



Algood Reflections

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MAY DATES

5/4

All-Church Clean-Up Day, Inside & Out, 9 AM

5/6

UMW Daytime, 11 AM, Library

5/7

Backpack Packing, 5 PM, Grace Church

5/11

Community Breakfast, 8 AM, FLC

5/12

Confirmation, 10:55 AM

5/13

UMW Evening, 6 PM, Library

5/17

Memorial Garden Work Day, 8:30 AM - ?

5/19

120-Year Anniversary Celebration, 10:30 AM

5/21

Backpack Packing, 5 PM, Grace Church

5/24

Parent's Night Out, 5:30-9:30 PM, FLC

BIBLE STUDY

Join us in the church library at 10AM on Mondays for our weekly Bible Study. All are welcome!

MARCH STEWARDSHIP

Attendance

Average Worship: 87

Average Sunday School: 17

Offering

Budget Total: \$13,157

Sunday School Total: \$55

Helping Hands: \$247

"In Celebration of Life!": \$0

Church Membership: 180

ALONG THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

As I write this newsletter I am reminded that we, as a church, are learning to be in ministry to the people of Algood and Putnam County. I am not saying we haven't done anything, but that we are beginning new ministries that serve maybe a wider group of people. Sometimes I get ahead of myself and everyone else when visioning ahead of what can happen. I was reminded of that on Sunday and very thankful for that, so let me share with you some things that we would like to propose for our sanctuary.

We are in need of an upgrade to our sound system so nursery can hear. We need more mics, sound monitors, more electricity and inputs for extra mics. We want to livestream on Facebook. Our lighting is dark and so we want to get better lighting system.

Another part is wanting to install a projector on the rafters to project words of songs and the use of videos to enhance the sermon at times. This will also be used as we move to a Thursday night service called Overflow. This will be a low key contemporary service. We will also add a flat screen TV in the annex at the side of the sanctuary and one in the nursery so worship can be seen and hear in those areas.

The third part of this is adding a raised booth in the back of the sanctuary so our sound and visual technicians can see. This booth will be also for livestream. The dimensions are 11 1/2' by 4' with 2 steps. It will go from corner of wall to the stained glass window.

Whew! I know I threw a lot at you, but I wanted share this with you. Nothing is finalized or okayed. We would love your questions and input. I am getting quotes to show the Church Council. If you have something to add, please let us know. I will love to talk to anyone that is for or against it, or just wants to know more, right after church this Sunday.

Blessings,
Brother Albert

This month is full of great things happening!

Saturday, May 4: Clean-Up Day

Sunday, May 12: Mother's Day, Graduate Recognition Day and Confirmation Day. Now that is a celebration!

Sunday, May 19: Our 120-Year Celebration – Worship at 10:30 AM, with lunch following in the FLC. Past pastors are coming to share great stories of their time here. Great music. Come early, stay late!

Sunday, May 26: Memorial Day Weekend as we celebrate and remember those who fought and gave their lives for our freedom. Brother David Norris will be our preacher for that day.



We extend our love and Christian sympathy
to the family and friends of
Johnnie Lee (5/28/36 - 4/8/19), Grandfather of Donna Norrod
Jimmie Whiteaker (6/6/1939 - 4/14/2019)

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

04/'74 – Lester & Nancy Jackson
04/'47 – Ross & Earlene Williams
10/'97 – Harry & Sherry McGugin
13/'93 – Buddy & Donna Qualls
14/'83 – Mike & Janice West
15/'10 – Charlie & Myla Matson
22/'93 – David & Jennifer Shelton
27/'95 – Mark & Janet Marshall
27/'78 – Albert & Beck Willis

MAY BIRTHDAYS

7 – Scott Brewington
8 – Dennis George
8 – Carol Welch
9 – Myla Matson
14 – Jonathan Freedle
14 – Bob Litwin
16 – Laura Hobbs
20 – Ed Black
26 – Janie Bratcher
27 – Pam George
29 – Deloris Freitas
31 – Butch Eldridge

MARCH SPECIAL GIFTS

Anniversary Celebration Fund
In Honor of
Ross & Earlene Williams

Backpack Program
In Honor of Dennis & Pam George

Memorial Fund
In Memory of Bill Romick

Memorial Garden
In Memory of Patricia Hayes

TREASURER'S REPORT

The March balance of \$144,931.47 includes \$129,763.86 in restricted funds; leaving our actual balance at \$15,167.61. The Finance Committee recommends we maintain a balance of \$15,000.

MEMORIAL GARDEN WORKDAY

We will prepare the Memorial Garden for summer on Friday, May 17. All volunteers welcome! We'll begin at 8:30 AM.



MAY SCRIPTURES

5/5: Third Sunday of Easter, Holy Communion
Acts 9:1-6; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

5/12: Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

5/19: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

5/26: Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29

Reader: Charlie Matson

ALL-CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY

We have some serious cleaning to do inside and outside the church before our anniversary celebration and need the help of all the hands we can gather! Please plan to spend some time on Saturday, May 4, helping to "Spring Clean" our buildings and grounds. We'll start at 9 AM. Bring a sack lunch if you like and any indoor or outdoor tools you like to use! "Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success." ~ Unknown



CONFIRMATION

Brittany Dishman and Ella Jane Foutch will be confirmed during worship on Mother's Day, May 12. Congratulations on this important step in your journey of faith!

CONGRATULATIONS 2019 GRADUATES!

CHS: Ashlyn Brown and Ryan Hall
UHS: Jordanna Fowler
TTU: Derek Bush, Kelly Mullinix, Hannah Summers, Hunter Summers



YOUTH NEWS FROM GIDEON

Youth will continue to have regular Sunday School in the mornings and Youth Group at 3 PM Sunday afternoons. We will be finishing up Confirmation with our Confirmands and have the Confirmation Retreat Saturday, May 11th. From there we will continue studying the Bible and finding things in the community we can do for service in Algood and at the church!

In addition, I will begin to give guitar lessons throughout the week for beginners. I specialize with kids grades 3-12, but can work with anyone with a desire to learn. Just let me know if you or your children are interested. My number is (865) 816-7852. I look forward to this summer and being in Algood with you all!

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

Friday, May 24, 2019 – 5:30-9:30 PM - FLC
A perfect opportunity to enjoy some time without the children while they also enjoy an evening out! Bring your children to the FLC for an evening of healthy activities and all-around good fun. Have a friend, neighbor or family member who could use a few hours away from the children? Let them know about our Parent's Night Out.

YOU CAN HELP!

RECYCLING ALUMINUM

The can cart beside the FLC makes recycling aluminum a simple task, and generates funds for AUMC.

NOTE: The recycler does not accept 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!

"IN CELEBRATION OF LIFE!" MISSION FUND

This fund enables us to help those in our community who are in need of assistance. 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 a card in acknowledgment.

MISPLACED YOUR NEWSLETTER?

Need to know what time the Community Breakfast starts or the scripture verses for the week? *Reflections* is available on our website at www.algoodumc.org. Add it to your Favorites, bookmark it and check back regularly!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY

Much gratitude for your thoughtful donations of time, items and energy! The Ten-Cent Clothes, Shoes and Toy Sale was a wonderful success, making a difference in the lives of all who were involved. God is well pleased with goodness and sharing (Hebrews 13:16).

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Our Sunday morning nursery is now being staffed by volunteers. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact Karen Foutch.

CHURCH VAN TRIPS

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Saturday, July 20th - Sign-Up Deadline: Sunday, May 19th

We'll see this "spectacular and enduring" Biblical story musical at the Cumberland County Playhouse, followed by dinner at Cumberland Mountain State Park. A sign-up sheet with the details is in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up by May 19th, as the reservation for this enjoyable day needs to be made early. Come and enjoy!

Bon Air Mountain, Ravenscroft, Eastland and Clifty

Saturday, June 15th - Sign-Up Deadline: Sunday, June 2nd

Betty Huehls is planning a wonderful trip to visit these White County locations with local historians providing informational commentaries. The updated excursion will begin after lunch at Miss Marendra's Tea Room in Sparta and will end with a visit to the Bon Air Mountain Historical Society Museum. Please see sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall for details. Interesting and Fun!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 16-20

Time to put VBS on your calendar! All children age 3 through youth are welcome. Invite your friends and neighbors! We begin with a light supper at 5:30 PM in the FLC and close at 8 PM. Carol Barthelemy will be looking for volunteers, so watch for sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall for you indicate how you can help.



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