



Algood Reflections

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DECEMBER 2020 – JANUARY 2021

DECEMBER DATES

12/5

Free Drive-thru Community
Breakfast, 9 AM, FLC

12/24

Christmas Eve Communion, 4 PM,
sanctuary

12/23 - 12/27

Church Office *Closed*

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 DATES

1/20

Alpha Gathering, 5:30 PM,
Fellowship Hall

1/31

Church Council, 5:30 PM,
FLC

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 – Parker Foutch

4 – Bill Pearson

9 – Ross Williams

21 – Carol Barthelemy

21 – George Brendahl

30 – Marshall Judd

ALONG THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

Christmas is coming! My HOPE in Christ returning... my LOVE for you and this community and our family and our church... my JOY of knowing I have a savior, Christ my Lord... my PEACE for our country and world... This is Advent!!!!

Caught by His Amazing Grace,
Brother Albert

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

This coming Saturday, 12-5-20, at 9 AM, we will be serving a free breakfast to the first 125 people in the community who drive up and receive to-go boxes.

We will also serve about 10 AUMC members who are home bound.

We need your help. Cooking begins at 6 AM.

DECEMBER SCRIPTURES

12/6: Second Sunday of Advent, Holy Communion
Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-23; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

12/13: Third Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24;
John 1:6-8, 19-28

12/20: Fourth Sunday of Advent
2 Samuel 7:1-11; Luke 1:47-55; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

12/24: Christmas Eve
Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

12/25: Christmas Day
Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4; John 1:1-14

12/27: First Sunday after Christmas Day
Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

JANUARY SCRIPTURES

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

1/10: Baptism of the Lord
Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

1/17: Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

1/24: Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a;
Luke 4:14-21

1/31: Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

OCTOBER SPECIAL GIFTS

Memorials – Earlene Williams
Memorial Garden – Paul Fehr

TREASURER'S REPORT

The October balance of \$133,129 includes \$109,400 in restricted funds; leaving our actual balance at \$23,729. The Finance Committee recommends we maintain a balance of \$15,000.

OCTOBER STEWARDSHIP

Attendance
Average Worship: 27
Offering
Budget Total: \$9,421
TN Conference: \$14,000
Helping Hands: \$105
"In Celebration of Life!": \$0
Church Membership : 179

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

2021 ALTAR FLOWERS

You are invited to place flowers on the altar for Sunday worship. A sign-up sheet for 2021 is available in Fellowship Hall for you to indicate which Sunday and what occasion/person you would like to honor or memorialize.

Website: www.algoodumc.org
E-Mail: algoodumc@gmail.com

ADVENT SERIES – CHRISTMAS AT THE MOVIES

First Sunday: 11/29 - "Elf" - Hope
Second Sunday: 12/6 - "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" - Love (Faith)
Third Sunday: 12/13 - "Home Alone" - Joy (Shepherds)
Fourth Sunday : 12/20 - "It's A Wonderful Life" - Peace (Angels)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

You are invited to join one of the Sunday School classes that have begun meeting at 9:45 on Sunday mornings. The Diversified Class, meeting in Fellowship Hall, is studying the book of Psalms. The Faithstrong Class, meeting in the library, is studying the book of John.

HELEN'S CORNER by Helen Metz

I have a corner shelf that my mother made in a college woodworking class. It was in my grandmother's bedroom with her special things on it. Just as we hand things down generation to generation we also hand down traditions and beliefs. Christmas is one of those traditions here. It is the cornerstone of the beginning of winter. It brings us to the threshold of belief as the world goes or by our religious belief in life everlasting. It is the advent of our Savior and Redeemer. As we celebrate the birth of our Jesus we acknowledge our need for God's saving grace.

SHARE THE WARMTH!

Time to gather clothing items for children in our local schools without proper winter clothing. Donations of clothing may be placed in Fellowship Hall through December 6, and will be delivered to the schools. Thank you!

ITEMS NEEDED in sizes 4-16, boys and girls New Jackets, Coats, Socks, Sweatpants, Sweatshirts, Sweatshirt Jackets, Long-Sleeved T-Shirts, Gloves, Scarves and Hats

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.

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

These devotionals are also posted on our website on the Sermon and Devotions tab. www.algoodumc.org

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

Pastor Albert Willis,
Cheryl Gardner and Janet Marshall



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Sunday School 9:45 AM

Worship 10:55 AM