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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.



Our Kids

Super Sunday for Kids is for children ages 3—5th grade. Our meetings are Sundays at 5:00. Check the bulletin for specific dates.

October 13 & 27 at 5:00 PM— Meet in Wattenbarger Hall for supper followed by games and activities

The sign-up sheet to provide meals is posted on the bulletin board in the side vestibule. If you haven't already signed up to provide a meal, please consider doing so!

October 6: Dinner After Church
 4:30—Regular Youth Meeting—Hunger Games—Lesson 3—Jesus and the Hungry Men
October 12: Cardboard Box City—(Saturday Night)
 —mission project—Food drive for church food pantry
October 13: 4:30—regular meeting—**mystery trip**—Each youth should bring money for food.
October 20: No Youth meeting—Fall break
October 27: 4:30—Regular Youth Meeting—Work on games for Harvest Festival—\$25 deposit due for Resurrection
Mission Projects: Food Pantry and Harvest Festival

Bible Question for October: What 2 things shall grow in Adam's garden because he listened to Eve?
Correct answer for September: Exodus 20:3 *"You shall have no other gods before Me.*
 First Person(s) to correctly answer last month's question: Mildred Vincent and Elizabeth Coleman

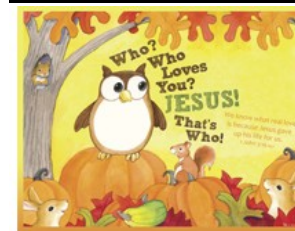
THE ALLEN MEMORIAL MESSENGER, a monthly publication of the Allen Memorial United Methodist Church, is intended to be an informative link between the church members and friends. Your comments and/or article contributions are welcome! If you know of other people you would like to receive this newsletter, please contact the church office at 800 Decatur Pike, Athens, TN 37303 or call (423) 745-1560. Jane Jeffreys, Charlotte Newman and Joe Black, Editors.

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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Harvest Festival Planned

Our Harvest Festival will be on November 3rd from 4 PM to 6:30 PM. The Family Life Committee and the Youth are busy finalizing the plans.

Our theme this year is **"Who Loves You? Jesus! That's Who."**

This 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.

Crafters and Vendors include Millard Vincent who will have his hand-made wood crafts for sale. Sheron Bellman will have her fabric crafts for sale. Michelle Wright will have a display of **Thirty-One Gifts** which you can order. Melissa Blair will have her handmade wreaths for sale. Joyce and Charlotte will have home canned products for sale. The proceeds from the canned goods will benefit the **Structural Repair Fund**.

Live music will be performing throughout the evening. Of course no festival would be complete without a lot of good food including **hot dogs, chips, popcorn, and more**.

Ways you can help get ready for the festival: bring individually wrapped candy and place in the baskets at each church entrance, pray that hearts and lives will be touched and invite someone to come with you to the festival.

Body and Soul—October 16, 6 PM—Low Country Boil
 The hostesses this month are Yvonne Raper, Sue Walker and Carlene Kuykendall. They have a wonderful meal planned which will consist of sausage/corn/shrimp/potatoes with white beans, slaw, hush puppies, dessert and drink. Since this is a more expensive meal than we usually serve, the cost will be slightly more—\$4/adults and \$2/children 10 and under.

Please mark your calendar and take advantage of this time of fellowship with the church family. Reservations should be made with one of the hostesses or the church office by Sunday, October 13th.

"Serve one another in love." Galatians 5:13—September went quickly. As we begin the autumn season, our church family is experiencing several challenges not the norm for Allen Memorial UMC.

God has given us hope through faith and prayers in His Holy Scriptures. The Christian church is HIS business, and it will survive when all else fails.

This is the time we should all bond together praying for each other and our church because we care and God cares. Intercessory prayers are a part of our Christian faith and practice. Always remember there is no right or wrong way to pray. God receives them all with love and gracious understanding.

Prayer was essential to Jesus' life. Should our prayer life be any different? Pray, God listens. (Eva Oakes)



Children's Choir

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, *An Out-of-the-Box Christmas*, which will be presented on December 8th at 7:00 PM.

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

Something for Everyone

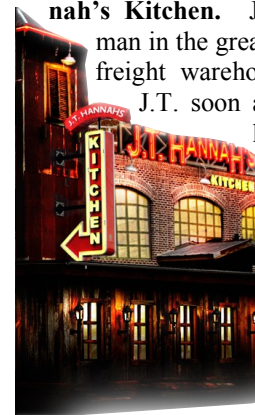
October— One of our most popular trips of the year is scheduled for **October 1st**. We will leave the church at 9:15 AM and travel to the **Southern Charm Restaurant** in Blue Ridge where we will enjoy lunch. After lunch we will stop by **Merceir's** where you can purchase your apples and fried pies. Merceir's is making candy now—chocolate. Need we say more? We should return to the church between 4:30 and 5:00.

Make your reservation with Charlotte or the church office by **Sunday, September 29th**.

November—Tuesday, November 5th, we will travel to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, where we will have lunch at **J.T. Hannah's Kitchen**. J. T. Hannah was a prosperous business man in the great Smoky Mountains, operating the largest freight warehouse and stockyards in East Tennessee.

J.T. soon added a lunchroom just off the old Ice-house building, hired the best cook around, and began serving delicious home-cooked meals. The J.T. Hannah's Kitchen known today is built from rich traditions of the past. Each food item served and the hospitality shown to guests was inspired by the man who did it best—J.T. Hannah.

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 20th**.



Since Pastor Joe is out of the office recovering from a stroke, we are re-printing his column from October 2012. Hope you enjoy it.



A Note from the Pastor: I love storytelling. I like to preach from the great stories of the Bible. I love to read the stories of the Bible. My dad was quite the storyteller. He never went to competitions or classes. He never told "Jack Tales." He just told stories: to anyone who would listen. At my

home church one of our pastors asked my dad to be in charge of the Wednesday night service. My dad would tell stories from the Bible and make them come alive to us whether we were children, youth or adults. He knew how to tell it in such a way as to keep our attention. When the family all got together he had a captive audience. And we listened and laughed. There were certain stories that he told often. We asked for them. At my mother's grave service it was just the family. We stood around the grave of my dad and mom and told stories. Those stories we shared helped to keep my parents alive in our hearts and to give us hope for a future with them again. There was the story about the carwash that had to be told. It was told often at family gatherings. And when it was told we laughed so hard we cried.

We have read or told stories to our children or grandchildren. They love to hear stories. In fact, some children can't go to sleep at night until they have heard a story or had one read to them.

Stories help us to know who we are. Stories help us to know our past. Stories help us to define what we love. Stories help us to establish values. Stories help us to set our course.

I have a captive audience at 11:00 every Sunday morning. They may not want to hear my stories, but I tell them anyway. Maybe they get tired of hearing them. But, stories help to tell how and what the scripture means to me. They help to bring the Bible alive. One Sunday I told a story about teaching school. After the service I discovered that a member of my church was the daughter of my principal at that school. We would have never known that if it had not have been for the story.

When I taught school I had the 3rd grade. I loved it and loved the children. After lunch every day we had "down time." I turned out the lights in the classroom. Some of the children put their heads on their desks. And I would read a story or a chapter out of a book. My favorite and their favorite was "Charlotte's Web." What a great story. It was later made into a cartoon movie. But it wasn't as good as reading the book.

Jesus was a great story teller. We call most of his stories parables. They were meant to teach a truth through a story that would help people know how to live their own lives.

First of all, let your life be a story for others. As they watch you, they watch your story. They learn who you are. But, they also learn of your love for God and His church. They tell of your love for other people. Your story tells how much you care.

Second, don't be ashamed of your story as a Christian. We are called to be witnesses by our word, our deed and our faith. Your story may be the very one that brings someone to Christ.

"Let your light so shine" we are told in the Bible. "Let your story be heard" is what I encourage you to do. (Joe)



Volunteer of the Month

This month we have chosen **Deborah Richards** as our Volunteer of the Month.

Deborah is a busy wife and mother, but she still makes time to serve her church.

She teaches a children's Sunday School class of 1st and 2nd graders. Deborah realizes that Sunday School is very important in the life of a child. She makes her classes interesting so that the children are eager to attend.

Deborah is also actively involved with the Children's Ministry and the Youth Ministry. She also serves on the Church Council where she, along with the other members, helps plan and implement the many programs of our church. She recently served as Chairperson of the Church Directory Committee.

Deborah is very active in the **Rejoicing Spirits Ministry**. This ministry reaches out to enrich the spiritual lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, friends and other community members.

The worship service is adapted to be more welcoming to people with special needs. These services are held on the third Sunday of each month at 4:00 in the afternoon at Cedar Springs United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to attend these special services.

Deborah is married to Jason. She has three children, Austin and Chris Meadows and Amberly Richards. She is employed at Tri-County Center.

Please tell Deborah how much you appreciate all the time she gives to make our church programs successful.



Operation Christmas Child

The Youth are again sponsoring Operation Christmas Child. Please consider being a part of this great ministry which brings joy to children around the world.

You can fill a standard size shoe box with small gifts. A brochure is available in each entryway which gives instructions for filling the shoeboxes. Please plan to donate \$7 for each shoebox you prepare to help cover shipping & project expenses.

With your help, this can be the best year EVER for Operation Christmas Child! We give God all the praise and glory!

**Camp Meeting 2013—October 6
Historic Spring Creek Campground**

Dinner will be at 5:00 PM and the service begins at 6:00 PM. Erbin C. Baumgarder will be the guest speaker. Bring a lawn chair, a good appetite, and a longing for some soul stirring music and preaching. If you need directions, call the Calhoun church office at 423-336-2484.

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:

- October 6** 12:05 PM—Dinner after Church
1:00 PM— Something for Everyone Fall Trip
5:00 PM— Supper at Calhoun Campground
6:00 PM—Service at Calhoun Campground
- October 12** 8:00 AM—Golf Tournament at Camp Lookout
- October 13** 12:05 PM—Charge Conference
- October 16** 6:00 PM—Body and Soul
- October 18 & 19** 9:00 AM—4:00 PM & 6:00 PM—8:30 PM—
Lay Speaker Training here at Allen

Altar Flower Schedule

- October 6 Charles and Charlotte Newman
- October 13 Mary and Samuel Sparkman
- October 20 James Ivan and Joyce Grubb
- October 27 Sheron and Bob Bellman

United Methodist Women to Meet



The ladies will meet on Saturday, October 12 at 12 noon in Wattenbarger Hall for a salad luncheon and meeting. Mattie Hutsell will be the hostess and Carolyn Delmas will have the program. Please bring a salad to share for lunch. Also, please bring your World Thank Bank Offering to the meeting. All the ladies are encouraged to attend.



Men's Breakfast: All the men of the church are invited to come for breakfast and devotions on Sunday, October 6 at 8:30 AM. This is a great opportunity for fellowship in the church.

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) 2013 (Average)	55	149
(YTD) 2012 (Average)	65	170
(MTD) Average for August 2013	61	156

Our Gifts

YTD (August 2012)	134,504.65
YTD (August 2013)	133,160.01
August 2013	16,161.00
Sunday School Outreach	81.75
Youth Fund	56.00
Future Fund (includes fundraisers)	85.00
Structural Repair Fund	2,096.00
Bus Fund	540.00
Men's Club	50.00
Lord's Hour Offering (designated for budget)	2050.00
Imagine No Malaria	120.00

Our Prayers

Our Country, our Leaders and our Troops

Our Pastor, Rev. Joe Black

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Joe Green

Our Bishop, Rev. Mary Virginia Taylor

Our Missionaries, both at home and overseas

Remember to Pray for Your Sheep!

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| Polly Anderson | LeRoy McLemore |
| Nancy Barton | Gary Mason |
| Kelly Bean | Brandon Myers |
| Chris Beaton | Cecily Myers |
| Darren Beckett | Jim Neil |
| Shealeigh Brewer | Neyland Pickel |
| Joseph Carpenter | Lewis Raulston |
| Kathy Cawlfild | Myrtle Lee Roberts |
| William Cawlfild | Russell Roberts |
| Kathy & Milford Clark | Curtis Sayles |
| John & Pam Cooley | Sue Senn |
| Ingrid Cooley | Sandy Sledge |
| Linda Dennis | Mildred Smith |
| David Freeman | Nell Smith |
| Family of Al Gamble | Marie Sparkman |
| Nell Gambill | Phyllis Stieb |
| Steve Garren | Roy Thomas |
| Lacey & Caleb Hunter | Jim & Verdine Thompson |
| Mike Jackson | Jim Toomey |
| Erica Johnson | Rev. Bruce Vincent |
| R.C. Krise | Millard & Mildred Vincent |
| Richard Kyker | Elizabeth Ward |
| Cynthia Hudick Leigh | Rev. Carl Ware |
| Chase Littleton | Rev. Ogle Wattenbarger |
| Wendell & Dawn Lynn | Joe Wilburn |
| Ben & Jane Lynn | Johnny Wright |
| Barry Lynn | Sandy Yielding |
| George Lunsford | |

Our Service

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

1 Peter 4:10