

## Welcome In the Name and Love of Jesus Christ

**Welcome!** We are thankful for your presence as we share in the worship of God. We pray you will find the blessing of fellowship among us. If you are visiting, please know that no one is really a visitor. This is God's house and all are welcome. We invite you to pray with us, sing with us, rejoice with us, and hear Christ's call with us. Since we all have needs, during the closing hymn, the altar is open for you to pray, give thanks, dedicate or re-dedicate your life.

**Worship Resources:** A Nursery is provided for children up to AGE 4. We invite you to use this facility for infants and toddlers. Children's bulletins are available from the ushers. In the pews, you will find Prayer Cards that you are invited to use to share specific prayer concerns. Please place the card either in the offering plate or in the prayer boxes located in each entryway.

### Order of Worship

**Come in, chat, and take a moment to sign the blue hospitality pad and pass it to your neighbor. But when the prelude begins – prepare for worship in a spirit of prayer and expectation! As we begin worship, please silence and put away all cell phones and beepers!**

\*Indicates people stand as they are able

#### Gathering Music

The Lighting of the Advent Candles - Insert

Welcome, Announcements

\*Time of Friendship

\*The Call to Worship #

Opening Prayer

\*Hymn #

Children's Time

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

\*Prayer Chorus #

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer

***Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

\*Doxology #95 ***Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above Ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

\*Hymn #

The Scripture

The Sermon

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

Pastor  
Pastor

Pastor

Sue Walker

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## Assisting with Today's Service

Pianist.....Gielda Reese Organist.....Charlotte Newman  
Chancel Choir Director .....Dr. Nathan Windt Nursery Attendants.....Elaine Davidson and Anita Thomas

### Church Calendar

10:00 AM Sunday: Sunday School	5:00 PM Tuesday: Children's Choir Practice
11:00 AM Sunday: Worship Service	5:00 PM Wednesday: Children's Choir Practice
6:15 PM Wednesday: Prayer Ministries	
4:30 PM Sunday: Youth	7:00 PM Wednesday: Chancel Choir
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### Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday School	60	Future Fund	25.00
Morning Worship	164	Homemade Goods	15.00
Sunday School	24.00		
Church Budget	7,474.50		

### Announcements

**Altar Flowers:** The altar flowers are presented by Allen memorial UMC in celebration of the Advent Season.

**Advent Meditations:** The Lord Is Near, from the works of Henri J. M. Nouwen are available at each entrance. Please pick up your copy as you leave Worship Service today.

**Children's Choir:** The Children's Choir will be practicing on Tuesday, xxxxx from 5:00 to 6:30 and again on Wednesday, xxxxxxxx from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Please try to come to as many of these rehearsals as possible. For a complete schedule, please see the Children's Choir Memo posted in the side vestibule.

**Choir Rehearsals:** The Chancel Choir will practice, Wednesday, xxxxx at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary.

**2012 Youth Calendars:** The Youth of Allen Memorial are making and will be selling a 2012 "Allen Memorial Church Calendar". The cost for the calendars is \$10.00. Order forms are available in the side vestibule.

**Altar Flowers:** The 2012 flower chart is posted on the bulletin board in the side vestibule. Reserve your special date! If you would be willing to provide flowers for any of the Sundays available, please sign your name to the chart on the date you wish to reserve.

**Hanging of the Greens:** A big thanks goes out to everyone who helped with the service and special thanks to Becky Jaquish for developing and directing the service.

**Something for Everyone:** Please join us on Tuesday, December 6, in Wattenbarger Hall at 12 noon as we celebrate our "Joy to the World" Christmas lunch. A great meal is planned and reservations should be made with Charlotte or you may call the church office. There is no charge for the meal, we just need to know how many will be attending. Make plans to join us as we celebrate "Joy to the World". Please

**Body & Soul 2012:** The signup sheet for Body & Soul 2012 is posted on the bulletin board in the side vestibule. Please check out the dates available and sign up soon! You can either prepare a meal or you can host a covered dish meal. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**New Members:** We are designating next Sunday, December 11, as Membership Sunday. If you have been thinking about becoming a member, you are encouraged to talk to the Pastor this week. There are three ways

you can join the church: by Profession of Faith, by transfer from another United Methodist Church, or by transfer from a church of another denomination.

**Items for Sale:** Coming soon: Christmas Candy and Becky's Spice Tea Mix. All the proceeds go to the Carpet Fund. Thank you for your support of all our projects.

**Athens Community Chorus:** The Community Chorus, led by our Chancel Choir director, Nathan Windt, will present a wide variety of Christmas music on Friday, December 9, and on Saturday, December 10, at 7:30 PM at The Arts Center Downtown Athens. This choir is well represented by members of the Allen Memorial church choir. Contact Nathan Windt for ticket information.

**Children's Christmas Program:** The Children's Choir presents the musical, *The Great Christmas Giveaway*, on Sunday, December 11, at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend this special program. Following the program, we will have a time of fellowship in Wattenbarger Hall. You are invited to bring a tray of finger food.

**Readers Needed:** Our Christmas Cantata, "Tapestry of Light," is coming up on Sunday, December 18, and readers are needed for the narrations between anthems. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to take part in a Celtic Christmas Celebration, no musical ability needed to participate! Please contact Nathan Windt or call the church office if you would like to help with the narrations.

**Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata:** The Allen Memorial UMC Chancel Choir will present the Christmas Cantata, *The Tapestry of Light* on Sunday, December 18, at 11:00 AM during the Sunday Morning Worship Service. The presentation will feature a Celtic-style service of familiar and beloved melodies and inspirational readings. Make plans to be a part of this very special service. Contact Nathan Windt or call the church office.

**Special gifts:** A special gift was given in memory of Mildred Carpenter's sister, Gladys Davis by Rick and Fredia Skidmore.

**Prayer Request List:** Copies of the updated Prayer Request List will be included in the bulletin the first Sunday of every month and each week an updated copy may be picked up in the window at the side entrance.

**Flowers Next Sunday: Allen Memorial UMC**

### *Weekly Prayer Concerns:*

We are praying for: Bettye Kaye Richeson, Carl Richeson, Eva Oakes, Patricia Parker, Glenn Mason, and in sympathy with Susan Scott, Elaine Davidson, Dave Sayles and their families in death of their mother Barbara Sayles.

**Church Prayer Focus for the Week:** Pray for us all to have God's peace in our hearts.



## *Allen Memorial United Methodist Church*

### *December 4, 2011*

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### *The Mission of the United Methodist Church*

*"The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.  
Local churches provide the most significant arena through which disciples-making occurs."*

*From the 2008 M Book of Discipline, ¶120U*