



# ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Happy fall! I can't believe it's September already. The time of year for pumpkins, leaves turning, cooler temperatures. I love this weather and I love this time of year.!

The season is changing and it is time to look at where we would like Alpha United Methodist Church to go. What is your vision for your church? My vision for Alpha United Methodist Church is to become more involved in the community. The first opportunity we have is to put a float in the lighted parade, unfortunately it looks like that will not happen. What better way to show our community spirit than being involved in community events? My hope is that we can have a community dinner a few times this year. I also hope to have a game night for the community, and possibly a family event around Christmas time. Who wants to help with those things? Let me know what your vision for the Alpha United Methodist Church is.

I will be starting a Bible study soon. Let me know if you are interested in attending. It will be an Advent study, but I have not decided which one yet.

I believe if we all work together, Alpha United Methodist Church can do some amazing things. I am truly honored to be your pastor. Lets work together to serve our Savior, Jesus Christ. I pray you all have a wonderful fall!

Pastor Karna



# Church Council

Council Chair: Lindi Kernan  
 Treasurer: Parris Silvis  
 Financial Secretary: Linda Lanning  
 Trustees: Ian Yoder  
 S/PPRC: David Althaus  
 Nurture/Outreach: Need Volunteer  
 Worship: Linda Lanning  
 Christian Education: Need Volunteer  
 Men in Mission: Dean Kernan  
 Recording Secretary: Desirae Silvis

### Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday, Sept. 25  
 6:30PM

## Financial Update

Thank you all for your generosity to Alpha UMC throughout the year. Your tithes and gifts keep the lights on and our ministry moving forward. Even with that generosity, our finances get tight from time to time and especially in the summer when attendance is down.

Times are tough and prices are up, but every little bit helps. Please help out any way you can to get us through this season.

**Thank You!**

# Church Office Hours

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

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# Let's Celebrate!

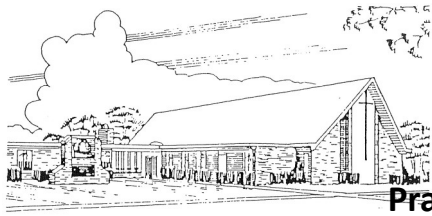
## September Birthdays

## September Anniversaries

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 03: Roger Swanson   | 04: Stan & Barb Damron |
| 04: Bob Bateman     | 12: Ned & Mary Nice    |
| 12: Travis Atchison | 17: Ron & Gina Medley  |
| 12: Brylee Brooks   |                        |
| 18: Gina Medley     |                        |
| 24: Grace Althaus   |                        |
| 24: Lucas Althaus   |                        |
| 26: Karen Schultz   |                        |
| 27: David Althaus   |                        |
| 28: Abi Schafer     |                        |
| 28: Meghan Cole     |                        |
| 29: Dave Cole       |                        |
| 30: Dale Lanning    |                        |



# Join Us !



**Sunday Schedule**  
 8:45AM - Coffee Hour  
 9:30AM - Worship  
**Prayer Group - Wednesdays 9:15AM**



## September Worship Volunteers

### September 1

Liturgist: Roger Swanson  
 Children’s Moment: Dale Lanning  
 Ushers: Erica T. & Devin Reed  
 Multimedia: Parris Silvis  
 Candles: Need Volunteers  
 Bell: Need Volunteer  
 Coffee: Heather Anderson

### September 22

Liturgist: Parris Silvis  
 Children’s Moment: Pastor Karna  
 Ushers: Kurt Jordan & Dave Lambin  
 Multimedia: Desirae Silvis  
 Candles: Brylee Brooks, Need Volunteer  
 Bell: Brylee Brooks  
 Coffee: Need Volunteer

### September 8

Liturgist: Lindi Kernan  
 Children’s Moment: Lindi Kernan  
 Ushers: Parris & Desirae Silvis  
 Multimedia: Dean Kernan  
 Candles: Need Volunteers  
 Bell: Kynleigh Fox  
 Coffee: Briggs Family

### September 29

Liturgist: Angie Althaus  
 Children’s Moment: Lindi Kernan  
 Ushers: Silvis Family  
 Multimedia: Sadie Carlson  
 Candles: Need Volunteers  
 Bell: Need Volunteer  
 Coffee: Need Volunteer

### September 15

Liturgist: Sadie Carlson  
 Children’s Moment: Dale Lanning  
 Ushers: Brooks Family  
 Multimedia: Bryton Brooks  
 Candles: Brylee Brooks, Need Volunteer  
 Bell: Brylee Brooks  
 Coffee: Lannings



## A Vision for Alpha UMC



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, we, as a church, will be diving into these questions. We will be looking at what it means to create a vision for our church and, importantly, how to go about making that vision a reality. At the end of the month, we will meet to begin creating a vision for Alpha UMC.

Are we a small congregation? Yes, BUT we know from our Bibles that God can do great things through just one person! Let’s commit to being in church next month and seeing what God has instore for Alpha UMC!



## It’s time for backpack bags!

Alpha UMC will again be providing food over the weekends for AlWood Elementary students in need. Each week, children will receive a bag of food with 2 breakfast items, 2 easy to fix meal items, 2 snacks, and a treat. We are serving 26 students this year.



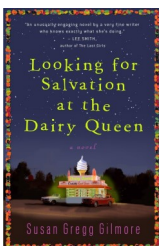
**We will be packing bags every other Thursday at noon, beginning September 12.** All volunteers are much appreciated! You can also donate to this ministry during the loose plate offering on the 3rd Sunday of the month, or anytime by writing backpack bags on

## Alpha UMC Book Club

Next Book:

Join the Alpha UMC book club! Our next book is

*Looking for Salvation at the Dairy Queen.*



We will meet October 9 at 6PM to discuss the book and anything else that comes to mind! We always have a great time. Contact the church office if you would like a book ordered from the library.

# September 2024



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2 Labor Day	3 6:30PM PEO	4 9:15AM Prayer Group 6:30PM Girl Scouts	5	6	7
8	9 6:30PM Scouts	10	11 9:15AM Prayer Group	12	13	14 Spirit of Alpha
15	16 6:30PM Scouts	17 6:30PM Girl Scouts	18 9:15AM Prayer Group	19	20 Charge Conference Paperwork Due	21
22	23 6:30PM Scouts	24	25 9:15AM Prayer Group	26	27	28
29	30 6:30PM Scouts					

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9:30AM Worship

8:45AM Coffee Hour

Sunday Schedule:

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