

ALCOA 1st NEWS

“Weekly”

November 1 - November 8, 2020

First UMC Alcoa Vision

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

TWO OPTIONS FOR GIVING THANKS!

Dear Alcoa 1st UMC Church Family;
As we approach the season of THANKSGIVING, here are a couple of opportunities for us to share our *Thanksgivings* with local and international needs:

Camp Wesley Woods

As many of you know, the Covid-19 Pandemic shut-down all our conference camps for 2020. Camp Wesley Woods is in need of a new lawn mower and our church family has an opportunity to share and help provide. The commercial mower will cost somewhere around \$5,000.00. Our mission committee and executive committee have endorsed a special Thanksgiving offering to help raise the funds needed so our camp can have the equipment needed. If you would like to help, please send your donations marked “camp lawn equipment”.

Smoky Mountain: Food Buckets-Goal 400 Pack in a NEW 5-gallon bucket with lid.

This year at our Virtual Annual Conference, Mike Sluder, director of Connectional Ministries, let us know there would be a possibility that we would need to collect additional food supplies for our Hands-On Mission project. After hearing from our partners on the ground in Zimbabwe, we have discovered a need still exists. We are asking you to collect the food through the month of November, and we will load the shipping containers the first week of December.

We want to thank you, in advance, for this outpouring of love as you participate in this Thanksgiving offering. Your district office will supply additional information concerning when and where your drop off will take place.

Thank you for saving lives through this Thanksgiving gift.

Please pack the following items in a new 5 gallon bucket with a lid. Also include a \$5.00 bill for shipping. Note: Do not put the \$5.00 bill in the bucket, tape it to the top.

- 1 bag corn meal (4- 5 lb.)
- 1 bag grits, butter flavor
- 1 bag rice (2 lb.)
- 1 bag dried beans (2 lb.)
- 1 powdered milk (10 oz. or less)
- 1 box quick/instant oats (18 oz. or less)
- 1 bottle cooking oil (48 oz. or less)
- 1 box Splenda/sucralose (50 ct. or less)
- Canned Ham (2 lb. total)

Blessings, Pastor Todd

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.

This Coming Sunday, November 1



Local Mission Opportunity!

The **Louisville Christian Center (LCAC)** is in need of volunteers to help with food distribution during the hours of 9 AM to 12 PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

LCAC could also use help on Tuesday mornings to unload the truck and stock shelves (some heavy lifting required). *Keep in mind, when you call or email you will be asking LCAC for times for you to be worked into the schedule, so they'll have work for you to do when you arrive, for the time you have scheduled.*

LCAC

2942 Topside Rd, Louisville TN
Phone: 865-233-3112
Online: LCACTN.org

Thanks always to God be the glory.
Lenny J

Bible Study with Pastor Joe!!!

Pastor Joe will begin a six-week Bible study on **Wednesday, November 4 from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**. The class will meet in the room nearest the drive-thru, (David Duggan's Pathfinder SS Room) Just bring your Bible, notebook, and pen and be ready to get in the Word together!

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. **Halloween candy will be on sale soon, so we'll be able to get a good buy and provide some sweets to go with the savory! Thank you for your generosity!!!**
- 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*).



FUNDRAISER E·V·E·N·T

30% of event sales will be donated to

FIRST ALCOA
UNITED

METHODIST CHURCH

date

TUES. NOV. 10 2020
10:30 AM-9:00 PM

location

PETRO'S-MARYVILLE
1427 W LAMAR ALEXANDER PKWY
MARYVILLE, TN 37801

Fundraiser guests must present official event flyer (hard copy or on smart phone) to the cashier upon ordering to receive credit—dine-in, carry out or drive-thru. Fundraiser credit is not valid for catering or gift card sales. **Flyers may not be distributed inside or in vicinity of our stores (including parking lot) at any time before or during event.** Thank you for choosing Petro's for your fundraising endeavor.

Youth Ministry...

From Matthew Gibbs,
Director of Youth Ministry

Hey Church!

Youth activities are in full swing! Just wanted to remind everyone that we have youth on Sunday nights from 5:30-7pm, Bible Study on Wednesday nights from 6-7pm, and Sunday school at 9:45am on Sunday mornings!

On Sunday nights, we have started a series on the Armor of God and just walking through what each piece of armor is!

On Wednesday nights, we are walking through the book of Ephesians and just taking it verse by verse.

On Sunday mornings, we are walking through the Gospel of Luke.

Just wanted to fill you in on some things! If you have any questions, you can call me or email!

Grace and Peace,
Matt Gibbs
Youth Director

Music Notes...

From Beth Green,
Director of Music Ministries & Worship Coordinator



A NEW NORMAL?

We're all trying to live in this "new normal" that everyone seems to talk about. I'm not sure what a new normal looks like because I was never normal in the first place!!!

What I do know is that we don't yet have a truly 'new normal' for our Music Program at AFUMC. The Praise Band is wonderful at keeping us going for Contemporary Worship, thanks to the work of Lynsey Wolfe and crew. I am working to get things back to 'normal' for our Traditional Worship, as well. I'm not throwing in the towel but really have thought about it more than once! Currently, I'm picking out Christmas music for our services. One thing I'm excited about is the Doxologies I'll be using as we move toward the holidays. We'll be using Christmas music and/or tunes for them. We haven't been singing The Doxology in any services since February, but I'm hoping that soon the Bishop will allow us to sing in the sanctuary once again.

It's a tough job figuring things out...but I know there is a plan. One way or another, through the holidays we're going to keep pointing our music to the One who is worthy to be praised! Small ensembles will be popping up between now and Christmas to get us ready, but friends...we could use your prayers! Thank you!

Love y'all,
Beth

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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Staff Emails:

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To Request Prayer:

afumcprayer@gmail.com

Church Office Hours

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

Attendance

OCTOBER 25
8:30 Worship - 42
11:00 Worship - 68
6:00 Worship - 40
TOTAL WORSHIP - 150
Sunday School - 72

Church Staff

REV. J. TODD CHANCEY
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423-290-3999

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865-582-6941

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Custodian

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Media Technologies

**LIZ CHANCEY & DEBBIE
WEST**
Media Technologies Support

HOPE BLIZZARD
Interim Nursery Supervisor

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

AFUMC Building Fund
*In honor of Pastor Todd & Liz, by Clint
& Darlene Abbott.*

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, Abigail Ferrell
Nov. 29: Mary Nell Campbell, Bob Humphrey

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

6:30 pm Bible Studies
6:30 pm Praise Band Practice
7:30 pm Sanctuary Reserved for Rehearsal

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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

