

*Welcome In the Name and Love of Jesus Christ*

**Welcome!** We are thankful for your presence as we share in the worship of God. We pray you will find the blessing of fellowship among us. If you are visiting, please know that no one is really a visitor. This is God's house and all are welcome. We invite you to pray with us, sing with us, rejoice with us, and hear Christ's call with us. Since we all have needs, during the closing hymn, the altar is open for you to pray, give thanks, dedicate or re-dedicate your life.

**Worship Resources:** A Nursery is provided for children up to AGE 4. We invite you to use this facility for infants and toddlers. Children's bulletins are available from the ushers. In the pews, you will find Prayer Cards that you are invited to use to share specific prayer concerns. Please place the card either in the offering plate or in the prayer boxes located in each entryway.

*Order of Worship*

**Come in, chat, and take a moment to visit. But when the prelude begins – prepare for worship in a spirit of prayer and expectation! As we begin worship, please silence and put away all cell phones and beepers!**

**\*Indicates people stand as they are able.**

Gathering Music

Welcome Announcements and Time of Friendship

\*Hymn #254

*We Three Kings*

Pastor Black

\*Act of Praise #861

Psalm 148

John Hopkins, Jr.

**\*Gloria Patri #70 *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

Children's Time

Sue Walker

Infant Baptism

\*Hymn #191

*Jesus Loves Me*

Anna B. Warner

Prayer Hymn #186

*Alleluia*

Jerry Sinclair

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastor Black

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Black

***Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*In the Bleak Winter*

Piano Duet-Geilda Reese and Dr. Nathan Windt

**\*Doxology #95 *Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above Ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Special Music

*The Three Kings*

Peter Cornelius

Solo-David Cawfield

The Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

Pastor Black

The Sermon

*The Visitors*

Pastor Black

\*Hymn of Invitation #251

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

John W. Works, Jr.

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*Assisting with Today's Service*

Chancel Choir Director.....Dr. Nathan Windt Pianist.....Geilda Reese Organist.....Charlotte Newman  
Nursery Attendants.....Elaine Davidson and Anita Thomas Children's Time.....Sue Walker

*Church Calendar*

10:00 AM Sunday: Sunday School

7:00 PM Wednesday: Chancel Choir

11:00 AM Sunday: Worship

12:00 PM Saturday: UMW/Wattenbarger Hall

2:00 PM Sunday: Removal of the Green

5:00 PM Sunday: Super Sunday Kids

*Our Stewardship Last Week*

Sunday School 55

Morning Worship 120

Chair Fund 50.00

Holston Home 100.00

Sunday School 16.00

Church Budget 4,610.00

*Announcements*

**It's that Time of Year! Altar Flowers:** The following dates are still available: Feb. 24, March 24 & 31, July 21 & 28, Sept. 1, 8, & 29, and Nov. 3 & 17. Please check the dates if you would be willing to provide flowers for any of the Sundays available, sign your name to the chart on the date you wish to reserve.

**Removal of the Greens:** Join us this afternoon, at 2:00 PM. We need several strong bodies and willing spirits to help put our church back in order after the holidays.

**Super Sunday for Kids:** Our Super Sunday Kids will meet today at 5:00 PM. Come be a part of all the fun activities, a great meal and learning about God!

**Youth:** The Allen Memorial UMC Youth will meet today at 4:30 PM. See you there!

**Youth News: Pick up an Allen Memorial Youth 2013 Calendar today for only \$10.00!**

**Imagine No Malaria:** We have set a goal of saving 250 lives for Imagine No Malaria; we are well on our way to our goal with 185 lives saved.

**Chancel Choir:** The Chancel Choir will resume practice each Wednesday, at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary.

**New Chair Fund** – If you would like to buy a chair or several chairs, please mark your check Chair Fund. You may buy chairs in memory of or in honor of someone. One hundred thirty five chairs have been purchased of our goal of 150 chairs, *only 15 more to go!* Thanks for your support for this project!

**UMW:** The United Methodist Women will meet on Saturday, January 12 at 12 noon in the Wattenbarger Hall. Plan to attend this important planning meeting for 2013. Carolyn Delmas will be our hostess. Please bring a salad to share for lunch.

**Dinner After Church:** The Allen Youth will be serving Dinner after Church following Morning Worship on Sunday, January 13. Chili, soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, dessert and a drink is on the menu! There is no charge for the meal, but donations will be gladly accepted to help fund Youth activities.

**Youth News-Resurrection 2013:** The Allen Memorial Youth will be attending Resurrection on January 18-20 in Gatlinburg, TN. There will be an *important* **Parent/Youth Meeting at 4:30 PM on January 13**, to discuss details of the trip. Please see Lela Lawson for more information about the Resurrection Trip.

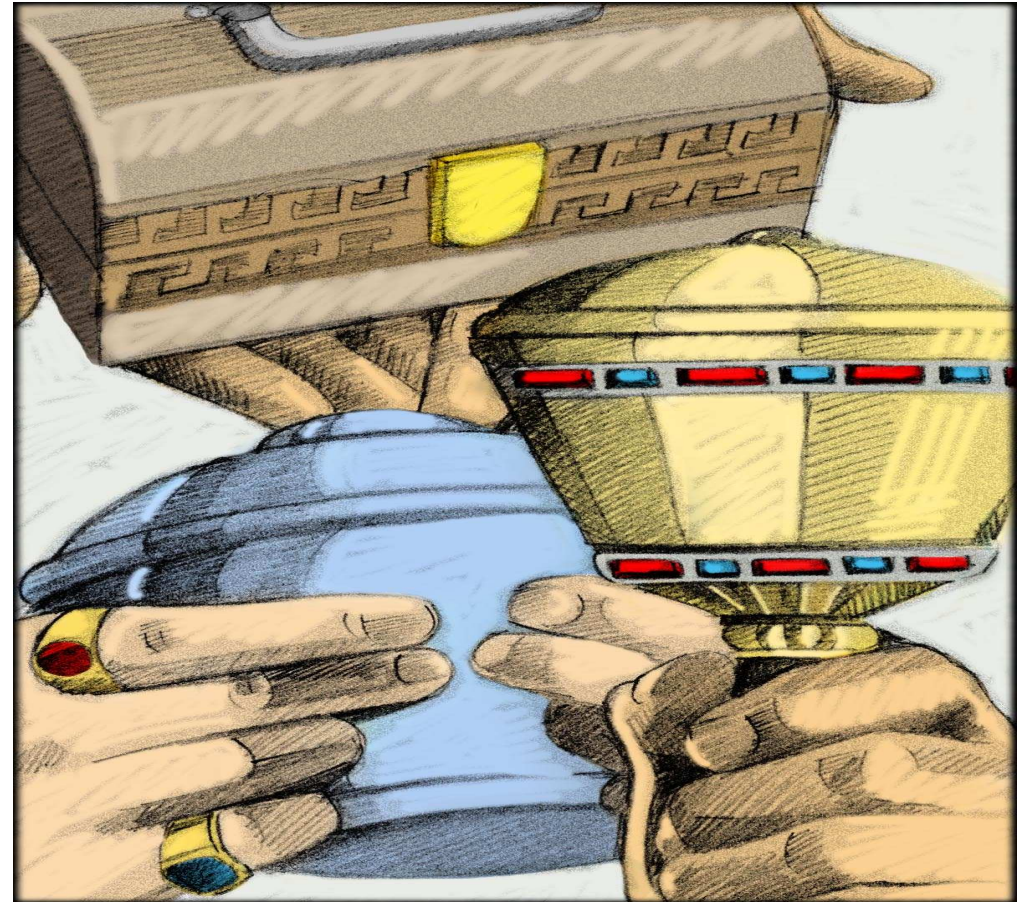
**District Seminar Laity and Clergy Training Day:** The Cleveland District Wide Seminars will be held on Sunday, January 13, at the Walker Valley High School. Registration begins at 1:30 PM, with seminars to begin at 2:00 PM. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to participate in this day of training. A group will leave the church immediately after worship service. See Pastor Joe, Yvonne Raper, or call the office for information.

**VBS Meeting:** There will be a planning meeting for Vacation Bible School on Sunday, January 27, 2013.

**Newsletter Information** for February should be turned in by January 10.

**Prayer Request List:** Each week an updated copy may be picked up in the window at the side entrance.

**Flowers Next Week: January 13- Tim & Lisa Sharp**



#### *Weekly Prayer Concerns*

**For this week:** Joseph Carpenter, Roy Thomas, Glenn Mason, Kathy Clark, Eva Oaks, Bill Stewart, Bruce Delmas, Ella Parker, Rev. Joe Black, Russell Roberts

**Prayer Focus for the Week:** Pray for God's grace, blessings, and guidance for all in 2012.

#### **Directory Photo Dates:**

The directory photos will be taken on the following dates:  
Thursday, January 10, Friday, January 11 & Saturday, January 12.

## *Allen Memorial United Methodist Church*

### *January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013*

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#### *The Mission of the United Methodist Church*

*"The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

*Local churches provide the most significant arena through which disciples-making occurs."*

*From the 2008 M Book of Discipline, ¶120U*

