



Algood Reflections

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DECEMBER 2019 – JANUARY 2020

DECEMBER DATES

12/1

Decorate sanctuary for Christmas,
9 AM

12/3

Backpack Packing, 5 PM, Grace
Church

12/7

Decorating float for Christmas
Parade, 10 AM, behind FLC

UMW Holiday Brunch, 10 AM
Fellowship Hall

Choir Christmas Caroling, 6 PM,
meet in Fellowship Hall

12/13

Algood Christmas Parade,
ends at FLC

12/14

Community Breakfast, 8 AM, FLC

12/15

Christmas Cantata presented
during worship, 10:55 AM

12/17

Backpack Packing, 5 PM, Grace
Church

12/22

Breakfast with college/career age
young people, Fellowship Hall,
9:45 AM

12/24

Christmas Eve worship, sanctuary,
6PM

12/27

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

12/23 - 12/27

Church Office *Closed*

ALONG THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

Wow! 2019 is almost done, but this last month is chocked full. Our 120 year long celebration has been so much fun with Tim Menzies, the 120 year celebration in May, the all-day singing in June, the 4 night revival in August, and our float for the Algood Christmas Parade. Great times.



So what does 2020 hold for you? Well on January 5th we have a new group of our "young" adults forming a monthly time at different homes with Lee Ann Hall's home to start. Time is 6:30. You are invited. Then on January 8th begins our Wednesday night Alpha which means "beginning" meal begins at 5:30 and then our breakout classes will start around 6:15. Ending at 7:30. Pickups are available. Surveys will be in bulletin a couple more weeks. Lastly, we have Thursday night Overflow service coming in 2020. Watch for our announcement.

This year let's pray for real growth in our church, spiritually and numerically. If we will pray and remember to be the giver of thanks then God will be right there in the midst of us. We need all of us to stand together strong.

Caught by his amazing grace!
Brother Albert

DECEMBER SCRIPTURES

12/1: First Sunday of Advent, Holy Communion
Jeremiah 33:14-16; Matthew 24:36-44

12/8: Second Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 40:3-5; Matthew 3:1-12

12/15: Third Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 9:6-7; Matthew 11:2-11

12/22: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Luke 2:10-14; Matthew 1:18-25

12/29: First Sunday after Christmas Day
Isaiah 63:7-9; Matthew 2:13-23

JANUARY SCRIPTURES

1/5: Epiphany Sunday, Holy Communion
Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12

1/12: Baptism of the Lord
Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-17

1/19: Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40: 1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

1/26: Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23

Reader: Charlie Matson

HOLIDAY HOURS

The church office will be closed the week of December 23-27. For pastoral care, please call David Norris at 537-6747. Pastor Pat Smith will be here for Christmas Eve worship.

JANUARY DATES

1/5

Young Adults, 6 PM,
Lee Ann Hall's Home,

1/6

UMW Daytime, 11 AM, Library

1/7

Backpack Packing, 5 PM, Grace Church

1/8

Alpha, Fellowship Hall,
5:30-7:30 PM

1/11

Community Breakfast, 8 AM, FLC

1/13

UMW Evening, 6 PM, Library

1/21

Backpack Packing, 5 PM, Grace Church

1/24

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

1/26

Church Council, 5 PM, Library

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12/12 – Bryan & Donna Norrod

21/91 – Marshall & Patt Judd

26/93 – Dennis & Maxine Jones

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 – Parker Foutch
4 – Bill Pearson
7 – Syd Byrd
9 – Ross Williams
19 – Gideon Sledge
21 – Carol Barthelemy
21 – George Brendahl
30 – Marshall Judd

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

The Chancel Choir invites anyone interested to join in Christmas caroling on Saturday, December 7. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 6 PM.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Chancel Choir will present their Christmas Cantata, "The Advent of Hope, The Birth of Peace," during the worship hour on Sunday, December 15. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to share this Christmas celebration!



IN SYMPATHY

We extend our love and Christian sympathy to family and friends of Mary Lou Thomas, who died on November 19.

WARMTH IN WINTER GRATITUDE

Caring, compassionate, thoughtful, generous - These are descriptors of the Algood United Methodist Church family. Your gifts of winter clothing and wonderful handmade hats have brought joy as well as warmth to the children and youth of Algood Elementary, Algood Middle and Jere Whitson Schools. Thank you very much for your kindness.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

There will be no UMW meetings in December. The combined groups will share a Holiday Brunch in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, December 7, at 10 AM. Meetings will resume in the library with the morning group at 11AM on Monday, January 6 and the evening group at 6PM on Monday, January 13.

All women of the church are invited to be part of this women's ministry of mission and fellowship. Join us in the Library at the meeting time best for you!

CHRISTMAS POST OFFICE

Our Youth Sunday School class will again be offering a valuable mailing service for Christmas greeting cards this season. Instead of mailing your Christmas cards to other members of our Church Family, simply place your mail in the provided "drop box," along with a donation to the "Youth Project." Your cards will be sorted into the mail slots in Fellowship Hall to be picked up by recipients. Envelopes need names only, addresses are not necessary.

Please leave cards for currently active members only and don't forget to check for your mail!

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

Friday, December 27, 2019 and Friday, January 24, 2020
5:30-9:30 PM - FLC

Bring your children for an evening of healthy activities and all-around good fun. Let your friends and neighbors know about our Parent's Night Out.

2020 ALTAR FLOWERS

You are invited to place flowers on the altar for Sunday worship in 2020. A sign-up sheet is available in Fellowship Hall for you to indicate which Sunday and what occasion/person you would like to honor.

OCTOBER SPECIAL GIFTS

*Infant Cradle Ministry: In Honor of
Milt & Mary Jane Collins*

TREASURER'S REPORT

The October balance of \$122,958.10 includes \$112,924.50 in restricted funds; leaving our actual balance at \$10,033.60. The Finance Committee recommends we maintain a balance of \$15,000.

OCTOBER STEWARDSHIP

Attendance

Average Worship: 64

Average Sunday School: 15

Offering

Budget Total: \$12,700

Sunday School Total: \$38.50

Helping Hands: \$216

"In Celebration of Life!": \$0

Church Membership: 184

WEEKLY EVENTS

ALL Welcome!

YOUTH GROUP

Sundays, 3 - 4:30 PM, Youth Room

CHANCEL CHOIR

Sundays, 5 PM, Sanctuary

New voices are always welcome
and invited to join!

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 10 AM, Library

NON-DENOMINATIONAL BIBLE STUDY/DISCUSSION

Tuesdays, 5:45-7 PM, Library

COMPASS POINTS

Tuesdays, 7 PM, Library

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Thursdays, Noon - 1 PM, Library
Please bring a sack lunch.

NEW IN 2020!

YOUNG ADULTS

Beginning on January 5, a group of our young adults (unretired) will be meeting monthly in the homes of members. Lee Ann Hall will host the first gathering in her home at 115 East Fourth Street in Cookeville at 6:30 PM. You are invited to join this group and help decide the direction we will go!

ALPHA

Our Wednesday night Alpha (which means beginning) will start meeting on January 8. A shared meal will begin at 5:30 PM and breakout classes will start around 6:15 PM, with ending at 7:30 PM. Pickups are available, just call or email the church office. Everyone is invited to be a part of this! Interest surveys will be in the bulletin for a couple more weeks, please complete one and drop it in the collection plate.

The Staff of Algood UMC Wishes
You and Your Family A Joyous
and Meaningful Christmas
and a Happy New Year!



Pastor Albert Willis, Cheryl Gardner, Dennis Jones,
Maxine Jones, Janet Marshall, Gideon Sledge



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Sunday School 9:45 AM

Worship 10:55 AM

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