

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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CHURCH PICNIC

Family Life Plans Church Picnic

The annual Church Picnic will be on April 28 at the home of Becky Jaquish. Please plan to arrive with your covered dishes and your lawn chairs between 4:30 and 5:00. Pastor Joe will have a devotion. Yard games will be set up for those who are interested. Please plan to join in this time of fellowship with your church family.



Hands-on-Mission Project Health Kits for Liberia Holston Conference-2013

This year the Cleveland District goal is 400 kits. Each kit should contain: 1 hand towel, 1 washcloth, 2 toothbrushes, 1 bottle roll-on deodorant, 1 tube antibacterial ointment, 1 small bottle spray perfume/cologne/body mist, 2 tubes toothpaste (6.4 oz. or less), 1 bottle lotion (18 oz. or less) 1 bottle aspirin or Tylenol (24 ct.) Pack all items in a 2-gallon Zip-Loc bag. A \$5.00 donation for shipping should accompany each kit. Do NOT put the money inside the bag. The bags will be available on the table in the side vestibule. Return your completed kit to the side vestibule. **All kits must be returned by June 2.**



Vacation Bible School June 2—7, 2013

The theme for VBS this year is Kingdom Rock, an epic adventure that empowers kids to stand strong. At Kingdom Rock VBS God's victorious power isn't a fairy tale. It changes kids forever. The kids will meet true biblical loyalty such as King David and others. Please make plans now so that your children will not miss out on this great adventure! Watch the church bulletin for more information.

Relay for Life-May 10-6:00 PM

This year the Relay for Life will be held at the new Market Park in downtown Athens. If you would like to walk with the Allen Team, you can sign up in each entryway of the church. You can also help light the way around the Relay for Life track by purchasing a luminary in honor or memory of a loved one touched by cancer. A white bag is \$10, a silver bag is \$25 and a gold bag or a plaque on the wall of hope is \$50. The shirts designed by our team with a picture of the church on the front and names of loved ones on the back will for sale for \$10 or \$12 for XX and up. Thanks!!



Something for Everyone

Please plan to join us on **Tuesday, April 2**, as we travel to Turkey Creek to eat at **Connors Restaurant**. After lunch we will make a stop in Philadelphia at the **Sweetwater Valley Farm home of Cheese-Cows-Wows!** Here you can sample many unique blends of cheese and purchase some to take home with you. You can see the Udder Story exhibit which houses a little bit of the past, answers the question of what dairy farming is today as well as shares technology for the future. Please make your reservation by Sunday, April 2 with Charlotte at 745-1915 or the church office at 745-1560. We will leave the church at 11:00 AM and return around 4:30 PM.

Just a Reminder: The Volkswagen Tour on May 7 is now full. The Spring Trip on May 28 & 29 will be open to the church family until April 14.

Looking Ahead: Brochures are available in the side vestibule for the Fall Trip on October 6-10 to Virginia, Delaware and Pennsylvania. Reservations must be made for this trip by June 2. Payment for the Sight and Sound Theatre is also due by June 2.



United Methodist Women to Meet

The ladies will meet on Saturday, April 13, at 12 noon in Wattenbarger Hall for a salad luncheon and meeting. Jane Jeffreys will be the hostess. Evelyn Brunson, our Cleveland District Treasurer, will be our guest speaker. Please bring your favorite salad to share for lunch. All the women in the church are invited to come and enjoy a time of fellowship and learn about the mission work of United Methodist Women.



TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Congratulations to Duane Rikard who was selected as Etowah City School Teacher of the Year.

Duane enjoys working with children. We are fortunate to have him involved with our Youth Group here at church.

Duane and his wife Amy have three children, Emma, Bobby and Briony.

We wish Duane many years of continued success in the classroom.

Men's Breakfast

All the men of the church are invited to come for breakfast and devotions on Sunday, April 7, at 8:30 AM. This is a great opportunity for fellowship in the church.



THE EASTER JOURNEY

It is a grand and glorious journey to Easter. Today we celebrate in so many ways – special foods, big dinners, new clothes, egg hunts, decorations and so on. As Christians we have reason to celebrate. Easter is the grand celebration of life after death. So we rejoice.

The first Easter was also a day of grand celebration. Jesus, who had been crucified, was alive. It was unbelievable. Even though Jesus had predicted it, nobody was really looking for it. Many believers were in a period of mourning with all that went with proper mourning. A few women went to the tomb to finish the burial process that was rushed on Friday.

Some, even religious leaders, were celebrating that now Jesus was gone for good and everything could get back to normal and fear of the Romans would be gone since the leader of this new sect was dead.

But that Easter became a great day of celebration. One woman, then two disciples, then more disciples heard about Jesus’ resurrection and even saw him alive. The impossible had really happened. Jesus was alive. Death and tomb could not hold him.

The resurrection brought joy and fear. Joy – because Jesus was alive. His promises were true. There was now hope for a new future. Fear—because these disciples were talking about Jesus being alive which gave them new courage to continue the journey they had begun with Jesus.

Our Egg hunts, family dinners, new clothes and so on mean nothing unless we experience the living Christ. The one who had conquered death and the grave is alive. And that celebration means living new lives in joy and victory for us even though we are appointed once to die; every believer in Christ is promised new and eternal life in Christ. There is a place prepared for those who believe – an eternal place of life and joy and victory.

But it also means we have been given new life here which should be lived in celebration of the living Christ. We are called to live as Easter people. People who are alive inside and outside. We are witnesses to the resurrection by the way we live our lives, sharing the joy Jesus gives to each child of God. Let’s live as Easter people celebrating daily what Jesus did for us and gave to us.

Joe



As we continue to rejoice in the mountaintop experience of Easter time, there is also a powerful reminder of the importance of prayer.

Jesus modeled a lifetime of prayer. He prayed at many places, day or night, regarding many different issues.

We are challenged to remember His teaching. What a blessing to know He is praying for us. **Remember your sheep!**



Women’s Health Awareness is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, from 9 AM—3 PM at TWC. Cost is \$10. Registration deadline is April 5. More information is available in the side vestibule or by calling the church office.



Volunteer of the Month – This month we have chosen **Becky Jaquish** as our volunteer of the month. Any church is truly fortunate to have a member who is always willing to help no matter how busy she is with other activities. That’s the way Becky is. She always smiles and says “Yes, I’ll be glad to” even when she really doesn’t have

the time.

Becky has always loved working with the children. She currently teaches those students who are in the 3rd and 4th grades. This is a very important time in the life of a child. Becky is working hard to prepare them for making those important life decisions. She has a gift for making learning about the Bible a fun experience. She makes her classroom an attractive setting where children love to be.

Becky has been involved in the Music Ministry of the church for many years. In the past, she has served as the Children’s Choir Director as well as the Chancel Choir Director. She is currently a member of the Chancel Choir and serves as the substitute director.

Becky serves on the Church Council and is a member of the Trustees. She served on the Building Committee when the new sanctuary was built. She is still willing to help on renovation projects to the church or parsonage structures.

She is very active in the work of the United Methodist Women. She is currently serving as vice-president. She has served as president in the past and has also served as a district officer for the Cleveland District United Methodist Women.

Becky helps organize and serve the bereavement meals for members of our church family who have this need. This is very comforting to our members who are suffering the loss of a loved one.

Becky enjoys attending Holston Annual Conference each spring at Lake Junaluska. She has many friends throughout the conference. She likes to keep abreast of the business affairs of the governing body of the church.

Becky is very involved with many church and civic organizations outside our local church. She is very active in McMinn Ministries, Grace and Mercy Ministries and Relay for Life. She is a graduate of Tennessee Wesleyan College and is dedicated to preserving the integrity of the college for future generations.

Becky and her beloved late husband, Joe Jaquish, were blessed with three children, Mark, Sally and Jimmy. She has 7 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Our church is fortunate to be at the “top of her list” for Becky’s many interests. She enjoys working in her flower beds, reading, music and traveling with her family and friends—especially those grandchildren.

Be sure to tell Becky how much you appreciate all she does for our church!

IMAGINE Thank you for your generous donations to No More Malaria. We set a goal of 250 lives saved. Praise God our goal has been met! However, you can still donate to this very worthy cause.

The people of The United Methodist Church

Brochures for **Camp Lookout Summer Camping Program** are available in the side vestibule.

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/Meetings

Saturday
April 13—9 AM—3 PM, Women’s Health Awareness, TWC

Saturday
April 20—10:00 AM—Pope Street Clean-Up

Sunday
April 21—Youth Dinner After Church, Pulled Chicken

Sunday
April 28 — Church Picnic, 5:00 PM, Home of Becky Jaquish
Bring a covered dish & your lawn chairs.

Altar Flower Schedule

April 7..... Susan Scott and Elaine Davidson
April 14..... Becky Jaquish
April 21..... David and Kathy Cawlfied
April 28..... Gretchen Kittle



Pope Street Clean-Up
Your picture could be here next time! You are encouraged to join the Family Life Committee as they clean up our “adopted street” on Saturday, **April 20**, starting at 10 AM. Vests, gloves and trash bags will be provided. See Amy

Windt if you have questions about this project.



Save the Date: The Youth Yard Sale will be on Saturday, **June 15**. Donated items are now being accepted in the church storage building. Call the church office for more information.

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

	SS	Worship
(YTD) 2013 (Average)	56	160
(YTD) 2012 (Average)	67	173
(MTD) Average for Feb. 2013	55	152

Our Gifts

YTD (February 2012)	34,248.03
YTD (February 2013)	30,381.15
February 2013	15,329.81
Sunday School Outreach	66.30
Imagine No Malaria	340.00
Youth Fund	285.00
Future Fund (includes fundraisers)	215.00
Chair Fund	100.00
Bus Fund	25.00

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!

Pray for the Names Listed Below:

Nancy Barton	Larry Messer
Chris Beaton	Kathy Niswonger
Rev. Joe Black	Jim Neil
Linda Brown	Ella & Rick Parker
Joseph Carpenter	Amberly Richards
Kathy Cawlfied	Russell Roberts
Kathy & Milford Clark	Charles Seargent
Grace Coleman	Nathan Sembeck
John & Pam Cooley	Donna Smith
Ingrid Cooley	Mildred Smith
Jim Crittenden	Nell Smith
William Cross	Bill Stewart
Bobby Davidson	Roy Thomas
Linda Dennis	Jim Toomey
Lisa Evans	Bruce Vincent
Bob Everage	Mildred Vincent
David Freeman	Brenda Walker
Doug Ford	Jim & Mary Watkins
Al Gamble, Jr.	Ogle Wattenbarger
J.D. Harris	Renay Wattenbarer
Carol Hope	
Lacey Hunter	
Mike Jackson	
Tonya Linder	
Glenn Mason	

Our Service

The Family Life Committee recently collected \$200 to be donated to the Humane Society of McMinn County. Several items needed for the care of the animals were also donated. Thank you for supporting this project.

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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

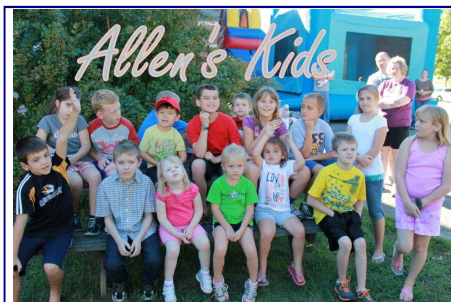


Our Youth
Any youth 6th—
12th grade is invited
to participate in our
Youth Group. Our
meetings begin on
Sunday afternoons
at 4:30.

Youth Dinner After Church on April 21st


Our Youth will be sponsoring a dinner after church on Sunday, April 21st. The menu will be pulled chicken, baked beans, slaw, dessert and drink. There will be no charge for the meal, but donations will gladly be accepted to help fund the many activities our youth are involved in.

This is a great opportunity for fellowship with your church family. Please plan to join us!



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

The Children’s Ministry Team would like to thank everyone who helped make this a banner year for our kids. There is one more regular Super Sunday on April 7. The Super Sunday program will end with a “Day at the Park” on April 21 More information on this “grand finale” will be sent home with each child following the April 7th Super Sunday here at the church.

 **Bible Question for April: Who said unless he could see and touch Jesus, he would not believe the news of His resurrection:?**
Correct answer for March: Simon
Mark 15:21: Then they compelled Simon, a Cyrenian,to bear His cross.
First Person (s) to correctly answer last month’s question:
Mildred Vincent and Elizabeth Coleman

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