



# Algood Reflections

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**AUGUST 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 AUGUST**

**8/5**

Weed Pulling, 8 AM

**8/12**

UWF (UMW), 10 AM,  
Fellowship Hall

**8/13**

Youth Bake Sale

**8/16**

Alpha Gathering resumes

**8/20**

Youth Game Night, 5 PM,  
Fellowship Hall

**8/27**

Church Council, 5:30 PM, Library

## **JUNE STEWARDSHIP**

Attendance

Average Worship: 45

Online: 84

Sunday School: 18

Offering

Budget Total: \$8,045

Helping Hands: \$88

"In Celebration of Life!": \$0

Church Membership: 155

## **ALONG THE JOURNEY OF FAITH**

To Serve & Be Served

I've been reflecting on the importance of serving others and how it contributes to our spiritual growth. By serving others, we extend God's grace and demonstrate His love in tangible ways. True service should never come with strings attached, as it is not an economic transaction.

It's essential to recognize that being served is just as important as serving others. Some people may prefer to appear strong and independent, but there are times when we all need to lean on others. Pride and isolation can be detrimental, so it's crucial to be humble and open to asking for help when needed. I must admit that I have not always been a good example of this. Last year, I suffered an injury that prevented me from doing certain things. Instead of seeking help from others, I hired someone.

There are times when professional help is necessary, such as therapists, landscapers, electricians, and plumbers. But there are also times when we just need a listening ear, a helping hand, or a shoulder to lean on. By not reaching out for help, we deprive others of the opportunity to receive a blessing. I know that in the future, I will try to be better about seeking help when I need it, and I encourage you to do the same.

Galatians 6:2 "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

God Bless You,  
Brother Don

P.S. Stephanie and I would like to express our gratitude for the warm welcome and hospitality we have received since our arrival. We are grateful for all of you and are honored to be serving alongside such wonderful individuals. Thank you for your kindness. Bro. Don Terry.

## **AUGUST SCRIPTURES**

**8/6:** Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Holy Communion  
Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

**8/13:** Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15;  
Matthew 14:22-23

**8/20:** Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32;  
Matthew 15:21-28

**8/27:** Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

### **YOUTH BAKE SALE**

The Youth will have a bake sale before worship service on Sunday, August 13, with proceeds going to curriculum for Alpha Youth.

### **AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

15/69 – John & Patricia Cass  
17/19 – Tim & Debi Ford

### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

2 – Ron Metz  
6 – Jamison Freedle  
12 – Stephanie Terry  
13 – Sandra Eldridge  
14 – Reba Ford  
15 – RJ Freedle

### **JUNE SPECIAL GIFTS**

*General Fund  
In Honor of  
Patricia Cass  
Marshall Judd*

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The June balance of \$63,872 includes \$96,675 in restricted funds; leaving our actual balance at -\$31,803. The Finance Committee recommends we maintain a balance of \$15,000.

### **FRIENDS AND FAMILY DIRECTORY**

Time to update our directory!  
Please advise the church office of any changes or corrections to your entry. *Deadline to make changes is Thursday, August 24, 2023.*

### **SUNDAY HELP NEEDED**

We are in need of additional people to assist with teaching the children's Sunday School class. The schedule would be arranged with Becky Greer and Patricia Cass. We also need people to staff the nursery during worship when needed. This would be on a rotating on-call type situation. Please indicate where you can help on the sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

### **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**

The Trustees are asking for your help pulling weeds around the facilities on Saturday morning, 8/5, at 8 AM. Remember, many hands make light work!

### **FILL-THE-VAN FOR HELPING HANDS**

It's time for our August FILL-THE-VAN project to gather additional donations for Helping Hands. In Putnam County, hunger is still a very serious concern for many. Monetary and food/dry goods donations will be gratefully received each Sunday in August and will be given to Helping Hands. Please make checks payable to AUMC with the notation Fill-the-Van. As people of faith, let us feed those who hunger. Thank you!

### **ALPHA GATHERING RETURNS!**

Wednesday, August 16 - 5:30 PM - FLC

Following a shared meal we break out into a group for adults and a group for children. The adults will view and discuss "The Chosen." Children's activities include Bible stories, crafts and games. You can choose to come for the meal, the breakout, or both and you can attend each week, or whenever best fits your schedule. All are welcome! The menus for August include smoked pork chops, meatballs w/pasta, and chicken tenders. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend so we can have the correct number of meals. **HELP NEEDED:** We are in need of people to help prepare and serve the meal and clean up after. Please indicate on sign-up sheet how you can help.

### **YOUTH GAME NIGHT**

Sunday, August 20 - 5 PM - Fellowship Hall

All youth in grades 5 and up, with parents and guardians, are invited!  
We'll share a pot luck dinner, play some games, and plan for the year ahead.  
So bring a dish to share and your ideas.

### **HELEN'S CORNER by Helen Metz**

Sometimes God is leading me to do great things. Sometimes God is leading me to do small things. Sometimes God is saying to wait. Whatever happens is all in God's timing. Sometimes we forget this and barge on ahead of God. When we wait we will be blessed beyond measure.

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

Laura Hobbs will host our August 12 meeting at 10 AM in Fellowship Hall. Carol Barthelemy will lead the program. We will be looking at collecting items for our mission project and are encouraging the support of the entire church. See page 3 for the details. All women of the church are invited to be part of this women's ministry.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We have a class for everyone. Please come join us at 9:45 AM. All welcome!

*Adults:* FaithStrong meets in the FLC classroom

New Beginnings meets in the Library. We are studying the parables of Jesus which can only be found in the book of Luke.

*Children:* Trackers of Truth, Education Wing Upstairs

## **MISPLACED YOUR NEWSLETTER?**

*Reflections* is available on our website at [www.algoodumc.org](http://www.algoodumc.org). Add it to your Favorites, bookmark it and check back regularly! You can also find Sunday Bulletins and Worship Services there.

## **YOU CAN HELP!**

### **RECYCLING ALUMINUM**

The can cart beside the FLC makes recycling aluminum a simple task, and generates funds for AUMC.

**NOTE:** The recycler does not accept any aluminum other than beverage cans. Please do not recycle aluminum foil, pet food cans, baking dishes, etc. in our collection cart. Thank you!

### **"IN CELEBRATION OF LIFE!"**

This fund enables us to help those in our community who are in need of temporary assistance. While the need is always great, we have more requests heading into fall and winter. Our funds are currently critically low. Your monetary gifts, given in memory of a friend or loved one or honoring a special event in the life of a friend or loved one, support this local mission. When a gift is made, the person being honored is sent an acknowledgment.

### **BLESSING BOX**

Located in front of the FLC, this box is stocked with non-perishable food and hygiene items local residents can access when they're in need. Your donations can be placed directly in the box or left in Fellowship Hall.

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

Our unit here at AUMC is part of the Caney Fork River District UWF. The District Annual Meeting will be at Sparta First UMC on October 7. We'll be doing a hands-on project of putting together hygiene kits for UMCOR. Please help our unit by providing any of the supplies listed below. You may provide items for a complete kit or as many of each item as you like, or with a \$12 donation we can purchase the items. Please note the specifics. There is a designated box in Fellowship Hall for your donations.

Thank you, Helen Metz, President

### **UMCOR HYGIENE KIT**

- **One hand towel (15"x25" to 17"x27")**
  - No kitchen, cleaning or microfiber towels
- **One washcloth**
  - No kitchen, cleaning or microfiber towels
- **One comb**
  - Must be sturdy with at least 6" of teeth
  - No pocket combs or picks
  - Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable, but must have at least 6" of teeth
- **One toenail of fingernail clipper**
  - No emery boards or metal nail files
- **Bath size soap (3 oz bar or larger)**
  - No Ivory or Jergen's soap
  - Do not remove from packaging
- **One adult toothbrush**
  - Do not remove from packaging
  - Personal advertising acceptable
- **10 adhesive bandages (3/4" x 3")** i.e., Band-Aid
  - Common household bandages are acceptable
- **One gallon size re-sealable bag**

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**Sunday School 9:45 AM      Worship 10:55 AM**