



ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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December 2025

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! The hanging of the green service went really well and the church looks beautiful! Thanks to all that helped with the service and getting ready for the service.

I'm looking forward to the family Christmas party and I'm sure it will be a lot of fun. This year has went by very quickly.

I went to a visitation for a man in a church I use to serve. He was a farmer and inside the pamphlet they gave us this was written. :

Life is not a race, but indeed a journey, be honest. Work hard. Be choosy. Say thank you, I love you and great job to someone each day. Go to church and take time for prayer. The Lord give us and the Lord taketh. Let your handshake mean more than paper and pen. Love your life and what you have given. It is not accidental. Search for your purpose and do it the best you can. Dreaming does matter. It allows you to become that with you aspire to be. Laugh often. Appreciate the little things in life and enjoy them. Some of the best things really are free. Do not worry, less wrinkles are becoming. Forgive. It frees the soul. Take time for yourself. Plan for longevity. Recognize the special people you've been blessed to know. Live for today and enjoy the moment.

I've never read that before and I think that's really good advice. As this year draws to an end, I believe a lot of us should follow that worry less, forgiveness frees the soul and enjoy life.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

The next Craft and lunch with the Pastor will be Dec 10 at noon. Hope to see you all there!

Pastor Karna



How well do you know your Pastor?

This is the last question and whoever wins will be taken out to lunch by Pastor Karna.

What is my favorite holiday? Let me know your answer. Good luck!

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: TBD
 Men in Mission: Dean Kernan
 Lay Leader: Lindi Kernan
 Recording Secretary: Desirae Silvis

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 14

6:00PM



Church Office Hours

9AM - 1PM— Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

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Pastor Karna's Contact Info:

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Pastor's Office Hours

Mondays 1-3PM

Tuesday 11AM - 2PM

Thursday 9AM - 12PM

Wednesday is Pastor's Sabbath day off.

Let's Celebrate!

December Birthdays

- 13: Evelyn Barton
- 13: Ruby Naslund
- 13: Parris Silvis
- 14: Linda Buban
- 17: Kelly Atchison
- 17: Cody Lanning
- 18: Tom Briggs
- 19: Patsy Broadus
- 20: Kolton Fox
- 22: Melvin Briggs
- 23: Mary Nice
- 23: Cindy Thompson

Join Us !

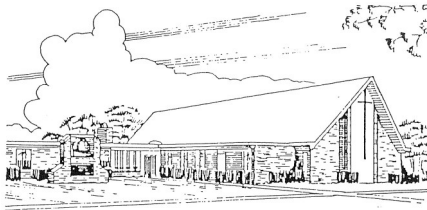
Sunday Schedule

8:45AM - Coffee Hour

9:30AM - Worship

Prayer Group/Bible Study

Wednesdays 9:30AM



December Worship Volunteers



December 7

Liturgist: Roger Swanson
Children's Moment: Pastor Karna
Ushers: Lindsi & Brylee Brooks
Multimedia: Bryton Brooks
Advent Candle: Medley Family
No Sunday School

December 14

Liturgist: Lindi Kernan
Children's Moment: Children's Bell Choir
Ushers: Erica Thorstenson & Devin Reed
Multimedia: Dean Kernan
Advent Candle: Gabriel Family
Sunday School Teacher: Dale Lanning
Sunday School Helper: Linda Lanning

December 21

Liturgist: Sadie Carlson
Children's Moment: Dale Lanning
Ushers: Kurt Jordan & Dave Lambin
Multimedia: Parris Silvis
Advent Candle: Warren-Anderson Family
Sunday School Teacher: Gina Medley
Sunday School Helper: Dawson Medley

December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Liturgist: Lindi Kernan
Ushers: Sadie Carlson & Need Volunteer
Christ Candle: Brooks Family


December 28



Liturgist: Dale Lanning
Children's Moment: Pastor Karna
Ushers: Lindsi & Bryton Brooks
Multimedia: Dean Kernan
Sunday School Teacher: Lindi Kernan
Sunday School Helper: Heather Anderson



Lunch & Craft with Pastor Karna

Monday, December 10



Noon 

Children’s Christmas Bell Choir

Performance December 14th during the service

Please join us on Sunday, December 14th. The children of our church family have been practicing their bells and will be performing *Jingle Bells* during the service.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 24

9:00PM

Looking to the future...

Starting a Community Daycare

Over the last few months, the church council has discussed the possibility of a community daycare being housed at Alpha UMC. There are many steps to be taken before this idea can become a reality, and it is time to take that first step. We are looking to put together a committee to begin looking into how to make this daycare happen. If this is something that interests you, please contact Lindi Kernan or Gina Medley.

We are looking at having a meeting in January.




Alpha UMC

Community Children's Christmas Party!



Parents, do you have Christmas shopping, wrapping, preparations that you need to get done? Let us entertain your kiddos while you are finishing up that Christmas prep!



Community Children's Christmas Party

Monday, December 22nd

11:00AM - 3:00PM

Alpha United Methodist Church

211 N. Scandia St., Alpha



Lunch will be served and we will be making a craft, decorating cookies, drinking hot chocolate, and watching The Polar Express. We may even have a special visitor from the North Pole!

Please RSVP to alphaumc@gmail.com with your name, contact information and number of children attending by December 19th.

Poinsettia Orders Due to Linda Lanning

December 7

\$16 Each



	Total
_____ Poinsettias (\$16.00/each)	\$ _____

Given by: _____

Please fill out your choice below:

_____ Given in memory of:

_____ Given in honor of:

_____ Given to the Glory of God for:

**ORDERS ARE DUE TO LINDA LANNING
 BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7**

*Please pick up your poinsettia after the
 Christmas Eve service.*

_____ Check here if you would like it donated.

December 2025



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2 6:00PM PEO	3	4 9:30AM Bible Study 12:00PM Backpack Bags	5	6
7 2nd Sunday of Advent Flower Orders Due	8	9	10 12:00PM Lunch & Craft	11 9:30AM Bible Study	12	13
14 3rd Sunday of Advent Children's Bell Choir Performance	15	16	17	18 9:30AM Bible Study 12:00PM Backpack Bags	19	20
21 4th Sunday of Advent	22 11:00AM - 3:00PM Children's Christmas Party	23	24 9:00PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			

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9:30AM Worship[®]

8:45AM Coffee Hour

Sunday Schedule:

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