

# 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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## Our Fall Festival Roundup

Our Fall Festival will be on November 2nd from 4 PM to 6:00 PM. This year we are using a West-

ern theme so feel free to dust off your cowboy hat and shine your cowboy boots and wear them to the festival.

There is a community event so be sure to invite your friends. Everyone is welcome. We have one purpose and that is to have loads of fun. The children should bring a bag or a basket for their prizes.

This year we are planning a chili cook-off. You are invited to make your favorite recipe and enter it in the contest. More information to follow soon in the bulletin.

Please mark your calendar now so you won't miss out on all the fun!



## Something for Everyone November 4

On Tuesday, November 4th, we will travel to Pigeon Forge, TN, where we will enjoy lunch at Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville Restaurant.

After lunch, we will enjoy the Christmas show at Country Tonite theatre. The cost for the show is \$17.30/person. Reservations must be made and paid for by **Sunday, October 19th**. Make your checks payable to Charlotte Newman. Call Charlotte or the church office to make reservations.



## Children's Choir Christmas Musical

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

All members of the Children's Choir are encouraged to attend every rehearsal. See Patti Rae for more information.



## Custodian Change

Janie Goines, who along with her husband George, took care of our building for several years retired as of the end of August. Janie and George were here cleaning our building while most of you were still in bed. We appreciate their many years of devoted service to our church.

Our new custodian is Renea Campbell. You may see her in the church any afternoon. She is also the Custodian for Trinity UMC where she works in the mornings.

Renea would appreciate any feedback from the church members.

**Body & Soul** Due to Fall Break and many other activities on our church calendar, we will not have Body & Soul in October. The next scheduled one is November 19th. Please save the date! Also, the sign-up sheet for 2015 is on the bulletin board. Please consider hosting for one of the dates listed. Thank you.

## Something for Everyone



**Wednesday, October 22**, we will leave the church at **9:00 AM** to travel to Gibbs Gardens located near Ball Ground, Georgia. This is a beautiful garden you won't want to miss. The Japanese Maples will

be beautiful as well as many of the wild flowers. We will enjoy lunch at the Arbor Café located in the gardens. After lunch we will take the tram to the Manor House Gardens and the Valley Gardens. Please note that we are going on Wednesday instead of Tuesday this time.

We will come home through Blue Ridge and make a stop at Merceir's for you to make your apple and fried pie purchases. We should return to Athens around 6:00 PM.

The cost for touring the gardens and riding the tram is **\$22.26** each. Please make your checks payable to Charlotte Newman. The money is due the day of the trip. Reservations can be made with Charlotte or the church office by Sunday, October 19th.

## United Methodist Women

The ladies will meet on Saturday, **October 18**, at 12 noon in Wattenbarger Hall. Jo Ann Littleton and Deborah Richards will provide a light lunch. Betty Davidson will have the program. Please bring your World Thank Bank Offering to the meeting.



### Pastor's Corner

For the past year, I've been a part of a Cleveland District committee that has been looking at how we can re-think how we do church and how to reach people who do not know God. As a ReThink team, we have read several books, looked at tons of research, and dedicated ourselves to intentional prayer about what our next steps would be. A few months ago, this team decided to focus on five specific areas of our District and work with those churches and pastors to strengthen the ministry of the church in those areas. We also decided to work with some of the churches that were represented by our team members.

I tell you all of this to let you know that Allen Memorial has been asked to participate in this ReThink process in the Cleveland District. We were asked to choose 8 church members that would make up the AMUMC team and we have begun the work that has been set before us. We will be participating in a ReThink training in October that will help us look at who we are as a church and how we can be in ministry to our community. We are already reading material that is challenging us to look at how our church can become an even greater witness for Christ in our community. Please understand that this committee does not have the power to make any changes in what we are already doing or will do in the future; our task is to vision and dream about how we can do even greater ministry and outreach to our community.

I'm excited about the work that we will be doing in the Cleveland District and here at Allen Memorial. We will truly be seeking how the needs of our community and our world intersect with the love of God. This is a great challenge but one that has to be met so more people can come to know of God's love. I ask you to be in prayer for this work in the district but also the team from Allen Memorial. The front end of this process is heavy and we are already feeling overwhelmed by the amount of things that we are asked to do as a part of this process but we are committed to doing this work so that we can be better prepared for what lies ahead.

The team members from Allen Memorial UMC are: Jody Boggess, Leslie Skidmore, Jared Wright, Becky Jaquish, Rick Mays, Marjorie Guffey, Carlene Kuykendall, and myself. Thank you for your prayers for this team and the work that we will be involved in. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

(Melissa)

**Dinner after Church:** The Youth will serve dinner after church on Oct. 19th. The meal will consist of Bojangles Rice Bowl and Macaroni/Cheese. Donations will be accepted for the Youth Projects. Please mark your calendar.



### Mission Opportunity for October

This month we have an opportunity to help with a ministry here at our church. The Family Life Committee and the Youth are sponsoring our Fall Festival scheduled for November 2nd. This festival is an outreach into our community. **You can help by bringing individually wrapped candy** which will be given out the night of the festival. Baskets are located at each entryway for your convenience. Thank you for your help!

### Pray for Your Sheep

During the summer, I became interested in reading books/articles regarding "invisible intervention," meaning when God sends His angels or people to do the unusual. I found prayers have been a major factor in so many of the happenings having happy endings.

Recently, I was given an article about a happening at the George Mueller Orphanage that is perfect to express what happens after a prayer of faith.

*The children are dressed and ready for school. The housemother of the orphanage informed George that there was no food for the children to eat. George asked her to take the 300 children into the dining room and have them sit at the tables. He thanked God for the food and waited. He knew God would provide food for the children as He always did. Within minutes, a baker knocked on the door. "Mr. Mueller," he said "Last night I could not sleep. Somehow I knew that you would need bread this morning. I got up and baked three batches for you. I will bring it in." Soon there was another knock at the door. It was the milkman. His cart had broken down in front of the orphanage. The milk would spoil by the time the wheel was fixed. He asked George if he could use some free milk. George smiled as the milkman brought in ten large cans of milk. It was just enough for 300 thirsty children.*

Saint Ambrose wrote: "But if these beings guard you, they do so because they have been summoned by your prayers."

May we never forget God's gift to us. He is listening for our prayers. Enjoy a Happy Autumn!

Blessings, Eva Oakes



### Congratulations!

Brandon and Loren Hashe welcomed Wyatt Elias to the world on September 9. He weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz. Dick and Debbie Hashe are the proud grandparents.

Our prayers of joy and gratitude are with the Hashe family.

**Weekly Recurring Events**

**Monday**  
6:30 PM Junior Girl Scouts

**Wednesday**  
6:00 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 October:**

**1st—5:30 PM** Children’s Choir Practice

**4th-11th**—SFE Fall Trip

**5th— 8:30 AM** Men’s Breakfast  
**5:00 PM** Bible Study, Meet the Methodists

**8th— 5:30 PM** Women’s Bible Study, Slagle Class  
**5:30 PM** Children’s Choir Practice  
**6:00 PM** Adult Bible Study, Upstairs

**12th— 5:00 PM** Bible Study, Meet the Methodists

**18th—12 Noon**—United Methodist Women

**19th—TWC Chorale** sings for morning worship  
**12:05 PM** Youth Sponsored Dinner after Church  
**5:00 PM** Bible Study, Meet the Methodists


**22nd—9:00 AM** Something for Everyone Trip  
**5:30 PM** Women’s Bible Study, Slagle Class

**26th—5:00 PM** Super Sunday for Kids

**29th—5:30 PM** Children’s Choir Practice  
**6:00 PM** Adult Bible Study, Upstairs

**Altar Flower Schedule**

**October 5**..... Charlie & Eva Oakes  
**October 12** ..... Kim Rymer  
**October 19**..... Mattie Hutsell  
**October 26**..... Becky Jaquish

 **MEN'S GROUP** The Men’s Group will meet on Sunday, Oct. 5th for breakfast and devotions. All the men of the church are invited to attend.

**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) 2014 (Average)	54	165
(YTD) 2013 (Average)	54	150
(MTD) Average for August 2014	52	170

**Our Gifts**

YTD (August 2013)	133,160.01
YTD (August 2014)	141,437.08
August 2014	20,277.60
Sunday School Outreach	71.09
Lord’s Hour//Youth Outreach	1500.00
Future Fund	100.00
Structural Repair Fund (includes fundraisers)	515.00
Bus Fund	295.00
Super Sunday Kids	25.00
Holston Home/5th Sunday	195.00
Men’s Club	50.00
Camp Lookout Golf Tournament Sponsor	100.00

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

**Our Service**



Join the fun and fill the Church Pantry with non-perishable items. For every item donated, water will be added to ice and dumped on the heads of Melissa Smith, Rick Mays, Lisa Sharp and Yvonne Raper at our Fall Festival on November 2. Let’s fill the pantry and get them really wet!

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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.

**Youth Schedule for October**

- Oct. 5th** - 4:30 PM—Regular meeting
- Oct. 12th**—No Meeting—Fall Break
- Oct. 19th** —12:05 PM—Dinner after church  
 4:30 PM—Regular Meeting—Registration for Orlando trip, \$25 deposit due
- Oct. 25th**—Cardboard Box City—Camp out at church  
 Mission Project—Food for church pantry
- Oct. 26th**— 4:00 PM—Program practice in the sanctuary



**Children’s Ministries**

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

**October 26—5:00—6:30 PM:** Come enjoy a meal, fun activities and learn about God!

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

If you have any questions concerning this program, call the church office or see Kelly Bean.

**Sunday School—Building a Lifelong Faith**

Are you bringing your children to Sunday School? If not we urge you to consider doing so. Sunday School is very important. It helps children form a strong faith foundation which will stand strong when trouble comes. Sunday School starts at 10 am. Please put in on your calendar.



**Bible Question for October: Who was healed because God saw his tears and heard his prayers?**

**Correct Answer for September: 100**  
*Genesis 21:5 “Now Abraham was one hundred years old when his son Issac was born to him.”*

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 picking up a wrapped/empty shoe box and filling it with small useful or fun items.

Return filled shoe boxes to the pew in the side vestibule. Don’t forget to include the shipping fee of \$7.00.

Checks should be made to Allen Memorial United Methodist Church.

You can make an impact on the life of a child you will never see. Please be generous.

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