

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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Vacation Bible School

Our Vacation Bible School will be held on June 3-8. This year our VBS Theme is "Sky-Everything is Possible

with God." Class sessions will be held Sunday-Thursday 5:30 to 8:45 each evening for children ages 2 through 5th grade. On Friday night, we will have our annual closing program beginning at 7:00 PM.

All parents, grandparents, family and friends are invited to come and see what the kids have been learning all week. Children will come on Friday night at 5:30 PM to practice for the big show.

Please make sure all our children participate and bring their friends to our Vacation Bible School activities.

Vacation Bible School handouts are available in the window in the side vestibule, pick up a few and invite your friends.

Come join us at VBS, beginning on Sunday, June 3 at 5:30 PM for an exciting time in "Sky- Everything is Possible With God!"



Church to Honor Men on Father's Day

On Sunday, June 17, the church will publish a special bulletin honoring men on Father's Day. If you would like to honor the special men in your life, please pick up a form in one of the entryways or call the church office with your information.

Forms will also be included in the church bulletin for your convenience. All entries are due in the church office by Wednesday, June 13. All donations will be directed to the Future Fund to help pay for future needs to our church building.

Thank you for your generous support of all our projects.

United Methodist Women

The UMW will travel to Ooltewah United Methodist Church on Saturday, June 9, to attend the Mission Fair sponsored by the Cleveland District UMW. The bus will leave the church at 9:00 and return around 2:00.

Missionaries will be on hand to share the work they are doing. This

is a very interesting and informative event. All members of the church are invited to attend. (Call Carolyn Delmas at 745-8446 for more information.)



Holston Annual Conference 2012

The 2012 Session of the Holston Annual Conference will be held on Sunday, June 12th through Wednesday, June 15th at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. The Annual conference will be filled with opportunities for business, worship, and fellowship.

Two members from Allen Memorial, Susan Jackson and Jo Ann Littleton who will attend the conference as delegates representing the Cleveland District. Abby Bryant and Rebecca Garren will attend as Youth Delegates from the Cleveland District. Dan Herron will be attending as our Allen Memorial Church delegate, along with Pastor Joe Black. Please be in prayer for those attending the Annual Conference sessions.



YOUTH YARD SALE

The Youth Yard Sale is scheduled for Friday, June 22 & Saturday, June 23. Start collecting now for this Youth fundraiser!

Please find those gently used items that you would like to discard, and donate them to the Youth Yard sale. The Youth Yard Sale is an important fund raiser for the youth ministries.

All items may be brought to the church storage building. Please call the church or contact Lela Lawson if you need assistance with items you wish to donate. The Yard Sale will begin at 8:00 AM on both Friday and Saturday mornings in the parking lot at the Wattenbarger Fellowship Hall.

Future Fund:

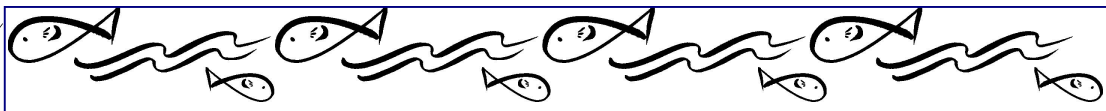
Praise God, our Carpet Fund debt has been paid! Your continued support of all church projects is appreciated!

Help Needed by the Worship Committee For Communion

The Worship Committee needs volunteers willing to help with communion during Worship Service. There are several months available. Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the side vestibule. Call the church office or Yvonne Raper at 333-3083 for more information about helping serve communion.

Operation Kid-to-Kid Mission Project—Saving a Nation

This year our Vacation Bible School kids are asked to bring monetary donations to help purchase bed nets which will protect children in the African country of Mali from mosquitoes which carry the deadly disease called malaria. For every \$6 donated, World Vision will provide one bed net which will protect 2 or more children for up to four years. The church family is urged to support this project. Look for collection buckets inside each Sunday School class and at each entrance.



Summer is almost here. It seems strange to say that since the summer weather has already been here for so long this year. Some flowers that should be now blooming have already finished their season. We have to wonder if this is an indication of what the next couple of months will be like. But, we have always heard that if we wait long enough, the weather will change (especially in East Tennessee).

Summer does give us lots of opportunities to do things the winter prohibits. It is also a time to look at vacations or time away from the regular routine. Everybody needs a change or a break from time to time.

But we know that many things stay the same. There are some things we just have to continue to do. We do not take a break from God or our need of God. So I encourage you to be faithful in your Bible reading, prayer time, outreach to those in need or lonely. Your church will also continue to provide ministry and worship.

I hope you will remember your church in your prayers, attendance and giving. God's blessings to us are so rich and loving. I can personally say that God has been far better to me than I have deserved.

If you are away, I suggest visiting a church near where you are staying. I have often found it renewing to myself to visit other churches when I am away. I also pray for the safety of all who will be stepping out of the normal activities to activities in which you don't normally participate. We want everyone to be safe and well.

Make your extra family time special. If you have children at home, you are making memories that will stay with them throughout their life. Take time to talk with each other, play games and enjoy life.

May God richly bless you today and everyday as you surrender your will to God's will.

Relay for Life 2012 Team News

Thanks to all those who helped with our Relay for Life! Good work again this year!

Chancel Choir News

The Chancel Choir will sing through the month of June, and then break for the summer. New singers are still welcome to join us in June with regular rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:00 in the Sanctuary. If you are interested in doing special music in July, please contact Nathan or the church office. The choir welcomes new members Amber Jeffreys, Aaron Martel and David Hutsell.

Men's Group Breakfast

The Men's Group will not meet at the church this month. The men are invited to join Trinity Men's Group on Saturday, June 2nd at 8:30 AM for breakfast at the TWC Cafeteria.

Something for Everyone

Save the Date: On August 7, we will travel to Crossville to see *Backwards in High Heels, The Ginger Rogers Musical*. We will have lunch at the Cumberland State Park Restaurant. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Mark Your Calendar: On Tuesday, November 6th, we will travel to Pigeon Forge to enjoy the **Country Tonight Christmas Show**. We will have lunch at the Huck Finn Restaurant before attending the show which starts at 3:00 PM. The cost for the show is \$17.50 per person. Watch the bulletin for more details soon.

Baby News!!: Rev. Jake & Laura Herron announce the birth of their daughter, Gracelyn Ann Herron on May 26, 2012, at Franklin Woods Hospital in Johnson City. She weighed 6 pounds 15 ounces and was 20 inches long. Congratulations Jake and Laura and also to the happy grandparents, Dan Herron and Darrin & Nancy Hutchison.



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Prayer Shepherds/What a Privilege!

What a privilege is ours: the privilege of prayer; we can pray to our awesome God, using a direct line to this wonderful Father who loves us.

No wonder the disciples said "We will devote ourselves to prayer, and to the ministry of the word." Acts 6:4RSV
 Should we do anything less?



Remember to pray for your sheep!

June Calendar

Saturday, June 2

8:30 AM Men's Breakfast/TWC
5:30 PM Hashe/Pelham Wedding

Sunday, June 3

10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
4:00PM Youth VBS Training
5:30 PM VBS

Monday, June 4

6:00 PM Junior Girl Scouts
5:30 PM VBS

Tuesday, June 5

5:30 PM VBS

Wednesday, June 6

5:30 PM VBS
6:15 PM Prayer Ministries
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, June 7

5:30 PM VBS

Friday, June 8

5:30 PM VBS
7:00 PM VBS Program

Saturday, June 9

9:00 AM UMW/Mission Fair/Cleveland

Sunday, June 10

10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Morning Worship
4:30 PM Youth
Holston Annual Conference Begins

Monday, June 11

6:00 PM Junior Girl Scouts

Wednesday, June 13

Holston Annual Conference Ends
6:00 PM Body & Soul
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Saturday, June 16

3:00 PM Moss/Fulbright Wedding

Sunday, June 17

10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
No Youth

Monday, June 18

6:00 PM Junior Girl Scouts
Youth /Work on Yard Sale

Tuesday, June 19

Youth /Work on Yard Sale

Wednesday, June 20

Youth /Work on Yard Sale
6:15 PM Prayer Ministries
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, June 21

Youth /Work on Yard Sale

Friday, June 22

8:00 AM Youth Yard Sale/WH

Saturday, June 23

8:00 AM Youth Yard Sale/WH

Sunday, June 24

10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
4:00 PM Rejoicing Spirits
4:30 PM Youth Meeting/Clean up



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1. Charlie Underdown,
 2. Susan Jackson, Roy Thomas
 4. Leroy McLemore, Darrin Hutchison
 6. Nancy Hutchison, Janice Melton
 7. Jim O'Daniel
 8. Melissa Blair, Tyler Kyle
 9. Betty Powers, Conner Wade
 10. Morgan Hutchison, Vaughn Jeffreys
 11. Dianne MacElman, Steve Garren
 15. Ken Davidson, Kim Stewart
 18. Joe Cranfield
 19. Andy Hughes, Pam Monteen
 20. Sharon Davidson, Amberly Richards
 22. Bobby MacElman
 24. Adam Lawson, Debbie Smith
 25. John Cooley, Lou Jean Hutsell
 27. Glenda Moss, Marcie Thomas
 29. Jennifer Elder, Connie Hickey, Lisa Boyd
 30. Rebekah Gray
- JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**
5. Aaron & Wendy Snyder
 6. Darrin & Nancy Hutchison
 8. Frank & Kim Rymer
 10. Harriell & Lela Lawson
 11. Roy & Anita Thomas
 16. Jody & Janet Boggess
 22. John & Pam Cooley, Hubert & Alice Matthews, Wayne & Susan Scott
 24. Scott & Pam Hutsell, Chris & Leslie Skidmore
 25. Josh & Melissa Blair
 26. Bruce & Carolyn Delmas,
 27. Jim & Betty Powers
 28. Dick & Glenda Moss, Wayne & Debbie Smith
 29. Rob & Michelle Baker
 30. Richard & Debbie Hashe

June Calendar continued:

Monday, June 25

6:00 PM Junior Girl Scouts

Wednesday, June 27

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

Worship Service

Flower Schedule for June

- June 3: Dick & Debbie Hashe
June 10: Jody & Janet Boggess
June 17: Dick & Glenda Moss
June 24: Wayne & Myra Owsley



The Rejoicing Spirits service will be held Sunday afternoon, June 24 at 4:00 in the afternoon.

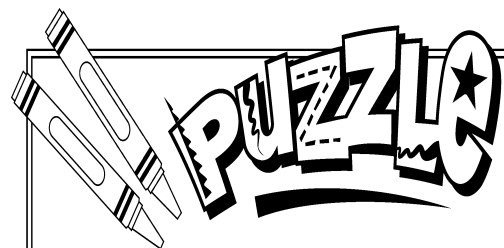
The meeting will be at the Cedar Springs United Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome to attend this special service.

McMinn Ministries Meeting

McMinn Ministries will meet on Thursday, June 7 at 7:00 P.M.

McMinn United Methodist Ministries-

Please see the bulletin board in the side vestibule for all the news, updates and outreaches that are happening through the McMinn Ministries at the Cooke Ministry Center on 714 Walter Street.



★ A FATHER'S ★
INSTRUCTION

★ Although babies don't come with instructions, ★
God tells parents how to raise their children.

Directions: Fill in the blanks with letters, using the number grid to find the correct coordinates. The first number goes across, and the second one goes down.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	a	L	d	i	j	g	r
2	m	b	o	k	h	u	s
3	e	n	c	x	t	p	f

... 2,2 7,1 4,1 2,3 6,1 5,3 5,2 1,3 1,2

6,2 6,3 4,1 2,3 5,3 5,2 1,3

5,3 7,1 1,1 4,1 2,3 4,1 2,3 6,1 1,1 2,3 3,1

4,1 2,3 7,2 5,3 7,1 6,2 3,3 5,3 4,1 3,2 2,3

3,2 7,3 5,3 5,2 1,3 2,1 3,2 7,1 3,1

EPHESIANS 6:4, NIV

May 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	Wesley Lewis	Average Sunday School Attendance	66
Stacy Alexander	Tammy Lowry	Average Worship Attendance	161
Barbara Ball	Glenn Mason	Avg. SS Attendance for YTD 2012	70
Chris Beaton	Jim Neil	Avg. Worship Attendance for YTD 2012	172
Evelyn Black	Kylie Overton	Avg. SS Attendance for YTD 2011	72
John Boggess	Theda Poplin	Avg. Worship Attendance for YTD 2011	181
Lee Brown	Tom Reese		
Linda Brown	Amberly Richards		
Bonnie Burmood	Chris Russell Family		
Kandi Burnette	Bud Smidt		
Kathy Clark	Mildred Smith		
Milford Clark	Nell Smith		
John & Pam Cooley	Phyllis Stieb		
JW Cross	Roy & Anita Thomas		
Nell Gambill	David Stephenson		
Steve Garren	Virginia Stephenson		
J. R. Griggs	Rev. Bruce Vincent		
Joe Henry	Mildred Vincent		
Carol Hope	Millard Vincent		
Holder Family	Brenda Walker		
Mike Jackson	Gladys Wallace		
Andy Jeffreys	Nancy White		
Steve King & Family	Sandy Yielding		
Raymond Latham			



Our Gifts and Tithes

We Worship With

*Received for Operating Budget/April	19,866.12
Received for Operating Budget/May	13,667.00
Received for 2012 YTD	87,780.65
Received for 2011 YTD	87,772.80

Special Giving

Sunday School Outreach	53.00
UMCOR/Agent Orange	115.00
Future Fund	385.00
Bus Fund	35.00
Youth Fund	120.00
Mother's Day	75.00
VBS/Mosquito Nets	25.00
VBS Refreshments	130.00
Mission Shipping	10.00

*Total for 5 weeks in April



"To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability.

(Matthew 25:15, NIV) How we use our money, our possessions and our talents define who we are as God's people. Are you using all your gifts prayerfully? Think about it!

We Worship By Our Witness

Paul wrote, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth." (1 Corinthians 3:6) Plant, tend as you can, and leave the rest to God.

We Worship By Our Service

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. (1 Peter 4:10)

"Everyday you have an opportunity to learn and experience some "thing" and some "one" new. Seize the opportunity. Learn and experience everything you can and use it to change the world." (Rodney Williams)

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 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, 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.

Thought For The Day

No matter what life does to us, God offers us restoration and hope.

Any youth 6th—12th grade is invited to participate in our Youth Group. Come join in the Youth activities!



June Youth Calendar:

June News: The Youth will be helping with VBS beginning
 June 3 Sunday at 4:00 PM Required Youth VBS Training
 June 3-5:30 VBS all week!
 June 3-8 Youth help with Vacation Bible School
 June 10 Sunday- Regular Youth Meeting
 June 18 Monday- Set up for Yard Sale
 June 19 Tuesday- Set up for Yard Sale
 June 20 Wednesday- Set up for Yard Sale
 June 21 Thursday— All Youth-put out donated items!
 June 22 Friday— Yard Sale all day.
 June 23 Saturday-Yard Sale all day. Clean up!
 June 25-29 Jr. & Sr. High Assembly
 Mission Project for June— Church/Vacation Bible School

All Youth are needed to assist in setting up for the Yard Sale! Thursday will be a work day for all Youth for carrying out tables and setting donated items up for sale!! All Youth will be needed to help clean up on Saturday afternoon!

See Lela for the work schedule during the week of the yard sale.

July News: Youth trip to Six Flags!!!!



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moss request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter
Laura Ann to Eric Kyle Fulbright
 son of Ms. Janice Fulbright and the late Mr. Gene Fulbright
 Saturday, the sixteenth of June, two thousand twelve at three o'clock in the afternoon
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Body and Soul

Body & Soul is taking the summer off!

Our next Body & Soul Fellowship will be on Wednesday, August 15, at 6:00 PM.

Joyce Grubb, Kim Rymer, and Sara-Beth Rymer will be our hosts for the meal.

Body & Soul is a wonderful time of fellowship, serving a low-cost meal for your family, along with a short devotion or program.

Make plans to attend our next Body & Soul in August.



Awards, special recognitions & congratulations continued:

-Kari Kuykendall Walden graduated from East Tennessee State University—School of Pharmacy in the top 10% of her class. Kari is the daughter of Albert and Carlene Kuykendall and she is the new Mrs. Evan Walden.

-Kristin Hutchison graduated from East Tennessee State University with a teaching degree and she is the daughter of Darin and Nancy Hutchison.

-David Hutsell graduated Suma Cum Laude with degree in Psychology and a minor in Sociology from East Tennessee State University and will attend graduate school at the University of Cincinnati. He is the 2012 Psychology Student of the year, other honors include Honors in Discipline Program, Psi Chi, Alpha Lambda Delta, Golden Key Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi, President's Pride, Academic Performance Scholarship, and Pi Gamma Mu. He is the son of Scott and Pam Hutsell and the grandson of Lou Jean Hutsell.

-Sean Bulow graduated from Lee University with Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and he is the husband of Beth Harbin Bulow.

-Abby Bryant a junior at McMinn High School had perfect attendance and received academic excellence for all "A's", for this school year. She is the daughter of Michael and Pattie Rae Bryant.

-McCall Newman graduated from E. K. Baker Elementary School. She received awards for Academic Excellence, the Presidential Fitness Award and the Kiwanis Award for being the female student who best represented her school. McCall is the granddaughter of Charles and Charlotte Newman.

-Preston Skidmore was on the AB Honor Roll and received the Reading Award during this past school year. He is the son of Chris and Leslie Skidmore.

-Spencer Skidmore received the Presidential Fitness Award and had perfect attendance this school year. He is the son of Chris and Leslie Skidmore.

-Kanden Sharp with members of her competition dance team won a first place at Celebrity Dance Competition in Chattanooga in April.



Each year at this time, we like to recognize those in our church family who have received awards or special recognitions. Here are the ones that have been submitted to the church office so far. If you have others, please send them to us and we will print them in next month's newsletter.

-Tyler Kyle graduated from McMinn High School and is planning to attend TWC in the fall. Tyler is the son of Rick and Lisa Mays.

-Aaron Bryant graduated from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville with a Bachelor of Science in Plant Sciences. Aaron is the son of Michael and Pattie Rae Bryant.

-Christy Hannah graduated from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville with a degree in speech pathology and plans to attend graduate school. She is the daughter of Scott and Debbie Hannah.

-Stephanie Huth graduated from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville with a degree in public relations and communications and a minor in business. She is employed in Public Relations with Brookhaven in Seymore. Stephanie is the daughter of Tom and Kim Huth.

-Jordan Wright graduated from The University of Tennessee at Knoxville with a degree in Kinesiology, Recreation and Sports Studies, and was the winner of Ben A. Plotnicki Award. He is the son of Jeff and Sandy Wright.

-Tim Smith graduated from Wilkes University in Pennsylvania with his Masters of English/Creative Writing and he is the husband of Jamie Smith.

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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



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 June: What is the longest Psalm?

Correct answer for May: Jesus' words, "For many are called, but few are chosen," were uttered after reciting the parable of the Marriage Feast.

First Persons To Correctly Answer this month's Question: Elizabeth Coleman

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