



ALPHA
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Happy new year!! Now we're in the year 2026!

And it doesn't seem possible. I hope this new year brings many wonderful things for all of you and for Alpha United Methodist Church and Faith United Methodist Church. There will be more community/family events.

I want to thank you all for helping me and being patient and being there when I need help with this journey with my knee. I hate to wish my life away, but I can't wait for February 20 to come and this knee to get fixed.

Now for the winner of how well do you know your Pastor; Heather is the winner from Alpha UMC. She played every week. Got most of the answers right, so soon Heather and I will be going to lunch. There was no winner at Faith because no one played. There will be another contest soon.

Happy new year to you all.

Pastor Karna

Happy New Year!
2026

Church Council

Council Chair: Lindi Kernan
 Treasurer: Lindsy Brooks
 Financial Secretary: Linda Lanning
 Trustees: Ron Medley
 S/PPRC: David Althaus
 Outreach/Nurture: 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's Office Hours

Mondays 1-3PM

Tuesday 11AM - 2PM

Thursday 9AM - 12PM

Wednesday is Pastor's Sabbath day off.

Let's Celebrate!

January Birthdays

- 05: Kelli Swanson
- 8: Pyper Swanson
- 13: Jack Silvis
- 22: Ron Buban
- 23: Dawson Medley
- 26: Joella Holdsworth
- 27: Mark Atchison
- 28: Gary Barton

January Anniversaries

- 16: Dave & Julie Cole



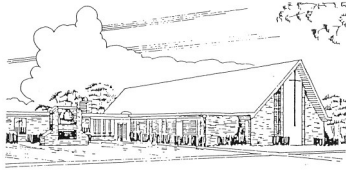
Reminder...

**Don't forget to begin
dating your checks with
the year 2026.**

Happy New Year!



Join Us !



Sunday Schedule

8:45AM - Coffee Hour

9:30AM - Worship

Prayer Group

9:30AM - Wednesdays

January Worship Volunteers

January 4

Liturgist: Roger Swanson

Children's Moment: Lindi Kernan

Ushers: Erica Thorstenson & Devin Reed

Multimedia: Dean Kernan

No Sunday School

January 11

Liturgist: Lindi Kenan

Children's Moment: Pastor Karna

Ushers: Lindsi & Brylee Brooks

Multimedia: Bryton Brooks

Sunday School Teacher/Helper: Dale & Linda Lanning

January 18

Liturgist: Dale Lanning

Children's Moment: Pastor Karna

Ushers: Parris & Desirae Silvis

Multimedia: Dean Kernan

Sunday School Teacher/ Helper: Lindi Kernan/Lindsi Brooks

January 25

Liturgist: Sadie Carlson

Children's Moment: Angie Althaus

Ushers: Kurt Jordan & Dave Lambin

Multimedia: Parris Silvis

Sunday School Teacher/Helper: Desirae Silvis/Angie Briggs



2026 Committees

Church Council Chair: Lindi Kernan

Lay Leader: Lindi Kernan

Church Treasurer: Lindsy Brooks

Financial Secretary: Linda Lanning

Trustees Committee Chair: Ron Medley

S/PPRC Committee Chair: David Althaus

Nurture/Outreach Co-Chairs: Angie Althaus & Gina Medley

Worship Team Chair: Linda Lanning

Christian Education Team Chair: TBD

Men in Mission: Dean Kernan

Lay Delegate to Annual Conference: Lindi Kernan

Alternate Lay Delegate: TBD

Recording Secretary: Desirae Silvis

Trustees:

2026: Ali Catey, Bobby Warren, Ron Medley

2027: Bryton Brooks, Sadie Carlson, Dean Kernan

2028: Ron Medley

PPRC:

2026: Barb Damron, Ruby Naslund, Roger Swanson

2027: Kurt Jordan

2028: David Althaus (Chair), Lindsy Brooks, Linda Zuidema

Open Ministry Teams: Note: The following ministry teams are open and can be joined at any time.

Nurture/Outreach:

Angie Althaus (Chair), Heather Anderson, Angie Briggs, Deb Briggs, Julie Cole, Kelli Johnson, Gina Medley (Chair), Ruby Naslund, Karen Pfeiffer

Worship:

Angie Althaus, Dean Kernan, Lindi Kernan, Linda Lanning (Chair), Karen Schultz, Desirae Silvis

Christian Education:

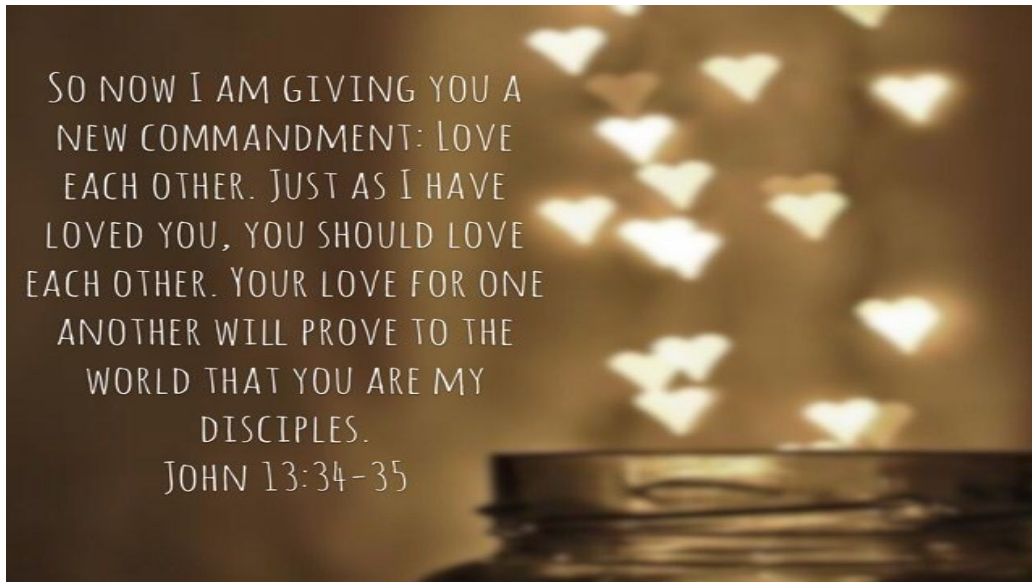
Ali Catey, Dale Lanning, Gina Medley, Roger Swanson, Erica Thorstenson

Funeral Meals: Julie Cole, Ruby Naslund

Time to Take Down the Trees!

January 4th following the service.

We will be taking down our Christmas decorations after worship on January 4.



JANUARY 2026



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2	3
4 Epiphany Sunday Taking down Christmas decorations after service	5	6 6:00PM PEO	7	8 9:30AM Prayer Group	9	10
11	12	13	14 6:00PM Council Meeting	15 9:30AM Prayer Group 11:00AM Backpack Bags	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20	21 12:00PM Lunch & Craft	22 9:30AM Prayer Group	23	24
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