



ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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James 5:7

"Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains."

Fall is almost here and it is my favorite time of the year!! I'm sure the farmers are anxiously waiting for the start of harvest which won't be very long. It won't be long until the leaves start changing, the weather gets a little cooler, and pumpkin pie spice everything!! It is a time for football games and wiener roasts. It is time to get more active in the church; one way is to come to craft day! I will be hosting a craft day on September 24 from noon to 2. We will paint sunflowers (I have bought some craft kits). We will have lunch at noon and then do our craft!! Come for lunch even if you can't stay for the craft!! Let me or Desirae know you are coming so I have enough food and crafts. (Even if you don't let us know come anyway, I am sure there be plenty!).

How Well Do You Know Your Pastor

Let's play a game: each month I will ask you a question about me and who ever responds first with the correct answer gets a point. You can email me, text me, or call me. We will play for the next 4 months and whoever wins I will take to lunch.

First question: What is Pastor Karna's favorite color?

See you on Sunday!

Pastor Karna



Church Council

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

Next Council Meeting:

Thursday, October 16 at 6:00PM



Charge Conference will be held at
 Galesburg 1st UMC on
 Sunday, September 28th at 4:30PM.



Church Office Hours

9AM - 1PM— Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

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Let's Celebrate!

September

Birthdays

03: Roger Swanson
 04: Bob Bateman
 12: Travis Atchison
 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

September Anniversaries

04: Stan & Barb Damron
 12: Ned & Mary Nice
 17: Ron & Gina Medley



September Worship Volunteers

September 7

Liturgist: Roger Swanson

Children's Moment: Lindi Kernan

Ushers: Erica Thorstenson & Devin Reed

Multimedia: Dean Kernan

September 14 - Sunday School Kick Off

Liturgist: David Althaus

Children's Moment: Pastor Karna

Ushers: Lindsy & Brylee Brooks

Multimedia: Bryton Brooks

September 21

Liturgist: Lindi Kernan

Children's Moment: Dale Lanning

Ushers: Kurt Jordan & Dave Lambin

Multimedia: Dean Kernan

Sunday School Teacher: Dale Lanning

Sunday School Helper: Linda Lanning

September 28

Liturgist: Sadie Carlson

Children's Moment: Pastor Karna

Ushers: TBD

Multimedia: Parris Silvis

Sunday School Teacher: Desirae Silvis

Sunday School Helper: Angie Briggs

Join Us !

Sunday Schedule

8:45AM - Coffee Hour

9:30AM - Worship

*Children's Sunday School
during worship beginning
September 14*



**Alpha UMC
Prayer Group
meets
Thursdays at
9:30AM.**



Church & Parsonage Lawn Clean Up Day

Saturday, September 6th

9:00AM



The church and parsonage lawns could use a little sprucing up so church council has scheduled a clean up day for September 6th. We will pick up sticks, rake, clean out under bushes, and generally make our lawns look neater!

All help is appreciated. Please bring a rake if you have one.



It's time for backpack bags!

Alpha UMC will again be providing food over the weekends for AlWood Elementary students who are signed up for the program. 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 will be packing bags every other Thursday at noon, beginning September 4. All volunteers are much appreciated!



Sunday School Kick Off
Sunday, September 14th
9:30AM

Sunday School is back! We will kick off our year on September 14th during our church service. Sunday School will be held each Sunday following the children's moment. During kick off we will get outside and play some games, eat some snacks, and generally have a good time! Parents will need to fill out a registration form upon arrival.

Feel free to invite as many friends as you would like!

If you would like to volunteer to help out, please contact Desirae in the church office.



Lunch & Craft with
Pastor Karna
Wednesday, September 24th
Noon



Join Pastor Karna for lunch and crafting. Everyone who comes will get a kit to paint a sunflower. All are welcome. Please let Pastor Karna or Desirae know if you would like to attend.

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4 9:30AM Prayer Group 10:30AM Bible Study 12:00PM Backpack bags	5	6 9:00AM Church & Parsonage Lawn Clean Up
7	8	9	10	11 9:30AM Prayer Group 10:30AM Bible Study	12	13 Spirit of Alpha
14 9:30AM Sunday School Kick Off	15	16	17	18 9:30AM Prayer Group 10:30AM Bible Study 12:00PM Backpack bags	19	20
21 Children's Sunday School begins following Children's Moment	22 	23	24 12:00PM Lunch & Craft	25 9:30AM Prayer Group	26	27
28 4:30PM Charge Conf.@ Galesburg 1st	29	30				

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8:45AM Coffee Hour

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