



Algood Reflections

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DATES TO NOTE

WEEKLY

Bible Study, Tuesdays, 10 AM,
Library

Journey into Prayer, Tuesdays,
11:30 AM, Library

Alpha Gathering, Wednesdays,
5:30 PM, FLC

MONTH

11/7

Church Council, 5:30 PM,
Library

11/11

Charge Conference, 6 PM,
Brotherton UMC

11/13

UM Women, 10 AM,
Fellowship Hall

11/14

Choir, 5 PM, Sanctuary
Souljourners, 6 PM, TBD

11/21

Choir, 5 PM, Sanctuary

11/27

Decorate church for Advent, 10
AM, fellowship Hall

TREASURER'S REPORT

The September balance of \$141,506 includes \$130,476 in restricted funds; leaving our actual balance at \$11,031. The Finance Committee recommends we maintain a balance of \$15,000.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Ends 2 AM on 11-7-21

Set clocks back before going to bed on Saturday night!

ALONG THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

The year 2021 could come down as The Coronavirus: Part 2! Last year we thought in a couple of months it will slowly go away. Make it 4 months, 6... well 8 or maybe 10... What did you think? Hmm... so far about 20 and counting. The church was rocked out of its shoes (or buildings) and just wandering around at home or sometimes outside hoping for our normal life back. People lost jobs and work life was upended and totally changed our way of life. With social unrest, the presidency, and oh yeah, just a little thing that happened in our county called a tornado, it all came together like a tsunami. Then life happened around that with family and friends passing away. Where is God? Did he go on a vacation? Did you feel like God was trying to tell us something? Well God, in His sovereignty, considered it as part of His curse on the world after the fall of Adam and Eve to give Satan a huge power in this world. Satan does not have ultimate power. God and Satan are not fighting it out. God is God! The power of the cross in Christ took away Satan's only weapon against us and that is no unforgiven sin anymore. In Luke 4:6, Satan tried to persuade Christ to work with him, but he said no and this was a defining moment for all who believe in Christ as savior. So with whatever comes our way we are more than conquerors in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Caught by His amazing grace!
Brother Albert

NOVEMBER SCRIPTURES

11/7: Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost, All Saints, Holy Communion
Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

11/14: Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
1 Samuel 1:4-20; Psalm 113; Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

11/21: Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Christ the King
2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

11/28: First Sunday of Advent
Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:110; Thessalonians 3:9-13;
Luke 21:25-36

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

We will observe All Saints Sunday with a special Service of Remembrance on November 7. If you wish for us to include the name(s) of your loved one(s), who have died this past year, please call the church office by 10AM on Wednesday, November 3.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Our Charge Conference is at 6 PM on Thursday, November 11, at Brotherton UMC. Everyone is invited, but Church Council members *should* participate.

**NOVEMBER
ANNIVERSARY**

9/19 – Derek & Kelly Bush

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 – Abigail Brown
15 – Gertha Medley
22 – Marie Dick
26 – Glenna Litwin
27 – Albert Willis

**SEPTEMBER
STEWARDSHIP**

Attendance
Average Worship: 27
Sunday School: 9
Offering
Budget Total: \$20,200
Helping Hands: \$50
"In Celebration of Life!": \$0
Church Membership: 174

**SEPTEMBER SPECIAL
GIFTS**

*"In Celebration of Life!" Fund
In Memory of Laura Burnsworth*

*Memorial Garden
In Memory of Kenneth Carter,
Paul Fehr & Patricia Hayes*

UNITED METHODIST MEN

All men of the church are invited to be part of this group. We need to know your preference for meeting time and day. How does 8 AM on a Saturday sound? Let Ron Metz or the church office know.

**SANCTUARY BUILDING
REPAIR NOTE:**

We have accepted the bid from Fitts Outdoor Cleaning to do the necessary work. They will put us on their schedule and anticipate being able to begin by December. Your gifts to cover the expense of this project are being gratefully accepted and most appreciated.

HELEN'S CORNER by Helen Metz

Are you living a low-sodium spiritual life? Have you put the spiritual shaker in the corner? God said that we are the salt of the world. Since God made us the salt or the opportunities to bring His story of salvation to the world, we can't stay in our hiding places. Remember that salt adds flavor only when mixed with food. So we best get out of our corner and share the story of Jesus!

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

POINSETTIAS

You are invited to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary for the Advent season in honor or memory of a loved one. The cost is \$8. Please have payment and information in the church office by 10AM on Monday, November 22.
PS – anyone interested in helping to decorate the church for the Advent season should meet in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, 11-27, at 10 AM.

CHOIR

The choir rehearsal schedule is: November 14, 21 and December 5 at 5 PM. We may possibly have a quick rehearsal on Saturday December 18 at 11 AM. We will present the Cantata on December 19 during worship. Everyone interested in providing vocal or instrumental music is invited to join us!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Our next meeting will be Saturday, November 13, at 10 AM in Fellowship Hall. We will have election of officers. All women of the church are invited to be part of our United Methodist Women.

WEDNESDAY'S ALPHA GATHERING

"Alpha Gathering" for the whole family!
We gather for a weekly meal each Wednesday at 5:30 PM in the Family Life Center followed by fun activities for the whole family from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall so we have the correct number for meal planning. We are watching the second season of "The Chosen."



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Sunday School 9:45 AM Worship 10:55 AM

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