



# Algood Reflections

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“Pastor’s Ponderings”

by Pastor Tommy

## DATES TO NOTE

**Sunday Fellowship, 9:45 AM**  
Diversified Group, *Fellowship Hall*  
New Beginnings, *Library*  
Children’s Class: Trackers of Truth,  
*Upstairs classroom*

**The New Beginning’s:** *Sunday School Class invites you to come meet with us on Sunday Mornings at 9:45a.m. We are discussing how our spiritual growth affects our church both inside and outside the building. We also share our prayers requests and joys. We would love for you to join us.*

**Tuesdays-Fridays, 9 AM-12 PM,**  
*Walking Space Open, Family Life Center*

**Sundays at 9:45 AM, Sunday School:**  
*We are currently discussing Rick Warren’s book “The Purpose Driven Church”. You are invited to join each Sunday. We’d love to have you.*

**March 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m United Women of Faith will meet in the Fellowship Hall.** See a U.W.F. Member.

**Alpha each Wednesday, begins at 5:30 p.m. in the F.L.C. Bible study following in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> Church Council Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Library**

Good Day Readers,

As we approach this beautiful Easter season, I once again find myself pondering a curious question that seems to drift into our celebrations. The same question I’ve pondered upon every year during this specific time of year: Do we, as Christians, truly celebrate Jesus or do our thoughts and actions drift more towards the Easter bunny? While the playful imagery of the Easter bunny is specific festivities, today I invite you to reflect on the true heart of Easter– our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Easter bunny is a beloved symbol of springtime cheer and renewal. Yet, let us not allow this charm to overshadow the profound truth of our faith. Easter is fundamentally about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ– a miraculous event that gives us hope, forgiveness, and the promise of eternal life. In every flower petal that blooms and every ray of spring sunshine, let our minds and hearts be reminded of the glorious promise made to us through Christ’s resurrection.

Jesus’s journey from crucifixion to resurrection transforms despair into hope. His victory over death assures us that no darkness is too deep for His light. As we celebrate His resurrection, we are invited into new life, a life filled with grace, love, and everlasting joy. It is in celebrating Jesus that we embrace the very essence of our faith– a faith that has the power to transform hearts and heal souls.

Now that this point I’d like to clarify something. Please don’t think that I am anti-Easter bunny, I like the Easter Bunny, and the chocolate rabbits, jelly beans, and Cadbury eggs; and I don’t think there is any harm in taking children to have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny or telling them if they don’t go to sleep the Easter Bunny won’t bring them a basket. Where the harm can occur is when a child’s way of thinking is shaped more around the “fun of Easter Bunny” instead of the lifesaving importance surrounding the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Remember the words of the Gospel according to **John 11:25-26**, where Jesus declares, **“I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.”** This declaration is the cornerstone of our belief. It is not the symbols or secular festivities that give meaning to our relationship with Christ that transforms every aspect of our lives.

As an Easter People, we are called to remember the sacrifice of our Savior and to celebrate His promises with joyful hearts. We are not called to dismiss the joy of creation around us but to hold fast to the eternal truths that anchor our souls. When the bunny’s cheerful hops remind us of the changing seasons, may they also serve as a reminder of the transformation that Christ’s victory brings to each of us.

May the joy and promise of Easter fill you and your loved ones with hope and peace. Remember always that our celebration is richer and our hope deeper when we honor Christ-the true essence of Easter.

Grace and Peace,  
**Pastor Tommy Flood**

## March 2026 Event Calendar

**Tuesday's Prayer Group** *meet each Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.*

**Easter Lilies:** The deadline for Easter Lily orders is March 15th. The price is \$8.50 each. Please list who they are bought for or in memory of.

**United Women of Faith Happenings:** Our March meeting will be hosted by Carol B. Our program is on "Meandering". We all do it. But have you ever compared yourself to a river? Or have you thought that what you were doing or what you are doing is meandering? Come explore with us on March 14th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Fifth Sunday Lunch: March 29th** *immediately following service.*

**Church Council** *meeting will be held March 29th at 5:30 in the Library.*

### **BLESSING BOX**

Please place items in the donation box in Fellowship Hall.

### **MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

2nd- David & Candy Norris

### **MARCH BIRTHDAY'S**

2nd- Bella Dishman  
21st- Gene Hayenga  
23rd- Chris Brown  
24- Milt Collins  
24th- Betty Huehls  
25th- Patricia Allen



### **RECYCLING ALUMINUM**

The can cart beside the FLC makes recycling aluminum cans a simple task, and generates funds for AUMC.

NOTE: *The recycler does not accept any aluminum other than beverage cans. Please do not recycle aluminum foil, pet food cans, baking dishes, etc. in our collection cart.*

### **HELEN'S CORNER by Helen Metz**

I am tired of cold weather. I am ready for spring. The poinsettia I brought home at Christmas is getting it's new leaves. My Easter cactus is blooming now. The seed catalog's are arriving not only by email but also by postman. As seasons come and go I think this is the one I enjoy the most. "In the bud, there is a promise" I so enjoy watching the natural world come back to life. It energizes me. Just as Palm Sunday starts me anticipating all that God has in store. May you enjoy this season of renewal with anticipation.

### **UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**

*This year we have started something new. We are emphasizing missions in a whole new way. To encourage ourselves to donate more we have started a challenge. It is a calendar of fun things to do just for missions. Each day we are given something to either be thankful or something we "owe". Please check the information table in the fellowship hall to see what we have come up with for the month of March and help us save for missions. One example is: pay three cents if you wore something white today or pay two cents for every rug in your house. We will collect all funds for mission in October.*

### **FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT**

January 31st Balance: \$45,379.54  
Budget Total: \$7,761  
Restricted Income: \$ 19,508.81  
Endowments: \$224.96  
Income \$ 10,523.81 Expenses \$ 12,552.66  
Designated Funds Balance \$ 61,927.45  
Monthly Overspend -\$2,028.85  
YTD Overspend: -\$3,848.55

### **FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE**

Average In-Person Worship: 33  
Online: 15  
Sunday Fellowship: 9

## **Algood United Methodist Church**

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Sunday: Classes 9:45 AM Worship 11:00 AM