

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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"UNDIE SUNDAY"

We have designated August 25th as McMinn United Methodist Ministries - "Undie Sunday" to collect new girls and boys underwear, socks, and toothpaste.

The socks and underwear are for K-8th graders and will be distributed through the Jubilee Project in Sneedville, TN which is one of the poorest areas in our state. You can bring your items beginning now through August 25th. Please leave all items in the side vestibule. See Becky Jaquish for more information



Sunday School Appreciation Dinner

We are blessed to have some excellent Sunday School teachers and it is once again time to show our appreciation to them for their dedication.

They give to our church and to God by sharing every Sunday morning. We are grateful for our teachers and look forward to honoring them.

You are asked to bring a covered dish or two and share in a lunch in their honor on Sunday, August 11th following the morning worship service.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Rev. Les Coomer and C. J. Beckett were united in marriage here at the church on July 13th. May God bless them as they serve Him in their new life together.



Children's Choir

The Children's Choir under the direction of Patti Rae Bryant will be rehearsing each Wednesday, starting August 21st, from 5:30 to 6:30 in the choir room. The children will be working on their Christmas musical which will be presented on December 8th at 7:00 PM.

All children from age 4 through 5th grade are welcome to come and be a part of the group. If you have questions, give Patti Rae a call at 744-3047.



Our next **Body and Soul** will be on August 14th hosted by Kim & Sarah-Beth Rymer, Joyce Grubb and Carlene Kuykendall. The menu will feature roast beef/gravy, green beans, potatoes, slaw, rolls, dessert and drink. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Please make your reservations with one of the hostesses or the church office by Sunday, August 11th. This is a great opportunity for fellowship in our church.



Camp Meeting Services

The four Sundays in August have been designated as camp meeting Sundays. The service will be less structured and you are invited to dress casually. The services will include more singing—especially the old hymns you love. Pastor Joe will be preaching "revival-type" sermons which are sure to offer spiritual renewal for all who come.

We will have special music during these four Sundays. We hope you will invite your friends and family and plan to join us as we celebrate our heritage during this very special time.



Infant Baptism

Bethany Hope Murphy received infant baptism on June 23, 2013. She is the daughter of John and Lori Murphy. She is the sister of Jason, Alex and Abbey Murphy.

Bethany is now a preparatory member of our church. Please prayerfully provide Christian nurture for Bethany as she grows in the love of God through worship, Sunday School attendance and personal relationships with the members of this church.

Jesus said: "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." (Luke 12:15-17)

Lord's Hour Offering

It's time for our annual Lord's Hour Offering. We are asked to give our first hour's wage each week as a special offering to be received on August 25. This special offering will be directed to the **General Budget**. Please prayerfully consider this special offering and give as God leads you.



Cleveland District UMC Spirit Night

Mark your calendars for the Cleveland District United Methodist Church Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A in Cleveland on **August 26th**. Stop by the restaurant between 4 and 8 PM and 20% of your purchase will be given to our district for Imagine No Malaria. Enjoy a good meal while you help save lives. All you need to do is order your meal inside or from the drive-thru and tell them you are with The United Methodist Church.

Old Church Pew for Free

We have an old church pew in our storage building that needs work. If you would like to have it, call Jane at 745-1560 for more information.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: EVERYDAY FAITH

We are in the midst of doing a series of sermons on Faith based on Hebrews chapter 11. In some quick snippets from the Old Testament we can see where faith played into the lives of people in the book of Genesis as well as in our lives today. Faith may seem to some as only foolish, wishful thinking. But the amount of faith or even more importantly the use of faith in their lives or lack of faith made a huge difference in how things turned out or turn out now. Adam and Eve tested the faith they had in God and things changed drastically and they lost. Noah had enough faith to build an ark in the desert when it was dry – not a cloud in the sky. He was called foolish, senile, crazy and every other name people could think of. But, God had told him to do it and in spite of what others said or thought he worked on day after day until the ark was completed. The problem was, it didn't rain. Not for a while. But when it did, Noah and his family were prepared. They had been told when to board ship. They did so. Sprinkles turned into torrents of rain. The boat began to rise with floods and drift with the wind and current. The naysayers, skeptics, mockers were trying (too late) to get on board. But there was no entrance available then. Noah and his family were saved by faith.

The chapter will show the tremendous faith of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. When faith was the guide, they succeeded. When their faith failed, they failed. The Bible is full of stories of faith and those who obeyed in both Old and New Testaments.

We are called to be people of faith. That means we are ready to trust God no matter what. Is that easy to do? Absolutely not! When the cards are stacked against us, it is difficult to trust. But we are called to live a life of faith and faithfulness.

Read the Book and the stories. You can also read stories much more recent of people who lived by faith – not seeing the end of the tunnel, but knowing there is an end to that tunnel. Let's exercise faith in the small things so we can be guided by and live by faith in life's hardest challenges. (Joe)



Volunteer of the Month

Jody Boggess

Jody has been a very active member of Allen Memorial for several years. He loves working with the youth in our church and in our community. Currently, Jody teaches the **Youth Sunday School Class**. He also helps with the **UMYF** group which meets each Sunday evening.

He helps with the many projects the Youth sponsor and drives the bus when he is needed for their trips. He is becoming well known for his "barbecued chicken" which the Youth sell each spring to raise money for their trips and projects. Jody realizes how important our youth are and is willing to give his time to make sure they have safe opportunities to interact with each other and to explore what it means to be a "child of God."

Jody is the **Church Lay Leader**. This is an important role in the church. As Lay Leader, Jody represents the members of the congregation as a member of the Church Council, the Staff/Parish Relations Committee and the Finance Committee. Jody takes this position very seriously. He is always ready to be the "eyes and ears of the congregation." He tries to insure effective and timely communication between church members and the minister and staff.

Being a **Chancel Choir Member** is a natural for Jody because of his great love for music. He participates regularly in our church choir and also in community choirs as often as he can. Music Ministry is important in the life of the church. This ministry would not be possible without people who are willing to use their gifts to "glorify" God. Jody not only participates in the Chancel Choir but also in the Youth and Children's Choirs as needed. He almost always has an important role in the Children's Christmas Musical. He is a great example to our young people who see him giving of his time and talents.

Jody is one of our **CDL licensed bus drivers**. He spent a great deal of time studying to take the test for his CDL driver's license. He not only drives for the Youth but also for the "Something for Everyone" group on the overnight trips. Without our CDL drivers, our Youth and Adult Ministries would not be as vital.

The **Scouting Program** has always been close to Jody's heart. He has worked with Boy Scouts for many years—both here at Allen and now with a troop sponsored by another church. Many of our members have fond memories related to the scouting program thanks to Jody's willingness to give of his time and energy.

Jody is married to Janet. They have one daughter, Melissa, and three grandchildren, Jamison, Braden and Madi. He has worked at Mayfield's for many years and hopes to retire soon to enjoy traveling and playing with those grandchildren. Be sure to tell Jody how much you appreciate all he does to make the programs of our church so successful.



WELCOME

Lacey Hunter and her two sons, Caleb and Corwin united with our church on July 14th.

Please make this new family feel welcome as they become involved in the activities of our church.



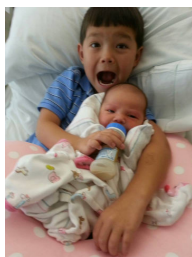
Living in these days of many instant opportunities, perhaps we become impatient in waiting for our Heavenly Father to answer our prayers. Then we act on our own to resolve our requests.

This reminds me of an old story told about the little girl telling her mother about her brother setting traps to catch harmless songbirds. Her mother asked her if she had done anything to discourage the brother's actions. "Oh, yes" she said, "I prayed the traps would fail and not catch the birds." "Anything else?" her mother asked. "Yes, I prayed that God would keep the birds from getting into the traps." "Is that all you have done?" asked her mother. "No!—then I went out and kicked the traps all to pieces."

Lord, give us patience to wait for your answers. Shepherds, pray for your sheep, and give thanks for God's unending grace and answered prayers. (Eva Oakes)

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Beau Harbin welcomed his little sister, Mena Aileen, to the world on June 22nd. She weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz and was 20 1/2 inches long. Her proud parents are Brent and Mari Harbin. The doting grandparents are Vaughn and Jane Jeffreys. Welcome Baby Mena to the Allen Memorial Church Family!



Weekly Recurring Events

Monday
6:00 PM Junior Girl Scouts

Wednesday
6:15 PM Prayer Ministries
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice

Sunday
10:00 PM Sunday School
11:00 PM Worship
4:30 PM Youth

Monthly Recurring Events

Sunday
8:30: 1st Sunday—Men’s Group in WH
5:00: 1st & 3rd Sunday—Super Sunday for Kids
4:00: 3rd Sunday—Rejoicing Spirits at Cedar Springs

Tuesday
1st Tuesday—Something for Everyone—Check bulletin

Thursday
7:00: 1st Thursday—McMinn Ministries at Cooke Center

Saturday
12:00 Noon: 2nd Saturday —UMW

Special Events and Meetings:

Sunday, August 4—6:00 PM
Church Council Meeting in Wattenbarger Hall

Tuesday, August 6—10:45 AM
Something for Everyone trip to Crossville

Friday, August 9—11:30
UMW meal for Grace and Mercy Ministries

Sunday, August 11—12:00 noon
Sunday School Appreciation Dinner after Church

Wednesday, August 14—6:00 PM
Body and Soul Meal in Wattenbarger Hall

Wednesday, August 21—7:00 PM
Chancel Choir practice resumes

Altar Flower Schedule

August 4 Aaron Martel
August 11 Brian & Kelly Bean
August 18 Bill & Sandy Yielding
August 25 Charles & Eva Oakes

United Methodist Women to Meet



The ladies will meet on Saturday, August 10 at 12 noon in Wattenbarger Hall for a salad luncheon and meeting. Betty Davidson will be the hostess and Amy Windt will have the program. Please bring a

salad to share for lunch. All the women in the church are invited to come and be a part of the work of the United Methodist Women.



Men’s Breakfast: All the men of the church are invited to come for breakfast and devotions on Sunday, August 4th at 8:30 AM. This is a great opportunity for fellowship in the church.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

“I will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and do all in my power to strengthen its ministry by my prayers, my presence, my gifts, my service, and my witness.”

Our Presence

	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>
(YTD) 2013 (Average)	54	150
(YTD) 2012 (Average)	67	170
(MTD) Average for June 2013	54	150

Our Gifts

YTD (June 2012)	101,315.16
YTD (June 2013)	95,545.39
June 2013	19,938.01
Sunday School Outreach	73.93
Youth Fund & Father’s Day Bulletin	1,150.00
Imagine No Malaria	20.00
Future Fund (includes fundraisers)	210.00
Structural Repair Fund	2,110.00
Bus Fund	25.00
Men’s Club	50.00
Holston Home	270.00
VBS Refreshments & Bibles	120.00
Change for Children	398.51

Our Prayers

Our Country, our Leaders and our Troops
Our Pastor, Rev. Joe Black
Our District Superintendent, Rev. Joe Green
Our Bishop, Rev. Mary Virginia Taylor
Our Missionaries, both at home and overseas

Remember to Pray for Your Sheep!

Polly Anderson	Ben & Jane Lynn
Nancy Barton	Barry Lynn
Kelly Bean	George Lunsford
Chris Beaton	Gary Mason
Darren Beckett	Brandon Myers
Shealeigh Brewer	Cecily Myers
Joseph Carpenter	Jim Neil
Kathy Cawfield	Lewis Raulston
Kathy & Milford Clark	Russell Roberts
Bob Cobb	Curtis Sayles
Grace Coleman	Sue Senn
John & Pam Cooley	Sandy Sledge
Ingrid Cooley	Charles Sargent
Bruce Delmas	Mildred Smith
Linda Dennis	Nell Smith
David Freeman	Marie Sparkman
Steve Garren	Roy Thomas
Carol Hope	Jim & Verdine Thompson
Lacey & Caleb Hunter	Jim Toomey
Mike Jackson	Rev. Bruce Vincent
Erica Johnson	Millard & Mildred Vincent
R.C. Krise	Rev. Carl Ware
Richard Kyker	Rev. Ogle Wattenbarger
Cynthia Hudick Leigh	Joe Wilburn
Chase Littleton	Rev. Jeff Wright,
Wendell & Dawn Lynn	Johnny Wright

Our Service

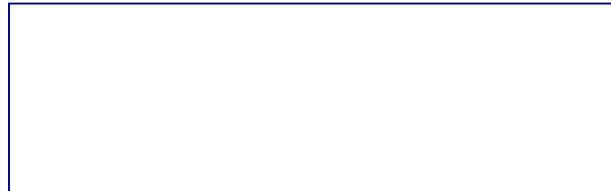
The United Methodist Women will provide a meal for Grace and Mercy Ministries on August 9th and Pastor Joe will have a devotion. This is an important ministry in our community. Please be in prayer that all who attend will receive a blessing.

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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



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



Our Kids
Super Sunday for
Kids is for children
ages 3—5th grade.
Our meetings are
on the 1st & 3rd
Sundays at
5:00.

Meetings will start again in the fall.
See you then!

Bible Question for August: Who was Saul's Father? Correct answer for July: Noah



Genesis 9:20-21 "And Noah began to be a farmer and he planted a vineyard. Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent.

First Person(s) to correctly answer last month's question: Elizabeth Coleman and Mildred Vincent

Operation Christmas Child
The Youth will once again sponsor Operation Christmas Child. Be sure to save your shoe boxes from back to school shopping. Also this is a good time to purchase pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, rulers, calculators or anything that will fit in the shoe box. Put your shoe boxes and your school supply donations on the bench in the side vestibule. Thanks for your support for this very worthy project. Watch the bulletin for news concerning the annual back to school kick-off. Regular meeting will resume in August

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