

The Allen Memorial Messenger

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'"
Isaiah 52:7 NRSV

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Our annual ***Hanging of the Greens*** service will be held on Sunday, November 27th, at 7:00 PM. Please join us for this special celebration. Don't miss this service, as we see the church come alive as the sanctuary and the Christmas Tree are decorated. The program is directed by Becky Jaquish and Yvonne Raper. If you would like to help in the service in any way, please see Becky or Yvonne.

We will also need people to help prepare for the service—if you can help get the decorations in place (we need help putting up the tree in the sanctuary), please be at the church at 2:00 PM.



Mark your calendars for the Athens Community Chorus concerts, on Friday, December 9, and Saturday, December 10, at 7:30 pm at The Arts Center Downtown Athens. Led by our Chancel Choir director, Nathan Windt, this chorus is well

represented by members of the Allen Memorial church choir, and will be singing a wide variety of Christmas music, from the Classical masterworks of Vivaldi, Menotti, to the contemporary arrangements of John Rutter and Alice Parker, as well as favorites such as "White Christmas," "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," and many more! Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students/seniors, and FREE to TWC students with valid ID. Contact Nathan at nwindt@twcnet.edu for more information. There's no better way to get into the Christmas spirit!

The United Methodist Women's Sunday

November 13th is UMW Sunday, and a very special Worship Service is planned. The UMW will be leading the service as we celebrate UMW Sunday. Our special guest, will be the Rev. Genevieve DeHoog, who will portray Esther.

Assisting Rev. DeHoog in the Morning Worship will be her husband Herman DeHoog, who will accompany "Esther" on the piano during the service.

*Please make note that the UMW will now meet on the 2nd Monday instead of the 2nd Tuesday. See you at the next meeting! (The UMW will not have a regular meeting in November.)



Super Sunday for Kids –Scavenger Hunt

"Ahoy Matey", on November 13th from 5 to 6:30 PM, get ready for a fun scavenger hunt to find the treasures inside your church! On Sunday afternoon come prepared to roam the halls of Allen Memorial UMC to search out the clues to find your treasures. Dinner will be served—grilled cheese and trimmings, with drinks and a yummy dessert! Age 3 yrs to 5th grade are welcome to come and scavenge! See you scalawags on November 13th and be ready for a treasure hunt.



Chancel Choir Rehearses for Christmas Cantata!



Rehearsals began for the Allen Memorial Christmas cantata on Wednesday, October 26, but there's still time for you to join the Chancel Choir if you wish to participate in this year's presentation, *Tapestry of Light*, featuring beloved melodies from the British Isles. The *Tapestry of Light* will be presented during Sunday Morning

Worship Service on December 18th. Rehearsals will take place every Wednesday night beginning at 7:00 in the sanctuary. We provide the music—just bring yourself, and a willing attitude to sing! If you've always wanted to sing with the choir in a low-pressure, shorter commitment, this is your opportunity! Contact Nathan at nwindt@twcnet.edu or at 513-460-3121 for more information. See you at rehearsal!



Children's Choir Rehearses for Christmas Musical! Our Children's Choir will continue to practice each week on Wednesday from 5:30-6:30. The choir will be working on the Christmas Musical, *The Great Christmas Giveaway*, by Celeste Clydesdale.

The musical will be presented on Sunday, December 11, at 7:00 PM All ages 4 years to 5th grade are welcome to come and sing. For more information contact Pattie Rae Bryant at 744-3047.

Food Pantry Grocery List

A big thanks to everyone who helps with food pantry donations. Months with 5 weeks are usually busy at the food bank, with too much month left and not enough money to last.

All canned goods are welcome! On the grocery list are canned food: soups, fruits, beans, corn, and canned meats. Any help you can give will be appreciated.

Operation Christmas Child

The Youth ask that all donations of small gift items, school supplies, small toys, and personal items and all filled shoe boxes be turned in by Sunday, November 6th to be wrapped and made ready for shipping. Operation Christmas Child sends these filled boxes to children across the world. Bring the shoe boxes to church packed for a boy or a girl and drop them off.

The Youth will pack shoe boxes using all donated gifts and supplies. For more information see a youth, Pattie Rae or Lela.





The leaves have changed and are falling. There is a chill in the air. Air conditioning has changed to heat. Jackets have been brought out. People are doing bonfires. Apple shopping and canning and freezing are in process. It all tells things have changed. Summer merchandise has been replaced with Christmas items. Yes, this seems to happen earlier and earlier in recent years.

This also means that there are things in the near future that are special. But, these can also be time-consuming. It is the season of Thanksgiving. (I refuse to say it is Christmas yet, even though churches are preparing for Christmas cantatas and children's programs and the stores are all shelved with items for the season).

What is Thanksgiving for you? Family dinner? Football? Naps? Noise? Thanksgiving means different things to each of us. It also brings back memories of the past as things change. Family members have passed on. New brides and babies are in the picture. The seating arrangement may change but some things remain the same.

For me Thanksgiving was all the family gathering in my parents' house. It was tons of food (much of which would be taken home by each family and served over the next few days.) There was plenty of laughter. There was usually one child that got hurt or got their feelings hurt and cried. Either my dad would pray or I would (as the resident preacher). I'm sure some of you have similar memories. With my parents gone, the customs have changed. The whole family doesn't get together but each individual family unit does.

Thanksgiving has also been a time of sharing food baskets with the hungry families. Communities, agencies and churches collect food and give. What a great display of giving thanks by sharing. Churches often gather at some point at one church and share in a community service. This is great time of worshiping together as Christians.

School children are usually asked to name one thing they are "thankful for." While parents, siblings and home get mentioned a lot, the dog or cat or favorite toy get equal time on the list of things for which they are thankful.

But, we are also reminded that some people live a different kind of life. There will be no big family dinner. There will not be the noise of children playing. For some there will be sorrow or grief or pain. It is my prayer that we will remember the homeless, the lonely, the stranger, the grieving spouse or child or parent.

Thanksgiving is a time of looking heavenward and offering up praise to the One who has given us everything. God has provided for us eternal life at the great cost of the Son. God has blessed us in so many ways. Let this Thanksgiving be about the One who deserves our praise, our thanksgiving and our service.

I pray each of you will have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Joe

Calling all Prayer Shepherds: Pray for Your Sheep!

This is a reminder for all Prayer Shepherds to contact their sheep this month and to continue to pray for each of your sheep daily during the busy holiday season!



Church Website Updated ... Check it out ! @ allenmemorial-umc.com

Susan Jackson has updated the church website. Please check it out. If you have any ideas for our website, she would welcome your comments. You can leave a message for Susan at the church office at 423 745 1560.



Birthday & Anniversaries



Thursday, November 3rd

7:00 PM McMinn Ministries

Sunday, November 6

8:30 AM Men's Breakfast
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Morning Worship /Communion
 4:30 PM Youth
 7:00 PM Council Meeting

Monday, November 7

6:00 PM Junior Girl Scouts

Tuesday, November 8

10:00 AM SFE/Pigeon Forge

Wednesday, November 9

5:30 PM Children's Choir
 6:15 PM Prayer Ministries
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Sunday, November 13

10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Morning Worship /UMW Sunday
 12:00 PM Dinner after Church
 5:00 PM Super Sunday for Kids

Monday, November 14

6:00 PM Junior Girl Scouts

Wednesday, November 16

5:30 PM Children's Choir
 6:15 PM Prayer Ministries
 6:30 PM Body & Soul /Thanksgiving Meal
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Sunday, November 20

10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 2:00 PM Karen Guffey Baby Shower
 4:00 PM Rejoicing Spirits /Cedar Springs UMC
 ?? PM Youth/Laser Tag Trip

Monday, November 21

6:00 PM Junior Girl Scouts

Tuesday, November 22

7:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 24

Have a Happy Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 27

10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Morning Worship
 2:00 PM Preparation for Hanging of the Greens
 4:30 PM Youth
 7:00 PM Worship Service/Hanging Of the Greens

Wednesday, November 30

5:30 PM Children's Choir
 6:15 PM Prayer Ministries

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2. Alda Stewart
 3. Candi Cole, Jimmy Guffey
 4. Jared Wright
 5. Betty Davidson, Paul Guffey, Shelby Goddard, Kathy Clark, Marucine Smidt, Bettye Kaye Richeson
 6. Debbie Gable, Jessica McFarland, David Hutsell, Rachel King
 7. Katelyn Hutchison
 8. Debbie Hashe
 9. Paul Looney Jr.
 10. Jody Boggess, Rachel Klusman, Sam Carter, Sylvia Johnson
 11. Mary Sparkman, Charles Newman, Millard Vincent
 12. Addison Haggart
 14. William Hickey
 15. S.L. Johnson
 18. Skylar Giltane
 19. Taylor Gray
 21. John Clark
 22. Lynette Culberson, Jim McQuain, Herb Dake
 24. J.R. Griggs, John Michael Moore
 25. Travis Snyder
 26. Dr. Fred Lawson
 28. Richard Hashe, Daniel Diggs
 30. Andrew Russell, Tom Reese
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2. Robert & Barbara Thomas
 6. Scotty & Debby Hannah
 8. Jerry Don & Linda Clark, Deborah & Jason Richards
 13. Herb & Haley Dake, Jeremy & Emily Wade
 25. Millard & Mildred Vincent, David & Judy Tilley.

The manifestation of Christian love is only an expression of God's love functioning in and through us.

"The love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." (Romans 5:5)

We love, we give, because the loving, giving God is living and operative in us. Christian love is an expression of God's loving character.

Christian giving is an expression of God's giving character which has been given to us by the presence of the Spirit of Christ, the presence of Jesus indwelling the Christian.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving with those you love.

McMinn Ministries Meeting

McMinn Ministries will meet on Thursday, November 3rd at 7:00 P.M. Come and see what is happening at the Cooke Ministry Center. Everyone is welcome to attend.

MUMM is participating in the Magnolia Cleaners coat drive, if you have coats, they may be dropped off at Magnolia

Grace and Mercy Ministry:

The Grace and Mercy Ministry served 409 meals in September. Coats and blankets are being collected for distribution to their clients. See Becky Jaquish for more details.

Relay for Life News: Allen Memorial received an award for raising the most money in McMinn County. Over 12,000.00 was raised in the fight against cancer.



Worship Service November Flower Schedule

- 6th -Gretchen Kittle
- 13th—Yvonne Raper
- 20th-Carolyn Jackson
- 27th— Claude & Betty Thompson



The Men's Group will meet on Sunday, November 6th at 8:30 AM for a hearty breakfast, fellowship and devotions in Wattenbarger Hall. All men are invited to participate.



The new e-mail address for the Church Secretary, is: **allensec@bellsouth.net**. Please use this new e-mail address when sending information to the attention of Jane at the office. The church wide e-mail address is: **allenmemorialumc@bellsouth.net**.

October Stewardship Report

As United Methodists and members of this congregation, we are called to participate in the life of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.

<i>We Worship By Our Prayers</i>		<i>We Worship By Our Presence</i>
Connie Allen	Glenn Mason	Average Sunday School Attendance 69
Chris Beaton	Jim Neil	Average Worship Attendance 158
Evelyn Black	Curtis Nichols	Avg. SS Attendance for 2011 62
John Boggess	Charlie & Eva Oakes	Avg. Worship Attendance for 2011 163
Jackie Brown	Kylie Overton	Avg. SS Attendance for 2010 73
Lee Brown	Theda Poplin	Avg. Worship Attendance for 2010 180
Bonnie Burmood	Tom Reese	
Kandi Burnette	Bettye Kaye Richeson	
Katie Cain	Jason Richards	
Kathy & Milford Clark	Katie Russell	
John & Pam Cooley	Roberta Russell	
Nancy Crabtree	Chris Russell Family	
JW Cross	Bud Smidt	
Nell Gambill	Mildred Smith	
Steve Garren	Nell Smith	
Joe Henry	Phyllis Stieb	
Madison Hensley	Roy & Anita Thomas	
Carol Hope	Rev. Bruce Vincent	
Greg Hughes	Mildred Vincent	
Darrin Hutchison	Millard Vincent	
Mike Jackson	Darlene Wade	
Steve King & Family	Gladys Wallace	
Raymond Latham	Sandy Yielding	
Eva Ruth Lawson		



We Worship With **Our Gifts and Tithes**

**Remember:
Daylight Savings
Time ends on
Sunday-
November 6th—so
set your clock back
one hour on
Saturday night!**

Received for Operating Budget	18,656.00
Received for 2011 YTD	179,357.07
Received for 2010 YTD	169,293.70

Special Giving

Sunday School Outreach	69.90
Future Fund	100.00
Carpet Fund	1290.00
Youth	50.00
Food Pantry	161.00
Cookbook	55.00
Bus Fund	37.00
Men's Club	150.00
5th Sunday/Holston Home	147.00
UMCOR	
/World Wide Communion	20.00

(Thanksgiving) O Lord, there are not enough words of thanks for all your blessing. Our hearts overflow in praise and worship.



The Rejoicing Spirits Service will be held Sunday, November 20th at 4:00 PM. The Rejoicing Spirit Service at Cedar Springs UMC is open to everyone!

Pray for our nation, community, our leaders,
Pray for our Pastor and for each other.
Pray for God's vision for our church.
Pray for our Bishop, James Swanson and our District Superintendent, Mike Travis
Pray for those who need salvation.
Pray for Steve & Diantha Hodges in Sudan.
Pray for our Sunday Worship Services.
Pray for renewal in our lives.
Pray for Grace & Mercy Ministries.
Pray for hungry, homeless, and unloved.

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS! Brandon Carter, Tyler Cooley, Taylor Creasman, Michael Dyer, Josh Goforth, Josh Gary, Taylor Gray, Brent Greer, Eric Greisenhour, Brandon Hashe, Lee Hashe, Daniel Hickey, Derek Hickey, Phillip Humphreys, Anderson Jaramillo, Robinson Jaramillo, Tim Lammers, Wesley Levy, Wayne McKenzie, Tyler Moore, Will Nation, Thomas Pelham, Adam Randle, Alex Randle, Zach Roberts, Brittany Rupert, Bobby Smith, Brent Stephens.

We Worship By Our Witness

Christian Witnessing - We're Merely Called to Share
Christian witnessing is merely sharing our heartfelt faith in Christ - what He's personally done to change our individual lives! We're not called to argue or debate anyone into heaven. We're merely called to share! As in the courtroom, we're called to be a witness for the Gospel, not the lawyer, judge or jury... Leave that up to God!

We Worship By Our Service

Jesus talked to his disciples about serving others. He gave examples in his life and teaching. In Mark 9:33-34, we are told that the disciples were arguing about which of them was the greatest. In Mark 9:35, Jesus said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all."

In John 13, Jesus began washing his disciple's feet. In doing this, he gave the example to us of serving others. He said that even though he was the Lord and Teacher, he still is serving them, showing that one must serve to be like him. When asked what the greatest commandment is, Jesus said that the Greatest is to love God, and the second is to love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:34-40).

Overall, the reason that Christians serve is because through his love Christ gave his life that we might be able to live with him, and he wants us to share that love with others by serving in whatever ways we can.

Any youth 6th—12th grade is invited to participate in our Youth Group. Our meetings begin on Sunday afternoons at 4:30.

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Youth at Allen Memorial have had a busy fall! The Fall Festival was a great success, with many attending to enjoy the afternoon of fun games, food, music, and fellowship. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way with the festival events.

On October 30th, the Youth had a very special Communion Service with Pastor Joe, who explained the meaning of the Communion experience.

November Youth Schedule:

The Youth will meet on **November 6th** at 4:30 PM to prepare the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes for shipping and will have an Operation Christmas Child Kick-Off Party. The Youth would like to thank everyone for their support in this mission that touches children around the world.

November 13th— Dinner after Church on Sunday after Worship Service will be the Potato Bar/Salad Bar—followed by the 4:30PM Youth meeting, where the Youth will deliver the Operation Christmas Child Shoe boxes.

On **November 20th**, the Youth (watch the bulletin for the time) will be going to Knoxville for a fun afternoon of Laser Tag and then go to CiCi's Pizza for supper! The cost for the trip is \$10.00.

At the 4:30 PM Youth meeting on **November 27th**, the Youth will assist with the Hanging of the Green and attend the Hanging of the Green Sunday night service at 7:00PM.

2012 Allen Memorial Calendar for Sale

The Youth of Allen are making and will be selling a 2012 "Allen Memorial Church Calendar". The calendars will cost \$10.00 and are on sale now. Order forms may be picked up at the entrances to pre-order your calendar that will be filled with pictures and information about what is going on in our church. See Pattie Rae Bryant for more information.

Flowers for Sunday Morning Services

The 2012 flower chart has been posted on the bulletin board in the side vestibule. Reserve your special date! Please sign your name to the date of the Sunday that you are willing to provide flowers.



Something for Everyone

Plans for December: Join us on Tuesday, December 6th, at 12 noon in the Wattenbarger Hall for our "Joy to the World" Christmas Celebration. We will be serving a traditional Christmas lunch. Our program will consist of a slide show of the year's activities. The meal is free; however, we need to know how many to prepare for. Please make your reservations by Sunday, December 4th with Charlotte or the church office.

Body and Soul

Body & Soul will be meet on Wednesday, November 16th at 6:30PM in the Wattenbarger Fellowship Hall for a special Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings—presented by Becky Jaquish and Joyce Grubb (the cost will be \$3.00). Pastor Joe Black will present a Thanksgiving Devotional after we share the meal together. Come and be part of this Thanksgiving Celebration!



Give Praise

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

Directions: In each group, underline the word that doesn't belong. Then write the underlined words on the lines below.

1. Give Take Grab	2. peanut praise pear	3. temple house Lord	4. proclaim past present	5. name boy lad	6. ruin destroy make
7. pine acorn known	8. train nations bus	9. done donut muffin	10. Sing Sleep Yawn	11. she him girl	12. sun praise moon
13. tell fast slow	14. red all blue	15. horrible dreadful wonderful	16. acts sisters aunts		

“ _____ to the _____ , _____ his _____ ;
1 2 3 4 5

_____ among the _____ what he has _____ .
6 7 8 9

_____ to _____ , sing _____ to him; _____ of _____ his
10 11 12 13 14

_____ .” PSALM 105:1-2, NIV
15 16

Answers: 1. Give, 2. praise, 3. Lord, 4. proclaim, 5. name, 6. make, 7. known, 8. nations, 9. done, 10. Sing, 11. him, 12. praise, 13. tell, 14. all, 15. wonderful, 16. acts
 Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. (Psalm 105:1-2, NIV)

Attention Kids: Bring your completed puzzles to the church and we will display them on the bulletin board. Just give them to one of the church ush-

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Return Service Requested

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Morning Worship 11:00 AM

Youth - Sunday 4:30 PM

Prayer Ministries - Wednesday 6:15 PM

Adult Choir Practice- Wednesday 7:00 PM



Editor's Note: The first person to call the church office with the correct answer will have their name published in next month's newsletter.

Question for November: *Who instructed a blind man to go and wash in the pool at Siloam, which resulted in the man regaining his sight?*

Correct answer for October: Jonathon after making a covenant with his dear friend David, gave David his robe, armor, sword, bow and girdle. 2 Sam. 18:3

First Persons To Correctly Answer the October Question: Elizabeth Coleman

If you no longer wish to receive this monthly newsletter, please call the Church office at 423 745 1560 or send an email request to allenmemorialumc@bellsouth.net.

Church Library Offers Good Reading

Our church library is now organized, and books are waiting to be checked out. We invite you to take advantage of this opportunity. You can keep the books as long as you need to. A clip board is available for you to list the books that you are checking out, sign your name, put the dates when the books are checked out and returned. Visit the library!



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