



FIRST THINGS FROM FIRST UMC, ALCOA

2nd Week of May, 2022

Next Step Committee Announced:

At the March, 2022 Church Council Meeting the Church Council approved the formation of a new committee to study all the options for local United Methodist churches as we navigate the current split in United Methodism and the launch of the new denomination Global Methodist Church. The Lay Leadership Committee has nominated the following individuals to serve on the new committee titled the Next Step Committee:

David Duggan, Chairperson
Barbara Stinnett
Jane Carter
Bill Wilson
Elizabeth Scharschu
Wes Chamberlain
David Lawson
Staff Members: Pastor Todd and Johnny Walker

This slate of nominees will be presented to the Church Council on May 26th for a vote. If approved, this new committee will begin to study the many options local United Methodist Churches have regarding affiliation/disaffiliation and will provide their work to the Church Council for consideration.

Let it be emphasized that should Alcoa First UMC choose to disaffiliate with the United Methodist Church, it would require a vote of the church membership. Alcoa First UMC is still a United Methodist Church. Our church council voted last year to join the Wesleyan Covenant Association an advocate group which launched the Global Methodist Church on Sunday, May 1, 2022. As we move forward in ministry, there will be options that our congregation will have to consider and we will have to follow all the approve processes should we desire and vote to disaffiliate and move either to the Global Methodist Church or another option.

The Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church Trustees are currently working on a process where local churches who wish to disaffiliate may be able to do so and keep their property and assets. There may be fees assessed for such disaffiliation. The new committee will be charged to find out all the information that is needed so our congregation can make good choices moving forward.

Currently, there are no approved options for pastors (Elders) to disaffiliate with the United Methodist Church. If a current Elder in good standing and under appointment with the United Methodist Church chooses to affiliate with another denomination, their clergy credentials are removed and they are no longer under service of the United Methodist Church.

It is also my understanding that the Global Methodist Church will have a process for United Methodist Elders wishing to join their denomination, Elders will be vetted, and if approved for service, their Ordination will be recognized in the new Global Methodist Church denomination.

After much prayer and consideration as to what God has called me to do, Liz and I feel a deep desire to continue to serve Alcoa First UMC and walk alongside the congregation and work with the church leadership and prayerfully be your pastor for many more years to come. My prayer is that we can move through this process together supporting one another as God opens the doors for us to continue to be his hands and feet to a hurting world. I love this ministry, I love my church family and I am trusting God to keep us together in an orthodox, conservative ministry that believes God's word is truth, His statutes are good for humanity and his One and Only Son Jesus Christ is our only hope for salvation and life eternal.

Please contact me at 423-290-3999 if you have any questions or concerns.
Thank you, Pastor Todd Chancey,
Chairperson of the Lay Leadership (Nominations) Committee

Parent Meeting Scheduled for May 4th Postponed until May 11th:

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is diligently trying to find a good candidate for the Youth and College Age Ministry Director. Last week we announced that Mrs. Molly Myren would be at Alcoa FUMC on Wednesday, May 4th to meet with parents and follow up with the SPRC. Unfortunately, Mrs. Myren has withdrawn her name from the process.

We are happy to announce that the SPRC has interviewed and is talking with Mr. Chris Reinbold about the position. Mr. Reinbold will be at Alcoa FUMC on Wednesday, May 11th to meet with parents and youth as the SPRC continue the process. Mr. Reinbold has a great resume with over 20 years experience in youth ministry.

The Children and Youth departments have a picnic scheduled on May 11th in Springbrook Park Pavilion at 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. It is a covered dish. Mr. Reinbold will be at the dinner and this will give parents and youth ample time to meet him and share questions and visions for the youth and college age ministry moving forward.

SPRC is committed to finding the right person to fill this position. Please contact Mr. Mark Brown, SPRC Chairperson or Pastor Todd for more information, questions or concerns. The SPRC will follow up with Mr. Reinbold after the parent meeting. We are all praying for our youth and college age ministries and for Mr. Reinbold as this process continues.

Guidelines for the Bill Bailey Scholarship Fund:

1. The purpose of the College/Technical Scholarship Fund is to provide financial assistance for members of First United Methodist Church Alcoa attending an accredited college/university or vocational/technical school. These funds do not require demonstration of academic merit or financial need, but are intended simply to provide financial assistance to those members who meet the requirements.
2. Applications must be submitted to the church office by **June 1** of each year.
3. Awards will be determined by a Selection Committee composed of the Pastor, Lay Leader, Chair of Church Council, Chair of the Executive Committee and two members selected at-large by the Nominating Committee. Awards will be announced by June 15th of each year.
4. Awards may be paid either to the student or the college at the discretion of the student.
5. The amount of the award shall be determined by the Selection Committee based upon funds available and the number of qualified applicants and may vary each year. As a general guideline, it is the intent of this scholarship to award grant money in the year which it becomes available.
6. Applicants may be asked to supply proof of enrollment before the funds are awarded or after the semester begins.
7. Applicants may apply for funds each year they attend an accredited college/university or vocational/technical school. They must be prepared to demonstrate satisfactory progress as requested by the Selection Committee. There shall be no specific requirements to demonstrate satisfactory progress, allowing the Selection Committee to deal with each applicant individually.

Help us Honor our Graduates:

Help us honor the 2022 graduates. If you have a student graduation please let us know so we can help honor the student's accomplishments and hard work. Please send the following information to tchancey@alcoafumc.com or text info to Pastor Todd at 423-290-3999.

- Name of Graduate
- Date of Graduation
- Degree or accomplishments
- School they are graduating from
- Graduation picture

Blessings and thanks for helping us honor our graduates.



From the Kids' Corner:

Children's Choir will be singing 2 songs in the 11:00 service on Mother's Day. Please have your children in the sanctuary by 10:15 AM so that we may rehearse.



Looking for Prayer Buddies for our children. Prayers Buddies are given a child to pray for by name. My wish is to give the children the gift of an older friend that prays specifically for them. My hope is to have group activities and games that the children and their buddies can do together once a month or so. From a projected list of potential Prayer Buddies, we currently have more children than prayer buddies. This is going to be such a blessing for all involved. If you would like to be a Prayer Buddy for a child in the church, please contact Lisa Goins at lgoins@alcoafumc.com.

From the UMM:

Did you know? - Chili Dinner leftovers were donated to Everett Hills Baptist Church for their Community Outreach Monday night dinner. Next year's Chili Cookoff is scheduled for February 25, 2023.

In other news, Bob Humphrey, Allen Garrett, Tom Werkema and Jerry Page (St. Marks UMC) team finished first against 20 other teams in the Camp Wesley Woods Charity Best Ball tournament on Monday. They shot a collective score of 59. Way to go, gentlemen!

2022 Hands-On Mission Project- Zimbabwe Holston Annual Conference

Unlike school supplies, food items have expiration dates. Be sure and check the dates and make sure they do not expire until 2023 in order to cover transport time and having a useful life for the people in Zimbabwe.

The Smoky Mountain District has been asked to put together 400 Food Buckets for the 2022 Holston Annual Conference Hands-On Mission Project. *Note: A \$5.00 donation for packing and shipping is to accompany each bucket. Each church is ask to bring ONE check for the total donation amount. Make checks out to Smoky Mountain District and put 2022 Hands-On in the memo line. * Do not put money in the bucket!*

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)	

Pack in a NEW 5-gallon bucket with lid

Your buckets need to be delivered to Fairview UMC, 2508 Old Niles Ferry Road, Maryville, TN 37803:
Please deliver your buckets to Fairview UMC, Wednesday, June 1, 2022, between 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
(Do not deliver early)

Wellness Ministry:

Do you love stir fry but have never attempted it at home? Come and join the Wellness Ministry on May 24 from 2:30-4:00 PM where stir fry is on the menu! The group will meet in the Green Room. Sign-up sheet is outside church office or call Darunee at 297-2709.

(Note that this date is a change from the usual last Tuesday of the month.)



Birthdays

- 05/01 Doris Bailey, Trent Tucker
- 05/02 Emily Reynolds
- 05/03 Jill Hall, Timothy Kinkead
- 05/06 Darunee Lawson
- 05/07 Peggy Chapman, Debra Galbraith
- 05/08 Ruth Ann Kirk
- 05/09 Janine Juckett, Bob Shipley, Maxanna Young
- 05/11 Linda Hartley, Don Heinemann
- 05/13 Wes Giles
- 05/15 Hank Snyder
- 05/16 Becky Lohr
- 05/17 Todd Chancey
- 05/18 Leah Barringer
- 05/19 Emma Trent
- 05/20 Clint Abbott
- 05/21 Desiree Jones
- 05/22 Margie Davis, Lillian Emmett, Ramsey Walsh, Cinda Weller
- 05/26 James Petersen
- 05/27 Elizabeth Scharschu
- 05/28 Ian Dickinson, Emily Duggan, Mary Duggan
- 05/29 Emmit Rawls
- 05/30 Eleanor Hill
- 05/31 Tony Graf

Church Calendar

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

- 5:00 pm Children's Choir
- 5:30 pm Kid's Club
- 5:30 pm Resurgence Youth
- 6:00 pm Wonderful Wednesday Meal
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, MAY 5

- 7:00 am Jerry Page Men's Bible Study (Youth Room)

SUNDAY, MAY 8

MOTHERS' DAY

- 8:30 am Traditional Worship
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:15 am Children's Choir Practice
- 11:00 am Contemporary Worship
- NO** 6:00 pm Sunday @ Six



Sweet Potato DROP
Local Mission for area Food Agencies

St. Andrews Project
Alcoa First United Methodist Church
Men's Ministry

Awake 21 Community
Volunteers Needed

All ages Everyone Welcome

Where: Parking Lot at Alcoa First
United Methodist Church
617 Gilbert Street – Alcoa, TN 37701

WHEN: Saturday, May 7, 2022
8:00 a.m. Until Noon

WHO: All Volunteers Welcome

20,000 lbs. of Sweet Potatoes will be
assembled into 2,000 10 lb. bags and
will be distributed to local food
agencies.

CONTACT: Emmit Rawls

Church Staff

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