



# Algood Reflections

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **Sundays**

Worship, 10:55 AM, FLC

### **Tuesdays**

Bible Study, 10 AM, FLC

### **Wednesdays**

Beginning 9-9-20

Children/Youth, 5:30 PM, FLC

### **Thursdays**

Women's Prayer Group, Noon,  
Library

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY

21/85 – Ken & Virginia Sircy

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 – Brittany Dishman  
3 – Debi Ford  
6 – Rhonda Bowling-Black  
8 – Tom Pointer  
13 – Kelly Bush  
23 – Donna Norrod  
25 – Becky Greer  
26 – Paula Lafever  
26 – Edith Rector  
27 – Tim Ford

## JULY STEWARDSHIP

Attendance

Average Worship:

Offering

Budget Total: \$8,077.51

Helping Hands: \$90

"In Celebration of Life!": \$0

Church Membership: 185

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The July balance of \$119,608.69 includes \$110,021.87 in restricted funds; leaving our actual balance at \$9,586.82. The Finance Committee recommends we maintain a balance of \$15,000.

## ALONG THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

During the week I have been sharing about how Joseph persevered many years through his life by being steadfast in his love for God. He was thrown away by his brothers. They lied to his father about being dead. Joseph is sold as a slave to Potiphar's wife who lied about Joseph making advances toward her. He was sent to Jail for years until his God-given ability to interpret dreams help release him from there to second in command of Egypt. When his family finally all came back together and lived in Egypt, Joseph replied to them (Genesis 50:19-20) "Joseph said to them, Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive." God will use everything that comes our way, as long as we keep God before us and keep our thoughts his thoughts. We keep our eyes on the cross.

God is present in our problems... acknowledge his presence. God is preparing us in the process... allow him to work His love inside you so He truly can prepare you. God will repurpose our pain... what does repurpose mean? Well it means modifying it to fit a new purpose or using it for a purpose other than its original intended purpose... to reuse, remodel, recover, save, recycle. So how will God repurpose our pain? Not sure... it is according to where God wants you.

We are looking at repurposing our pain. Our children/youth program is returning with masks available... maybe a second service for those who prefer masks mandatory. Keeping our 10:54 AM service as masks available... creating Sunday School for adults masks mandatory... we already have an adult Bible study. When it gets cooler, maybe we have a drive-in service every so often. And is there another way to give our tithe... not sure... we have 3 ways.

Lastly, I just want each of you to know how much God is present with us and that we are in the middle of repurposing our pain for the Glory of the Lord! Trade that pain and sorrow for the joy of the Lord. Just say Yes, Lord!!!!

Brother Albert

## SEPTEMBER SCRIPTURES

- 9-6:** Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Holy Communion  
Exodus 12:1-4; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20
- 9/13:** Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Exodus 14:19-31; Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21; Romans 14:1-12;  
Matthew 18:21-35
- 9/20:** Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1:21-30;  
Matthew 20:1-16
- 9/27:** Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13;  
Matthew 21:23-32

## **CHILDREN / YOUTH NEWS!**

Beginning on Wednesday, September 9, we will meet in the FLC from 5:30-7:30 PM. All elementary through high school age students are invited. We'll share a light meal and break into groups for age-appropriate activities. Masks are available, not mandatory. Bring a friend!

## **JUNE-JULY SPECIAL GIFTS**

### *Memorials*

In Memory of Willie Arms,  
Enloe & Frances Speck,  
Louise Speck, Nancy Speck

### *Budget*

In Honor of Patt & Marshall Judd

## **ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

September 18-19

Our delegates are Garrett and Marie Dick, at-large delegate is Patricia Cass.

Annual Conference is on-line and this year we are voting on our merger with Memphis Conference. If voted yes, we will become the Tennessee/Western Kentucky Conference by September 2021. This takes a lot of execution of how we merge our pension and insurance because we did it differently. Nothing else will be voted on until after our General Conference, which was postponed until September 2021.

## **EMAIL CHANGE**

After continuing issues with our Frontier email address, we are switching to g-mail. Please use [algoodumc@gmail.com](mailto:algoodumc@gmail.com) to reach the church office. Thanks!

## **CONNECTING WITH AUMC**

Join the AUMC Facebook page to stay in touch with AUMC family and friends. Brother Albert posts daily messages and music as well.

## **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day.

## **CHANGES ARE COMING!!!!**

After church each week we have begun having short sessions to discuss what is going on and try to get a feel for what our church wants to do. We are looking at having a Sunday 8 AM, mask mandatory worship service as our current 10:55 AM service will now be mask available/not mandatory.

We need help with different aspects of our church. Nadene Carter sent out an email about our backpack ministry and that we did not have enough volunteers to sustain it at this time. She also announced her stepping down as chair of our Outreach/Witness committee. Whew! Those are huge shoes to fill! Nadene has fulfilled that job with excellence and we will miss her in that capacity. Nadene we love you so much. Thank you from depths of my heart and I know from the church as well. She has offered to help whoever steps up and takes this position. So with that said, we will begin immediately searching for our next Outreach/Witness chairperson. Call me or the church office.

## **WORSHIP SERVICE**

We are gathering in the FLC for our Sunday worship service at 10:55 AM. *Masks are available, not mandatory.* We practice social distancing and use of hand sanitizer. Anyone not yet ready for in-person worship is invited to continue drive-in worship in our parking lot, broadcast on 88.1 FM. Invite your friends and family to share worship with us.

Brother Albert does a weekday Facebook live message at 7 AM, if technology cooperates. If you can't join live, check it out whenever convenient for you:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/117570711593816/>

## **GIVING TO AUMC**

Even though we're not able to gather in the sanctuary to celebrate God's Word, the mission of AUMC goes on, expenses continue. We are cutting back everywhere we can, but it is important to keep up with our giving. We have options for keeping current with our stewardship during this period of social distancing! Electronic giving is available on our website, and is easier than before. On our website, [algoodumc.org](http://algoodumc.org), click on "Giving to AUMC" at the top of the home page and fill out the info. It's much like checking out at Amazon! To make our mail more secure since we're not in the office every day, we now have a post office box: AUMC - PO Box #49174 - Algood TN 38506



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