



FIRST THINGS FROM FIRST UMC, ALCOA

5th Week of May, 2022

Upcoming Big Events:

On Monday, May 30th the church office will be closed in observation of Memorial Day.

On Sunday, June 5th we start our three month trail schedule of combining into one Sunday morning worship service. The summer schedule will be as follows:

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Sunday school

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

As we move into this new schedule, we will evaluate our plans as the summer ends. The worship service will involve all our favorite music groups: the choir, the praise band, the Beverly Bells and the children's choir.

On Sunday, June 5th we will honor all the 2022 graduates during the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. There will be a breakfast for the graduates and their families following the service. Please, family members of the graduates RSVP to Lisa Goins at lgoins@alcoafumc.com.

On Sunday, June 5th several of our church family will be traveling to Lake Junaluska, NC to attend the Holston Annual Conference through June 8th. Barbara Stinnett and David Duggan will be Lay members to the conference representing Alcoa FUMC. Liz Chancey, Beth Green and Johnny Walker will be Lay members representing the Smoky Mountain District and Rev. Todd and Joe will be Clergy members. We also are blessed to learn that Allen Garrett will be receiving his first clergy appoint at the annual conference. Please pray for all those attending conference and especially pray for Allen and Joy as they begin this new adventure in ministry.

On Saturday, June 11th we welcome Mr. Chris Reinbold as our new Director of Youth & College Age Ministry.

On Sunday evening, June 12th - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STARTS. See other info about VBS on the web-site: alcoafumc.com

On Sunday, June 12th - NO SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE - Due to VBS.

On Saturday, June 18th the Choctaw Mission Team leaves for Philadelphia, Mississippi. Please pray for the 20 team members who will be providing Vacation Bible School on the Choctaw Reservation. If you would like to help, please give Pastor Todd or Lisa Goins a Walmart gift card. There is a Walmart close to the camp and we can purchase gas, food and VBS supplies with those gift cards. Thank you!

On Sunday, June 19th NO SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE - Father's Day. Enjoy time with your family and friends.

On Sunday, June 26th - after the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service we will officially welcome Lisa Goins, our new Children's Ministry Director and her family and Chris Reinbold as our new Director of Youth and College Age Ministry. There will be refreshments available.

As you all can see, there is much being planned for the coming month. Please join us as we forward God's kingdom and celebrate the goodness Jesus is sharing in our community and among our church family.

Blessings to you all,

Pastor Todd

J.O.Y. full News:



Traveling to Crossville to the Cumberland County Playhouse - Tuesday, June 7th - "On Golden Pond" - 1:00 CST show - tickets - \$25.00. Sorry, The price of \$28.00 was for senior purchase not group pricing. Lunch at 11:00 - 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 may drive separately. Signup sheet is on the Welcome Desk!

June 24th, Friday - Drift Boat Cowboys @ the GSM Heritage Center - 7:00 show - This concert WILL sell out, so please sign up as soon as possible! 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 for concert audience. After we procure our seats then, dinner at the Riverstone Restaurant. Bus will leave the church parking lot by 4:30.

July 22nd Friday - "Hello Dolly" @ the Bijou Theatre - 7:30 show - \$25.00 tickets - A Word Players production. Dinner before show will be at Copper Cellar.

August 4th, Thursday - "9 to 5" @ the Barter Theater in Abington, Va. 2:00 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. Signup sheets for all events are located at the Welcome Desk in the front hallway.

Fall Flea Market - October 8, 2022 in the Green Room - Begin getting your donations together now! All proceeds go to a new church bus fund. An army of volunteers will be needed for this fundraiser. Please consider helping!

More information upcoming.

A Note from Missions:



Hi Pastor Todd,

Hope you and your family are doing well!

I wanted to just reach out and say thank you to the church for continuing to support me so generously. You guys have been giving faithfully for so many years and it really is so cool to see you all excited and so willing to partner in Gospel ministry. I am super thankful for the work you all are doing in Alcoa but also the impact you are helping make here in South Africa as well.

So I just wanted to say thank you! I notice and it definitely means a lot and provides encouragement to me! Love you guys!

Please pass this along to whoever it should go to :)

Allison Neubert

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 leave the sanctuary, simply place in the noted basket either 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.

What a blessing are fresh cut flowers to adorn the altar table. Choose a date and sign up!



A Congrats to Joe Green: from the Daily Times - 5/22/22



Wellness Ministry:

Wellness Ministry will be meeting tomorrow, May 24th from 2:30 - 4:00 PM in the Green Room. Stir Fry is on the menu!



A Note from the Office:

Have you checked out our new church website? Now you can request to schedule spaces in the church from your computer!

Just go to the website alcoafumc.com, click the "Happenings" tab at the top of the page, scroll down to "Calendar" and our constantly updated church calendar will be available for you to view. If you are interesting in booking a space, check the calendar to see if the space and time you want is available. If it is available, below the calendar is a brief request for for you to fill out the date and time you would like to book space in the church. Once you submit that form, it will email Lynsey in the church office, and, if available, she will book your requested time and space.

It's super simple. I hope you give it a try!

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.

Honors & Memorials:

- Given to the Bill Bailey Scholarship Fund in memory of Carole Sennett by David & Kari Duggan.
- Given to the Operational Fund in honor of Chad & Brandi Kinkead by David & Darunee Lawson.

Birthdays

- 05/01 Doris Bailey, Trent Tucker
- 05/02 Emily Reynolds
- 05/03 Jill Hall
- 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

MONDAY MAY 23

6:00 pm Missions Meeting
(Library)

TUESDAY, MAY 24

2:30 pm Wellness Ministry

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

NO 6:30 PM Choir Practice

THURSDAY, MAY 26

7:00 am Jerry Page Men's Bible Study
(Nova SS Classroom)
6:30 pm Church Council Meeting
(Chapel)

SATURDAY, MAY 28

7:30 am UMM Meeting
(Nova Classroom)

SUNDAY, MAY 29

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



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