

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 Rev. Black

*Opening Hymn #384 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Charles Wesley

*Act of Praise #881 *The Apostles' Creed*

*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 #408 *The Gift of Love* Hall Hopson

Children's Time Sue Walker

Prayer Hymn #191 *Jesus Loves Me* Anna B. Warner

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- *I'd Rather Have Jesus* Rhea F. Miller

Rev. Joe Black- Piano 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.

Anthem *I Love You, Lord* arr. Jack Schrader

The Scripture *John 13:31-35* Rev. Black

The Sermon *Love One Another* Rev. Black

*Hymn of Invitation #557 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* John Fawcett

*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

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| 10:00 AM Sunday: Sunday School | 5:00 PM Wednesday: VBS Work Time |
| 11:00 AM Sunday: Worship Service | 6:15 PM Wednesday: Prayer Ministries |
| 4:30 PM Sunday: Youth Meeting | 7:00 PM Wednesday: Chancel Choir |
| 5:00 PM Sunday: Church-Wide Picnic | |

Our Stewardship Last Week

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| Sunday School | 60 | Mission Shipping | 5.00 |
| Morning Worship | 155 | Children/Youth Fund | 50.00 |
| Sunday School | 11.99 | Structural Repair Fund | 70.00 |
| Church Budget | 2,947.00 | | |

Announcements

Altar Flowers: Today the altar flowers are given with love by Gretchen Kittle to celebrate the birthday of Makade Kittle! Happy 6th Birthday to Makade!

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

Annual Church Wide Picnic: The Allen Memorial Family Life Church-Wide Picnic this afternoon 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, Carlene 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 News: Attention all Allen Youth, don't miss regular meetings scheduled for Sunday's at 4:30 PM.

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!

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Great Job: Thank you to everyone who came out to help with the Pope Ave. clean-up last Saturday. A special "Thank You" to Amy Windt for organizing the troops and to Pastor Joe for the donuts!

New Structural Repair Fund: Our church is facing a Major expense for repairs to the structure of our building. There is a problem with the foundation where the Sunday School wing connects to the Sanctuary. Our trustees are considering recommendations made by a structural engineer. Work will begin sometime this year. Please give to this new Structural Repair fund as God leads.

Imagine No Malaria: You may continue to give to this special ministry until June. Thank You!

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. Please fill out the insert and drop the form in the offering plate or pick up a form at one of the entrances. The information is needed by Wednesday, May 8. Donations will help fund Youth activities!

Body & Soul: On Wednesday, May 15th, 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.

Special Gifts: A special gift was given to the Children/Youth Fund in honor of J. R. Griggs by Charlie and Eva Oaks. Special gifts were given to the Structural Repair Fund in memory of Richard Delmas by James Ivan and Joyce Grubb and by Becky Jaquish.

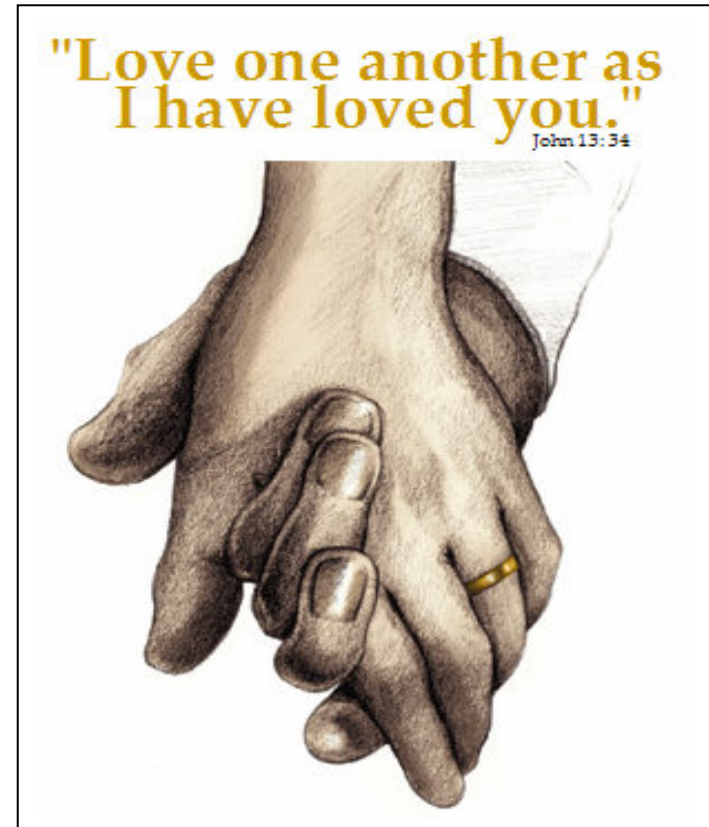
In Sympathy: Our church family extends Christian love and sympathy to Lynn and Betty Collins, to Tanner Collins and their families in the death of Lynn's father, James "Tooter" Collins.

Flowers Next Week: May 5- Jess & Melba Sparkman

Weekly Prayer Concerns

For this week: Kathy Clark, Ingrid Cooley, The Lynn Collins Family

Prayer Focus this Week: Pray for whose hearts are troubled.



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Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28th, 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

