



# FIRST THINGS FROM FIRST UMC, ALCOA

1st Week of June, 2022

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## Sunday Morning Schedule Change:

Starting Sunday, June 5, 2022

Worship - 9:30 a.m.

Sunday school - 10:30 a.m.

Note: Sunday @ Six will not meet again until Sunday, June 26th at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday @ Six canceled on June 5 due to Annual Conference in North Carolina

Sunday @ Six canceled on June 12 - due to Vacation Bible School

Sunday @ Six canceled on June 19 due to Father's day, enjoy time with family and friends

## Honoring Our Graduates:

This Sunday, June 5, 2022 we will be honoring the 2022 graduates:

- 1- Redmond Walsh
- 2- Robinson Walsh
- 3- Danny Lawson
- 4- Allie Boyd
- 5- Savannah Roach
- 6- Kendall Ellis
- 7- Henry Bonneville
- 8- Sarah Garris

There will be a breakfast for the graduates and their families following the worship service.

RSVP are required: [lgoins@alcoafumc.com](mailto:lgoins@alcoafumc.com)

## Stewardship Campaign:

The church's budget year ends June 30, 2022 and a new budget of \$715,000 was approved for the upcoming year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. The Executive Committee is sharing this year's stewardship campaign so we can fully fund the mission and ministry needs for the upcoming year. Last week, you should have received an email containing three attachments:

1- A letter from Pastor Todd about the ministry and financial needs of Alcoa First United Methodist Church

2- A step chart encouraging those who are not yet tithing, to step - up one or two steps toward tithing.

3- An estimate of giving card from July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023.

If you did not get the email and would like this information, we will be happy to email it to you or send it by mail. Let the church office know if you need a copy. lwolfe@alcoafumc.com

## **Holy Communion Service:**

During worship on Sunday Morning we will be sharing in a service of Holy Communion. Christ our Lord invites all who will come to his table. Everyone welcome. During the Communion service, Pastor Todd and Pastor Joe will be behind the altar rail, if you would like to be anointed and prayed for, please see one of the pastors and they will be happy to anoint and pray for you. God can heal our brokenness: physically, mentally or spiritually. There is power in prayer!

## **Holston Annual Conference Starts Sunday:**

At 4:00 p.m. at Lake Junaluska, NC the Holston Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will convene. This will be the first in-person Annual Conference since the pandemic. The Conference will be presided over by our new Bishop Deborah Wallace - Padgett. Pray for the following who will attend and represent Alcoa First United Methodist Church:

David Duggan - Member representing Alcoa First United Methodist Church

Barbara Stinnitt - Member representing Alcoa First United Methodist Church

Beth Green - Member representing the Smoky Mountain District

Liz Chancey - Member representing the Smoky Mountain District

Johnny Walker - Member representing the Smoky Mountain District

Pastor Todd Chancey - Clergy Member

Pastor Joe Green - Clergy Member

Allen Garrett - Projected to receive his first clergy appointment at Pleasant Hill UMC in Maryville, TN.

## **Next Week:**

Welcome our New Director of Youth and College Age Ministry - Mr. Chris Reinbold (Starts on June 11, 2022).

Choctaw Mission Team - leaves for Philadelphia, MS: Team Members from Alcoa FUMC:

Allen Garrett, Lisa Joins, Jason Goins, Todd Chancey, Clairra Dominick (Pastor Todd's Granddaughter) Heidi and Rodney Hyatt (Liz Chancey's sister and her husband.)

VBS - Starts on Sunday Night, June 12, 2022

Blessings,  
Pastor Todd



## **IMPACT Notes:**

Student Ministries at Alcoa FUMC

From Chris:

I want to say how excited I am about starting very soon as the new youth director. There will be many exciting things coming up at IMPACT. Please read below for more information. Websites are still under construction.

Until Every Student Hears,

Chris

## **Website:**

Stay up to date and find out what is going on by visiting our student ministries website.

<https://impactsmafumc.webstarts.com/>

## **Coming Up At IMPACT:**

Passion Conference (College Age) January 2023

Resurrection (Jr. & Sr. High) January 2023

## **In 2023:**

We will be meeting to discuss 2023 at IMPACT very soon. Start thinking about things you want to do so that you can give your input when the time comes.

Parents and Volunteers: stay up to date with what we are doing.

<https://parentsofimpact.webstarts.com/>

<https://volunteersofimpact.webstarts.com/>

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## **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.

The committee began meeting Tuesday, May 31st, with companies who specialize in church pictorial directories. We're hopeful to make a selection very soon. So exciting to begin this process!!!

## J.O.Y. ful News:

Just Older Youth

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.

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.

Tuesday, September 13th – Potluck Brunch @ the Cove

Tuesday, September 27th – Biblical Times Christian dinner theater in Pigeon Forge. Bus leaves @ 5:00. Tickets are \$28.00 each

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. Lots more exciting events await our senior congregation members.

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## Altar Flowers:

The altar flower calendar is located in the hallway to the right of Johnny Walker's office door.

Choose a date and sign up!

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## Wellness Ministry:

The Wellness Ministry will meet Tuesday, June 28, from 2:30-4:00 PM in the Green Room.

Salads will be featured, with healthy dressings that can easily be prepared at home.

Sign-up sheet is on the table outside the church office.



## Music Notes from Beth:

This Sunday morning at 9:30, we will be meeting in one worship service!

Sunday school classes will meet following the service. This schedule will last throughout the summer. This single service will include the Chancel Choir and Praise Band. And our worship will reflect that, as we meld together the music from 8:30 and 11:00 services by merging and blending. I pray that as we work toward merging these two services into one, that we will continue to lift up the name of Jesus in all that we sing, play, and do.

Pray for us, the musicians, as we navigate the road to blended worship. In turn, we are praying for you to experience the presence of God each time you enter the sanctuary!

Blessings,  
Beth

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## Wonderful Wednesday:

Mark your calendar! Wednesday June 8th at 6:00 PM is the next of our Wonderful Wednesdays. RSVP to the church office @ 865-982-5551 by Monday, June 6th.

Invite someone to join us. Invite a church family member you haven't seen recently. Invite a neighbor you haven't visited with in a while.

Shawn Jones will be catering a summer cookout with burgers, veggie pasta salad, grilled sweet corn and watermelon, so you don't have to cook.

We will have a basket for you to donate what you can to cover our costs.

Join us for food, fun, and fellowship! See you there!



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## 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!



## May 26, 2022 AFUMC Council Highlights:

May Wonderful Wednesday was a huge success, and will continue in June. Between service donuts have been discontinued for now. JOY ministry visited Clarence Brown theater in May and will go to Cumberland County Playhouse in June. Wellness Ministry meets monthly on the last Tuesday. Four-couple dinner groups meet in individual homes. A women's Bible study group meets after second service. Greeters are again welcoming all to worship services. UMM sponsored a Chili Cookoff and Sweet Potato "drop" involving many members and some non-members. The Congregational Care group is very active!

Council approved formation of a Next Step Committee to study and inform issues/timing related to potential UMC schism.

Allen Garrett will receive a church clergy appointment during the upcoming Holston Annual Conference. Eric Dickenson was elected Co-Chair of Missions/Evangelism. Allen's leadership was acknowledged and thanked. Missions donations show consistent growth with an almost \$5,800 balance. Camp Wesley Woods and Haiti were recently added to the Missions support list.

Chris Reinbold will join staff as Youth/College Director. Lisa Goins has joined as Children's Ministries Director.

Council approved a fiscal 2022/23 budget of \$715K, including a 3% staff raise. Year-to-date income is about \$617K and income has exceeded expenses by \$86K. About \$30k has been spent for lighting upgrades and a/c repairs. Storm damaged shingle roofing areas will be replaced in about 6 weeks.

Combined worship services commence June 5, also the start date for the Holston Annual Conference. Pastor Todd and Liz recently attended the International Wesleyan Covenant Association Annual Gathering. They will lead an 8-week Bible study on Distinctive Discipleship, Wednesday evenings.

AFUMC is supporting Alcoa Elementary Schools by tuning their baby grand piano.

## Honors

- Given to the Operational Giving Fund in honor of Paula Patterson by David & Darunee Lawson.

## June Birthdays

- 6/1 April Hawkins
- 6/3 Landon Daugherty
- 6/5 Barbara Adkins, Susan Beavers
- 6/6 Joshua Hawkins
- 6/7 David Duggan
- 6/8 Emma Dickenson
- 6/10 Aaron Goins, Kim Perkins
- 6/11 Francis Gross, Joey Kinkead, James Larrabee
- 6/12 Emi Pickett
- 6/14 Jake Weller
- 6/15 Lynsey Wolfe
- 6/16 Garrett Dickinson, Carly Lidvall
- 6/18 Jeff Ridenour
- 6/19 Andrew Lawson, Kenneth Reynolds
- 6/20 Jerry Page
- 6/21 Pat Scott
- 6/22 Lynn Hood
- 6/24 Pat Coulter, Katherine Guess, Janice Veal
- 6/25 Peggy Roberts
- 6/27 Andi Heinemann
- 6/29 Linda Davis, Collin Ridenour
- 6/30 Wynn Maples

## Church Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1  
6:30 PM Praise Band Practice  
7:30 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, JUNE 2  
7:00 am Jerry Page Men's Bible Study  
(Nova SS Classroom)

SUNDAY, JUNE 5  
9:30 am Blended Summer Worship  
10:30 am Sunday School  
NO 6:00 pm Sunday @ Six



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