



FIRST THINGS FROM FIRST UMC, ALCOA

4th Week of May, 2022

Honoring Our Graduates:

Sunday, June 5th during the 9:30 AM worship service we will be honoring our 2022 graduates. If you know of anyone else graduating, please send the following information to Pastor Todd: tchancey@alcoafumc.com. A graduate breakfast will follow the worship service.

- Graduate's name
- A photo
- School student is graduating from
- If in college, please list major/degree earned
- Graduation date

Below are the graduates we will be celebrating:

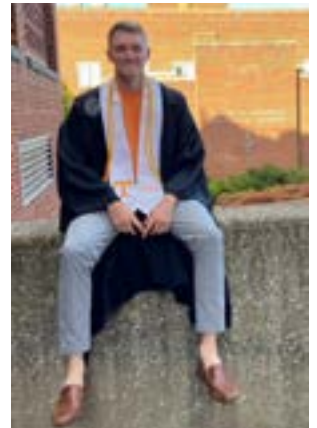
Allie Boyd:



Savannah Roach:



Redmond Walsh:



Danny Lawson:



Robinson Walsh:



Please send additional graduate information by noon on Thursday, May 26 to be included during worship on Sunday, June 5th.

J.O.Y. full News:

Next event on our J.O.Y. calendar – we travel to Crossville to the Cumberland County Playhouse - Tuesday, June 7th – “On Golden Pond” – 1:00 PM show – tickets - \$28.00. Lunch at 11:00 AM – Cumberland State Park Restaurant (renamed Homestead Harvest Restaurant) – buffet - \$15.00 per person. Bus leaves the church parking lot at 10:30 AM. A few seats still available on the bus or you may drive separately. Signup sheet is on the Welcome Desk.

June 24th, Friday – Drift Boat Cowboys @ the GSM Heritage Center – 7:00 show - This is Justin Hall’s band. This concert WILL sell out, so please sign up as soon as possible. They are so good! Be sure to note when you sign up if you’re a member of the Heritage Center or not. General admission - \$15.00/members-\$10.00. Tickets are purchased online. Seating is now provided. After we procure our seats then, dinner at the Riverstone Restaurant. Bus will leave the church parking lot by 4:30 PM.

July 22nd, Friday – “Hello Dolly” @ the Bijou Theatre – 7:30 PM show - \$25.00 tickets – A Word Players production. Dinner at Copper Cellar .

August 4th, Thursday – “9 to 5” @ the Barter Theater in Abington, Va. 2:00 PM show. \$32.00 tickets. Lunch at Luke’s Café.

Pick up a full schedule of all events planned for our seniors located on the table under the J.O.Y. marquee and on the table under the TV in the front hallway. Sign-up sheets for all events are located at the Welcome Desk in the front hallway.

Fall Flea Market

Saturday, October 8, 2022 in the Green Room. All proceeds go to a new church bus fund! More information upcoming.

SPRC Hires New Youth and College-Age Director:

The Staff Parish Relations Committee has offered employment to Mr. Chris Reinbold to serve as our new Director of Youth and College Age Ministry. Chris has accepted the offer and he will begin his ministry at Alcoa First UMC on June 11th. Chris has over 20 years experience in full-time youth ministry and has a proven record of meeting the ministry needs of the church family and surrounding community.

We are pleased to welcome Chris to our staff and church family. Chris grew up in Blount County and he is excited about serving in East Tennessee. He currently lives in Memphis.

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our family



Small Group Opportunities:

The Small Group Dinner Program is starting up again! If you would like to be a part of this group, call or text Mary Waters at 865-719-1768.

Wellness Ministry:

Who doesn't love stir-fry?

Our own Danny Lawson will be the featured chef at the May 22 meeting of the Wellness Ministry! Danny will prepare stir-fry and share his meal choice and prep ideas that led to a weight loss of over 70 lbs in a year!

Come join the group from 2:30-4:00 PM in the Green Room and pick up some great healthy tips! Sign-up sheet is on the table outside church office.



Women's Fellowship Group:

The first meeting of the women's fellowship group was wonderful! Thank you so much to everyone that attended!

We will be having a second meeting on May 22 at noon in the youth room. We will be doing another small pot luck so bring a dish and a friend!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

New Church Pictorial Directory:

Beginning Sunday, June 5th, the committee will begin collecting up-to-date information from our congregation for a new directory. We will be asking you to please fill out the information sheet that will be located on the back of the First Things Highlights insert in your bulletin and then as you are leaving the sanctuary, simply place in the noted basket in the Narthex or at the Welcome desk.

So exciting to begin this process! More information is forthcoming.

Altar Flowers:

The altar flower calendar is located in the hallway to the right of Johnny Walker's office door. How beautiful are fresh cut flowers to adorn the altar table. Choose a date and sign up!

What a blessing!!



Kids' News:

VBS is coming up soon and there is much preparation to be done! If you would like to participate in preparing for VBS, we are having VBS Workshops from 5:30 -8:00 PM on the following Wednesday evenings:

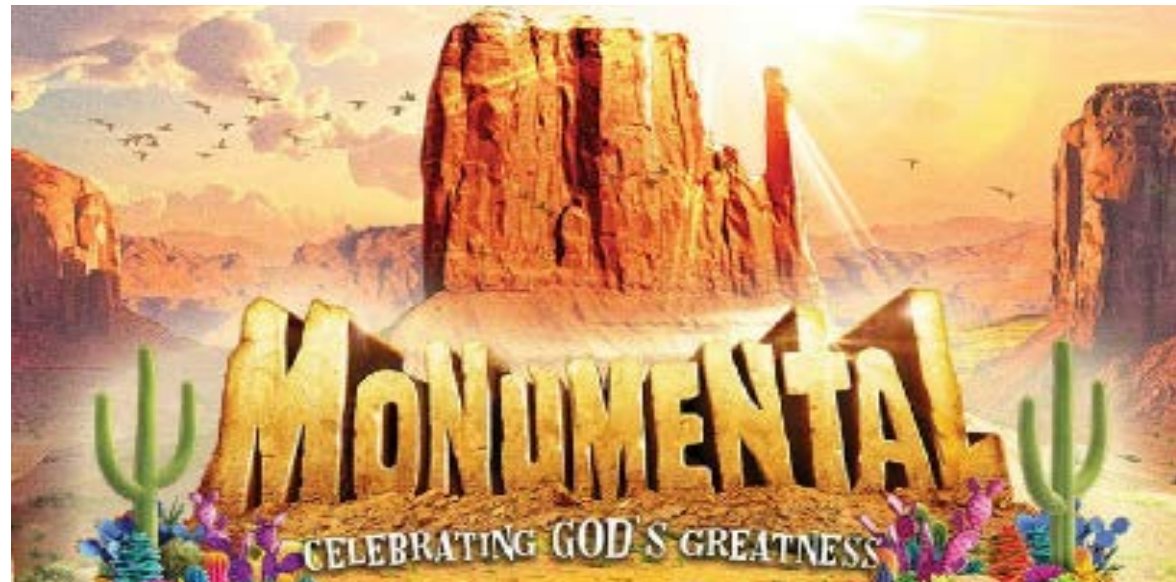
- May 18
- May 25
- June 1
- June 8

Nursery will be provided for the workshops. A light meal will be served.

Children's Department Skate Party @ Roll Arena
June 29th 6:30-8:30
Lots of fun, skating, pizza, ice cream, and glow sticks!

We are looking for "Grandbuddies" for our children. Grandbuddies are given a child to pray for by name. The wish is to give the children the gift of an older friend that prays specifically for them. Our hope is to have group activities and games that the children and their Grandbuddies can do together once a month or so. This is going to be such a blessing for all involved. If you would like to be a Grandbuddy for a child in the church, please contact Lisa Goins by email at lgoins@alcoafumc.com or call the church office at 865-982-5551.

A breakfast for Graduates and their families will be held on Sunday, June 5 2022, in the Green Room during the Sunday school hour. Invitations will be sent to each graduate with the details. Once you receive the invitation, please RSVP to Lisa by calling the church office at 865-982-5551 or by emailing lgoins@alcoafumc.com with the number of guests that will be attending the breakfast with each graduate.



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 18

6:30 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, MAY 19

7:00 am Jerry Page Men's Bible Study
(Nova SS Classroom)
6:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting
(Youth Room)

SATURDAY, MAY 21

6:00 pm Receiving of Family & Friends
for Timothy Kinkead
7:00 pm Celebration of life
for Timothy Kinkead

SUNDAY, MAY 22

8:30 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Contemporary Worship
6:00 pm Sunday @ Six



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