

*Welcome In the Name and Love of Jesus Christ*

*We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ. We are thankful for your presence and we invite you to worship, learn, and serve with us. We invite you to join us in fulfilling the mission of the United Methodist Church which is “To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World.”*

*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. 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 during our service. 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 music 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  
 Welcome and Announcements Minister  
 \*The Call to Worship #207 *Prepare the Way of the Lord* Isaiah 40:3, 52:10  
 \*The Invocation Minister  
 \*A Hymn #569 *We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations* Nichol  
 \*An Affirmation of Faith #885 *A Modern Affirmation*  
 \*Gloria Patri #70 *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost* Meineke  
*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.*  
 \*The Time of Friendship and Welcoming Everyone  
 The Time with the Children Minister  
 The Time of Sharing Our Joys and Concerns Minister  
 The Prayer Chorus *Open Our Eyes Lord*

***Open our eyes, Lord. We want to see Jesus. To reach out and touch him. And say that we love him.***

***Open our ears Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus***

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The Time of Prayer  
 Morning Prayer Minister  
 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.***

The Anthem - Chancel Choir *The Shepherd Psalm* John Carter  
 The Worship with God’s Tithes and Our Offerings Minister  
 The Offertory *Blessed Redeemer* Loes  
 \*The 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.***  
 \*A Hymn #463 *Lord, Speak to Me* Havergal  
 The Scripture Reading *Matthew 5:13-16* Minister  
 The Scripture Response *Sanctuary*

***Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.***

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The Sermon *Where is God in My World? – Where is God in the World ?* Minister

The Hymn of Invitation #593 *Here I Am Lord* Schutte  
 \*The Benediction Minister  
 \*The Benediction Response #668 *Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace* Bristol  
 \*The Postlude

*Assisting with Today’s Service*

Pianist.....Gielda Reese Organist.....Charlotte Newman  
 Nursery Attendants.....Elaine and Cortney Davidson  
 Acolytes.....Tanner Collins and Dylan Carpenter

*Church Calendar*

10:00 AM Sunday: Sunday School  
 11:00 AM Sunday: Morning Worship  
 12:05 PM Sunday: Finance Committee Meeting  
 12:05 PM Sunday: Church Medical Team Meeting  
 4:00 PM Sunday: Acolyte Training  
 4:30 PM Sunday: Youth  
 5:00 PM Sunday: Kid’s Klub  
 5:30 PM Sunday: Acts Bible Study  
 6:30 PM Monday: Boundaries Class  
 9:15 AM Tuesday: Something For Everyone  
 6:15 PM Wednesday: Prayer Ministries  
 7:00 PM Wednesday: Chancel Choir Practice  
 10:00 AM Thursday: McMinn Ministries  
 6:30 PM Thursday: Church Bowling League  
 7:00 PM Thursday: McMinn Ministries

*Our Stewardship Last Week*

Sunday School	78	Church Budget	\$3,966.21
Morning Worship	183	Parsonage Fund	\$ 585.00
		Sunday School O/Reach	\$ 10.00
		Youth Fund	\$ 525.00
		Bus Maintenance	\$ 25.00
		Sudan – Well	\$ 270.00

*Announcements*

**Altar Flowers:** The flowers today are given by Jeff and Sandy Wright to the glory of God!  
**Sympathy:** The church extends its love and sympathy to Jo Ann Littleton in the death of her mother, Aline Fritz and to Debra Richards and her family, Joe Littleton and his family, and Charlie Littleton and his family in the death of their grandmother. We pray God’s peace and comfort on this family.  
**Lenton Sermon Series:** Our theme for our Lenten worship services this year is Where in the World is God? You will see this theme depicted on the front cover as a hand holding the world. Think of it as someone holding up the world and asking Where is God in the World? We hope you will make an extra effort to share in and pray about these services as well as invite people to come.  
**Lenten Devotionals:** If you haven’t picked up a copy of this year’s Lenten devotionals, they are available in the entryway table for your use during this special season. We have several left so if you know of someone who would like one, take it to them. We would rather have them used than just lying there.  
**Finance Committee Meeting:** The Finance Committee will have a short meeting immediately following worship service this morning. Please meet in the Slagle Class.  
**Medical Personnel:** Any Health Care Professionals who would be interested in helping develop a healthcare ministry in our church through volunteers is asked to meet today after worship in the front of the sanctuary on the piano/organ side. For more information, see Sandy Wright.  
**Acolyte Training:** Any 3<sup>rd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> grader who would like to serve as an acolyte for our worship services is invited to attend a training session this afternoon at 4:00. See Sandy Wright for more details  
**McMinn Ministries:** McMinn UM Ministries will meet on Thursday at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM at the Cooke Ministry Center on Georgia Avenue. Everyone is invited to participate in either meeting. For more information on this ministry, see Becky Jaquish, Carolyn or Larry Jackson, or the Pastor.

**District Older Adult Event:** Tomorrow we will host the Cleveland District Older Adult Rally from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. It will include a workshop on Home and Safety and Scams led by former director of TN. Bureau of Investigations Larry Wallace, and a workshop on Wills and Estates led by Attorney David Siklosi. In addition to these workshops there will be special music with Organist Judy Sullins, Soloist Tina Jenkins and devotions led by Becky Jaquish. A potato bar lunch will be served. Please RSVP by today.

**Something For Everyone:** If you are going on the Greeneville trip on Tuesday, please be at the church by 9:15 and ready to leave by 9:30. The cost of the meal is \$14.16 payable to Charlotte Newman that day. Please do not wear any perfume or scented lotions, colognes, etc. This is greatly appreciated. Thank you! On April 20-22 we have a trip planned to Alabama and Mississippi. Some of the highlights of this trip will be spending the night in Saraland, Alabama and having dinner at Wintzell's Oyster House (don't let the name scare you as they have lots of choice items on the menu), visit USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park, and Bellingrath Gardens and Home with lunch at Magnolia Café'. We will tour the gardens, home and take a cruise along the Fowl River aboard the Southern Belle River Cruiser. We then will travel to Gulfport, Mississippi as we drive along the beach and stop for a walk along the beach sidewalk, shopping etc. Inserts for full details on this trip are available in the side vestibule. Pick up your copy and make plans now to join us. Please let Charlotte or Kathy know by Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup> if you are going on this trip.

**Lenten Offering:** Lent began on February 17th and continues through Easter. We once again encourage you to participate in our annual Dime a Meal for Lent program. Typically, you are asked to contribute a dime a meal for each adult and youth and a penny a meal for each child throughout the Lenten season for an offering on Easter Sunday. The total for each adult and youth would be \$12 and for children \$1.20. Last week, we reported that we had designated the offering this year to go to the Holston Conference's ministry in Sudan. Specifically, the conference is raising money to provide wells for the areas in Southern Sudan. However we noted that the cost of a well is extremely high (\$10,000) and it will take time to raise enough to provide wells. We had learned that water filter kits could be used in the meantime and our goal was to provide 17 water kits (one for each church area in Southern Sudan) at a cost of \$75 each. Each area already has a filter and more would help. However, some of our members felt we could do more. They felt we could provide a well. That may seem like a huge challenge. But we believe that we can meet this challenge so we are going for a well. If 134 people put aside \$12.50 a week for six weeks (instead of the traditional \$12.50 for the whole Lenten period) we would have enough to pay for a well. In other words if 134 people gave \$75.00 each that would be \$10,050.00. There is the well. You can either do the dime a meal as you have done in the past, or make a special donation. Any donations will help. Feel free to give more than \$75.00. Think about how we take clean water supply for granted. Here is a way we can experience sacrificial giving and help others have something we too often take for granted. Please prayerfully consider how you want to share in this special project and give generously. If you want to give, please designate your gift for Sudan well. Thank You!

**Men's Group:** The Men's Group will meet next Sunday at 8:30 AM for breakfast, fellowship and devotions in Wattenbarger Hall. All men are invited to participate.

**Communion in the Chapel:** You are invited to share in a communion service in the Chapel at 9:45 AM next Sunday. Communion will also be offered after worship for those unable to receive it before Sunday School. After worship, it will be offered in the Slagle Classroom so people do not have to climb the steps to the Chapel.

**Summer Camp:** The 2010 Holston Conference Camping Brochures are now available in the side vestibule. The church offers scholarships for everyone who goes. See Pam Monteen for more information.

**Chocolate Eggs For Sale:** Our Relay for Life team has begun selling those famous Chocolate covered-peanut butter filled eggs. Orders can now be taken and sales sheets are available in the church office. The absolute deadline for orders is March 21st. Orders have already been flying in, and production is about to get underway. If you would like to help make eggs, please see Joyce Grubb. We will have daytime and nighttime sessions. We are again buying the ingredients in bulk this year and can also use monetary donations to help with the cost.

**Soup & Sandwich Luncheon:** The Youth invite you to a Soup and Salad lunch next Sunday immediately following worship service. There is no charge for the meal, but donations will be gladly accepted.



## *Allen Memorial United Methodist Church*



### *2nd Sunday in Lent*

*February 28, 2010*

*Ministers: The Members*

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**VBS Meeting:** We will have a Bible School Volunteer Meeting on Sunday, March 7 at 4:00 for anyone interested in helping with our VBS which will be June 6th-11th. For more information on how you can help, please see Lisa Sharp. Our theme this year is High Seas and we will have lots of adventure on the High Seas.

**Yard Sale:** As you start your spring cleaning, and find those gently used items that you would like to discard, please be thinking of the Youth Yard sale which will be held in June. All items can be brought to the Church storage building, but please check with the church office so we can direct you where to put your goods.

**Jubilation:** The 2010 Jubilation will be held on April 11 - 13 at the Meadow View Resort in Kingsport. Jubilation is the annual Conference Older Adult event. Six different workshops will be offered this year with many special leaders, including Don Dare and Charles Maynard. On Monday afternoon there will be a session entitled "Seven Dimensions that lead to Wellness". Keynote speaker will be Bishop James Swanson, Bible Study teacher, Bishop Richard Looney and Worship leader, Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor. Registration fees include two nights accommodations, an ice cream social on Sunday evening, all meals beginning with dinner on Sunday evening through breakfast Tuesday morning, snacks at break times, participation in all sessions and the chosen workshops. A limited full and partial scholarships available. Please see the pastor for this assistance. There are brochures available in the side vestibule. We would love to have someone from Allen attend. For more information visit: [www.jubilation.holston.org](http://www.jubilation.holston.org)

**Flowers Next Sunday:** Gretchen Kittle

### *We are Praying For.....*

Family of Aline Fritz; Haiti, Bill Allen, Polly Anderson, Nancy Barton, Chris Beaton, Darren Beckett, Bob Beech, Robert Bennett, Lin Birdwell, Samuel Bish, Amy Brace, Reba Brown, Al Bryan, Patti Rae Bryant, Rev. Jimmy Buckner, Bonnie Burmood, David & Jenny Byrd and fathers, Teresa Carpenter, E.J. Castillo, Connie Charles, Matt Clare, Tamera Coleman, John Cooley, Stephanie Coppedge & family, Stacy Costner, Brett Currie, Ron Davis, Rosa Davis, Bruce Delmas Jr., Eva & Glenn Dockins, Ken Earl, Vicki Estabrook, Bernadette Evans, Nancy Ferguson, Fred Fleming, Dee Gamble, Steve Garren, Rebecca Gray, J.R. Griggs, James Guffey, Brad & Lynn Hamblin, Bob Hamilton, Bill Hanner, Garrett & Jason Henderson, Joe Henry, Dan Herron, Candace Hewitt, Ryan Hewitt, Gene Higham, Jaynee Holland, Don Hutsell, Joe Hutsell, Jim Hyde, Larry Jackson, Mike Jackson, Barbara Jarvis, Jimmy Johnson, Cheryl Lambert, Gwen Lane, Raymond Latham, Eva Ruth Lawson, Stephanie Lingerfelt, Charlie Littleton, Jessica Lowe, Elisa Luna, Frances Mason, Glenn Mason, Zachery Mason, Patricia McDonald, David McKee, Randy McKeegan, Jerry McLemore, Marie McManan, Larry Messer, Abbey Murphy, Dan Murphy, Nathan Murray, Tammy Nantz, Ruth Ann Nichols, Judy Ohman, Eileen Owsley, Theda Poplin, Mildred Powers, Vicki Raper, Jimmy Reeves, Dennis Richeson, Leona Richeson, Jerry Roberts, Paul Rose Family, Gene & Sherry Sabo, Darlene Schenck, Danny Shannon, Bud Smidt, Mildred Smith, Nell Smith, Shannon Smith, Eric Sohmer, Britanie Stieb, Roy Thomas, Bruce Vincent, Mildred Vincent, David Walden, Gladys Wallace, Preston Wallace, Brian Walker, Bonnie Werner, Sally White, Bill Wiggins, Sandy Yielding; *In nursing homes, assisted living or shut-in:* Evelyn Black, Lorene Ensminger, Nell Gambill, A.C. Lockmiller, Rubye Maupin, *Expecting Mothers:* Hailey Dake, Nina Johnson, Claire Murphy, *Missionaries or in Mission Work:* Boo & Phyllis Hankins, Neal Hicks & family, Steve King Family, Chris Russell Family, Pray for our Pastor, our District Superintendent, Mike Travis, our Bishop, James Swanson, *Pray for the Appointment Cabinet* as they make the pastoral appointments for next year; *Pray for our Service men and women:* Brandon Carter, Keith Coleman, Tyler Cooley, Taylor Creasman, Duane Diebold, Michael Dyer, Josh Gary, Taylor Gray, Brent Greer, Eric Greisenhaur, Brent Harbin, Brandon Hashe, Lee Hashe, Daniel Hickey, Derek Hickey, Phillip Humphreys, Tim Lammers, Wesley Levy, Wayne McKenzie, Tyler Moore, Will Nation, Klaus Ohman, Adam Randle, Alex Randle, Zach Roberts, Brittany Rupert, Raymond Shumate, Dwain Sliger, Bobby Smith, Brent Stephens and Craig Wolfenbarger.

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