

ALCOA 1st NEWS

“Weekly”

October 25 - November 1, 2020

First UMC Alcoa Vision

Inspired by God's unconditional love, we unite in worship, grow in discipleship, and serve in love.

All Saints Sunday, November 1...

On Sunday, November 1, 2020 at the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services we will be honoring the 2020 roll of the saints. If you or your family have lost a loved one in the past year, and you would want us to remember them on All Saints Sunday, please provide the following information.

Full Name

Date of Birth

Date of Death

A picture for the big screens

Please send to the church office via email or U.S. Post or drop off in the church office no later than **Sunday, October 25th**. It is our joy to remember the saints and to remember your loved ones. Please contact Pastor Todd at 423-290-3999 for additional information.



New Covid-19 Protocols as of 10-12-2020...

The Holston Conference has revised the Covid-19 protocols as follows:

- Everyone entering the church facilities must follow the approved church guidelines for reopening. This includes Masks, Temperature Checks, Social Distancing, Handwashing and Attendance Recording. Family groups may sit together.
- Small groups can begin to meet with all safety policies in place. This includes Sunday School Classes, Youth, Children, Bible Studies, and other small groups.
- We cannot offer nursery at this time.
- Children ages 3 and up can attend age appropriate programmed events such as Sunday School, Children's Church or similar type events.
- Children under five not attending a programmed event can attend as long as they stay with their parents. Children under two are welcome, but not required to wear a mask.
- Praise Bands and Smaller singing groups may continue.
- No congregational singing or large choirs at this time.
- Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals can resume with all safety protocols.
- No food service at this time. This includes no funeral meals at the church, no youth or children's ministry meals, no Wednesday night meals, no covered dish meals. Individuals can bring in their own drinks and snacks if needed, but drinks and snacks cannot be shared. This means no Coffee Service or doughnut type foods for small groups. Small groups may social distance and have outside food if an outside space is available.
- All room capacities cannot exceed 50% of normal capacity and maintain good social distancing at all times.

Centennial Moments...

When our church occupied what would later become the parsonage from 1923-1948, there were times when Sunday School classes would meet in private homes on Nobel Street. Springbrook School also met in two of those homes during the 1920-1921 school year, and until the new Springbrook School building was ready in 1921.



OUR LOVE & CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

To the Meiller/Marston families in the passing of Floyd Meiller on September 8, 2020.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

AFUMC Building Fund

In honor of the Lawson family and in memory of Chalio Buripakdi, by Emmitt & Betty Rawls.

In memory of Floyd Meiller, by Francis and Mary Gross

Adult Bible Studies

In memory of Chalio Buripakdi, by Francis & Mary Gross, David & Kari Duggan, Ron & Pam Pyron, Doris Bailey.

Bill Bailey Scholarship Fund

In memory of Floyd Meiller, by David & Kari Duggan.



Fall Bible Studies

Beginning 10/21

6:30 pm - Chapel, "Discerning the Voice of God", by Priscilla Shirer, led by Brooke Strayn & Erin Chamberlain

6:30 pm- Youth Room, Youth Bible Study, led by Matt Gibbs

10/25

4:30 pm - Wesley SS Class

David Lawson will be finishing the third week of his study on the 5th chapter of 1 Peter. Other study dates TBD.

Beginning 11/4

6:30 pm - Pathfinder's SS Class, Bible Study, led by Pastor Joe.

Pastor Todd will offer a study to begin later in November. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Sunday Evening Bible Study

On Sunday October 25th at 4:30 p.m. downstairs in the Wesley Sunday School Class, David Lawson will be leading a Bible Study on the 5th chapter of 1 Peter. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please wear a face covering and practice social distancing. The class will end early enough for anyone who wishes to attend the evening worship service at 6:00 p.m.

Annual Church Charge Conference

Alcoa First United Methodist Church will hold the **Annual Church Charge Conference** on Sunday, November 15, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom. We will join the following congregations for the annual church charge conference: *Broadway, Camp Ground, Logan's Chapel, First Maryville, Peck's Memorial, Pleasant Hill (Blount) St. John's, Tuckaleechee, and Walland United Methodist Churches.* Information about the Zoom link will follow closer to the event. Everyone is welcome to attend. Contact Pastor Todd at 423-290-3999 for more information.

Notes from your Church Office...

- **Information for our weekly newsletter must be received no later than NOON ON TUESDAY, the week before it needs to run.**
- **Collections of individually wrapped snacks** for our friends at the Alcoa Police Department will continue through November. Your donations may be dropped off at the church during regular business hours, Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.
- **Altar Flowers** may be scheduled by contacting the church office. Arrangements are \$35 and must be paid when date(s) are scheduled, with payments payable to Coulter's Florist.
- For info on scheduling **weddings, baptisms & church membership** please contact the church office.
- **Operation Christmas Child (OCC)** gift collection boxes and info are available in the hallway outside the church office. Please drop your gift-filled boxes off at AFUMC by November 22, so we can get them to the collection center. (*National collection week is Nov 16-23, 2020*).

Youth Ministry...

From Matthew Gibbs,
Director of Youth Ministry

Hey Church!

A lot has been going on within the youth group over the past week! On Oct. 14, we had a bonfire at the Chamberlain's house! I want to say a big **THANK YOU** to Wes and Erin for letting the youth come over and hang out! We had 20 students who attended the bonfire, so it was a huge success! We will probably be doing *s'more* (pun intended) *fires* throughout the fall!

We are having youth on Sunday nights from 5:30 - 7:00. This past Sunday, I had the privilege of sharing a word at Sunday evening service. The youth attended the service and we played some games afterwards! This Sunday, we will have youth, and it will be back to normal, so bring your student and tell them to invite a friend.

On Wednesday nights, we are having a youth Bible Study. We will dive deeper into the word together as an uncommon community. We are going to walk through the book of Ephesians on Wednesday nights, so if you have a student who is interested, please bring them at 6pm on Wednesdays.

As the fall continues on, I will have more updates on youth activities, so stay tuned!

Love you all!

Matt Gibbs

Music Notes...

From Beth Green,
Director of Music Ministries & Worship Coordinator



Last Sunday we were blessed to have some extra special music from our pianist Carla Taylor; bass player Justin Hall, and guitarist Davy Hill. If you didn't get to hear their beautiful offertory "Poor Wayfaring Stranger" then go to our church website and catch the service online. We have amazing musicians in our midst, my friends!

Speaking of amazing musicians: I'm excited to tell you that Sunday morning, October 25, we will have Mike Whitehead joining us to help lead the 8:30 worship music! He'll also be joining Debbie Walsh, Kim Bledsoe, and me in a special Offertory for both services!

It'll be a good day and I hope you'll join us! Whether in-person or online, we'll be happy to have you worship with us!

God bless you!

Children's Ministry...

From Brooke Strayn,
Director of Children's Ministry:

DO YOU LIKE GOOD NEWS???

Share it with us! Parents, let Mrs. Brooke know what great things are going on in your child's life. Did they get a good report at preschool? Win a softball tournament? Win an award at school? Get their drivers license? **LET US KNOW** and we will share their fun news right here in our newsletter. All kids like to hear "great job" or "nice work". Let your church family be aware of what positive things are happening and we can rejoice together.

LOOKING AHEAD: Thanksgiving is around the corner. Parents of 3rd-5th graders...we will be stuffing Thanksgiving Baskets on Sunday, November 22, 2020 5:30 -7:00. (*we are not shopping for items, just prepping baskets*). Parents drop your kids off for a fun holiday activity the kids will love doing.

Our NEW Children's Schedule:

Sunday Mornings

9:30 -11:00 - Sunday School

Sunday Nights

(kids infant-5th grade)

5:30 - 6:00 - Dinner served at
Drive-Thru

6:00 -7:00 - Kids Discipleship

Wednesday Nights

(Bible study nights)

6:30 - 7:30 - Bible Studies

(Child care for infants - 5th grade.
ONLY for parents who are involved in
Bible studies.)

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Church Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Friday
8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Attendance

OCTOBER 4

8:30 Worship - 40
11:00 Worship - 55
6:00 Worship - 16
TOTAL WORSHIP - 111
Sunday School - 66

OCTOBER 11

8:30 Worship - 42
11:00 Worship - 63
6:00 Worship - 16
TOTAL WORSHIP - 121
Sunday School - 71

OCTOBER 18

8:30 Worship - 43
11:00 Worship - 49
6:00 Worship - 20
TOTAL WORSHIP - 112
Sunday School - 69

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November Birthdays!

Nov. 2: Debbie Price, Katie Ferrell, Adam Setliff
Nov. 3: Paula Patterson, Heather Davis
Nov. 4: Ashlynn Goins, Mark Brown, Steve Wolfe
Nov. 6: Betsy Norton
Nov. 8: Ruth Ann Page
Nov. 10: Ed Roach
Nov. 12: Lindy Hill
Nov. 14: Bill Cochran, Genia Hewitt Reel
Nov. 16: Lydia Givens
Nov. 18: Doris Bivens, Jim Maples, Bill Sennett
Nov. 19: Ann Green
Nov. 20: Barbara Jenkins
Nov. 21: Robin Sims Wilson
Nov. 23: Cindy Murphy, Barbara Stinnett
Nov. 24: Carrie Carico, Cindy Allin Brown
Nov. 25: Janet Nichols
Nov. 26: Greg Pugh, Abigayle Ferrell
Nov. 29: Mary Nell Campbell, Bob Humphrey

*Please contact the church office if we missed your
birthday...865-982-5551*

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:30 am Traditional Service
9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Contemporary Service
4:30 pm Lawson Bible Study, Wesley SS Classroom
4:30 pm Handbell Practice
5:30 pm Children's Discipleship
5:30 pm Youth Gathering
6:00 pm Sunday @Six Worship Service

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

6:30 pm *Discerning the Voice of God* Bible Study,
led by Brooke Strayn & Erin Chamberlain
6:30 pm Youth Bible Study, led by Matthew Gibbs
6:30 pm Praise Band Practice
7:30 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

6:00 pm Church Council Meeting
In-Person & ZOOM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

TIME CHANGES/FALL BACK

8:30 am Traditional Service, Communion
9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Contemporary Service, Communion
4:30 pm Handbell Practice
5:30 pm Children's Discipleship
5:30 pm Youth Gathering
6:00 pm Sunday @Six Worship Service