



Algood Reflections

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~ AUGUST ~ DATES TO NOTE

8/4

9AM-3PM - AUMC Vision and Planning, FLC

8/5

10:55AM - Worship time change

8/6

10AM - Bible Study, Library

11AM - UMW, Library

8/8

7PM - UMW, Library

8/11

8AM - Community Breakfast, FLC

8/18

1PM - Church Van departs the FLC for a Van Visitation Trip and Cracker Barrel

8/19

5-6PM - Chancel Choir, sanctuary

6-7:30 - Youth meeting (note time change), Youth House

8/26

Last Sunday for Fill-the-Van monetary contributions to AUMC for Helping Hands of P.C.

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Dennis George

GREETERS

Ron and Helen Metz

USHERS

Jerry Barthelemy, Deloris Freitas,
David Shelton, Diana Whitener

ALONG THE JOURNEY OF FAITH...

School is back and all the last minute vacations are finishing up. What a great summer. I am excited to see what God has in store for us at Algood UMC. Saturday, August 4th, will be a wonderful day of looking back at what has made Algood so great. But please know that is only the beginning. We will then begin putting action toward that dream and vision. Not just looking at what God is calling us for today and tomorrow, but working that vision. If you cannot come please pray. Also, the youth will be planning during August what this whole year is looking like. Hoping for big things.

So, as I ponder our time together since January, I am so full with encouragement. I have seen the church in ministry with all the ministries to the community. I have also seen how so many care for our elderly and not even look for accolades. I know we have prayer warriors. I know we have great volunteers. Our church is full of musicians who play and sing. God is blessing us and wants to bless us even more. We can't out-give God. The blessings will come. Don't hold back. Just let God lead and you will find blessings overwhelming.

God bless,
Brother Albert

AUGUST SCRIPTURES

8/5: Holy Communion, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16;
John 6:24-35

8/12: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2;
John 6:35, 41-51

8/19: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20;
John 6:51-58

8/26: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

Reader: Dennis George

CHURCH VAN TRIPS

Several Van Trips are being planned for the next few months. Details and sign-up sheets are in Fellowship Hall. Share in the fun and experiences!

August 18 - Van Visitation & Cracker Barrel

September 15 - Mission Trip to Mustard Seed Ranch

October 6 - Wooden's Apple Orchard

November 3 - Holiday Inn & Cumberland Mountain State Park Restaurant

December date to be determined - Christmas at Beersheba

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

05/67 – Butch & Carol Welch
15/69 – John & Patricia Cass
15/97 – Terry & Karen Foutch
27/71 – Wayne & Paula Lafever
30/69 – Dennis & Pam George

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

02 – Ron Metz
04 – Tommy Bilbrey
06 – Jamison Freedle
09 – Karen Foutch
11 – Lauren Graves
13 – Sandra Eldridge
14 – Reba Ford
14 – Donna Qualls
15 – RJ Freedle
20 – Barrett McDonald
21 – Myrtle Patterson
28 – Ellen McGugin
29 – Roger Flatt
30 – Christy Vickers

JUNE STEWARDSHIP

Attendance
Average Worship: 73
Average Sunday School: 24
Offering
Budget Total: \$11,147.75
Sunday School Total: \$47.73
Helping Hands: \$207
"In Celebration of Life!": \$75
Church Membership: 180

TREASURER'S REPORT

The June balance of \$117,188.24 includes \$107,338.21 in restricted funds; leaving our actual balance at \$9,850.03. The Finance Committee recommends we maintain a balance of \$15,000.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Everyone is welcome! Please join us for our Community Breakfast on Saturday, 8/11. The menu includes eggs, bacon, sausage, country ham, hash browns, biscuits, gravy, chocolate gravy, cinnamon rolls, coffee and juice... all for only \$4!!
Serving begins at 8AM.

FALL BRINGS CHANGES...

CHANCEL CHOIR - Rehearsals will resume on Sunday, August 19, from 5-6PM in the sanctuary. Anyone interested in being a part of the AUMC music ministry is invited to join as we start this new season.

UMW - Following our summer break, we will resume monthly meetings with a change - we will have a unit that meets during the day and one that meets in the evening. We hope this option will enable more women to participate.

The daytime group will meet on Monday, August 6, at 11AM, and on Wednesday, August 8, the evening group will meet at 7PM to form the new unit. Both will meet in the church library

All women of the church are invited and encouraged to be part of this women's ministry of mission and fellowship.

WORSHIP - Start time will change to 10:55AM on August 5.

YOUTH - Our meeting time will change to 6-7:30PM beginning on Sunday, August 19.

IN MEMORY

Our AUMC family has seen the passing of two former pastors this year; Jim Hamilton, who served here from 1994-1998, died on 2-21-18; Tom DeRamus, who served here from 1971-1978, died on 7-14-18. We honor their service and keep their families in prayer.

David and Candy share some memories of Tom DeRamus...

He was a beloved asset to our church in the '70s. In addition to fixing whatever he could in the church and old parsonage (where the parking lot is now), he typed the weekly bulletin and ran it off on the Mimeograph machine. He began the UMYF youth group and was its leader. Brother DeRamus was instrumental in starting the Algood Lions Club in 1972, and was its first President. He also helped to establish our Men's Breakfast (now the Community Breakfast). Brother DeRamus was very special to us; he performed our wedding on March 2, 1974. He was a very humble man with a ready smile and laugh, and a powerful voice. His sermons, jokes and stories from the pulpit needed no microphone (because there was none). We remember him fondly. His wife, Lou, sang in the choir, helped with all the church activities and made some fantastic yeast rolls! They had a young adult son, Howard.

AUGUST FILL-THE-VAN FOR HELPING HANDS OF PUTNAM COUNTY

AUMC's annual Fill-the-Van for Helping Hands takes place in August. Our Church has had strong ties with Helping Hands over the years with AUMC's current and previous members serving as director (Patricia Hayes), as board members (Carl Arbogast, Bill Edwards, Mike West and others) and as wonderful numerous volunteers who worked directly with individuals and families who visited Helping Hands in need of assistance. In addition, AUMC has given food and contributed financially to Helping Hands by donating funds that have allowed them to feed the hungry and to provide financial assistance for utility bills, rent and gas vouchers for medical appointments.

Please give generously to Fill-the-Van so that Helping Hands may purchase tax-exempt food in bulk to share with those who hunger. Checks made payable to AUMC and designated for Fill-the-Van will be received throughout the month of August. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works." Thank you.

BIBLE STUDY

Everyone is invited to Bible Study on Mondays at 10AM in the library. Study of Samuel resumes on 8-6.

BLESSING BOX

Donations of food staples are needed for our Blessing Box, which is near the sidewalk in front of the FLC. You may leave nonperishable food, canned or in weather-proof wrapping, in the marked basket in Fellowship Hall.

GIVE TO AUMC ONLINE

You'll find the link to the electronic giving program on our website, algoodumc.org. Click on the tab marked 'Giving to AUMC' at the top of the page to access this easy process.

YOU CAN HELP!

RECYCLING ALUMINUM

The can cart beside the FLC makes recycling aluminum a simple task, and generates funds for AUMC. To date we have recycled over \$8,932! *NOTE:* The recycler is no longer accepting any aluminum other than beverage cans. Please *do not* recycle aluminum foil, pet food cans, baking dishes, etc. in our collection cart. Thank you!

AMAZON SHOPPER?

AMAZON SMILE

If you're an Amazon shopper, you can help AUMC when you shop! The AmazonSmile Foundation will make a .5% donation at no cost to you. Go to smile.amazon.com and make Algood United Methodist Church your charity of choice. Pass this information on to anyone you know who's an Amazon shopper!

UMC MARKET

As a member of UMCmarket, every time you shop online at participating stores, you help AUMC because the partner stores donate a percentage to the church. Go to umcmarket.org and follow 3 simple steps to sign up.

JUNE SPECIAL GIFTS

Backpack Program: In Memory of Kenneth Carter
"In Celebration of Life!": In Honor of Mary Evans
In Memory of Amy Bennett and Kenneth Carter
Memorial: In Honor of Charles Eldridge
In Memory of Amy Bennett, Kenneth Carter and the Verble Family
Memorial Garden: In Memory of Lee Evans and Leroy Huehls
Permanent Endowment Fund: In Memory of Kenneth Carter



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