

# 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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## United Methodist Women

### The Cleveland District Annual Meeting and Officer Training will be held on

Saturday, November 1, at Keith Memorial here in Athens. Registration starts at 9:30 AM.

If you are not attending a training, you may join in making cards for service men and women.

Beth Green will deliver the message and Sylvia Gossett and Tina Morgan will lead the group in music and dance.



## United Methodist Women Sunday

On Sunday, **November 16th**, we will celebrate UMW Sunday. Lori Sluder, Secretary to the Bishop, will be our guest speaker.

After the worship service, the Youth will serve lunch in Wattenbarger Hall. The meal will include baked potatoes, a salad bar and yummy desserts.

Please mark your calendar and plan to support the United Methodist Women and our Youth.



## Fall Festival Round-Up

Be sure to join us on Sunday, November 2, from 4—6 PM for our Fall Festival. There will be games, and lots of fun and food for everyone.

If you would like to enter the chili cook-off, please sign up on the bulletin board in the side vestibule.

Also, you don't want to miss the water being dumped on Melissa Smith, Rick Mays, Lisa Sharp and Yvonne Raper in response to our Food Pantry drive.

Please invite your friends and family to join you on this fun night!



## Decorate the Church for Christmas

Please plan to join us as we get our church ready for the Christmas season. We need several strong bodies to help get the Christmas tree set in place. Thank you for volunteering your time for this important occasion. See the bulletin for the day and

time.



## Body and Soul

You are invited to join us on Wednesday, November 19, at 6 PM as we celebrate and give thanks for the blessings we have received this year.

Joyce Grubb and Becky Jaquish will be the hostesses. The meal will be a traditional Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings. Our program will be a slide show of our church activities for the year. The cost for the meal is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Please make reservations with one of the hostesses or the church office by Sunday, November 16.

## Something for Everyone

**November—Tuesday, November 4th**—If you are signed up for the trip to Pigeon Forge on Tuesday, November 4th, please be at the church ready to leave by 9:30 AM.



## December—Tuesday, December 2nd—12 noon in Wattenbarger Hall

—Please join us as we celebrate Christmas in Toyland. We will enjoy a meal of baked ham and all the trimmings. Our program will be a slide show of the year's activities.

Reservations should be made with Charlotte or the church office by Sunday, November 30th.



## Hanging of the Greens

Please join us on Sunday, November 30 as we celebrate our annual Hanging of the Greens program directed by Yvonne Raper. This is a very meaningful service based on the English tradition of decorating the home with wreaths, garlands and a Christmas tree. It readies the sanctuary (and church members) for the Christmas season. **Please don't miss this very meaningful service.** The time will be announced later in the bulletin.

**Something for Everyone** brochures are now available in the side vestibule outlining our activities for 2015. Please pick up a brochure and plan to join us for as many activities as you can.



### Pastor's Corner

You may be aware that I am sending out a "One Call" message to the congregation each Wednesday. I do this message simply as a way to remind you in the middle of the week of God's continued love and presence in each of our lives regardless of the circumstances that we are presented with.

I believe in the power of prayer and most certainly have seen times in which God works in ways that are beyond our comprehension and understanding. We all need to be reminded that God is still working in each of our lives and prayer is a way that we can be brought closer into knowing God's presence and peace for our lives. Prayer is much more than offering God a list of our needs or desiring that God would work in a certain way. Interceding in prayer for others and for our world is both a privilege and a responsibility that we must take very seriously. It is a way that we grow in relationship with God and with one another.

One of the ways in which John Wesley approached discipleship and prayer is offered in what he calls the "Wesleyan Covenant prayer." This was a prayer that he used as a part of worship to renew the covenant with God. I offer these words to you as a way that we can continue to grow in our relationship with God:

**"I am no longer my own, but yours.  
Put me to what you will, rank me with  
whom you will; put me to doing; put me to  
suffering; let me be employed for you, or  
laid aside for you, exalted for you, or  
brought low for you; let me be full; let me  
be empty; let me have all things; let me  
have nothing.  
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things  
to your pleasure and disposal.  
And now, glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
you are mine and I am yours. So be it.  
And the covenant now made on earth, let  
it be ratified in heaven.  
Amen."**

*(Melissa)*



### Mission Opportunity for November

This month you have an opportunity to pack a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. Wrapped boxes are available in both entryways. Please consider helping the Youth with this project.

The boxes should be returned to the church by November 9th. Don't forget to include the shipping fee of \$7. Checks should be made to Allen Memorial UMC. Thank you for supporting this project.



### Remember Your Sheep

November is a very special time of the year. It is a time to focus on Thanksgiving since the words thanks and thanksgiving are mentioned many times in the scriptures honoring our loving God.

This month I would like to share a story about a very dear friend whose life has not always been easy. The first tragedy happened when she and her husband were expecting their 5th child. Her husband, a carpenter, had a heart attack on his job and died. She was left alone to care for and support the children with God's help. The children have all done well in their own professions.

Later in her life, she was diagnosed with mouth cancer. After treatment she was in remission for a long while. Recently, the cancer returned. She has just finished 38 treatments in a Knoxville hospital.

Now for the good news in this story. At the finish of her treatments, her doctor called her into his office where he had planned a surprise party (balloons and all) in honor and celebration of her 94th birthday. He had baked her cake himself—with fillings of pineapple and coconut cream. She said the cake was very good!. His labors were an action of kindness, love and thanksgiving for her attitude and endurance.

Yes, God is good and His love is shared in so many ways. Here people gathered in love, forgetting for a moment what the future holds, knowing God came to be with them in an unusual way and will still be in days to come.

Don't forget to give thanks not only in November but every day. God is always generous with His mercy and grace. Remember your sheep!

Love and Happy Thanksgiving, Eva Oakes



### Flowers for 2015

The new flower chart is now up in the side vestibule. Please sign up for the dates you would like to provide flowers for our Worship services.

You can use potted plants or fresh flowers you fix yourself or you can order from any florist of your choice.

**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 November:**

**Sunday, November 2**

8:30 AM—Men’s Breakfast in Wattenbarger Hall  
4—6 PM—Fall Festival Round-Up

**Daylight Saving Time Ends**

**Tuesday, November 4**

9:30 AM—Something for Everyone trip to Pigeon Forge

**Monday, November 3**

6:00 PM—Charge Conference in Sanctuary

**Wednesday, November 5**

Women’s Bible Study—5:30 PM in Slagle Classroom  
Adult Bible Study—6:00 PM Upstairs

**Friday, November 7 and Saturday, November 8**

7:00 PM to 7:00 AM—Youth Lock-In in Youth Hall

**Sunday, November 9**

2:00 PM—Baby Shower for Kari Walden  
Christmas Child Shoeboxes due

**Monday, November 10**

5:30 PM—Drop-in 31 “Youth” Party in W. Hall

**Wednesday, November 12**

5:30—Women’s Bible Study in Slagle Classroom  
6:00—Adult Bible Study Upstairs

**Sunday, November 16**

11:00 AM—UMW Sunday, Lori Sluder, guest speaker  
12:05 PM—Youth DAC, Potato and Salad bar

**Wednesday, November 19**

6:00 PM—Body and Soul in Wattenbarger Hall

**Sunday, November 23**

1—4 PM—Baby Shower for Leighann Pelham  
5—7 PM—District Wide Youth Worship in W. Hall

**Sunday, November 30**

Hanging of the Greens Program - Time TBA

**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)	53	163
(YTD) 2013 (Average)	55	147
(MTD) Average for Sept. 2014	51	151

**Our Gifts**

YTD (Sept. 2013)	133,160.01
YTD (Sept. 2014)	157,055.44
Sept. 2014	15,618.36
Sunday School Outreach	74.50
Youth Funds	50.00
Future Fund	85.00
Structural Repair Fund	570.00
Bus Fund	25.00

**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	Josh Sledge
Nell Gambill	Roy Thomas
Dan Herron	Helen Trotter
Brooklyn Hurst	Millard & Mildred Vincent
Mike Jackson	

**Our Service—Flowers for November  
Altar Flower Schedule**

November 2 -----	Bob & Sheron Bellman
November 9 -----	Jody & Janet Boggess
November 16-----	Yvonne Raper
November 23-----	Sam & Karen Guffey
November 30-----	Claude & Betty Thompson

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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 November**

- Nov. 2nd—2:00 PM—Youth help with Fall Festival
- Nov. 7th—Friday, 7 PM—7 AM—Lock-in
- Nov. 9th —4:30 PM Regular Meeting
- Nov. 10th—5:30—8:00 PM—Thirty-One Party Fundraiser
- Nov. 16th—Dinner After Church—Potato & Salad Bar  
 4:30 PM Regular Meeting, Resurrection Sign-up, \$25 deposit due
- Nov. 23rd— 4:00 PM—Youth Program Practice  
 5:00-7:00 PM—Youth Worship Program



**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.

**Meetings in November are as follows:**

**November 9—5:00—6:30 PM:** Come enjoy a meal, fun activities and learn about God!

**November 16—5:00—6:30 PM:**

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.

**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.

**Boxes should be returned by November 9th.**



**Bible Question for November: Who said his friends scorned him, but his eyes poured out tears to God?**

**Correct Answer for October: Hezekiah**

*2 Kings 20:5: “Return and tell Hezekiah...I have heard your prayer. I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you.”*

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

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