

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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Congratulations to our Students!

Rebecca Garren graduated with honors & distinction from McMinn County High School. She was voted **Most Dependable** by her peers. She received graduation cords for Mu Alpha Theta Math Honors Society and Tri-M Music Honors Society. She received a scholarship from UTC where she plans to attend in the fall. She is the daughter of Sally Garren and Steve Garren and the granddaughter of Becky Jaquish.

Addison Haggart graduated from McMinn County High School with honors & distinction. She will be attending TWC here in Athens and will be majoring in Nursing. She received the Presidential Scholarship, the Junior Miss Scholarship and the United Methodist Scholarship. She is the daughter of Kim Miller and Chuck Haggart and the granddaughter of S.L. and Sylvia Johnson.

Matt Hutchison graduated with honors from McMinn County High School. He plans to attend ETSU. He is the son of Darrin and Nancy Hutchison

Sara Monteen graduated with honors from McMinn County High School. She plans to attend Tennessee Tech. She is the daughter of Larry and Pam Monteen.

Brock Newman graduated from McMinn County High School. He plans to attend MTSU. He is the son of Vince and Jeannie Newman and the grandson of Charles and Charlotte Newman

Kanden Sharp graduated with honors from Central High School. She also graduated from the McMinn Tomorrow Program. She received a Beta Club tassel. She plans to attend the University of Tennessee to pursue a degree in Speech Pathology. She is the daughter of Tim and Lisa Sharp.

Andrew Huth graduated from the University of Tennessee with a BS degree in Nuclear Engineering. He will be working as a civilian Nuclear Engineer with the Navy in Norfolk, VA. He is the son of Tom and Kim Huth

Amy Windt graduated from Lee University with a Master's Degree in Education with Certification in Special Education. She plans to be a Special Education teacher.

Josh Blair graduated from Southern Adventist University with a Nurse Practitioner degree. He is now working at Sweetwater Hospital Clinic.

Kayla Arsenault was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at Athens Middle School. She is the daughter of Tonya and Josh Arsenault.

Hannah Klusman was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at Athens Middle School. She is the daughter of Matt and Rachel Klusman and the great-granddaughter of Mattie Hutsell.

Will Miller was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at Athens Middle School. He is the son of Doug and Kim Miller and the grandson of S.L. and Sylvia Johnson

McCall Newman was inducted into the National Honor Society at McMinn County High School. She also received the Sophomore Leadership Award for her work in FFA. She is the daughter of Vince and Jeannie Newman and the granddaughter of Charles and Charlotte Newman.

Emma Rikard received an academic achievement award from Athens Middle School. She is the daughter of Duane and Amy Rikard.

Austin Meadows received the Most Valuable Player award from MCHS J.V. Soccer. He is the son of Deborah Richards and the grandson of Jo Ann Littleton.

Makenzie Kittle received an award for academic excellence and the Mathfest award from Niota Elementary School. She is the daughter of Gretchen Kittle.



Church to Honor Men on Father's Day

On Sunday, June 15th, the church will publish a 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. All entries are due in the church office by Wednesday, June 11th. Donations will be directed to the Structural Repair Fund. Thank you for your support.

The Mission Kits for Zimbabwe are due on Sunday, June 1st. Thank you for your support of this project. To date we have 15 bags ready to go. **Your help will make a difference in many lives!**



Pastor's Corner:

I have found that Allen Memorial UMC is a celebrating kind of church. Just within the last month, we have surrounded our Confirmands as they professed their faith in Christ and took the vows of church membership. We have celebrated our mothers and the women who have nurtured us. We have also prayed for our graduates from high school and college and spoken a word of blessing over them.

The end of May is quickly approaching and that brings about a celebration for many in our congregation—the end of the school year and the beginning of summer. The start of summer vacation signals a change of activities for families and a different kind of schedule for the next few months. AMUMC will celebrate many things this summer—Vacation Bible School, the Youth mission trip, and several church-wide activities for our entire congregation. While the summer schedule brings things that are different, the fact remains that we will still worship together each Sunday morning at 11:00. Yes, the worship may feel a little bit different as we move throughout the summer and enter into the Camp Meeting weeks but it will still be worship.

I realize that congregation members will be out of town throughout the summer months, but when you are in town, we would love for you to worship with us. There are a lot of exciting things that will be happening as a congregation over the next several months, and I would love for you to get involved in as many ways as you can. It's truly a joy for me to be with you and I look forward to our continued time together. (Melissa)



Welcome New Members—Sunday, May 11, Hannah Hall was received into full membership of the church and her little brother, Miles Smith, received infant baptism. Tim and Jamie Smith are the proud parents and Albert and Carlene Kuykendall and Nell Smith are the proud grandparents. Hannah is in the 8th grade at E.K. Baker. Congratulations to Hannah and Miles!



Godspeed, Windt Family

Six years ago a young family, Nathan, Amy and Ethan Windt, joined our congregation and immediately became involved in the activities of the Church. Amy even helped to compile the first edition of our cookbook, Bless This Food, as the family awaited the birth of a fourth member, Emma, who came along in February to join big brother Ethan, who was four and attended the Just Fours program in the Athens City Schools.

The Windts came to Athens in 2008, when Nathan, Dr. Windt, became Assistant Director of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Tennessee Wesleyan College. He was soon asked to direct our Chancel Choir and has been a blessing to our Church through his gifts of leadership and musical talent. He has also served on the Worship Committee. Those of us in the Choir will miss him greatly. Rehearsals have been challenging but FUN!

Amy has accepted responsibilities as a Sunday School teacher, Family Life Coordinator and has helped with the Super Sunday for Kids Program. She has been active in United Methodist Women, having served as treasurer of our local unit. She most recently became a member of the Nursery Staff. She has done all this while pursuing her Master's degree in Special Education at Lee University, a goal that was accomplished with her graduation in May.

Ethan is now in fourth grade at West Side School, and Emma is in kindergarten at North City. The Windts are expecting the arrival of a fifth family member, a baby sister, in August. Sadly for us they are moving. Nathan has accepted a position as Director of Choral Activities at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa. This move will take them much closer to both Amy's and Nathan's families in Minnesota and Chicago, respectively, and we know those grandparents are thrilled to have them closer and within easier visiting distance.

Our prayers and best wishes go with you, Nathan, Amy, Ethan, Emma and new baby. **We love you and will miss you.**

Becky Jaquish,
Chair, Pastor/Staff-Parish Committee

Holston Annual Conference

The 2014 session of Holston Annual Conference will be held on Sunday, June 8th through Wednesday June 11th, at beautiful Lake Junaluska.

Becky Jaquish will be representing the Cleveland District and Yvonne Raper along with our pastor, Melissa Smith will represent our church. Please pray for all who will be attending.

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: Selected Sundays —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:

June 1—Men’s Breakfast—8:30 AM
Mission Kits due for Zimbabwe
1-5—VBS, 5:30—8:30
6—VBS, 5:30—7:00
6—VBS Program, 7:00
8-11—Holston Annual Conference
13-14—Youth Yard Sale, Back parking lot
21—UMW meeting in Wattenbarger Hall
24—SFE Trip to Delano Daylilies, Leave at 11:00

Altar Flower Schedule

June 1 Letha Allen
June 9 Kim Rymer
June 15 Margaret Mason
June 22 Linda & Paul Guffey
June 29 Yvonne Raper



United Methodist Women
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United Methodist Women

The ladies will meet on Saturday, **June 21**, at 12 noon for lunch and a program.

Amy Windt and Jane Jeffreys are the hostesses and will provide a light lunch for the group. Janie Goines has invited Kathy Farmer, District Coordinator for Spiritual Growth, to be our guest speaker.

All the ladies of the church are encouraged to attend.

Something for Everyone—On Tuesday, **June 24**, the Something for Everyone group will travel to **Delano Daylilies**. The group will enjoy a picnic lunch and the beautiful daylily gardens. On the way home, the bus will stop by the **Amish** store where fresh produce can be purchased. The bus will leave the church at 11:00 AM and return around 4 PM.

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) 2014 (Average)	52	160
(YTD) 2013 (Average)	53	152
(MTD) Average for April 2014	57	192

Our Gifts

YTD (April 2013)	65,104.64
YTD (April 2014)	71,369.69
April 2014	15,731.66
Sunday School Outreach	81.65
Youth	150.00
Men’s Club	50.00
Future Fund	90.00
Structural Repair Fund (includes fundraisers)	300.00
Bus Fund	55.00
Lenten Offering	591.40
Mother’s Day	436.00
Shipping	35.00
Children	10.00
Coordinated Charities	20.00

Our Prayers

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

Rev. Ron Allen	Nall Gambill
Polly Anderson	Mike Jackson
Ann Barton	Raymond & Linda Latham
Chris Beaton	Diane MacElman
Darren Beckett	Mike Ray
Larry Blackburn	Jason Richards
Joseph Carpenter	Myrtle Lee Roberts
Kathy Cawfield	Barbara Smith
John & Pam Cooley	Mildred Smith
Ingrid Cooley	Mike Stewart
Jim Crittendon	Roy Thomas
Ken Davidson	Millard & Mildred Vincent

Our Service

“If therefore there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.” Philippians 2:1-4 - **Pray for you Sheep!**

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

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Our Youth

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

Youth Schedule for June:

- 1st-6th—Vacation Bible School
- 8th—Swim night for VBS workers and Youth
- 9th-12th—Work nights for Yard Sale (Check with Lela)
- 13th-14th—Yard Sale

Vacation Bible School—June 1-6
 5:30 to 8:45.
 Don't miss it!
 You will love the Weird Animals!
Program, Friday, June 6, 7:00



Summer Camping Program

The church offers scholarships to help pay for our children here at Allen to attend summer camps. If you need more information, call Jane in the church office.

Bible Challenge

Bible Question for June: The manna of the Israelites was described as seed from what plant.

Question for May: Rahab hid the spies under stalks of what? Flax

Joshua 2:6: *“(But she had brought them up to the roof and hidden them with stalks of flax.....)”*

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



Confirmation Sunday

On Sunday, April 27, 2014, we welcomed eight new members to our church family. These eight youth attended a confirmation weekend retreat with their youth leaders and pastor. We are honored to have them in our church. **Congratulations to:**

Brooklyn Hurst—Brooklyn is the daughter of Lisa Mays. She is in the 8th grade at Riceville Elementary School.

Sam Ingram—Sam is the son of Bruce and Fayelyn Ingram. He is a junior at Central High School.

Makenzie Kittle—Makenzie is the daughter of Gretchen Kittle and Jason Kittle. She is in the 5th grade at Niota Elementary School.

Hannah Klusman—Hannah is the daughter of Matt and Rachel Klusman and the great-granddaughter of Mattie Hutsell. She is in the 6th grade at Athens Middle School.

Carter Lankford—Carter is the son of Gary and Candi Lankford. Carter is home schooled.

Taylor Lankford—Taylor is the son of Gary and Candi Lankford. Taylor is home schooled.

Matt Mays—Matt is the son of Rick Mays. He is a freshman at McMinn County High School.

Preston Skidmore—Preston is the son of Chris and Leslie Skidmore and the grandson of Rick and Fredia Skidmore. He is in the 6th grade at Riceville Elementary School.

Coming Next Month: Youth Retreat, July 6—10, Jubilee Project in Sneedville.

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