



Algood Reflections

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DATES TO NOTE

9/2

Sign-up **deadline** for "Holiday Inn" at the Playhouse & dinner at Cumberland Mountain State Park Van Trip on 11-3

9/4

Backpack packing, 5PM, Grace Church

9/6

Combined Finance and Outreach/Witness Committees, 6PM, Library

9/8

Community Breakfast, 8AM, FLC

9/9

Sign-up **deadline** for Mustard Seed Ranch Mission Van Trip

9/10

UMW Morning, 11AM, Library
UMW Evening, 6PM, Library

9/15

Mustard Seed Ranch Mission Trip, van leaves FLC at 9AM

9/16

Finance Committee Meeting, 6PM, Library

9/18

Backpack packing, 5PM, Grace Church

9/24

Church Council, 6PM, Library

9/30

Harvest Mission Launch (see "Along the Journey")

Sign-up **deadline** for Wooden's Apple Orchard Van Trip

AUMC Charge Conference, 7PM, Sanctuary

ALONG THE JOURNEY OF FAITH...

August 4th was the start of something huge with Algood! There is an excitement that is beginning to boil. So now what do we do? Well, we could just say that was a great day and hope for the best. Maybe we wait and see if God would work this miracle without us. Or... we could find our leaders who would step up and allow God to take our church to another level of being filled with the Holy Spirit.

On September 30th and October 7th we will be having our very first Harvest Mission Launch where for 2 Sundays we will look at where our church is financially and spiritually. We will look at all the ministries we do here and through our United Methodist apportionment. We will look at all our missions and invite the congregation to come and join this church for ministry.

So we have moved our 5th Sunday Dinner to the next Sunday, October 7th, where our mission launch will culminate at lunch as we hear about the old and new ministries that need all to find their place of ministry. I see God showing up in such a huge way. Please make every effort to come and celebrate. This will be our next step of God's vision for our church. Bring friends and family to see that we are not sitting back but moving forward. Blessings!

Caught by His 'amazing' grace,
Brother Albert

Pastor Away

Brother Albert will be away at a conference September 19-21. He will also be away on September 23, celebrating the centennial at Tylertown UMC in Tylertown, Mississippi, his childhood church.

SEPTEMBER SCRIPTURES

- 9/2: Holy Communion, Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27;
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
- 9/9: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-10, 14-17;
Mark 7:24-37
- 9/16: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38
- 9/23: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37
- 9/30: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

Reader: Becky Greer

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COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Becky Greer

GREETERS

Ginny Butler and Linda Smithers

USHERS

Karen Foutch, Richard Harding,
Chad McDonald

ANNIVERSARIES

10/88 – Bill & Gertha Medley
21/85 – Ken & Virginia Sircy

BIRTHDAYS

06 – Rhonda Bowling-Black
08 – Tom Pointer
15 – Virginia Arms
18 – Brad Davis
23 – Donna Norrod
25 – Becky Greer
26 – Paula Lafever
26 – Bill Medley
26 – Edith Rector
27 – Tim Ford

JULY STEWARDSHIP

Attendance
Average Worship: 73
Average Sunday School: 22
Offering
Budget Total: \$12,092.07
Sunday School Total: \$60.50
Helping Hands: \$122
"In Celebration of Life!": \$0
Church Membership: 181

JULY SPECIAL GIFTS

Memorial
In Memory of Kenneth Carter

TREASURER'S REPORT

The July balance of \$116,755.68 includes \$107,480.69 in restricted funds; leaving our actual balance at \$9,274.99. The Finance Committee recommends we maintain a balance of \$15,000.

COUNCIL CHANGE

September Council meeting will be Monday 9/24, at 6PM. Important final meeting before Charge Conference.



We extend our love and Christian sympathy to the family and friends of

Charlotte Brendahl, 4/12/1934 – 8/12/2018
Mary Ruth Bilbrey, 1/10/1941 – 8/19/2018
Clara Qualls, 9/12/1925 – 8-28-2018

MUSTARD SEED RANCH MISSION VAN TRIP

Saturday, September 15th

The Mustard Seed Ranch mission statement is "to help children heal from their past and build the foundation for a promising future through a nurturing family environment and a focus on Christian values." AUMC's projects at Mustard Seed will be to paint the interior of the Reba Bacon home and to do some gardening. We also hope to give a small gift to the children. The trip sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall. What a blessing to be able to support such a beneficial program!

FILL THE VAN FOR HELPING HANDS

Thank you so very much for your kind and generous contributions (\$1,087) to Fill-the-Van. Helping Hands will now be able to purchase additional food in bulk that will then be distributed to help those who hunger in Putnam County. Your gifts will truly make a difference in the lives of many.
"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7.

CHURCH VAN TRIPS

Upcoming Van Trip details and sign-up sheets are in Fellowship Hall. Share in the fun experiences and the fellowship!
September 15 - Mustard Seed Ranch Mission Trip (*September 9th sign-up deadline*)
October 6 - Wooden's Apple Orchard (*September 15th sign-up deadline*)
November 3 - "Holiday Inn" at Cumberland County Playhouse and dinner at Cumberland Mountain State Park Restaurant (*September 2nd sign-up deadline*)
December date to be determined - Christmas at Beersheba



We appreciate the hours Paula Lafever has spent in this heat pulling the out-of-control weeds around the church building, the FLC and the playground. It looks SO much better! Our sincere thanks!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We Welcome Laura Hobbs, who joined AUMC on 7-29 and Milton and Mary Jane Collins, Kelly Mullinix and Derek Bush who all joined AUMC on 8-26-18.

"IN CELEBRATION OF LIFE!"

This fund enables us to help those in our community who are in need of assistance. While the need is always great, we have more requests heading into fall and winter. Our funds are currently critically low. Your gifts, given in memory of a friend or loved one or honoring a special event in the life of a friend or loved one, support this local mission. When a gift is made, the person being honored is sent an acknowledgment.

OPEN INVITATIONS!

BIBLE STUDY

Everyone is invited to Bible Study on Mondays at 10AM in the library.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Rehearsals are from 5-6PM on Sundays in the sanctuary. Anyone interested in being a part of the AUMC music ministry is invited!

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Everyone is welcome! Please join us for our Community Breakfast on the second Saturday of every month. 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.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

All women of the church are invited and encouraged to be part of this women's ministry of mission and fellowship. We now have two units, one 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 meets on the first Monday each month at 11AM, and the evening group meets at 6PM on the second Monday of each month; both meet in the church library.

INFANT CRADLE MINISTRY

One of our newest members, Milt Collins, has introduced us to the Infant Cradle Ministry and done the leg-work to get this ministry off the ground here at AUMC. The description of this ministry from his brochure:

In Tennessee, it is the responsibility of the parents for the disposition of their stillborn child's remains when the pregnancy terminates. In many cases, distressed and needy families face financial hardship in dealing with these requirements. In reaction to these unfortunate circumstances, AUMC launched a ministry to build and provide infant "cradles" free of charge for the transfer of the remains from Cookeville Regional Medical Center with dignity. It is our hope that these cradles will express the love of Jesus to some unknown family in a time of distress, sorrow and need."

You are all invited to be a part of this ministry. Skill sets needed are: craftsmen to assemble the cradles, knitters and seamstresses to create the lining and donors to provide funds for supplies.

More information and a sign-up sheet can be found in Fellowship Hall.



AUMC YARD SALE

Saturday, October 20 - 7AM-1PM - FLC

It's that time of year again when you can simplify your lives by gathering items that you wish to contribute to AUMC's yard sale. All proceeds benefit the Church's missions and programs.

Needed items include dishes, glassware, tools, household items, furniture, jewelry, electronics, linens, collectibles, books, tools, CDs, DVDs, home decor, gardening items, sporting goods, etc. (*NO clothing, please.*)

Please price items in multiples of 25 cents.

Donated items will be accepted in the Family Life Center:

Wednesday, October 17, from 2-5PM

Thursday, October 18, from 2-5PM

Friday, October 19, from 2-7PM

If possible, please drop off your donations in cardboard boxes. Plastic grocery bags for buyers' purchases also are needed and can be dropped off with your sale items.

Worker sign-up sheets are available in Fellowship Hall, and your help is greatly appreciated.

Remember to shop on Saturday, October 20th, as well!

Let's Make This Our Best Yard Sale Ever!

Thank You for Your Kindness!



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Sunday School - 9:45AM Worship - 10:55AM

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