



AMELON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



October 2018

Sunday Morning Worship: 9:00 a.m. and 10:53 a.m.

October 7 *Holy Communion* "Why? Because God first loved us!" 1 John 4:16-19
 October 14 "Why? Because we are given so much!" Ephesians 3:20-21
 October 21 "Why? Because we can give so much!" 2 Corinthians 9:6-13
 October 28 "Why? Because of eternity!" John 3:16-18



Sunday School at 9:45 each Sunday

October Special Events

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner will be October 3 at 6 p.m. To make reservations, please call the church office. The next fellowship dinner will be on Wednesday, November 7.



UMW Blanket-making: Monday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m.



Bake Sale sponsored by our Youth: Sunday, October 21.



Halloween Bash: October 27th from 5 pm until 8 pm. All are welcome!



We will have games, hot dogs, and candy hunt. Sponsored by our Children's Ministry.

Amelon Fall Bazaar

- Saturday, November 3, 7 AM - 2 PM,
- Amelon United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall
- Rummage Sale, Home Baked Goods
- Lunch Served 11-2 PM (including homemade Brunswick Stew)
- Preorder Stew, \$10/qt. Call Church Office at 434-929-3200 or Dale Kidd at 929-1151 .



Presented by the Amelon Methodist Women

Church Staff

Pastor
 Rev. Dr. Mark A. Tinsley
 Director of Music
 Herb Chamberlain
 TLC Director
 Teresa Loving
 Administrative Assistant
 Mary McCarthy



Missed Sunday's service or just want to experience it again?

Go to our website, www.amelonumc.com and click on the YouTube icon at the bottom of any page on the website. Pick the service you want to watch. On the website you can also find links to our Facebook



page, TLC Facebook page, Pastor Mark's blog, our monthly newsletter, and the church calendar, which is updated often.

Our Facebook pages have ongoing updates about church events, changes in schedule, sermon topics and other happenings as well as news from our pastor and our ministry partners. We are always looking for pictures and insights from our members. Just share it or drop us a private message.



Pastor's Corner



Hello, Friends of Amelon!

I hope October is shaping up to be a wonderful month for each of you! However, let us not forget to continue praying for our neighbors in the Carolinas who are still recovering from the devastation of Hurricane Florence. Many have lost so much. May we never forget.

Beth and I would like to thank the church for so graciously giving our children school supplies as part of the school-supply drive. As you know, Beth and I homeschool our five children, so we are always in need of supplies. Your generous gift will last us for quite some time, so, from the bottoms of our hearts, we want to express our sincere gratitude.

As we move toward Christmas, things will be getting rather busy in the church. We have a lot of programs, dinners, special services, and such scheduled. Please be patient with us as we work to do each of these things with excellence. If there is anything with which you would like to help, please let us know. We are more than happy to oblige. As I've said so many times in the past, I am looking forward to what God has in store for us in the days ahead. I'm excited to see some ministries already starting and re-starting. Barbara Woody has started back up the Kitchen Committee and Wednesday dinners (1st Wednesday of each month). We have recently started to help with childcare for a GED program that is meeting in our church on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. And we are looking at some other initiatives that we hope will bear fruit. So, things are moving! I can't wait to see where they go!

Thank you all for your continued support and encouragement! Beth and I continue to feel the warmth and love from Amelon UMC. God bless you all! Now, let's get out there and do what God has called us to do!

Blessings,
Pastor Mark

Long-term Prayer Concerns: Pray for our ministry at Amelon UMC.

Ruth May, Jesse Staton, Genevieve Hudnall, Ben Payne, Linda Neighbors Maddox, Ronnie & Gail Sims, Sammie Stinson, Frances Dalton, Betty Myles, Dawn Fesler, Phil Brown, Imogene Tyree, Steven Wood, Elva Banton, Marilyn & Joe Mathews, Lawrence Cooper, Linwood and Judy Morris, Tony C. Cash, Jody Choberka

Pray for others who have been on our prayer lists as they continue their journey to healing and wholeness.



Prayer Concerns: Please call the church office if you have changes or updates in the prayer concerns in the bulletin or newsletter.

Prayer Chain contact person is Barbara Weatherman whose phone number is 434-929-1180. Her email address is: brw160@yahoo.com

October Sermon Series: *Why am I a Christian?* October is also "Bring a friend to church month."

Please see the church bulletin boards for more information about church and community activities and our involvement locally and throughout the world.

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The next church newsletter is scheduled for **November**. Please submit information to the church office **by Sunday, October 21**.

PRAYER

*“And whatever we ask we receive from Him,
because we keep his commandments
and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.”*
I John 3:22

**All God’s People in
All Places,
And in
All Times,
Are Called to Love
And to Serve.
Ministry of the Laity**

Prayer is powerful. Prayer is when we talk to God and listen to God. It is about communicating; it is about communing with God.

What is your source of prayer? Is your heart attuned to God? Are you drawing near to God so God draws near to you? Are you living a life in loving obedience to your God?

When we pray, we are expressing our love for our Heavenly Father. We are sharing our joys, our concerns and our burdens.

As you pray, remember Paul says: “to come boldly to the throne of grace, that you may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” (Hebrews 4: 16)

In His Love,
Caroll, Lay Leader



Teaching Little Christians Preschool

(434) 929-2880



TLC began our academic year with a new crop of energetic students full of curiosity and wonder. We are looking forward to a year filled with art, science, reading and writing readiness and teaching children of the love of Christ. TLC will “read for the record” along with hundreds of other students in the state of Virginia this month as a promotion of literacy among all children.

Our Pre-k four teachers will be attending a training in Amherst sponsored by Smart Beginnings on how to best prepare today’s preschool children for kindergarten. The training will include a question and answer session with local kindergarten teachers.

This month we will be celebrating “Fire Prevention Week” and Community Helpers. Monelison Fire Department is planning on visiting TLC during the week of Fire Prevention October 8-12. The exact date is to be announced. Our classes are planning autumn parties complete with fall decorations, pumpkins, and colorful food.

For October chapel “The Pumpkin Gospel” has become a favorite each year. We are like God’s little pumpkin patch. We are chosen, God opens us up, cleans out the yucky stuff, places his light in us and puts a smile on our faces. Chapel is every Wednesday at 9:05 a.m. AUMC members are always welcome to join us.

We wish to thank Amelon United Methodist Church/SPRC for recognizing our ministry to the community on September 23rd during worship service. This year marks 21 years since TLC opened its doors.

TLC has several openings in our two and three year classes. Although our four year classes are full, we will accept names for our waiting list. We have plenty of space in our Before & After School Program which serves students attending Amelon and Elon Elementary schools. Spread the word about TLC and visit our Facebook page. You can contact the TLC office at **434-929-2880**.

Blessings,
Teresa Loving

Save the Date!

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner: Sunday, November 18 following worship services

Potluck dinner, wreath-making and movie sponsored by our Youth: Saturday, December 1

Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions: December 6,7,8

Christmas Cheer Baskets sorting and packing: Friday and Saturday, December 21-22

Amelon United Methodist Women

On September 10 the AUMW met with 16 ladies present, which is AWESOME! Shirley Wooldridge had devotions. We discussed upcoming events including singing Christmas carols at our local nursing homes. We also made 7 more blankets. "We are women on a mission!"

We will meet again October 8 and October 15 at 6:30 p.m. We will be making lots of blankets. They are really easy and fun to make and anyone can make them. What makes it fun? It's like a quilting bee, but easier. We sit around a table tying knots together while talking, laughing and learning about each other and before you know it, you have a beautiful warm blanket ready to go.

Our Bazaar will be held November 3 from 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. We are still taking miscellaneous items (no clothes) to sell. If you have anything (we can store it now) please let Carla Wagner or Dot Freeman know. We will be serving our "famous" stew, hot dogs, baked goods, pecans and we will be having our white elephant sale. Please plan to attend!

Well, the year is winding down and I have some extra tidbits I would like to share. Thank you:

- Julie for our s'mores treats
- Ruth G. for our one-of-a kind children's hats--"precious"
- Carla and Judy for all your hard work on our visitors' bags new project
- Joyce for your work on our prison outreach
- Dot for getting our blanks together
- Suzanne for your musical talent for our new outreach project



Most of all thank you to all our wonderful women who come and fellowship and make the 2nd Monday of each month so special and uplifting.

Melodie Cooper, AUMW

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

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Church Nursery

Amelon United Methodist Church would like to welcome Ashlynn Moss and Destiny Swift as our new nursery staff. One of them will always be in the nursery during all Sunday services. We are excited to have their energy and creativity available to our Amelon family for our infant to three year old children during Sunday school and the second service. The first service will be available for infant through 5 years. Our nursery coordinator is Jean Boswell.

In order to comply with the Safe Sanctuary Policy, we must have two people in the nursery. We need to see our volunteer numbers in the nursery continue to grow. Please let Jean know if you could help Ashlynn or Destiny during either the first or second service or during Sunday school. Stop by and say "Hi" and "Welcome" to Ashlynn and Destiny.

Thank you and God Bless,

Louise Clarke, Chairman, Christian Education and Discipleship

LYNCHBURG DISTRICT EVENTS

The Way Forward, A Conversation with Tom Berlin for Laity:

Wednesday, October 10, 7:00 p.m. at Peakland UMC

Lynchburg District Lay Servant Training, October 19-20 ,
Mountain View UMC

Grief Workshop, October 27, 9 a.m.-noon, Timberlake UMC.

Madison Heights Cluster Charge Conference, October 28 at
Amelon UMC.

Lynchburg District Conference, November 13.

October Counter Schedule:

Monday, October 1

Mike Ogden & Linda Foster

Monday, October 8

Bob Taylor & Dot Freeman

Monday, October 15

Becky Woody & Sandra Moss

Monday, October 22

Becky Woody & Dot Freeman

Monday, October 29

Mike Ogden & Linda Foster

CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES

Each year our list of families grows longer. In order to be able to assist additional families we need to collect additional food. This year we are going to try a new approach. We will start gathering food in November targeting certain items.

- November 4 & 11 - peanut butter and jelly
- November 18 - breakfast foods
- November 25 - Thanksgiving type items cranberry sauce, dressing, gravy, cake mix and frosting
- December 2-16 - all types of food

Thank you for your support more information to follow in November newsletter. If you have any questions contact Charles Foster or Mike Ogden 660-6429.

Matthew 25:35

With Thanksgiving

Dear Amelon Methodist

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for your support of Madison Heights Elementary! You all make it possible for our students to be successful at school. We are very blessed by your donation of school supplies, book bags, gift cards, & prayers.

May God Bless You!



Blessings,
Jessica Harrell,
School Counselor
Madison Heights
Elementary School



Financial Report January - August 2018	
Total Receipts	\$ 146,622
Weekly Average Receipts	\$ 4,312
Total Expenses	\$ 162,762
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,071

A few final thoughts regarding my wife "June". It was God's Plan that she and I would spend our life together for fifty seven years. Her greatest gift to me occurred on January 11, 1964 by giving birth to our son, Mark. As parents, we are still blessed by his love for us and our well being. Thank you Mark and Renee for being by my side during your mother's illnesses, her final hours and helping prepare services for our last "Good Bye". June and I had a great life together in so many ways and now rejoice that she does not deal with health issues any more. When she needed us the most, God provided us with strength, the courage and earthly angels until she took her last breath.

THANK YOU OUR HEAVENLY FATHER FOR HELPING US IN OUR TIME OF NEED !!!AMEN !!!

Special "Thank You" to Pastor Mark and his staff for helping us prepare and conduct June's beautiful funeral service.

We will never forget the kindness and support from our AUMC family--it was AWESOME !!!

Richard, Mark and Renee Campbell

October Birthdays

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- G. L. Coleman
Art Cunningham
Chat Terry
- Joseph Campbell
- Tammy Coleman
- Angela Cassidy
Brian Huff
- Elizabeth Bryant
- Sonny Woody
David Crist Woody
- Barry Reynolds
- Chris Wright
- Dale Kidd
Megan Tinsley
Angela Hamilton
- Adele Crews
- Lisa Moss
Pat Brads
- Diane Gryctko
Terry Drumheller
- Judy Dudley
- Penny Tyree
Holly Barber
- Ron Wagner
Joseph Rosequist
- Carlene Oakes
- Joe Mathews
- Sarah Nicely
- Emily Harris
- Dillard Hamlett
- Christian Harris
- Bob Foster
- Zella Waggoner
Scotty Coleman