



# Algood Reflections

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**APRIL 2023**

## **DATES TO NOTE**

### **WEEKLY**

**Alpha Gathering**, Wednesdays,  
5:30 PM, FLC

**Bible Study**, Tuesdays, 10 AM,  
Library

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

**Sunday School Classes**, 9:45 AM

Adult:

Faith Strong, FLC classroom  
New Beginnings, Library

Children:

Trackers of Truth, Room 7,  
Upstairs Education Wing

### **MONTH OF APRIL**

**4/1**

UWF (UMW), 10 AM, Library

**4/2**

Palm Sunday, Confirmation

**4/5**

NO Alpha Gathering

**4/6**

Alpha Meal, 5:30 PM, FLC

Maundy Thursday Worship,  
6:30 PM

**4/8**

Easter Egg Hunt, 10 AM,  
Church Yard

**4/9**

Easter Services  
Sunrise, 6:30 AM,  
Memorial Garden

Easter Worship, 10:55 AM

**4/15**

Spring Yard Sale, 8-Noon, FLC

**4/30**

Fifth Sunday Dinner, FLC  
Church Council, 5:30, Library

## **ALONG THE JOURNEY OF FAITH**

On your mark! Get set! Go!!!

And we are off!! That is what April is all about... A whirlwind month of activities with new memberships, many baptisms, April yard sale, renovation celebration on the 5th Sunday...God is with us...revival is in the air all over the world, but then our country is being hit with one natural disaster after another. Satan is trying to change our hearts and minds to be in such despair with senseless killings, but in the great and the horrible, our God is right here with us. "Be not dismayed whatever be tide. God will take of you and me." We have a home already prepared for us. That is why these 4 Baptisms on Sunday are our time of hallelujah. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

I hope by now that you all know that I will be retiring the end of June. There will be a retirement party on Sunday 25th of June. Please come. You are invited.

Blessings,  
Brother Albert

## **APRIL SCRIPTURES**

**4/2:** Palm Sunday, Holy Communion, Confirmation

Liturgy of the Palms: Matthew 21:1-11, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;

Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27

**4/6:** Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26;  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**4/7:** Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

**4/9:** Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18

**4/16:** Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

**4/23:** Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23;  
Luke 24:13-35

**4/30:** Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

Reader: Helen Metz

## **APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

5/04 – Matt & Crystal Dishman  
27/58 – Milt & Mary Jane Collins

## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

4 – Avery Brown  
9 – Charlie Matson  
12 – Hollie Shelton  
16 – Janna Greer  
16 – Jerry Rector  
19 – Helen Metz  
21 – Barbara Whitaker  
22 – Abigail Maxwell  
23 – Deborah Maxwell  
28 – Linda Smithers

## **FEBRUARY STEWARDSHIP**

Attendance  
Average Worship: 43

Offering  
Budget Total: \$9,608  
Helping Hands: \$95  
“In Celebration of Life!”: \$0  
Church Membership: 159

## **TREASURER’S REPORT**

The February balance of \$75,592 includes \$103,238 in restricted funds; leaving our actual balance at -\$27,646. The Finance Committee recommends we maintain a balance of \$15,000.

## **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.

<https://algoodumc.org>

## **EASTER LILIES**

You are invited to place a lily in the sanctuary for Easter in honor or memory of a loved one at a cost of \$9 each. Payment and information must be in the church office by 10AM on Wednesday, April 5. Flowers may be taken home following Easter worship.

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## **COMMUNITY HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

April 3-7 at Cumberland First Presbyterian Church - 565 East Tenth Street, Cookeville. Service at Noon followed by lunch.

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## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

April 2: Palm Sunday, Confirmation  
April 6: Alpha Meal, 5:30 PM, FLC  
Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30 PM  
April 8: Easter Egg Hunt, 10AM  
April 9: Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, 6:30 AM  
Easter Sunday Service, 10:55 AM

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## **EASTER EGG HUNT**

Our Children’s Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 8, at 10 AM. Please bring a dozen filled plastic eggs to be hidden and your basket to collect them in. Hiding will begin at 10 AM, the hunt will begin at 10:15.

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## **HELEN’S CORNER by Helen Metz**

Have you really considered the box? Boxes come in all shapes and sizes. They also are made of different materials. They are made to hold or contain things. Boxes can be made smaller after some fashion. People sometimes are like boxes. Some are always open, while others are always closed. Some are empty. Some we know what is inside. Others are full of surprises just waiting to be opened. As Christians, we come together and explore what God has given each of us. We come in all shapes and sizes and in all kinds of ways. We welcome getting to know God and each other.

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## **UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH (UMW)**

Change keeps us on our toes! Right? Because of holiday events, our April meeting is (tomorrow) April 1, at the usual time of 10 AM. We are meeting in the library so that we do not disturb the quilt showing in the sanctuary. Our hostess is Laura Hobbs. Program will be the opportunity to attend the quilt exhibits. All women of the church are welcome!

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## **WEDNESDAY’S ALPHA GATHERING**

*No Gathering on April 5, but please share a meal on April 6.*

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.

Menus for April include chicken and rice casserole, sandwiches, teriyaki chicken and a hotdog and brats bar. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall so we have the correct number for meal planning. All welcome!



**Algood United Methodist Church**

**135 West Main Street ~ Algood TN 38506**

**Sunday School 9:45 AM**

**Worship 10:55 AM**

**Website: [www.algoodumc.org](http://www.algoodumc.org)**

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# AUMC FUN-RAISER SPRING YARD SALE

**Saturday, April 15**  
**8 AM until Noon**  
**Family Life Center**



FIND items you want to donate:

- Light-weight furniture (NO large furniture or appliances)
- *Items that are clean and in good working order*
- Children's clothes (most items will be 25¢ each)
- Adult coats and jackets (please price them)

PRICE each item with masking tape in increments of 25¢

BRING your priced items to the FLC on:

Sunday	4/2	after worship until 12:15 PM
Sunday	4/9	after worship until 12:15 PM
Wednesday	4/12	5-6 PM
Thursday	4/13	2:30-6 PM
Friday	4/14	2:30-6 PM

BAKED GOODS: We will have home-baked goods (cookies, cupcakes, etc.) and "Breakfast Bites" (snack size muffins, donuts, sausages, etc.) for sale in the kitchen. If you can bring individually wrapped baked goods or "Breakfast Bites" Friday afternoon or Saturday before 8 AM, please contact Becky Willis at 615-585-9573 or Becky Greer at 931-349-9202



VOLUNTEERS are needed: Receivers, Meet-ers and Greet-ers, Floaters, Straighten-up-ers, Cashiers and Baggers. Please see sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

CRAFT ITEMS FOR SALE: Mother's Day gifts, garden, spring and summer crafts, fairy gardens and more.

Thank you! AUMC Outreach/Witness Committee