



Algood Reflections

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DATES TO NOTE

WEEKLY

Sunday School Classes, 9:45 AM

Adult:

Faith Strong, FLC classroom
New Beginnings, Library

Children:

Trackers of Truth, Room 7,
Upstairs Education Wing

Tuesdays in the Library:

Bible Study, 10 AM

Journey into Prayer, 11 AM

Alpha Gathering, Wednesdays,
5:30 PM, FLC - No meeting on 3/13

MONTH OF MARCH

3/09 - UWF (UMW), 10 AM,
Fellowship Hall

3/10 - **Daylight Saving Time begins**
Spring forward!

Hike at City Lake, Noon

Choir, 5 PM, Sanctuary

Youth, 5:30 PM, Fellowship
Hall

3/16 - Crochet & Knitting Group,
9 AM, Fellowship Hall

3/17 - Finance Committee, 6 PM,
Library

3/24 - Soup Lunch, Noon, FLC
Church Council, 5:30 PM,
Library

3/28 - Holy Thursday Worship,
6 PM

3/30 - Church Clean-up Day, 9 AM

3/31 - Easter Breakfast/Service/
Egg Hunt, 8:30 AM, FLC

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Brother Don will be away Sunday,
3/3, so we will share communion
on Sunday, March 10.

ALONG THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

The third Sunday in Lent is March 3, and will be celebrated with a message by our Lay Leader, David Norris, called, "The Holy Spirit." Please plan to come out and worship together at Algood United Methodist.

This year, my administrative focus is on connecting with our community, financial stability, and organization of our committees. Marshall and Patt Judd, and I are members of the Algood Renewal Committee and continue to work to bring new life and activity into our great city. I will also continue building connections in this city and in Cookeville so that we may connect with ways to serve with and among others as part of our mission and vision.

My pastoral focus is visitation, teaching, preaching, and providing prayer, service, and discipleship opportunities. I celebrate and share God's grace, which works to call us, save us, sanctify us, and perfect us. As we continue through this season and as joint members in ministry together, I encourage you to seek ways to pray, serve, learn, and grow through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for the glory of God.

God bless,
Brother Don

P.S. I appreciate your prayers on Monday, March 4, as I go before the Board of Ordained Ministry to discuss my possible ordination as an elder this year.

MARCH SCRIPTURES

3/3: Third Sunday in Lent
Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

3/10: Fourth Sunday in Lent, Holy Communion
Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10;
John 3:14-21

3/17: Fifth Sunday in Lent
Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

3/24: Palm/Passion Sunday
Liturgy of the Palms
Mark 11:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

3/28: Maundy Thursday
Exodus 12:1-2, 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26;
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

3/29: Good Friday
Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

3/31: Easter
Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11;
John 20:1-18

Reader: Candy Norris

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

2/74 – David & Candy Norris
19/87 – Jon & Lori Warneke

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2 – Bella Dishman
21 – Gene Hayenga
23 – Chris Brown
24 – Milt Collins
24 – Betty Huehls
24 – Virginia Sircy
25 – Pat Allen

TREASURER'S REPORT

The January balance of \$48,695 includes \$76,345 in restricted funds; leaving our actual balance at -\$27,650. The Finance Committee recommends we maintain a balance of \$15,000.

JANUARY STEWARDSHIP

Attendance
Average Worship: 37
Average Online Worship: 32
Average Sunday School: 19

Offering
Budget Total: \$10,665
Helping Hands: \$48
"In Celebration of Life!": \$0
Church Membership: 140

CONNECTING WITH AUMC

Join the AUMC Facebook and Instagram pages to stay in touch with AUMC family and friends. Brother Don's weekly devotional is there also. The links are:

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

<https://instagram.com/algoodumc>

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE



Go to
algoodumc.org/giving-to-aumc
or scan the QR code above

HELEN'S CORNER by Helen Metz

Housecleaning

When it comes to cleaning my house and actually putting stuff away, I procrastinate. I like doing what is easiest. And the most entertaining. But God tells us not to be lazy. Read Proverbs 10:4 or Ephesians 5:15-17. There is a warning to be diligent in our God given work. If we are not diligent about cleaning house, where else are we not being diligent? This goes not only for our homes, but also for what we do or read, etc.

UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH (UMW)

We will meet on March 9, at 10 AM in Fellowship Hall. Hostess: Helen Metz. Devotion: Helen Metz. Wear something green and explain why you like it. Program is about Sharing Missions and Giving Missions. What is meant by these two titles? The theme is around John Wesley's rules of "do no harm" and "do good." All women of the church are welcome!

HIKE AT CITY LAKE

All children and youth are invited to hike at City Lake Natural Area on Sunday, March 10. We will take the church van, leaving following worship, to return by 2 PM. Lunch will be provided. Please sign up on sheet in Fellowship Hall and pick up a liability waiver to be completed for each participant.

CROCHET AND KNITTING GROUP

If you know how to or want to learn how to crochet and/or knit, or just want to fellowship, join us on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 9 AM in Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share.

SOUP LUNCH

The Long-Range Planning/Outreach Committee will serve a soup lunch in the FLC immediately following worship on Sunday, March 24. Donations of \$6 per person or \$15 for a family of 3 or more, will go to the Trustees fund of the church. Sign up in Fellowship Hall to indicate if you will contribute soup to the menu! Plan to share some good food and fellowship!

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 \$11.50 each. Payment and information must be in the church office by 10AM on Wednesday, March 27. Flowers may be taken home following Easter worship.

EASTER BREAKFAST / SERVICE / EGG HUNT

We will have a special Easter service on Sunday, March 31. Please join us for breakfast at 8:30 AM, in the Family Life Center, with services conducted during our meal. An Easter egg hunt for the children will follow. A country ham has been donated for the meal. We are requesting members to bring complimentary dishes such as egg or hash brown casseroles, biscuits, juice, fruit, donuts, muffins or danishes. There will be NO Sunday School.

NEW BEGINNINGS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

We are discussing what is our purpose in life, based on the book by Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*. Please come join in our discussion on Sunday mornings at 9:45. I do send out by email a printed outline which I follow and is good for at home study, also. If you would like me to send it to you, please let me know. – Helen Metz

FRIENDS AND FAMILY DIRECTORIES

Updated copies are now available on the tables with bulletins. If your entry contains an error or needs change, please advise the church office. Thanks!

YARD SALE

As you start cleaning those closets, cupboards and basements, set aside all the treasures you want to donate for our spring yard sale! We'll gladly accept dishes, linens, glassware, jewelry, collectibles, books, tools, toys, household items, home decor, crafts, sporting goods, etc. General guidelines: items that are easily carried, NO heavy furniture or appliances, all items must be clean and in good working order. The sale date has been tentatively set for June 1. *Please do not bring items until drop off dates and times are announced.*

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION

Helping Hands of Putnam County prefers cash donations to purchase what they need, so we will continue receiving our communion offering for them. Our first Sunday food collection will now be used to keep our Blessing Box supplied for those in need. A container for donations is in Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAY'S ALPHA GATHERING

"Alpha Gathering" for the whole family!

NO Gathering on March 13

You are invited to join us Wednesday evenings for a study-discussion of the application of scripture to our everyday lives using historical fiction. *The Chosen* TV series has been a useful tool along with fun and prayer to help us grow in our faith. We look forward to seeing you all; children are welcome. 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 7:15 PM. Menus for March include grilled chicken sandwiches, meatballs and gravy, and tacos. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall so we have the correct number of meals. 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!

CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY

We need all hands on deck on Saturday, March 30, to clean up our church facilities. Please meet at 9 AM. With enough volunteer power, we should be able to finish by Noon.

COMMUNITY HOLY WEEK SERVICES

March 25-29 at Cumberland First Presbyterian Church - 565 East Tenth Street, Cookeville. Service at Noon followed by lunch.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 24: Palm Sunday Worship, 10:55 AM
March 27: Alpha Meal, 5:30 PM, FLC
March 28: Holy Thursday Communion Service, 6 PM
March 31: Easter Breakfast/Service/Egg Hunt, 8:30AM, FLC
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QUILT FESTIVAL LUNCH

The Upper Cumberland Quilt Festival is April 5-6. The Long-Range Planning/Outreach Committee will serve lunch of a bowl of beans with country ham and cornbread on Saturday, April 6. Please volunteer to help and/or provide ingredients for lunch menu items on the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall and plan to join the festivities April 6. All proceeds benefit AUMC programs and projects.



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Sunday School 9:45 AM

Worship 10:55 AM

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