

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 #380 *There's Within My Heart a Melody* Luther B. Bridger

Children's Time Sue Walker

Prayer Hymn #596 v1 *Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word* Tobias Clausnitzer

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-Anthem *Peace I Leave with You* Gordon Young

*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 14:23-29 Rev. Black

The Sermon *Greater Love* Rev. Black

Holy Communion

Communion Liturgy pp15-16

Chancel Choir *Come Down, O Love Divine* Bianco of Siena

*Hymn of Invitation #467 *Trust and Obey* John H, Sammis

*Benediction

*Postlude

Assisting with Today's Service

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

Church Calendar

10:00 AM Sunday: Sunday School	12:15 PM Tuesday: SFE/Volkswagen Trip
11:00 AM Sunday: Worship Service	5:00 PM Wednesday: VBS Work Time
4:30 PM Sunday: Youth	6:15 PM Wednesday: Prayer Ministries
	7:00 PM Wednesday: Chancel Choir
	6:00 PM Friday: Relay for Life/Downtown
	12:00 PM Saturday: UMW/Wattenbarger Hall

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday School	56	Structural Repair Fund	250.00
Morning Worship	131	Mission Shipping	10.00
Sunday School	16.00		
Church Budget	2,702.00		

Announcements

Altar Flowers: Today the altar flowers are from Jesse and Melba Sparkman in honor of Jesse's 87th birthday on May 9 and for their 66th anniversary on May 31.

Bell Concert Today: The Metropolitan Bells of Chattanooga will give a concert this evening at the Keith Memorial UMC at 6:00 PM. The concert performance is open to the public and admission is free. See the poster in the side vestibule for more information.

Something for Everyone: Volkswagen Trip, May 7: The following people are signed up to go on this trip: Charles & Charlotte Newman, Susan Jackson, Jody Boggess, Becky Jaquish, Kim Huth, Betty Davidson, Herb Dake, Matt Dannel, Jim O'Daniel, James and Joyce Grubb, Albert & Carlene Kuykendall, J.R. Griggs, Cleston & Jan Peel, David & Vicki Derrick & Wayne Scott. **Please be at the church ready to leave by 12:15.**

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.

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.

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.

VBS Meeting: A VBS meeting and work session will be held on Wednesday, May 15 at 5:00 PM.

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.

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 June 2 at 8:30 AM for a hearty breakfast, devotions and fellowship.

Youth News: Attention all Allen Youth, don't miss regular meetings scheduled on 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.

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

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.

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.

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

Cleveland District Newsletter: Copies of the Cleveland District Newsletter for May/June 2013 may be found in the window in the side vestibule.

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. If you have any containers at home and can help us reuse them, put them in the side vestibule. Thank You!

In Sympathy: Our church family extends Christian love and sympathy to Jesse and Melba Sparkman, Sam and Mary Sparkman and to their families in the death of Jewel Sparkman.

Special Gifts: Special gifts were given to the Structural Repair Fund in memory of James "Tooter" Collins by Becky Jaquish, by James Ivan & Joyce Grubb, and by Shelby Goddard. Special gifts were given to the Structural Repair Fund in memory of Jewel Sparkman by James Ivan & Joyce Grubb, by Shelby Goddard, and by Becky Jaquish.

Flowers Next Week: May 12 - John & Lori Murphy

Weekly Prayer Concerns

For this week: Kathy Clark, Ingrid Cooley, the Sparkman Family, Charles Littleton

Prayer Focus this Week: Pray for a closer walk with Jesus.



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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5th, 2013

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"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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