

# 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.'"*

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## The Allen Memorial Family Fall Festival

October 9th 5:00 to 7:30

The Allen Memorial Annual Family Fall Festival is coming soon, on Sunday, October 9th from 5:00 to 7:30 PM. For the past several years the Fall Festival has been open to the community, so be sure to invite your family, friends, neighbors, and strangers. This year we want to continue that tradition and make the event even more fun. Everything is free and everybody is invited!

We will have many activities for all ages: bouncy houses, games, booths, live entertainment, food and fellowship. We will have special music—Thankful Heart will be here to sing. Hotdogs, chips, drinks and other snacks will be available.

Children (and adults) may come in their costumes. Bring a bag or basket for all your loot.

To prepare for the Fall festival you are asked to bring individually wrapped bags of candy and place in the baskets at the church entrances. Most important we need all to be praying that hearts will be touched, and opened to God's love. Please invite everyone to come and enjoy the fall festival.

New this year, we would like to have a booth that displays all the Ministries that we enjoy at our church. We ask that Ministry Leaders create an 8x11 information sheet about your ministry. We will have them on display to showcase the activities at Allen. Please contact Amy Windt if you have any questions about the Ministry displays or questions about the Fall Festival at 513-312-8074.

### Acolyte Dinner and Training Session—October 2nd.

Following Worship Service Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, acolytes will have a great lunch of lasagna, salad and dessert that will be followed by an acolyte training class.

Parents will meet with the new acolytes at 1:30PM to see what they have learned during class.

Pastor Joe, Kim Stewart and Yvonne Raper will be assisting in the acolyte training session.



### Join the Chancel Choir for the Christmas Cantata!

If you have always come to our Christmas Cantata Service in December and thought, "I really wish I could sing with them," here's your chance! Beginning Wednesday, October 26, all singers are welcome to join us for a low-commitment, 30-minute rehearsal at 7:00PM in the sanctuary, focusing on *just* the Christmas cantata selections.

This year's cantata is titled, "Tapestry of Light," featuring a Celtic-style service of familiar carols, new arrangements, and inspirational readings. For more information, please contact Nathan at 513-460-3121, and we'll see you

### Children's Choir Rehearsals Begin

Our Children's Choir rehearsals will continue to practice each week on Wednesday from 5:30-6:30. The children's choir will be working on our annual Christmas Musical that will be presented on Sunday, December 11th. All ages 4 years to 5th grade are welcome to come and sing. For more information contact Pattie Rae Bryant at 744-3047.



### Adopt-a-Street Clean-up Day

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the Pope Avenue Adopt a Street Clean-up Day on September 17th. As one of our community outreaches, we have "adopted" Pope Avenue. Ten awesome volunteers came out, put on the orange vests and geared up for trash pick-up along Pope Avenue.

It was an enjoyable experience and the weather cooperated, as the group worked to clean God's creation. Be on the look out for another trash pick-up day to be scheduled this Spring during March. See Amy Windt for more information and you too can be a part of this meaningful work and good



### Talent Wanted for Allen Memorial Family Life Talent Show



**Church Talent Show:** We need talented individuals or groups of people to participate in the Allen Memorial Family Life Talent Show. So dust off your talent and sign up for the talent show scheduled on Sunday, November 6th, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

Singing, whistling, juggling, birdcalls, playing spoons or puppets – anything goes! Get your talent out of storage and come share in the fun.

If you have been hiding your talent, it's time to let it shine. We need you for this fun evening of talent. Contact Amy Windt with your talent details!!!! Sign up as soon as possible before all the spots are taken.

### Church Golf Tournament

Our annual Joe Jaquish Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled for October 30th. Everyone is invited to play. More information will be available in the Sunday bulletins. \*Please contact Jeff Grubb (568-2030) or Jared Wright (368-2869) for details.





I remember growing up in a small church in Knoxville. The name of the church was Roseberry Methodist Church. But there were a couple of other churches in the neighborhood with the name Roseberry so the folks of my church decided to change the name. It became Lynnwood (for the two neighborhoods we were in (Lincoln Park and Oakwood). I can remember the ladies who taught our Sunday school class. There were several who participated in Sunday school and MYF. But one in particular comes to mind. She showed her love to us in very special ways. We knew she was not just fulfilling a duty and she wasn't just doing it because nobody else would. She showed us genuine love. We knew she cared about us. There were times when her kids would come to our house on Sunday or we would go to her house. Her sons were about my age and the daughter was just a little younger.

When I go to Annual Conference she is there with her daughter. She now is on oxygen. She is looking much older. But, when I see her we hug and kiss and then we talk. She always brings up something about Lynnwood (where she still goes to church). We talk about the youth who were there. We talk about the things we did in SS and youth. We talk about family who have gone on to heaven (her husband, my parents). We talk about her sons and what they are doing and she asks about my brother and sister and their families and my children and grandchildren. I know where she sits at Annual Conference so I go back to that area and find her. With 1,500 to 2,000 people there, it isn't always easy to find people you want to talk to. But since she is in the same area and I sit in my same area we can find each other.

When I think about her I know how much she loved us (and probably got frustrated with our foolishness). She had a real servant's heart. She was one of the group of women who met at the church on Wednesday mornings for prayer. I went some with my mother to that meeting and heard my name being lifted up many times.

This makes me wonder and think...Who is it that looks back and says I can remember Joe Black and what he did for me? On whose lives did I make a real impression as their pastor, SS teacher, youth leader, Bible study leader? It has been over 40 years for her. Who will look back after 40 years and say that I made a difference in their life?

I was attending a meeting with my District Superintendent back in May before moving. The other moving pastors were there. There were two ladies who were there representing their church who had not learned who their pastor would be. At first I didn't recognize her. She came in and smiled at me and found her seat. I learned that she was one of the youth I had in a church I pastored 40 years ago. After the meeting we hugged and talked for a while. We were remembering our past. She is still in that church. We are friends on Facebook. I told her I had often thought of her when I would be in that city. She told me that she had thought of me. She had not been active in church when I first came. Maybe something I did made a difference.

We have a great calling to serve God. It can be frustrating working with children and youth at times. It can be worse working with adults at times. But, it can also be very rewarding and joyful. Who is that person in your life that made a difference? Who helped you to understand God's love? Who put the passion in your life?

We are simply asked to love and to serve. The investment of your time and gifts to a child or young person may be what saves them from a life of tragedy. You may not know who it is now. But, serve them as if you thought you were the one person who would change their lives.

Peace,



The Rejoicing Spirits Service will be held Sunday, October 16th at 4:00 PM in the afternoon.

Everyone is welcome to attend this wonderful service. Mark your calendar make plans to attend. The Rejoicing Spirit Service at

Cedar Springs UMC is open to everyone! See you there.

**Church Website Updated ... Check it out @ [allenmemorial-umc.com](http://allenmemorial-umc.com)!**

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



## Birthday & Anniversaries

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2. Raymond Latham
3. Janet Boggess
4. Spencer Skidmore
5. Kathy Snyder
6. Sue McQuain, Will Miller
7. Vince Newman
9. Karen Perry
10. Thomas Hicks, Jessica Moore
11. Adam Randle
12. Andy Latham, Blake Hashe
13. David Culberson, Bobby Smith
14. Jay Land, Sara Monteen, Jeff Wright
16. Sarah Rymer
17. Milford Clark
18. Charlotte Newman, Mikayla Thurman
19. Robert Davidson
21. Butch Raper, Zachary Hughes
22. Kari Kuykendall
23. Bill Stewart
24. Jamison Blair
25. Andrew Bryant, Matt Garren
26. Vickie Derrick
27. Jake Herron, Meg Wade, Joele Cardwell
28. Michelle Hoppe, Meghan Arsenault
30. Leslie Reese Gunderman
31. Judy McLemore

### OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

3. Greg & Lynnette Baines
10. Thomas & Elizabeth Hicks
11. David & Lynette Culberson
15. Sam & Mary Sparkman
20. James Ivan & Joyce Grubb
25. Ken & Sharon Davidson

### McMinn Ministries Meeting

McMinn Ministries will meet on Thursday, October 6th at 7:00 P.M. Come and see what is happening at the Cooke Ministry Center. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Worship Service October Flower Schedule

- 2nd: Becky Jaquish  
9th: Delois & Al Gamble  
16th: Betty Collins  
30th: Melissa Blair



The Men's Group will meet on Sunday, October 4th, at 8:30 AM for breakfast, fellowship and devotions in Wattenbarger Hall. All men are invited to participate.



### Operation Christmas Child

The Youth are once again sponsoring Operation Christmas Child and will be collecting and filling the shoe boxes with school supplies, toys, and personal items for children across the world.

Please save shoe boxes for this great project. Bring the shoe boxes to church and drop them off. In October you can pack a shoe box for a boy or a girl or donate supplies. For more information see a youth, Pattie Rae or Lela.

### Call to Action

Last month we included information about the Call to Action and we are beginning to explore ideas and consider how we can minister to our church family and to our community.

We are asked to identify goals for our church. Please be in prayer for this Call to Action as we begin to move forward.

### Undee Sunday Update

*Undee Sunday* was a great success! Thanks to everyone who contributed donations to the items listed below:

- 1,517 girls/young ladies underwear
- 730 boys/young men underwear
- 120 boys/ young men t-shirts
- 1,323 pairs of socks
- 217 tubes of toothpaste
- 39 pairs of shoes
- 1,500 donated toothbrushes

\*Dozens of bars of soap from the Grace & Mercy Ministry

\*The Keith Memorial UMC provided the transportation for Trip to Sneedville. The Jubilee Project was a great success!

### Grace and Mercy Ministry:

The Grace and Mercy Ministry continues to grow in their wonderful ministry to the homeless and disadvantaged in our community.

In August 523 meals were served! Grace and Mercy feeds souls as well as bodies, and many people are being reached for the Lord through this ministry. Watch as this ministry continues to grow!



The new e-mail address for the Church Secretary, is: [allensec@bellsouth.net](mailto: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](mailto:allenmemorialumc@bellsouth.net).

# September 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.**

***We Worship By Our Prayers***

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Connie Allen          | Gail Mosier          |
| Chris Beaton          | Jim Neil             |
| Evelyn Black          | Curtis Nichols       |
| John Boggess          | Charlie & Eva Oakes  |
| Jackie Brown          | Kylie Overton        |
| Lee Brown             | Theda Poplin         |
| Bonnie Burmood        | Tom Reese            |
| Kandi Burnette        | Jason Richards       |
| Katie Cain            | Dennis Richeson      |
| 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       | Dave Schwiebert      |
| Carol Hope            | Roy & Anita Thomas   |
| Greg Hughes           | Carrie Tydinco       |
| Darrin Hutchison      | Rev. Bruce Vincent   |
| Mike Jackson          | Mildred Vincent      |
| Steve King & family   | Millard Vincent      |
| Raymond Latham        | Darlene Wade         |
| Eva Ruth Lawson       | Gladys Wallace       |
| Glenn Mason           | Sandy Yielding       |

***We Worship By Our Presence***

Average Sunday School Attendance	69
Average Worship Attendance	176
Avg. SS Attendance for 2011	68
Avg. Worship Attendance for 2011	181
Avg. SS Attendance for 2010	72
Avg. Worship Attendance for 2010	182

***We Worship With***  **Our Gifts and Tithes**

Received for Operating Budget	\$ 15,836.05
Received for 2011 YTD	\$ 160,991.70
Received for 2010 YTD	\$ 149,172.91

***Special Giving***

Sunday School Outreach	\$ 66.00
Future Fund	\$ 280.00
Carpet Fund	\$ 3055.00
Youth	\$ 25.00
Lord's Hour	\$ 25.00
Food Pantry	\$ 175.00
Cookbook	\$ 80.00
Bus Fund	\$ 25.00
Men's Club	\$ 50.00
UMCOR #3700	\$ 50.00

- 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 Greisenhaur, 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 Service***

Serving God should never be considered a chore, but a privilege. It is an honor to serve someone we love. Because of our love of God we should want to serve faithfully. What is it you can do this week to serve God by serving others?

**DOLLARS SENSE**

I love the story of the widows' mite. While in Israel a number of years ago, I bought some Israeli coins (including some widow's mites). It looks and feels like play money.

To the religious elite it wasn't regarded very highly. It would be like someone dropping a couple of pennies in the offering plate.

But when Jesus said she had given her last "dime" (so to speak); it tells of her love for God in willing to sacrifice everything for Him.

Pastor Joe

***We Worship By Our Witness***

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!

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



Our Youth are back in action for the Fall. They are gearing up for the **Fall Festival** that will take place in the parking lot here at Allen Memorial on Sunday, October 9th, at 5:00 PM.

The Youth are asked to meet at 3:00PM on the afternoon of October 9th to prepare and set up for the Fall Festival activities. Youth are asked to wear their Green Allen Memorial T-Shirts and show up ready to work! Contact Lela Lawson or Joseph Carpenter/Chairman with any questions about the activities for Fall Festival.

On Sunday, October 16th the Youth will be serving Dinner after Church. The menu for that day will be a church favorite... Deli Style!

On Sunday, October 23rd, there will be no Youth Meeting due to Fall Break, with regular Youth Meetings to resume on Sunday, October 30th.

Come and be a part of the Allen Youth.

**Calling all Prayer Shepherds:**

This is a reminder for all Prayer Shepherds to contact their sheep this month and to continue to pray for each of them daily.



The **United Methodist Women** will meet on Monday, October 10, at 6:30PM at the home of Carolyn Delmas. A meal will be provided. Sandy Yielding will present the October program. Please remember to bring your "Thank Banks" to this meeting. All women are invited to come and join the UMW. We would love to see you there.

\*Please make note that the UMW will now meet on the 2nd Monday instead of the 2nd Tuesday. See you at the next meeting!

**Something for Everyone**

On Tuesday, October 4th, we will travel to our favorite apple house, Merceir's in Blue Ridge, GA. We will have lunch at the Yellow Jacket Restaurant in Blue Ridge. They offer a daily lunch special which includes a choice of meat, 3 vegetables and a dessert. The price range is \$6 to \$10. Then we will go to Merceir's where you can purchase your apples and fried pies. Reservations should be made with Charlotte or the church office by Sunday, October 2nd. We will leave the church at 10:00AM and return around 4:30PM.

**Looking Ahead:** On November 8th, we will travel to the Smoky Mountain Palace Theater in Pigeon Forge where we will see "Cirque de Chine." Get ready for a colossal surprise! Enjoy an entertaining 2 hours of powerful music, graceful movement, enchanting scenery, and dramatic color. Tension mounts as 5 Flying Motorcyclists race on stage inside the globe of danger. This is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records! Please save the date and watch the church bulletin for more information.

**Body and Soul Scheduled for October 19th at 6:30**

Body & Soul will be on Wednesday, October 19th, at 6:30PM in Wattenbarger Hall. A great meal will be served by Yvonne Raper and Carlene Kuykendall that includes: fried catfish, chicken wings, white beans, coleslaw, hush puppies, drinks and dessert. The program for the night will be "4 His Glory" a black light puppet ministry that will appeal to all ages. The puppet ministry group is from the St. Paul United Methodist Church in Etowah, TN. Come and enjoy a delicious meal and the puppet program.



**Check out the Food Pantry Grocery List**

Thanks to everyone who helps with food pantry donations. You may bring your grocery donations or you can make a check to Allen Memorial UMC, mark Food Pantry on the memo line.

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.

Answers: heart to give, cheerful giver

**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 ushers.**

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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

# Bible Quiz

*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 October:** Who, after making a covenant with a dear friend, gave him his robe, armor, sword, bow and girdle?

**Correct Answer for September:** Noah was told by God that the sight of a rainbow in the Sky would be a covenant between God and every living creature.  
*Gen. 9:12-14*

**First Persons To Correctly Answer the September Question:** *Mildred Vincent and Elizabeth Coleman*

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