

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 #698

Children's Time

Prayer Hymn #496

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer

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 *There's Something About That Name/His Name is Wonderful* Gaither/Mieir
Sanctuary Singers

*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.***

Anthem *Let Us Rejoice* arr. Stan Pethel

The Scripture #198 *Philippians 3:12-16*

Pastor: **The Word of God, for the people of God**

People: Thanks be to God

The Sermon *By the Grace of God*
I Can Walk Away From Yesterday Rev. Ted Baker

*Hymn of Invitation #365 *Grace Greater Than Our Sin* Julia H. Johnston

*Benediction Rev. Ted Baker

*Postlude

Assisting with Today's Service

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

Church Calendar

10:00 AM Sunday: Sunday School 6:15 PM Wednesday: Prayer Ministries
11:00 AM Sunday: Worship 7:00 PM Wednesday: Chancel Choir
12:00 PM Sunday: Dinner After Church
4:30 PM Sunday: Youth/Parent Meeting

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday School	60	Future Fund	175.00
Morning Worship	164	Chair Fund	100.00
		Holston Home	100.00
Sunday School	16.00	Imagine No Malaria	60.00
Church Budget	4,387.25		

Announcements

Altar Flowers: The Altar Flowers are given today by Lisa and Tim Sharp in honor of the Allen Memorial UMC Youth and in appreciation of all those who work faithfully with our Youth.

It's that Time of Year! Altar Flowers: The following dates are still available: Feb. 24, March 24 & 31, July 28, Sept. 8, & 29, and Nov. 3 & 17. 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.

Sermon Notes: A copy of today's sermon, "*By the Grace of God, I Can Walk Away From Yesterday,*" will be available as a handout at each entrance after Worship Service.

Dinner After Church: The Allen Youth will be serving Dinner after Church following Morning Worship today! 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: Important meeting today at 4:30 PM. The Allen Memorial Youth will be attending Resurrection on January 18-20 in Gatlinburg, TN. There will be an *important Parent/Youth Meeting today at 4:30 PM,* to discuss details of the trip. Please see Lela Lawson for more information about the Resurrection Trip. **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 191 lives saved.

District Seminar Laity and Clergy Training Day: The Cleveland District Wide Seminars are this afternoon 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.

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

Super Sunday for Kids: Our Super Sunday Kids will meet on Sunday, January 17 at 5:00 PM. Come be a part of all the fun activities, a great meal and learning about God!

New Chair Fund – If you would like to buy a chair or several chairs, please mark your check Chair Fund. One hundred forty two chairs have been purchased of our goal of 150 chairs, *only 8 more to go!* Thanks for your support for this project!

Thank: Thank you and great job to everyone who came out to help with the removal of the Greens and decorations last Sunday afternoon. We appreciate all your efforts and the hard work!

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VBS Meeting: There will be a planning meeting for Vacation Bible School on Sunday, January 27, 2013, at 4:00 PM.

Bible Study: A Bible Study on Beth Moore's "*When Godly People Do Ungodly Things*" will begin in February. Please see the insert for more details, fill out and place the insert in the offering plate.

Divine Rhythm: Divine Rhythm for Young adults will be held in Gatlinburg at Mills Auditorium on February 1-3. Contact the office at 745-1560 for more information or see Jared Wright.

Something for Everyone: On February 5, we will travel to Cleveland to have lunch at Aubrey's. After lunch you will have time to shop for some winter bargains. We will leave the church at 11:30 and return around 4:00. Please let us know by Sunday, February 5 if you plan to join us. Call Charlotte at 745-1915 or the church office at 745-1560 to make your reservations.

UMW: The United Methodist Women will meet on Saturday, February 9 at 12 noon in the Slagle Classroom.

Special Gifts: A special gift has been given to Imagine No More Malaria by Phyllis Stieb in honor of her sheep: Judy & Leroy McLemore, Brian, Kelly, Wesley & Maddie Bean, Paul & Kristi Hodge, Wayne & Susan Scott, Yvonne Raper, S.L. & Sylvia Johnson, Matt, Rachel, Hannah & Isaiah Klusman and Ken & Sharon Davidson.

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

Flowers Next Week: January 20- Linda and Paul Guffey

Weekly Prayer Concerns

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

Prayer Focus for the Week: Pray for God's guidance for our church.



Allen Memorial United Methodist Church

First Sunday After Epiphany

January 13th, 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