

*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

\*Opening Hymn #99

*My Tribute*

Rev. Black

Andrae Crouch

\*Act of Praise #754

Psalm 23

\*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.***

Hymn #380

*There's Within My Heart a Melody*

L. B Bridgers

Children's Time

Sue Walker

Prayer Hymn #175

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

Bernard of Clairvaux

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Rev. Black

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer

Rev. 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-

Special Music Selection

David Cawfield- Solo

\*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.***

The Scripture

John 10:22-30

Rev. Black

The Sermon

*The Good Shepherd*

Rev. Black

\*Hymn of Invitation #381

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Dorothy Thrupp

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*Assisting with Today's Service*

Chancel Choir Director.....Dr. Nathan Windt Pianist.....Gielda 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 Tuesday: Trustee Meeting/Slagle Classroom
11:00 AM Sunday: Worship Service	5:00 PM Wednesday: VBS Work Time
12:00 PM Sunday: Dinner After Church	6:15 PM Wednesday: Prayer Ministries
4:30 PM Sunday: Youth Meeting	7:00 PM Wednesday: Chancel Choir

*Our Stewardship Last Week*

Sunday School	56	Future Fund	25.00
Morning Worship	143	Native American Ministries	45.00
		Mission Shipping	15.00
Sunday School	18.00	Structural Repair Fund	300.00
Church Budget	2,948.11	Future Fund	25.00

*Announcements*

**Altar Flowers:** Today the altar flowers are given in loving celebration of the life of and in memory of Jacob Gowin by David and Kathy Cawfield and family.

**Today! Dinner after Church:** The Allen Youth will be sponsoring a Dinner after Church today. The menu will be pulled chicken, pulled pork, baked beans, slaw, dessert and drink. There is no charge for the meal, but donations will gladly be accepted to help fund Youth activities.

**Rejoicing Spirits:** The Rejoicing Spirits will meet this afternoon at Cedar Springs UMC at 4:00 PM.

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

**Trustee Meeting:** An important Trustee Meeting will be held this Tuesday, April 23at 7:00 PM in the Slagle Classroom. Members of the Trustee Committee are: Bruce Delmas, Bill Yielding, Tom Huth, Charles Newman, James Ivan Grubb, Tim Sharp, Pam Cooley, Marjorie Guffey, Becky Jaquish, and Joe Black.

**Annual Church Wide Picnic:** The Allen Memorial Family Life Church-Wide Picnic will be held on Sunday, April 28 at the home of Becky Jaquish. Please plan to arrive with your covered dishes and your lawn chairs between 4:30 and 5:00. Pastor Joe will have devotion. Yard games will be set up for those who will join in and plenty of great food! Please plan to join in this time of fellowship with your church family.

**Camper News:** Brochures are now available in the side vestibule for the Summer Camping Program! The church offers scholarships for our children; call the church office for the Allen Camper Code for registration.

**Holston Conference/Liberia Mission Project:** A copy of the "Hands on Mission Project" for the Holston Annual Conference may be found in the window in the side vestibule. A 2.5 gallon bag is provided along with the Mission Project List for packing the items for shipment. Please include \$5.00 for shipping and return to the packed bag to the table in the side vestibule.

**Attention Graduates:** If you are graduating or know of someone graduating in our church family, please call the church office at 745-1560. Let us know where the student is graduating from and any award information that you would like included in the June Newsletter. All high school and college graduates from this past year will be recognized in Worship Service on Graduation Sunday on May 19. After the Worship Service the Youth will sponsor a Dinner after Church to honor the Graduates.

**Honors & Recognitions:** As we near the closing of the school year we like to recognize our students as well as all church families with any recent awards or recognitions. We would like to include your news in next month's newsletter. Please call the church office at 745-1560 or drop the information in the offering plate!

**Relay News:** Check out the [Allen Memorial Relay for Life T-Shirts for sale](#) in side vestibule, the cost for the T-Shirts: \$10.00 & \$12.00. Torch of Hope and Luminaria order forms may be found on the tables at each entrance! See Joyce Grubb, Kim Rymer, Carlen Kuykendall, or Yvonne Raper for Relay for Life information. The Relay for Life will be held at the Market Park in downtown Athens on Friday, May 10 at 6:00 PM.

**Something for Everyone/ Fall Trip News:** Pick up a brochure in the side vestibule if you are interested in the Fall Trip to Virginia, Delaware, and Pennsylvania on October 6-10.

**Youth/April News:** Attention all Allen Youth, don't miss regular meetings scheduled for Sunday, April 14, & 28 at 4:30 PM. On the Sunday, April 21 –the Youth will serve Dinner After Church! See you there!

**Youth Yard Sale Date:** The Youth yard sale will be on Saturday, June 15. Please collect all your donations and bring them to the storage building. Contact Lela Lawson or call the church office for more information.

**UMW Meeting:** The United Methodist Women will meet on Saturday, May 11, at 12 noon in Wattenbarger Hall. Members are asked to bring a salad to share for lunch together. All ladies of the church are welcome.

**Men's Group:** The Men's Group meets on the first Sunday morning of each month. All men of the church are welcome to join together on May 5 at 8:30 AM for a hearty breakfast, devotions and fellowship.

**Recycle Baskets:** Please use the Recycle Baskets at each entrance to recycle unwanted bulletins!

**Great Job/Imagine No Malaria:** *We have met our goal of saving lives for Imagine No Malaria!* You may continue to give to this special ministry until June! **Thank you for your support of this ministry!**

**Flower Containers:** We thank everyone who provides flowers for the sanctuary. One of the ways we can keep this cost down is by "recycling" the containers that the flowers come in. If you have any containers at home and can help us reuse them, put them in the side vestibule. Thank You!

**Church to Honor Women on Mother's Day:** On Sunday, May 12, the church will publish a bulletin honoring women on Mother's Day. Forms will be in next week's bulletin, pick a form at one of the entrances or call the church office with your information by Wednesday, May 8. Donations will help fund Youth activities!

**Body & Soul:** On Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, our Men's Group will be serving a hearty "breakfast for supper" for Body & Soul! Pastor Joe will have a short devotion. Make your reservations by Sunday, May 12, the cost for the meal: \$3/adults and \$1.50/children. Come join your church family on May 15 at 6:00 PM.

**Grace & Mercy Ministries:** The *First Annual Fund Raising Banquet* for Grace & Mercy Ministries will be held on Thursday, May 9 at 6:00 PM. Please check the bulletin board in the side vestibule to see how you can be a part of this special night as a table host, sponsor or donor for this worthy cause.

**In Sympathy:** Our church family extends Christian love and sympathy to Bruce and Carolyn Delmas and their families in the death of Bruce's brother, Richard Delmas.

**Flowers Next Week: April 28- Gretchen Kittle**

*Weekly Prayer Concerns*

**For this week:** Joe Carpenter, Glenn Mason, Amberly Richards, Kathy Clark, Polly Anderson, Rev. Steve Brown, Ingrid Cooley

**Prayer Focus this Week:** Pray for people to want to share Christ with others.



"I and my Father  
are one"

John 10:30

***Allen Memorial United Methodist Church***

***Fourth Sunday of Easter***

***April 21st, 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."***

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