

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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The Athens Area Ministerial Association will sponsor Community Midday Holy Week Services April 2-8. The Midday services will start at 12:05 PM and last approximately 30 minutes. There will also be a Sunrise Service on Easter morning at 7:00AM. Plan to share in these special services beginning on Monday, April 2.

Day	Location	Speaker
Monday	Keith Memorial UMC	Rev. Jason Clark
Tuesday	First Baptist Church	Rev. Dennie Humphreys
Wednesday	St. Paul's Episcopal Church	Rev. Nicole Krewson
Thursday	St. Mary's Catholic Church	Rev. Steve Brown
Friday	Trinity UMC	

Call to Action Service of Prayer – District Wide on Sunday, April 15, 2012 4 p.m. at Keith Memorial UMC

Please plan to be a part of this service of worship and prayer. District Superintendent Mike Travis will lead this important meeting.



On Thursday, April 5th, at 7:00PM, Allen MUMC will join with the congregations of Trinity UMC and Cedar Springs UMC for the Maundy Thursday Service to be held at Trinity UMC. Rev. Joshua Felton will be the speaker.



On Friday, April 6th, at 7:00PM, Allen MUMC will join with the congregations of Trinity UMC and Cedar Springs UMC for the Good Friday Tenebrae Service at Cedar

United Methodist Women

All the ladies of the church are invited to attend the UMW meeting on Saturday, April 14, at 12 noon in Wattenbarger Hall. Amy Windt will have the program and Marjorie Guffey will provide a light lunch. After the meeting, there will be time to work on our Card Project. If you have any "gently used" greeting cards or Christmas cards, please bring those to the meeting. We urge all our ladies to take advantage of this time for spiritual growth and fellowship. Come join the United Methodist women!



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 entryway.

The Children's Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Allen MUMC Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 7th, at 1:00PM here at the church. A brown-bag lunch with chips, sandwiches, goodies and a drink will be served. Please help us by bringing bags of **wrapped candy** by Wednesday, April 4. Baskets will be in both entryways. Parents are asked to sign up on the bulletin board in the Sunday School hall or call the church office for sign up. Please see Lisa Sharp for more information or if you would like to help with the Egg Hunt!



Chancel Choir News

If you like to sing, why not join the choir each Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM for rehearsal. The choir is currently working on special music for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. The only requirement is a love of music. You will enjoy the fellowship of other Christians as you lift your voice in praise to our Creator. Please join us! You'll be glad you did!

Exemplary Teacher Award



Our own Dr. Nathan Windt has been selected as an Exemplary Teacher Award recipient for 2012 by the United Methodist Church General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

He was selected based on his exemplary teaching, service to students beyond the classroom, and commitment to values-centered education. He is among approximately 10 honorees chosen from the more than 100 United Methodist colleges or universities.

This distinguished honor includes a certificate and a monetary award. Please congratulate Nathan on receiving this award.



Please mark your calendar for Sunday, April 22. The Athens Area Community Chorus will be performing at Townsend Auditorium on TWC's campus on Sunday, April 22, at 4:00 PM.

Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and children. The spring concert features one of the great masterworks, Johannes Brahms's *Ein deutsches Requiem* (A German Requiem) in an American premiere of Joachim Linckelmann's chamber orchestra arrangement. The chorus is led by our choir director, Dr. Nathan Windt.



Flowers on the Cross

On Easter Sunday, you are invited to bring fresh flowers as we continue our tradition of putting flowers on the cross in the church yard. At the conclusion of our worship service, we will gather at the cross to sing "He Is Lord" as a witness to the Resurrection of our Lord and our belief that from his death on the cross comes new life for all.



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

During the time of Lent and Easter, we have a great opportunity to think about the Love of God. We are called to spend the time of Easter in sacrifice, giving, prayer or some other spiritual discipline. We know that giving up sweets or soft drinks can come nowhere close to the sacrifice that Jesus made at this time. They are just opportunities to reflect. The greatest sacrifice of all time was made when Jesus surrendered to the cross. We are told that he prayed, "Let this cup pass from me, if you will. Nevertheless, I will do what you want me to do."

Jesus also said that what he had "No one could take from him. He would give it up willingly." It is one thing to be punished for doing wrong. We really can't complain about that. We may think the punishment is greater than the crime; but we know we have done wrong and deserve some punishment. Jesus accepted death on the cross – not as punishment for his sins – but as punishment for our sins. The story is told of a judge who had some teens in front of his bench who had done some harmful crimes and had to pay. The judge handed down the sentence and then walked around the bench and paid the fine himself. That had to have quite an effect on those young boys. God judged us guilty and the penalty was death. He stepped out in Jesus and took the punishment for us. I can't fully comprehend that. One died for all. One gave his all for all others. It isn't automatic. We have to confess and surrender.

After Jesus paid the price with his own life, he rose from the dead thus offering life to all who would believe. No one else could have done that. In Jesus' sacrifice we see the greatest out-pouring of love. And that love is a free gift to us in eternal life.

Nothing we can do can match what he did, but we are called to give our life in love and service. Jesus is the example for us all.

Joe



Men's Group Breakfast

The Men's Group will meet on Sunday, April 1st for breakfast and fellowship. ALL men of the church are invited to attend. Breakfast is served at 8:30 AM followed by Fellowship and Devotions.

Come and be a part of the Men's Club!



Start Saving Now! Please save your paper towel rolls, tissue paper rolls and cardboard egg containers. These will be used for our VBS craft projects. You can leave these items on the tables in both entryways.

VBS Kick-Off May 6th 4—5:30

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, March 6 at 4:00 PM until 5:30 PM for the VBS Kick-Off.

Our VBS theme is: "*Sky – Everything is possible with God.*" Make sure your kids attend this time of learning and fun!

Hands on Mission Project – Holston Annual Conference

Liberia/Helen Roberts-Evans

Cleveland District's goal is 400 health kits. Trucks deliver the kits to annual conference. A \$5 donation for packaging and shipping is to accompany each kit – please do not put money in the bag.

Our church will write one check for total kits to the Cleveland District Office who will submit a final check to conference. (Ex: 10 kits x \$5 = \$50).

Please do not make the check payable to Holston Conference.

This is not an UMCOR kit. Please pack all items in a 2 1/2-gallon zip-loc bag. The church will provide the box for shipping.

Contents are:

1 bath towel	1 small bottle perfumed spray cologne
1 washcloth	2 tubes of toothpaste (6 oz or less)
2 toothbrushes	1 bottle of shampoo (12 oz or less)
1 bottle roll-on deodorant	1 bottle lotion (11 oz. or less)
1 tube anti-bacterial ointment	1 bottle aspirin/Tylenol (24ct)

Sunday, June 3 will be the last day for collection of the health kits. Please place kits with \$5.00 shipping attached on the table under the window in the side vestibule. Thank you for your participation in this worthy mission project

Something for Everyone

Looking Ahead: On Tuesday, May 1, we will enjoy lunch at Jim Oliver's Smokehouse atop beautiful Monteagle Mountain. Here you will find good home-style cookin' served by friendly folks. A few of the items they offer are Tennessee country ham, soul-fried chicken and catfish. You might also enjoy the fried green tomatoes, homemade pies and homemade ice cream. After lunch, there will be time to shop the trading post gift shop. Reservations should be made by Sunday, April 29, by calling the church office, 745-1560.

Something for Everyone Spring Trip: If you signed up for the Spring trip, please be at the church ready to leave by 8:00 AM on Tuesday, April 9.

Save the Date: On August 7th, 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 soon.

April Calendar



Sunday, April 1

- 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Morning Worship
- 2:00 PM Kuykendall Bridal Shower
No Youth

Monday, April 2

- 12:05 PM Community Holy Week Service
@ Keith Memorial UMC
- 6:00 PM Junior Girl Scouts

Tuesday, April 3

- 12:05 PM Community Holy Week Service
@1st Baptist Church

Wednesday, April 4

- 12:05 PM Community Holy Week Service
@ St. Paul's Episcopal Church
- 6:15 PM Prayer Ministries
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 5

- 12:05 PM Community Holy Week Service
@St. Mary's Catholic Church
- 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service
@Trinity UMC

Friday, April 6

- 12:05 PM Community Holy Week Service
@ Trinity UMC
- 7:00 PM Good Friday Tenebrae Service
@ Cedar Springs UMC

Saturday, April 7

- 1:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt/Church

Sunday, April 8

- 7:00 AM Community Sunrise Service
@ Mars Hill Presbyterian
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service

Monday, April 9

- 8:00 AM SFE/Spring Trip
- 6:00 PM Junior Girl Scouts

Wednesday, April 11

- SFE>Returns from Trip
- 6:15 PM Prayer Ministries
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Friday, April 13

- 9:00 AM Men's Club/Grace & Mercy

Saturday, April 14

- 12:00 PM UMW/WH

Sunday, April 15

- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Morning Worship
- 12:00 PM Youth DAC/Pulled Chicken
- 4:00 PM Rejoicing Spirits
- 4:00 PM Call to Action/Keith Church
- 4:30 PM Youth

Monday, April 16

- 6:00 PM Junior Girl Scouts

Wednesday, 18

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

APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

2. Tanner Collins, Olivia Thurman
 3. Aaron Bryant
 4. Katy Tilley
 5. Kylie Miller
 6. Mike Jackson, Kandi Burnett
 8. Brian Johnson
 11. Shannon Miller, Rebecca Garren,
Jim Powers
 12. Jamie Smith, Matt Dannel
 13. Delora Elder, Jeannie Newman
 14. Betty Vincent, Sally Garren,
Pat Blackburn
 15. Tim Walker
 16. Jason Richards
 17. Mildred Smith, Brittany Johnson
 18. Ben Robinson
 21. Samuel Carpenter
 22. Bobby Davidson, Evan Johnson
 23. Betty Jenkins
 25. Eva Oakes
 26. Gary Hicks
 27. Makade Kittle
 28. Karen Allen, Marjorie Guffey,
Cortney Davidson
 29. April Acuff Stanton
 30. Bryce Johnson
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4. Ella & Rick Parker
 7. Ivan & Ann Robbins
 16. David & Tammy Bohannon
 18. S.L. & Sylvia Johnson
 25. James & Karen King

April Calendar Continued:

Friday, April 20

Youth Bike Trip

Sunday, April 22

- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service
- PM Youth return/Bike Trip

Monday, April 23

- 6:00 PM Junior Girl Scouts

Wednesday, April 25

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

Sunday, April 29

- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service
- 2:00 PM Moss Bridal Shower
- 4:30 PM Youth

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Church email: allenmemorialumc@bellsouth.net

Rejoicing Spirits to Meet

The Rejoicing Spirits service will be held Sunday afternoon, May 20 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, May 3at 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.

Relay for Life News

Volunteers are needed to work the Allen Memorial UMC booth on Friday, May 11th starting around 5:00PM. Please contact Joyce Grubb at 745-1485 or you may call the church office at 745-1560.

The Relay for Life Team is selling those famous "Chocolate Covered-Peanut Butter filled Eggs"! Stop by the entrances and purchase a "Chocolate Egg" following worship service. Eggs may be ordered by calling the church by Wednesday, April 4th, to be picked up by Friday the 6th. Call Joyce at 745-1485 to place your order.

Torch of Hope and Luminaria order forms may be found in the window in the side vestibule. Please see Joyce Grubb, Yvonne Raper, Kim Rymer or Sarah-Beth Rymer for more information.

Worship Service Flower Schedule



Summer Camp News

The 2012 Summer Camp Catalog is available for pick up in the window in the side vestibule. Our church offers campers assistance with camp cost for our campers here at Allen. Two Allen campers are already signed up!

Summer Camp is Fun!

March 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	Jim Neil	Average Sunday School Attendance/March	73
Chris Beaton	Charlie & Eva Oakes	Average Worship Attendance/March	172
Evelyn Black	Kylie Overton	Avg. SS Attendance for YTD 2012	69
John Boggess	Theda Poplin	Avg. Worship Attendance for YTD 2012	173
Jackie Brown	Tom Reese	Avg. SS Attendance for YTD 2011	71
Lee Brown	Amberly Richards	Avg. Worship Attendance for YTD 2011	180
Bonnie Burmood	Chris Russell Family		
Kandi Burnette	Bud Smidt		
Kathy Clark	Mildred Smith		
Milford Clark	Nell Smith		
John & Pam Cooley	Phyllis Stieb		
Nancy Crabtree	Roy & Anita Thomas		
JW Cross	Rev. Bruce Vincent		
Nell Gambill	Mildred Vincent		
Steve Garren	Millard Vincent		
Joe Henry	Darlene Wade		
Madison Hensley	Brenda Walker		
Carol Hope	Gladys Wallace		
Mike Jackson	Nancy White		
Steve King & Family	Sandy Yielding		
Raymond Latham			
Glenn Mason			

We Worship With ***Our Gifts and Tithes***

Received for Operating Budget	17,913.50
Received for 2012 YTD	53,994.13
Received for 2011 YTD	54,887.59

Special Giving

Sunday School Outreach	65.00
Future Fund	125.00
Carpet Fund	905.00
UMCOR/Adv.143	10.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	20.00
Bus Fund	25.00
Men's Club	50.00
Youth Fund	490.00
Music Fund	50.00
Cookbooks	30.00
VBS/Mosquito Nets	126.00
Mission Shipping	25.00



There are some foods that are better as left-over than the first day. However, if we are having guests we will probably not warm up the leftovers for them. We try to fix the best meal we can do. We want them to know that we appreciate them and think highly enough to serve them the very best.

What is our attitude about God? Do we give him the leftovers of our money, talents, time, heart? Does God get our first or our last? If we truly love God should we not give him the "first-fruits", the best we have, first place in our heart?

- 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 Grace & Mercy Ministries.
- Pray for hungry, homeless, and unloved.



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.

We Worship By Our Service

The first time I was ever in a footwashing ceremony, we sat in a circle. The bowl and towel were handed to one of the preachers in the circle. We were told to go and wash the feet of one person. That person was to choose another person and so on until everyone had their feet washed by someone else. It was an extremely humbling experience. This preacher got on his knees and lifted my feet and washed and dried them and then pronounced a blessing on me. I had never even seen such a service. I have participated in many other footwashing services since then. It always humbles me and tells me that we are offering love to each other through the most humble task. Jesus used footwashing as a symbol of Christian service with his disciples. After the Passover meal he took the bowl and towel and went around the table washing the feet of each of his disciples. This was a task for servants. Jesus was showing his disciples (and us) that we are called to be servants. We should not look for the most important seat at a banquet. We are called to serve. That is truly a symbol and act of worship.

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Return Service Requested

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 April: *Who, after being baptized, had the heavens opened to him and saw the Spirit of God coming down in the form of a dove?*

Correct answer March: *John the Baptist told the tax collectors who came to him for baptism to collect only the right and just amount of tax due.*

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

If you no longer wish to receive this monthly newsletter, please call the Church office at 423 745 1560 or send an email request to allenmemorialumc@bellsouth.net.



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