

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 Yvonne Raper

*Opening Hymn #383 v1-4 *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* Brian Wren

*Act of Praise #881 Apostle's 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 #367 *He Touched Me* William J. Gaither

Children's Time Sue Walker

Prayer Hymn #273 *Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands* Margaret Cropper

Sharing of Joys and Concerns Michael Bryant

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer Michael Bryant

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- *The Power of the Cross* Shelly E. Johnson
Katie Torbett-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 *Children Bound for Heaven* Mary McDonald

The Scripture *Luke 19:1-10* Rev. Huffstetler

The Sermon *"Climbing Tree"* Rev. Huffstetler

*Hymn of Invitation #340 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* Joseph Hart

*Benediction

*Postlude

Assisting with Today's Service

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

Church Calendar

10:00 AM Sunday: Sunday School	5:30 PM Wednesday: Children's Choir
11:00 AM Sunday: Worship	6:15 PM Wednesday: Prayer Ministries
4:30 PM Sunday: Youth	7:00 PM Wednesday: Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday School	60	Structural Repair Fund	50.00
Morning Worship	120		
Sunday School	29.25		
Church Budget	2,580.00		

Announcements

Today's Altar Flowers: Today's flowers are given by Lynn, Betty, and Tanner Collins in honor and with love to all their family who have birthdays in September. Happy Birthday!

Chancel Choir: Chancel Choir will rehearse on Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary.

Children Choir: Our children's choir will be rehearsing for the Christmas Program on Wednesday's at 5:30 PM! Children from age 4 yrs to 5th grade are welcome. Contact Patti Rae at 744-3047 for more information!

Safe Sanctuaries: Safe Sanctuaries is a required program of the United Methodist Church designated to make sure we create an atmosphere that is healthy and safe for our children and youth. There will be several Safe Sanctuaries training sessions coming up for anyone who will be working with our children and youth or would possibly volunteer to work in these areas.

Safe Sanctuaries Meeting/Youth: Our Youth Leader, Lela Lawson will have a Safe Sanctuaries Class on Sunday, September 29 at 4:30 PM. All adults who plan to work or volunteer with our Children and Youth are asked to attend a Safe Sanctuaries training session. More dates for Safe Sanctuaries Training will be made available soon!

Super Sunday for Kids: Our Super Kids will meet on Sunday, September 15 & 29 at 5:00 PM. Come join our Super Sunday for Kids activities for a kid's size meal, lots of fun and learning how to count on God.

Operation Christmas Child: The Youth are sponsoring Operation Christmas Child! You can help by donating empty shoe boxes and small gifts that will fit inside: school supplies, small toys, games, books, toothpaste, tooth brushes, hair barrettes, combs, hair brushes, or any useful or fun items that can fit in a shoe box! Place empty shoe boxes and donated items on the pew in the side vestibule.

Youth: The Allen Memorial Youth will meet this afternoon at 4:30 PM. All Youth are encouraged to attend as we continue Youth "Hunger Games." All parents, volunteers are asked to attend the Safe Sanctuaries scheduled this afternoon at 4:30PM.

Bagged Candy Needed: Please bring bags of candy for the Youth & Family Life Ministries who are collecting candy for the fall festival on Sunday, November 3. Place candy in the baskets at the entrances!

Something for Everyone: You are invited to join us on October 1 at 9:15 AM as we travel to Blue Ridge, Georgia, to eat at the **Southern Charm Restaurant**. After lunch we will visit **Merceir's** where you can purchase your apples, fried pies and chocolate candy. We should return to Athens around 4:30 or 5:00. Reservations should be made with Charlotte or the church office by Sunday, September 29th.

Structural Repair Fund: Our church is facing a “Major Expense” for repairs. There is a problem with the foundation where the Sunday School wing connects to the Sanctuary. Our trustees are considering recommendations. Please give to the Structural Repair Fund as God leads.

Newsletter News: The October Allen Memorial Messenger is now available in both entryways, on the churches’ website after Monday (allenmemorial-umc.com), and at your email address. Please send your email address to: allennewz1888@bellsouth.net, to receive your newsletter at your email address.

Thank You: A “Big Thank You” to Carlene Kuykendall, Linda Guffey, and Sam Guffey for representing Allen Memorial UMC at TWC Day on Wednesday, September 11.

?Lost Umbrella?: Please check on the pew in the side vestibule to find your lost umbrella!

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 Sunday, October 6, at 8:30 AM for a hearty breakfast, devotions and fellowship.

UMW Meeting: The UMW will meet on Saturday, October 12, at 12 noon in the Wattenbarger Fellowship Hall. Members are asked to bring a salad to share for lunch. All ladies of the church are welcome.

Allen Hosting District Training: Allen Memorial will be hosting the Cleveland District Lay Servant/Lay Speaker Training on October 18 & 19. A copy of the registration form may be found on the bulletin in the side vestibule. For more information contact the office at 745-1560.

In Sympathy: Our church family extends Christian love and sympathy to Delois Gamble and the family in the passing of Al Gamble.

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Special Gifts: *A special gift* was given to the Structural Repair Fund in memory of Vernon Cate by Rick & Fredia Skidmore. *A special gift* was given to the Allen Memorial UMC Church Budget in memory of Eva Ruth Lawson.

Prayer Request List: Copies of the updated Prayer Request List will be included in the bulletin the first Sunday of every month. Each week an updated copy may be picked up at both entrances.

Flowers Next Week: September 29-Wayne & Myra Owsley

Weekly Prayer Concerns

For this week: Rev. Joe Black, Al Gamble, Janie Goines, Albert Kuykendall, Kathy Clark, Hubert Matthews, Ingrid Cooley, Charles Littleton, Dee Gamble & family, Wayne & Myra Owsley & family.

Prayer focus this week: Pray for those in our country who have experienced flooding, fires, shootings and loss.



Zacchaeus and Jesus

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18th Sunday after Pentecost

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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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