



ALPHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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This year is flying by! It's already November!

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. [John 6:35](#) The harvest is done or close, and I would like to thank the farmers for the food on our table. I think back to when my dad farmed and how things have really changed. When I was a kid, dad would have to leave Thanksgiving early to go finish the harvest, and now they're finished a lot of times before November even starts. As we approach Thanksgiving, remember always to give thanks to God for the many blessings he has given us. I wish you all a very happy Thanksgiving.

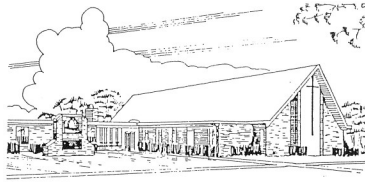
How well do you know your Pastor?

One more question after this and then someone from each Church will be going out to lunch with me. The question for this month is: how many siblings do I have and an extra point if you can name them. Good luck!

Pastor Karna



Join Us !



Sunday Schedule
 8:45AM - Coffee Hour
 9:30AM - Worship
Prayer Group/Bible Study
 Thursdays 9:30AM



November Worship Volunteers

November 2

Liturgist: Roger Swanson
 Children's Moment: Dale Lanning
 Ushers: Parris & Desirae Silvis
 Multimedia: Parris Silvis
 Sunday School Teacher: No Sunday School
 Sunday School Helper: No Sunday School
 Coffee Hour: Barb & Stan Damron

November 9

Liturgist: David Althaus
 Children's Moment: Angie Althaus
 Ushers: Sadie Carlson & Desirae Silvis
 Multimedia: Desirae Silvis
 Sunday School Teacher: Karen Schultz
 Sunday School Helper: Barb Damron
 Coffee Hour: Brooks Family

November 16

Liturgist: Sadie Carlson
 Children's Moment: Pastor Karna
 Ushers: Erica Thorstenson & Devin Reed
 Multimedia: Dean Kernan
 Sunday School Teacher: Lindi Kernan
 Sunday School Helper: Lindsi Brooks
 Coffee Hour: Althaus Family

November 23 - Hanging of the Greens

Liturgist: Lindi Kernan
 Children's Moment: No Children's Moment
 Ushers: Lindsi & Brylee Brooks
 Multimedia: Bryton Brooks
 Sunday School Teacher: No Sunday School
 Sunday School Helper: No Sunday School
 Coffee Hour: Kayli Gabriel

November 30

Liturgist: Dale Lanning
 Children's Moment: Pastr Karna
 Ushers: Kurt Jordan & Dave Lambin
 Multimedia: Sadie Carlson
 Sunday School Teacher: Gina Medley
 Sunday School Helper: Dawson Medley
 Coffee Hour: Heather Anderson

Pack the Pantry



It's time to pack the AlWood Food Pantry! During the month of November, bring non perishable food and hygiene items (shampoo, soap), and cleaning items to the altar. Items will be donated to the food pantry at the end of the month. With cuts to food assistance aid, a well stocked food pantry is more important than ever. Thank you for your generosity!

College Gift Card Donations Needed

The Nurture Team will be sending our college students VISA gift cards to purchase anything they might need to help them during finals week.

If you would like to donate to help cover the cost of the cards, please write College Finals GC on your check or envelope.

Sunday School Update

Sunday School is going well! It is great to see our children coming together each week to learn about their God. A couple of updates:

- ~On the first Sunday of each month, we will not have Sunday School so our children can be in church and worship with us.
- ~There will be no Sunday School November 23 so the kids can participate in our Hanging of the Greens service.



Lunch & Craft with Pastor Karna

Wednesday, November 19

Noon

Please sign up in the fellowship hall.



Christmas is coming!



Operation Christmas Child

Shoeboxes are available in the fellowship hall.

Remember...

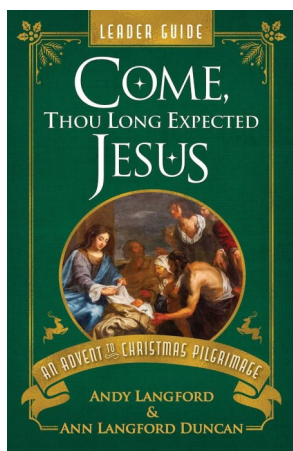
- ◆ All items must fit in your shoe box
- ◆ Feel free to use a shoebox you already have at home
 - ◆ Do not seal your box shut
- ◆ Fill out your label marking boy or girl and age group and affix it to the box
- ◆ If you would like to help with shipping cost, a \$10 donation is suggested. Please make checks payable to Samaritan's Purse and put it in your box.

Sunday, November 23



We will be having a special Hanging of the Greens service on November 23. During the service we will set up the nativity, decorate our tree, bring in other decorations, and sing lots of Christmas hymns! This is a fun service and a great way to start the season! We will need volunteers to help set up and participate in the service. Be looking for a sign up sheet soon.

Advent Bible Study begins November 13



Pastor Karna will lead a 5 week study entitled Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus on Thursdays at 9:30AM beginning November 13.

In Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus, Andy Langford and Ann Langford Duncan invite you on an Advent-to-Christmas pilgrimage to draw closer to Jesus and invite others to join you on this journey. Traditional Scripture readings and acts of worship reveal anew the treasures of God's grace for all people. Let this book guide you to open your heart to the priceless gifts of the good news. Start your pilgrimage today and experience the full riches of God's love.

During Advent and Christmas, explore:

An Early Prophet: Isaiah

Two Later Prophets: John the Baptist and John the Theologian

The Mother of God and First Disciple: Mary

The First Witnesses: Angels, Shepherds, Simeon and Anna

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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2 All Saints Sunday	3	4 6:00PM PEO	5	6 9:30AM Prayer Group	7	8
9	10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13 9:30AM Prayer Group/ Bible study 12:00PM Backpack Bags 7:00PM Church Council	14	15
16 Shoebboxes Due	17	18	19 12:00PM Lunch & Craft	20 9:30AM Prayer Group/ Bible Study	21	22
23 Hanging of the Greens Service 30 First Sunday of Advent	24	25	26	27  Happy Thanksgiving	28	29

November 2025 Pastor's Calendar



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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2	3 9:00-3:00AM Class	4 9:00-10:30AM Covenant Group	5 Pastor's Sabbath	6 11:00AM Henry. Co. Pastoral Coalition	7	8 Family Funeral
9	10	11 9:00 -10:30AM Covenant Group 5:00PM Faith Council	12 Pastor's Sabbath	13 7:00PM Alpha UMC Church Council	14	15
16	17 Dr. Appt.	18 11:45AM Senior Social @ Faith UMC	19 12:00PM Lunch & Craft Pastor's Sabbath	20 11:00AM Henry Co. Pastoral Coalition	21	22
23 <hr/> 30 1st Sunday of Advent	24	25 9:00 - 10:30AM Covenant Group	26 Pastor's Sabbath	27  Happy Thanksgiving	28	29 4:00PM Christmas Party @ Faith UMC

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