anniversary




A Vision for Alpha UMC
October Sermon Series
All-Church Meeting & Potluck following worship Oct. 27

What do you see when you think about our church? What do you want to see? What is God’s vision for His church? What ministries are important to you, to our community, to our world?


During the month of October, Pastor Karna will give a series of 3 sermons to help us begin answering these questions. On October 27 we will have an all church meeting and potluck to begin discussing what we would like to see happening at Alpha UMC.

Are we a small congregation? Yes, BUT we know from our Bibles that God can do great things through just one person! Please plan on joining us for this important time for in church.



Time to pack the shoeboxes!

Alpha UMC will again be participating in Operation Christmas Child. Shoeboxes, lists, and labels will be available at the beginning of October. Please bring unsealed boxes back to the church by November 13.



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.

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| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|--|--|---|---------------------------------|--|-----|--|
| | | 1 6:00PM Book Club 6:30PM Girl Scouts | 2 9:30AM Prayer Group | 3 | 4 | 5 2-4PM Briggs Anniversary Party |
| 6 | 7 6:30PM Scouts | 8 | 9 9:30AM Prayer Group | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 4:30PM Charge Conference @ Galesburg First | 14 Columbus Day 6:30PM Church Council | 15 6:30PM Girl Scouts | 16 9:30AM Prayer Group | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 6:30PM Scouts | 22 | 23 9:30AM Prayer Group | 24 | 25 | 26 Men's Emmaus |
| 27 | 28 6:30PM Scouts | 29 | 30 9:30AM Prayer Group | 31 6-8PM Trunk or Treat  | | |

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Sunday Schedule:
9:00AM Adult Sunday School
9:30AM Coffee Hour
10:00AM Worship

