

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.'"
Isaiah 52:7 NRSV

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Good News

September 2011

Athens Area Community Chorus rehearsals!

The Athens Area Community Chorus is a volunteer, community choral ensemble, led by our Chancel Choir director, Nathan Windt, and includes singers from all ages and musical backgrounds in the greater East Tennessee region. We've been proudly represented by members of Allen Memorial's Choir, including Becky Jaquish, Jan Peel, Kristin Allen, Patti Rae Bryant, Rick Parker, Matt Dannel, David Cawfield, Marjorie Guffey, Jo Ann Littleton, and many more!

Our 2011/2012 concert season will include a Christmas concert of sacred and secular favorites (December 2011), and an April 2012 performance of Brahms's *German Requiem*, one of the great masterworks in Western Classical Literature, to be performed in a new arrangement for chamber orchestra in collaboration with the Tennessee Wesleyan College choral ensembles (as of right now, we're the American premiere performance!).

This is a fun group committed to furthering the choral arts in the community, and we'd love for you to join us! We rehearse weekly on Tuesday nights, from 7-9 pm, on the Tennessee Wesleyan campus. For further information, contact Nathan at 513.460.3121, or nwindt@twcnet.edu. Don't miss your chance to be a part of great music with great people!



Chancel Choir Rehearsals Begin:

Our Chancel Choir will begin rehearsing for the Fall on Wednesday, August 31st, at 7:00 pm. All types of voices are welcome, from Junior High to older! For more information, please contact Nathan at 513-460-3121, or come to rehearsal on August 31st.

Annual Church Picnic

Our annual Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 11th, at 5:00PM at the Athens Regional Park. Drinks, ice and paper products will be provided.



We will begin with fellowship and games for the Kids. There is a fish pond near the pavilion as well as walking and hiking trails or you may just want to sit around and talk. At 5:30 we will share in a covered dish meal which will be followed by a short devotional service.

Make plans now, bring your lawn chairs and covered dishes and join in this time of great fellowship.

Adopt-a-Street Clean-up Day

As one of our community outreaches, we have "adopted" Pope Avenue. It is time again for clean-up along Pope Avenue. Meet at the church on Saturday, September 16th, at 9:00 (to 12:00). All clean-up gear provided. Come and help with this Family Life Ministry project! See Amy Windt for more information!



CALL TO ACTION

The mission of The United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the world. The United Methodist Church is called to be a world leader in developing existing churches and starting new congregations.

The Council on Bishops and the Connectional Table has challenged the church to a Call to Action. We will look at our church to see where we are, where we have been and where we plan to go as a church. To do this we will consider our worship attendance, growth through new disciples, involvement in mission and giving.

We are all called to be a vital congregation which has:

Inviting and inspiring worship

Engaged disciples in mission and outreach

Gifted, equipped and empowered lay leadership

Small groups and strong children's programs and youth ministry

We are asking our leaders and those who have an interest to come to a meeting with the Pastor Black on Thursday, September 8th at 7:00PM so we can begin our work.



Children's Choir Rehearsals Begin

Our Children's Choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, September 7th at 5:30, and continue each week on Wednesday from 5:30-6:30. The children's choir will be working on our annual Christmas Musical that will be presented on Sunday, December 11th. All ages 4 years to 5th grade are welcome to come and sing. For more information contact Pattie Rae Bryant at 744-3047.



Check out the Food Pantry Grocery List

Our food pantry has been busy again this month. Thanks to everyone who helped replenish the shelves and continue to help with food donations. Bring your grocery donations or you can make your check to Allen Memorial UMC, mark Food Pantry on the memo line.

All canned goods are welcome! On the grocery list are canned food: soups, fruits, beans, corn, and canned meats. Any help you can give will be appreciated.

Remember the Food Pantry

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters... (Isaiah 55:1)

If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. (John 7:37)

Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.
(Revelation 22:17b)



These three scriptures, from the OT prophet, from Jesus in the gospel, and from the book of the Revelation (Jesus speaking) all have to do with a basic need in life. If you have had to spend any time outdoors this summer, you probably have experienced the feeling of thirst. The hot and dry weather makes us very thirsty. I have been taking a new medicine that sometimes leaves me with a dry, cottony mouth. My mouth seems to just to be filled with cotton and I end up with my lips sticking together and my mouth feeling full. It is then that I need to get some water.

For many people in the world that need and desire for water is a greater problem. They do not have access to clean drinking water. I sponsor a girl in Haiti who lives in a home set up from missionaries that I know. They just recently, after two years, were able to build facilities for the children and to dig wells. Now the children and the people in the community can come and get fresh, clean water. In the Sudan, our conference has been raising money and helping to dig wells. Many still do not have access to water. This makes my dry mouth not seem like a very big deal. I can go to the water fountain, sink or fridge and have water immediately.

The image of thirst for people who lived in a desert region was often that of water. In the passages listed in this article people are invited to come and take of water that is free. They would understand the meaning of the prophet and Jesus speaking of water. It is more than physical water. These passages speak of the Spirit of God. We can come with our thirst for truth, for life, for forgiveness, for strength and receive freely. I wonder...do I have that kind of thirst for God? Do I feel an emptiness and dryness in my spirit that drives me to Jesus? I did find the water of life from Jesus many years ago. But my thirst for more and more continues.

The water he gives is without price. It is free. That means you and I don't have to do anything to get it. We don't have to do anything to receive this gift. The gift of salvation is free to all who simply come. Are you thirsty? Do you long for a cool drink from the fountain of life? Jesus says "Come and drink freely." He can satisfy that longing in our heart and that need for his love and grace. If you haven't surrendered then let me urge you to do so. I also suggest that you come daily to him for a fresh anointing of the water of life.

May God bless you richly as you follow Him.

The Kids Klub Committee will meet at 5:30 on Wednesday, September the 14th.

Our Children's Ministry will be kicking off their Fall activities very soon. Be watching for some exciting news and events. For more information please see Lisa Sharp.

Medical Mission Trip to Nicaragua, a Blessed Experience by Kari Kuykendall

I would like to start by saying thank you to all those that donated over-the-counter medications and made monetary donations for the medical mission to Nicaragua that I went on in July. Your donations went to help a wonderful, loving, and appreciative group of people in a rural community of Nicaragua called La Grecia. It was a very eye-opening experience that I will never forget.

I went as part of a team of 38 people consisting of mostly medical professionals. We set up a week long clinic in a school house in La Grecia. The people first went to public health where they learned how physical, mental, and spiritual health are intertwined and how to improve their total health. After that they went to triage. From there, based on their chief complaint they could be sent to a primary care physician, women's care, surgery, dentistry, optometry, or physical therapy. We saw between 400-500 patients per day.

As a pharmacy student I spent most of my time in the pharmacy. We had vitamins, pain and inflammation relievers, various stomach medications, an assortment of creams, eye and ear drops, cold and allergy medications, and lots of antibiotics and antiparasitics. I had a ton of fun working in the pharmacy especially talking to the patients and teaching them how to use their medications.

One major difference in the way we practiced in Nicaragua is that we prayed with each patient that came through. As I would pray aloud for the patient many patients would pray for me aloud simultaneously which took me by surprise at first, but after I realized what they were doing I found it to be very endearing, and I was touched. Church was much different there also. There was lots of singing and a whole bunch of dancing! It amazed me that even though I had no idea what they were saying I could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Once again thank you for all the prayers and donations. I feel truly blessed to have been a part of that trip and to have had the opportunity to serve the Lord and help such an amazing group of people.

Kari Kuykendall



Prayer Shepherds
This is a reminder for all our Prayer Shepherds to contact their sheep this month and to pray for

Rejoicing Spirits to Meet

The Rejoicing Spirits service will be held Sunday afternoon, August 21st, at 4:00 in the afternoon.

The meeting will be the "Second Year Celebration" to be held at the Cedar Springs United Methodist Church. There will be special guests, entertainment (puppet program), and a hot dog cookout following the service.

Everyone is welcome to attend this celebration service.

We will continue to celebrate Campmeeting for the first two Sundays of September. Invite a friend as we enjoy campmeeting in Worship Service!



Birthday & Anniversaries

Operation Christmas Child



The Youth are once again sponsoring Operation Christmas Child and will be collecting and filling the shoe boxes with school supplies, toys, and personal items for children across the world.

Please save shoe boxes for this great project. Bring the shoe boxes to church and drop them off. In October you can pack a shoe box for a boy or a girl or donate supplies. For more information see a youth, Pattie Rae or Lela.

Thursday, September 1

7:00 PM McMinn Ministries

Friday, September 2

Saturday, September 3

9:00 AM Pope Street Clean-Up

Sunday, September 4

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Morning Worship

Monday, September 5

6:00 PM Junior Girl Scouts

Tuesday, September 6

AM SFE/Jim Oliver's Resturant

Wednesday, September 7

5:30 PM Children's Choir

6:15 PM Prayer Ministries

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, September 8

7:00 PM Call to Action Meeting

Sunday, September 11

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Morning Worship

5:00 PM Church-Wide Picnic

Monday, September 12

6:00 PM Junior Girl Scouts

Wednesday, September 14

5:30 PM Kids Klub Meeting

5:30 PM Children's choir

6:15 PM Prayer Ministries

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice

Saturday, September 17

9:00 PM Pope Street Clean-Up

Sunday, September 18

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

12:00 PM SFE Fall Trip

4:00 PM Rejoicing Spirits/
Cedar Springs UMC

4:30 PM Youth/Parent Meeting

Monday, September 19

6:00 PM Junior Girl Scouts

Wednesday, September 21

5:30 PM Children's Choir

6:15 PM Prayer Ministries

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice

Saturday, September 24

8:00 AM Camp Lookout Golf

2:00 PM 50th Anniversary/WH

Ogle & Louise Wattenbarger

Sunday, September 25

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Morning Worship

12:00 PM Dinner After Church

4:30 PM Youth

Wednesday, September 28

5:30 PM Children's Choir

6:15 PM Prayer Ministries

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1. Matt Hutchison.

5. Bill Robinson, Cole Haggart

6. Jerry Don Clark,

9. Larry Blackburn, Jordan Wright,

Makena Paige Riden

10. Yvonne Raper, Glenn McGuire,

Josh Sledge, Barbara Thomas,

11. Randy Kelley, Greg Hughes,

Nina Johnson, Allen Plemons,

Leighann Hashe, Tammy Bohannon

12. Mila Davidson, Steve Overturf,

13. Jo Ann Littleton, Mike Stewart,

Ethan Windt,

14. James King

15. Ricky Wilcox, Christopher Reese,

George Goines

17. Bailey Hughes, Carlene Kuykendall

19. Eva Ruth Lawson, Bill Yielding,

Steffanie Elder

21. Susette Moore, Lynn Collins

22. Lindsey Caulfield

23. Edanna Lawson

25. Eric Hughes, Kelley Clark

27. Andy Allen, Sierra Thurman,

Isaiah Klusman

28. Anita Thomas, Janie Goines

29. McCall Newman

30. Glenn Cooley, Austin Meadows

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

6. Leslie & Asa Gunderman

10. Milford & Kathy Clark

11. Keith & Angela Bailey,

Brandon & Loren Hashe

13. Dr. Fred & Edanna Lawson

16. Jim & Virginia O'Daniel

18. Glenn & Ingrid Cooley

24. Ogle & Louise Wattenbarger

25. Albert & Carlene Kuykendall



Worship Service September Flower Schedule

4th: Biruce & Carolyn Delmas

11th: Brian & Kelly Bean

18th: Ingrid Cooley

25th: Carl & Bettye Kaye Richesin



MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will

meet on Sunday,

September 4th, at

8:30 AM for breakfast,

fellowship and devotions in

Wattenbarger Hall. All men are

invited to participate.

Herron Newly Appointed to 2 Churches

Jake Herron begin his duties at both Eden United Methodist and Bethesda United Methodist located in Washington County, Tennessee. The Johnson City Press published an article about Jake and Laura Herron's move to the Jonesborough area after pasturing three different churches in the Tazewell area last year.

To review the article online:

www.johnsoncitypress.com/living/

McMinn Ministries Meeting

McMinn Ministries will meet on

Thursday, August 4th, at 7:00 P.M.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Stephen Witt Update: Enough money was raised for Stephen's surgery for to be scheduled during August. A family in Philadelphia has agreed to host Stephen and his family during his stay there! More information to come.

Grace and Mercy Ministry:

The Grace and Mercy Ministry served 430 meals in July. New people are attending and prayers are being answered. Watch this ministry continue to grow! Keep up the great work!

Camp Lookout Golf Tournament 2011

The Camp Lookout Benefit Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 24th. Check the bulletin board or contact Jared Wright for details at 368-2869.

September 11th is Grandparents' Day!



The new e-mail address for the Church Secretary, is:

allensec@bellsouth.net.

Please use this new e-mail

address when sending information to the attention of Jane at the office.

The church wide e-mail address is:

allenmemorialumc@bellsouth.net.

August 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.

We Worship By Our Prayers

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| Pat Adams | Eva Ruth Lawson |
| Connie Allen | Glenn Mason |
| Chris Beaton | Gail Mosier |
| Evelyn Black | Jim Neil |
| John Boggess | Curtis Nichols |
| Jackie Brown | Charlie & Eva Oakes |
| Lee Brown | Kylie Overton |
| Bonnie Burmood | Theda Poplin |
| Kandi Burnette | Tom Reese |
| Katie Cain | Jason Richards |
| Kathy & Milford Clark | Dennis Richeson |
| John & Pam Cooley | Katie Russell |
| Nancy Crabtree | Roberta Russell |
| JW Cross | Chris Russell Family |
| Nell Gambill | Rick Skidmore |
| Steve Garren | Bud Smidt |
| Joe Henry | Mildred Smith |
| Madison Hensley | Nell Smith |
| Carol Hope | Phyllis Stieb |
| Greg Hughes | Dave Schwiebert |
| Darrin Hutchison | Roy & Anita Thomas |
| Don Hutsell | Carrie Tydinco |
| Mike Jackson | Rev. Bruce Vincent |
| Steve King & family | Mildred Vincent |
| Raymond Latham | Millard Vincent |

We Worship By Our Presence

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| Average Sunday School Attendance | 69 |
| Average Worship Attendance | 175 |
| Avg. SS Attendance for 2011 | 69 |
| Avg. Worship Attendance for 2011 | 181 |
| Avg. SS Attendance for 2010 | 70 |
| Avg. Worship Attendance for 2010 | 193 |

We Worship With Our Gifts and Tithes

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| Received for Operating Budget | \$ 13,753.00 |
| Received for 2011 YTD | \$ 144,789.65 |
| Received for 2010 YTD | \$ 137,419.97 |

Special Giving

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| Sunday School Outreach | \$ 62.85 |
| Future Fund | \$ 50.00 |
| Carpet Fund | \$ 880.00 |
| Choir Chairs | \$ 580.00 |
| Pews Covers | \$ 2,098.00 |
| Youth | \$ 50.00 |
| Lord's Hour | \$ 175.00 |
| Food Pantry | \$ 125.00 |
| Cookbook | \$ 90.00 |
| Bus Fund | \$ 125.00 |
| Men's Club | \$ 50.00 |

- 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.



 **PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS!** 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, Phillip Humphreys, 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, Craig Wolfenbarger.

We Worship By Our Witness

Is your life a good example of Christ's gospel of peace and love? "Go.....and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Labor Day Facts

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, became a legal holiday in 1894. In 2009, 155.1 million people were in our nations labor force. Approximately 7.2 million people identify their occupation as teacher, 1.7 million are chief executives, 751,000 are farmers and 773,00 are hairdressers/hairstylists.



"Watch out!" he said. "Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." (Luke 12:15) Security, peace, happiness - Jesus. Only one person can invade a life-and bring security peace happiness! Jesus, who, though he was rich, became poor for our sakes so that we, in our hopeless poverty, might become rich, extraordinarily rich-in the things that truly count!.

We Worship By Our Service

"Be shepherds of God's flock.....not because you must, but because you are willing.....(1 Peter 5:2a) God wants you to see your opportunity to serve as an honor, not a drag. Why? Because he is calling you to deal with the flock whom he loves. It is your chance to serve God by serving others.



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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

Bible Quiz

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 September: Who, was told by God that the sight of a rainbow in the sky would be a covenant between God and every living creature?

Correct Answer for August: Lot invited angels to wash their feet and spend the night at his house. Gen. 19: 1-2

First Person To Correctly Answer the August Question: Mildred Vincent

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