

*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 #657	<i>This Is the Day</i>	Garrett
*The Invocation		Minister
*A Hymn #139	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	Neander
*A Responsive Reading #755	<i>Psalm 24</i>	
*Gloria Patri #70	<i>Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost</i>	Meineke
	<i>As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.</i>	
*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 #349	<i>Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus</i>	Lemmel
The Time of Prayer		
Morning Prayer		Minister
Lord’s Prayer - <i>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.</i>		
The Anthem - Chancel Choir	<i>He Chose Calvary</i>	Buck/Livingston
The Worship with God’s Tithes and Our Offerings		Minister
The Offertory (Gielda Reese on Flute)	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	Watts
*The Doxology #95	<i>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.</i>	
*A Hymn #144	<i>This Is My Father’s World</i>	Babcock
The Scripture Readings	<i>Isaiah 44:6-23, John 16:28-33</i>	Minister
The Scripture Response #507	<i>Through It All</i>	Crouch
The Sermon	<i>Where in the World is God? –Where is God in His World?</i>	Minister
The Hymn of Invitation #358	<i>Dear Lord and Father of Mankind</i>	Whittier
*The Benediction		Minister
*The Benediction Response #666	<i>Shalom to You</i>	Eslinger
*The Postlude		

**Assisting with Today’s Service**

Pianist.....Gielda Reese Organist.....Charlotte Newman  
 Chancel Choir Director.....Becky Jaquish Nursery Attendants.....Elaine and Cortney Davidson  
 Acolytes.....Dylan Carpenter and Tanner Collins

**Church Calendar**

10:00 AM Sunday: Sunday School	6:15 PM Wednesday: Prayer Ministries
11:00 AM Sunday: Morning Worship	7:00 PM Wednesday: Chancel Choir Practice
4:30 PM Sunday: Youth	6:30 PM Thursday: Call & Caring Team
4:00 PM Sunday: Rejoicing Spirits	6:30 PM Thursday: Church Bowling League
5:00 PM Sunday: Kid’s Klub	
5:00 PM Sunday: Acts Bible Study	
6:00 PM Sunday: Last Supper Practice	

**Our Stewardship Last Week**

Sunday School	68	Church Budget	\$3,982.50
Morning Worship	190	Parsonage Fund	\$ 329.00
		Sunday School O/Reach	\$ 6.75
		UMCOR-One Great Hour	\$ 76.00
		Sudan – Well	\$ 155.00
		Youth Fund	\$ 50.00
		Music Fund	\$ 550.00
		Bus Maintenance	\$ 11.00
		Future Fund	\$ 75.00
		Kid’s Klub	\$ 50.00

**Announcements**

**Altar Flowers:** The flowers today are given by Tim and Lisa Sharp in honor of Kanden’s 14<sup>th</sup> birthday.  
**Chocolate Eggs For Sale:** Our Relay for Life team is selling those famous Chocolate covered-peanut butter filled eggs. The deadline for orders has been extended to next Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. You still have time to both sell and buy eggs. They have some available for sale this morning in the entryways following worship. If you would like to sell eggs or help make them, see Joyce Grubb or Sandy Wright. We will have day and night sessions this week. We are again buying the ingredients in bulk and can also use monetary donations to help with the cost.  
**Hospice Service:** This afternoon at 3:00, Amedisys Hospice of Athens will be having their annual Memorial Service here at Allen. Would you please help us be good hosts by picking up any loose papers and straightening up the pews around you. Thank You. You are invited to share in this special service and a reception in Wattenbarger Hall following the service.  
**Rejoicing Spirits:** The March Rejoicing Spirits service will be held this afternoon at 4:00 at the Cedar Springs UMC. Everyone is welcome to attend this very informal but worshipful service.  
**Easter Egg Hunt:** Our annual Children’s Easter Egg Hunt will be next Sunday at 4:00 PM at the Parsonage (1409 Miami St.) We want to invite all kids through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. To help with the hunt, you are invited to provide wrapped Easter candy. Please have the candy here at the church by Wednesday. Containers are in each entryway for the candy. Thank you for your support.  
**Get-Together:** Michael & Patti Rae Bryant would like to invite you to a Going Away/Birthday Get-together for Aaron next Sunday in Wattenbarger Hall following worship.  
**Newsletter Information:** If you want something published in the April Newsletter we will need your information no later than Monday morning. We will publish it early in the week so you will have more information about the special services for Holy Week and Easter. Thank you!

**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. At first 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. 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 our clean water supply for granted. Here is a way we can experience sacrificial giving and help others. Please prayerfully consider how you want to share in this special project and give generously. Designate your gift for Sudan well. Thank You!

**Something For Everyone:** Come join the Spring Fling Fun on Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon in Wattenbarger Hall. Our Sampler Menu will consist of baked pork chops, fried chicken, sawmill and chicken gravies, mac and cheese, green beans, sweet potatoes, slaw, deviled eggs, biscuits, cornbread, coconut and chocolate cream pies, angel food cake, cookies and fruit. For our program we will see the film "The Great Locomotive Chase" starring Fess Parker and Jeffrey Hunter. In May we will visit Tunnel Hill, GA, where much of the film was made. Please make your reservations with Kathy or Charlotte by Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Also on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will travel to Gatlinburg, TN to visit the new Christ in the Smokies Museum. This is the location of the old Christus Gardens. There are 11 scenes beginning with Jesus' birth and ending with His ascension to Heaven. We will have lunch at Mama's Farmhouse in Pigeon Forge. We will also stop at the Bass Pro Shop for you to shop. The cost will be \$9.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children if we have at least 20 who want to go. Please let Charlotte or Kathy know by Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, if you are interested in this trip.

**VBS:** Our Vacation Bible School High Seas Expedition Kick Off will be April 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00. More information to come.

**Yard Sale:** As you start your spring cleaning, and find gently used items you would like to discard, remember the Youth Yard sale 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. 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 to breakfast Tuesday, snacks, participation in all sessions and the chosen workshops. Scholarships are available. Please see the pastor for this assistance. Brochures are available in the side vestibule or for more information visit: [www.jubilation.holston.org](http://www.jubilation.holston.org).

**Holy Week Services:** Holy Week begins next Sunday and throughout the week you will have opportunities to participate in several special services. The Athens Area Ministerial Association will again sponsor mid-day Holy Week services. Monday will be at Keith Memorial UMC, Tuesday will be at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Wednesday will be at First Baptist Church, Thursday will be at Allen Memorial, and Friday will be at Trinity UMC. Also on Easter Sunday morning at 7:00, they will hold a sunrise service at Mars Hill Presbyterian Church. We will once again host the Living Last Supper on Maundy Thursday at 7:00 PM and we will be again joining with Keith and Trinity for a Good Friday Service at Keith at 7:00 PM.



## Allen Memorial United Methodist Church



### 5th Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2010

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