



Algood Reflections

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sundays

Worship, 10:55 AM, FLC

Tuesdays

Bible Study, 10 AM, Library

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

4/'80 – Roger & Nancy Flatt
6/'01 – Ed & Rhonda B-Black
6/'67 – Lloyd & Brenda Johnson
10/'92 – Chris & Sonya B-Brown
14/'67 – Jerry & Edith Rector
26/'15 – Garrett & Marie Dick

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

7 – Nadene Carter
8 – Roy Byrd
11 – David Shelton
14 – Darya Shelton
24 – Mary Jane Collins
24 – John-Riley Shelton
25 – Lloyd Johnson
29 – Doris Romick

AUGUST STEWARDSHIP

Attendance

Average Worship: 20

Offering

Budget Total: \$11,173.71

Helping Hands: \$40

“In Celebration of Life!”: \$75

Church Membership: 183

TREASURER'S REPORT

The August balance of \$119,247.39 includes \$108,956.08 in restricted funds; leaving our actual balance at \$10,291.31. The Finance Committee recommends we maintain a balance of \$15,000.

ALONG THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

This has been a year of change. We did not ask for it, but it came nevertheless. And with that said, it is time to begin again, to look ahead, and to search for our calling as Algood UMC. We are the church and we are called to go and share the love of God through Jesus Christ.

We just approved our 2021 budget and it is around \$30,000 less than last year. We will have monetary help from equitable compensation through the Tennessee Conference.

Our Mennonite friends, Weaverland Disaster Service, are returning the first of November through May. They will be helping us with repair around our church while here to assist tornado rebuilding for our county. Also, Inspiritus will be here to clean on Fridays and pay us monthly for Mennonites using our FLC on weekdays.

All of this is a win/win situation for us. We also voted to have two services on October 25: *Mask Only* from 10:55 to 11:45, and *Mask Optional* at Noon, both in the FLC. Then we will vote to decide to either keep it this way or do something else. Please come to the service that suits you. With that said, we need anyone that would help in the service. Please call the church office.

These are exciting times! Join us and invite others. New people are coming because they are looking. We have lost some dear friends and others are looking for a new place here. God bless you. Pray for the church. God is so good.

Brother Albert

OCTOBER SCRIPTURES

- 10/4:** Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Holy Communion
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14;
Matthew 21:33-46
- 10/11:** Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9;
Matthew 22:1-14
- 10/18:** Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10;
Matthew 22:15-22
- 10/25:** Reformation Sunday
Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8;
Matthew 22:34-46



IN SYMPATHY

We extend our love and Christian sympathy to family and friends of Earlene Williams, who died on September 22.

AUGUST SPECIAL GIFTS

"In Celebration of Life!"

In Honor of
Jerry and Carol Barthelemy

Memorials

In Memory of
Syd Byrd, Dorothy Willis

*Memorial Garden Permanent
Endowment Fund*

In Honor of
Nadene Carter, Ernestine Edwards
In Memory of
Kenneth Carter, Bill Edwards

EMAIL CHANGE

After continuing issues with our Frontier email address, we are switching to g-mail. Please use 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.

GIVING TO AUMC

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. Electronic giving is available on our website, and is easier than before. On our website, 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, we now have a post office box: AUMC - PO Box #49174 - Algood TN 38506

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HELEN'S CORNER by Helen Metz

When Bro. Albert saw me sitting in my corner, he suggested I get out of that secluded place and engage in communication with others. Social distancing has cluttered "my corner." I have started to become a lump under the dust. (I really don't like to dust anymore.) No one comes to me and I don't go anywhere. So I stay safely in my corner, covered in dust and cob webs.

I really don't like spiders. I swat at them and they seem to run away. But, next thing I know they are back. How should I get rid of them? Maybe if I start moving more. Maybe if I tear down the webs they have made. Maybe if someone else can help me get rid of those spiders?

What did I just see? One of those bugs that have so many legs I can't count them. I seem to remember that they like to eat spiders. But, I don't like them either. They are still bugs. I guess I better move from that corner.

So it is with our relationship with God, Christ and the Holy Spirit. We were meant to be social creatures. That's why God made us. He gave us choices of whether to go or stay. He was saddened by the choices we made. He gave us rules which we did not follow. So He sent His Son to save us from the webs we helped create. He sent us the Holy Spirit that we could have a personal relationship and a guide. We were, and are blessed by all He has done.

As we escape our personal corners, let us each count our many blessings and thank God for every one of them. Maybe even share your blessing story with others.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars: our Charge Conference has been scheduled for November 1, at 1 PM. Everyone is invited to participate, but Church Council members need to participate. It will be done via Zoom meeting with audio and video or conference call with just audio. All required information will be sent closer to the date.

Copies of reports will be sent to Church Council members prior to the meeting. Anyone else interested in receiving copies of reports should request them by calling the church office at 537-6111 or email at algoodumc@gmail.com by October 28.

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.

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Brother Albert does a weekday Facebook live message at 7 AM, if technology cooperates. If you can't join live, check it out whenever it is convenient for you:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/117570711593816/>



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135 West Main Street ~ Algood TN 38506
Sunday Worship at 10:55 AM