

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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Something for Everyone

This month we are meeting on the 2nd Tuesday, **September 9th** at 12 noon in Wattenbarger Hall.

Our theme will be "I Love Lucy." The "I Love Lucy" show aired from 1951 to 1957. It was the most watched show in four of the six seasons. It is still enjoyed all over the world today. We will see the episode "Job Switching" which is considered one of the most classic episodes. In this show, Ethel and Lucy do battle with a chocolate factory conveyor belt.

Our menu will be reminiscent of what you find in a 1950's diner. Our desserts will feature everything chocolate.

You don't want to miss this one! Call the church office or Charlotte to make your reservation by September 7th. There is no charge for the meal. Come prepared to laugh!



Congratulations!

Our own **Jared Wright** received special recognition in the DPA for his contribution to our community through his career in the "20 Under 40" age group.

He is an advancement specialist for Tennessee Wesleyan College where he manages gift processing, reporting, and the donor and alumni database. He also represents the college's Advancement Department on the school's Administrative Council, aids with homecoming activities each year, and advises students in the Hackberry & Oak Society and Delta Zeta Phi fraternity.

Jared is also very active here in our church where he serves as chair of the Finance Committee, Young Adult Coordinator and the Audio/Visual Coordinator.

We are proud of Jared and all our young adults here in the church. We wish Jared many more years of success in his career.

United Methodist Women

The ladies will **not** meet this month. Regular meetings will resume in October.



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.

The Youth will sponsor a lunch in their honor on Sunday, September 21st following the morning worship service. Donations will be accepted for Youth activities!



Church Welcomes New Choir Director

Our new Choir Director, **Marius Bahnean**, will begin in September. He is employed by Tennessee Wesleyan College in the Music Department.

The choir will resume regular practice at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, August 27th, in the sanctuary. Marius encourages anyone who has a love for music to join the choir. The choir will be working on anthems for the fall season.

Marius and his wife, Alina, are now settled in their home located behind the church on Wilson Street. Be sure to welcome Marius and Alina to our congregation when you see them.

Cleveland District Event



The Cleveland District Older Adults will be gathering for a musical event September 15. Wesley Memorial UMC/Cleveland is hosting the fall event at their church on Monday, September 15. The event will begin at 9:30 A.M. with registration, coffee, goodies, and fellowship. The program will follow. The church will provide lunch for a donation and the day concludes around 1 PM.

Welcome Baby Ben



Sam, Karen and Grant Guffey welcomed Benjamin Louis to the world on August 8th, 2014. He weighed 8 lbs. 13 oz. and was 22 1/4 " long. Paul and Linda Guffey are the proud grandparents.

Our prayers of joy and gratitude are with the Guffey family as they celebrate this new blessing.



Pastor's Corner

Don't get me wrong, I like the relaxed nature that the summer months can bring. Vacations, fun activities, and a different pace of life when children are out of school are all advantages of summer. But there is a large piece of me that loves the consistency that comes when things "get back to normal." Kids go back to school, people get back to regular scheduled activities, and the anticipation of the fall season is right around the corner. Yes, there is a lot to be said about getting back into the "routine" of our days.

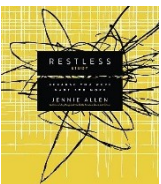
While school is now in full-swing, we have the opportunity to get back to the regularly scheduled programs and activities of our church as well. Allen Memorial UMC is **so blessed** to have many wonderful things offered to a variety of age groups and interests. If you're attending worship with us, that's great! Please continue to do so . . . but also keep in mind some of the ways that you can get involved in the life of our congregation.

If you have children or youth, there are special times that they meet on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Please check the church calendar for specific info on how to get involved in these fantastic programs.

Be reminded that we have an Intercessory prayer team that meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 7:00 pm on Wednesday. Both of these are open to new members at any point.

We are excited to offer some exciting short-term Bible studies that will meet at different times during the week. Please take a look at these options and choose a way that you can get involved:

Women's Bible Study

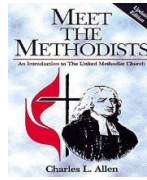


A women's Bible Study will be offered on Wednesdays at 5:30 in the Slagle Classroom starting September 10th. The book Restless by Jennie Allen will be studied. Please sign up on the church bulletin board if you plan to attend so we will have enough books available.

Adult Bible Study



A Bible Study led by Rev. Les Coomer will begin on Wednesday, September 10th, at 6:00 PM in the classroom upstairs next to the office. This study will follow the scripture for the upcoming sermon the next Sunday. The front door will be open for those who don't want to walk up the stairs.



New Bible Study

A new Bible study, **Meet the Methodists**, will begin on Sunday, September 14 at 5:00 pm. This 4-5 week study is a great introduction to the history of the Methodist church. The class will meet upstairs in the Pairs & Spares Sunday School classroom.



"In everything I did, I showed you by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

In September, our church will be collecting toiletries for Grace and Mercy Ministries. Needed items include: hand sanitizers, lotion, small Kleenex packs, toilet tissue, disposable razors, shaving cream, bar or bottle soap, deodorant, feminine products, combs/brushes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, towels, shampoo/conditioner.

Please bring any of the items from the above list and place them in the baskets that will be provided in each entryway. Items will be collected through September 28th.



Remember Your Sheep

As I begin this writing, I'm thinking of those in our church who are ill as well as those in the Middle East suffering from the horrible crisis there. All these are blaring reminders of why we need to pray! Prayer is the avenue that opens the door to God's grace, mercy and power to those in need.

Leonard Ravenhill once said about prayer, "One might estimate the weight of the world, count the stars of heaven, and tell the time of the rising and setting of sun, but you cannot estimate prayer power. Prayer is as vast as God because He has committed Himself to answer it."

May we always remember it is our gift from Him, and ask for His help. He has given us that invitation in the Holy Scriptures. Let us all pray for one another and those in need around the world.

Blessings, Eva Oakes

Congratulations!



On August 9th, Ethan and Emma Windt welcomed their baby sister, Ella Grace to the world. She weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 19" long.

Our love and best wishes go out to Nathan, Amy, Ethan and Emma.

We pray God's blessings on this family as they adjust to their new home in Iowa.

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 for September:

3rd—5:30 PM Children’s Choir Practice

7th— 8:30 AM Men’s Breakfast

9th—12:00 Noon Something for Everyone, I Love Lucy

10th— 5:30 PM Women’s Bible Study, Slagle Class
5:30 PM Children’s Choir Practice
6:00 PM Adult Bible Study, Upstairs

14th—5:00 PM Super Sunday for Kids
5:00 PM Bible Study, Meet the Methodists

17th—5:30PM Women’s Bible Study, Slagle Class
5:30 PM Children’s Choir Practice
6:00 PM Adult Bible Study, Upstairs

20th—8:00 AM Benefit Golf Tournament for Camp Lookout at Harrison Bay

21st—Teacher Appreciation Sunday
12:05 PM Youth sponsored Dinner After Church
5:00 PM Bible Study, Meet the Methodists

24th—5:30 PM Women’s Bible Study, Slagle Class
5:30 PM Children’s Choir Practice
6:00 PM Adult Bible Study, Upstairs

28th—5:00 PM Super Sunday for Kids
5:00 PM Bible Study, Meet the Methodists

Altar Flower Schedule

September 7 Lou Jean Hutsell
September 14 Gretchen Kittle
September 21 Wayne & Myra Owsley
September 28 Janie Goines

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)	54	164
(YTD) 2013 (Average)	54	150
(MTD) Average for June 2014	54	152

Our Gifts

YTD (July 2013)	114,574.09
YTD (July 2014)	121,159.48
July 2014	14,211.51
Sunday School Outreach	60.25
Youth	25.00
Future Fund	100.00
Structural Repair Fund (includes fundraisers)	275.00
Bus Fund	150.00

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

Polly Anderson	Mike Jackson
Joyce Bailey	Raymond & Linda Latham
Kent Bailey	Chase Littleton
Ann Barton	Diane MacElman
Reva Barton	Susie Malone
Chris Beaton	Jim O’Daniel
Sheron Bellman	Mike Ray
Joseph Carpenter	Jason Richards
Kathy Cawlfild	Myrtle Lee Roberts
John & Pam Cooley	Mildred Smith
Jim Crittendon	Mike Stewart
Ken Davidson	Roy Thomas
Dee Gamble	Helen Trotter
Nell Gambill	Millard & Mildred Vincent
Joyce Grubb	



Our Service

Our Food Pantry continues to be a service to our community. Last month at least 30 bags of food were distributed to help the people in our community.

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

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Youth Ministries

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.

September 7—Regular Meeting at 4:30

September 12-14—Trip to Atlanta for a preview of the Youth 2015 Worship Experience. See Lela for details.

September 21—Teacher Appreciation Sunday, Dinner After Church—Regular Youth Meeting at 4:30

September 28—Regular Youth Meeting at 4:30



Children's Ministries

Super Sunday for Kids is for children ages 3—5th grade. The meetings are on Sundays from 5:00–6:30.

September 14 — Supper will be served by Charlotte Newman followed by activities and games.

September 28—Supper will be served by Jane Jeffreys followed by activities and games.

This is a great opportunity for our younger children. All the children of the church ages 3—5th grade are welcome.

The Children's Choir will rehearse each Wednesday in the Choir Room from 5:30—6:30. Children from age 4—5th grade are welcome. The children are working on the Christmas musical. See Patti Rae Bryant if you have questions.



Bible Question for September: How old was Abraham when Isaac was born?

Correct Answer for August: 120

Deuteronomy 34:7: "Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died."

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



Operation Christmas Child

The Youth are again sponsoring Operation Christian Child. To date, 100 million shoeboxes have been distributed worldwide.

You can help by donating empty shoeboxes and small gifts that will fit into the boxes. School supplies are always needed such as pencils, markers, etc. Small toys, games, books and hygiene products are also good to include.

More information about filling the boxes will be available soon. Just start collecting your small gifts as you see them in the stores. You can make an impact on the life of a child you will never see. Please be generous.

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