



Algood Reflections

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DATES TO NOTE

12/4

Backpack Packing, 5PM,
Grace Church

12/6

Van departs FLC at 8AM for
Christmas at Beersheba

12/8

Community Breakfast, 8AM, FLC

12/9

Meet and greet new Youth Director,
Gideon Sledge, during the Sunday
School Hour in Fellowship Hall

12/16

Chancel Choir presents cantata
during worship hour

12/18

Backpack Packing, 5PM,
Grace Church

12/24

Christmas Eve Service of Lights,
4PM

GREETERS

Nadene Carter and Dennis Jones

USHERS

Jerry Barthelemy, Deloris Freitas,
David Shelton, Diana Whitener

TREASURER'S REPORT

The October balance of \$119,944.91 includes \$112,722.51 in restricted funds; leaving our actual balance at \$7,222.40. The Finance Committee recommends we maintain a balance of \$15,000.

ALONG THE JOURNEY OF FAITH...

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas! We missed fall and went straight to cold weather. Tree is up. Beginning to buy presents. Our family comes together on the 15th to celebrate. Bec and I have 4 different parties to go and enjoy. One the best parts is that my oldest sister and her family from California are coming to Cookeville after Christmas for a few days till New Year's Eve (11)! Hectic but fun.



So what is your Christmas like? Is it fun or sad, is it hectic or wonderfully quiet or just lonely? Everyone has something that we go through during Christmas. Whatever it is, just take a moment each day starting now; get a journal, write to God each day what he is doing in your life, in your family's life, in your friends' lives, and in your church's life. Make a choice to keep your thoughts toward God. Choose to have hope, to have peace, to have joy, to have love, to have Christ in your Christmas. Don't X out Christ in Christmas. He is the Only Reason for this Season. Satan wants you to dwell on all the bad in your life. Take a moment each day and replace in your heart and mind and soul those thoughts of what Christ was born for and who Christ was born for. "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11) Maybe take an Advent devotional found on the entrance table in the Sanctuary.

We have so much this month so keep up with bulletin. A couple of things coming up are:

December 9th - We will meet our new youth Director, Gideon Sledge, that morning for Sunday School, church service and he returns at 3 for youth. He will begin on January 20th when he returns from school break.

December 16th - Our choir will be presenting the Christmas Cantata, "Let Us Adore Him." I will not be preaching. Just a great morning.

Tuesday, December 24th, 4PM will be our Christmas Eve Service of Lights. Great way to enter into Christmas. Bring friends, family and neighbors to just come and enjoy this season with us at Algood.

This is just a bit of what is happening. God is so good!

Blessings to all!

Love you all. Merry Christmas from Brother Albert and Becky.



We extend our love and Christian sympathy
to the family and friends of
Bill Medley 9/26/1923 – 11/1/2018.

GIVING TREE

The UMW has a Giving Tree in Fellowship Hall to receive donations for the Blessing Box. Canned goods and paper products, along with items for warmth will be collected.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Chancel Choir will present their Christmas Cantata, "Let Us Adore Him," during the worship hour on Sunday, December 16. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to share this Christmas celebration!

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12/12 – Bryan & Donna Norrod
21/91 – Marshall & Patt Judd
26/93 – Dennis & Maxine Jones

BIRTHDAYS

11 – Lee Ann Hall
20 – Janet Marshall
24 – David Norris
31 – Jordanna Fowler

OCTOBER STEWARDSHIP

Attendance
Average Worship: 76
Average Sunday School: 21
Offering
Budget Total: \$14,509
Sunday School Total: \$58
Helping Hands: \$271.25
"In Celebration of Life!": \$0
Church Membership: 181

OCTOBER SPECIAL GIFTS

Musical Instruments Fund
In Memory of Charlotte Brendahl

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.



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

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DECEMBER SCRIPTURES

- 12/2:** Communion Sunday, First Sunday of Advent
Advent sermon series: "I Choose to Have Hope"
Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13;
Luke 21:25-36
- 12/9:** Second Sunday of Advent
Advent sermon series: "I Choose to Have Peace"
Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philipians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6
- 12/16:** Third Sunday of Advent
Advent sermon series: "I Choose to Have Joy"
Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philipians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18
- 12/23:** Fourth Sunday of Advent
Advent sermon series: "I Choose to Have Love"
Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:46b55; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45
- 12/24:** Christmas Eve
Advent sermon series: "I Choose to Have Christ"
Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20
- 12/25:** Christmas Day Scriptures for Home
Isaiah 52:7-10, Psalm 98, Hebrews 1:1-12, John 1:1-14
- 12/30:** First Sunday after Christmas Day
"I Choose to Tell the Good News" - 1 Timothy 1:15-17
1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

Reader: David Shelton

CHRISTMAS POST OFFICE

Our Youth Sunday School class is offering a valuable mailing service for Christmas greeting cards again this season. Instead of mailing your cards to other members of our Church Family, simply place your mail in the "drop box," along with a donation to the "Youth Project." Your cards will be sorted into the mail slots in lobby outside Fellowship Hall, to be picked up by recipients. Envelopes need names only, addresses not necessary. Please leave cards for currently active members only and don't forget to check for your mail!



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

There will be no UMW meetings in December. Our joint Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 1, in Fellowship Hall. Meetings will resume in the library with the morning group at 11AM on Monday, January 7 and the evening group at 6PM on Monday, January 14. All women of the church are invited to be part of this women's ministry of mission and fellowship.



*The Staff of Algood UMC
Wishes You and Your Family
A Joyous and Meaningful Christmas.*

*Pastor Albert Willis, Ashlyn Brown, Cheryl Gardner,
Dennis Jones, Maxine Jones and Janet Marshall*