

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 during our service. We invite you to use this facility for infants and toddlers. Children’s bulletins are available from the ushers. You will find at the center aisle end of each pew a Hospitality Pad. Please fill out the information and pass it along the pew. In the pews, you will also 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 and chat, 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!

**Indicates people stand as they are able.*

Prelude	<i>Christ the Lord is Risen Today/Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	Mercer
Welcome and Announcements		Minister
The Choral Call to Worship	<i>Up from the Grave He Arose</i>	Lowry
The Scripture Reading	<i>John 20:1-18</i>	Carolyn Jackson
The Choral Response	<i>Up from the Grave He Arose</i>	Lowry

The Congregational Response

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Pastor: Let the signs of light and life return and let us rise and join our voices to celebrate this day of days.

*The Return of the Signs of Light and Life

*Hymn #302 vs 1-5	<i>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today</i>	Wesley
#261	<i>Lord of the Dance</i>	Carter

(During the second hymn, you are invited to bring your Lenten Offering to the Altar)

*The Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Almighty God, through Jesus Christ you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.

Grant that we, who celebrate the day of our Lord’s resurrection, may, by the renewing of your Spirit

Arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Fellowship Moment – *Greet your brothers and sisters in Christ*

The Children’s Time		Laura Hutchison
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The Sharing of Joys and Concerns		Minister
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The Prayer Chorus #162 vs. 2	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia</i>	Fishel
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The Prayer Time including the 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	<i>We Have Seen the Risen Lord</i>	Pethel
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The Worship with God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory	<i>Because He Lives</i>	Gaither
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*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.**

*Hymn #304	<i>Easter People, Raise Your Voices</i>	James
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The Sermon	<i>God Said!</i>	Minister
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The Invitation to Christian Discipleship and Faith Renewal		Minister
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*The Hymn of Invitation #364	<i>Because He Lives</i>	Gaither
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*The Benediction

*The Benediction Response #303 vs.1	<i>The Day of Resurrection</i>	John of Damascus
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*The Postlude

*Processional to the Cross in the church yard where we will sing - *He is Lord*

Assisting with Today’s Service

Pianist.....	Gielda Reese	Organist.....	Charlotte Newman	Chancel Choir Director.....	Becky Jaquish
Acolytes.....	Tanner Collins & Dylan Carpenter	Nursery Attendants.....	Cortney & Elaine Davidson	Processional Participants	
Candles.....	Tanner Collins & Dylan Carpenter	Banner.....	Andrew Bryant	Altar Table Cloth.....	Matt Hutchison
Altar Table Bible.....	Andrew Huth	Preaching Lectern Cloth/Bookmark.....	Cole Haggart	Preaching Lectern Bible.....	Rebecca Garren
Choir Lectern Cloth/Bookmark.....	Andrew Ronne	Choir Lectern Bible.....	Katelyn Hutchison	Flowers.....	Morgan Hutchison & Mary Beth Ronne
Pastor’s Robe.....	Preston Skidmore	Pastor’s Stole.....	Spencer Skidmore	Lenten Offering Baskets.....	Wes Synder
UMC Flag.....	Matt Garren	American Flag.....	Kane Penley	Processional Organizer.....	Sandy Wright
Processional Assistant.....	Lisa Sharp	Flowers on the Cross Attendants.....	Melissa Blair and Alice Shugart		

Church Calendar

10:00 AM Sunday: Sunday School	9:00 AM Monday: Bible Study
11:00 AM Sunday: Morning Worship	7:00 PM Tuesday: UMW
No Evening Activities	12:00 PM Wednesday: Something for Everyone
	6:30 PM Wednesday: Prayer Ministries
	7:00 PM Wednesday: Chancel Choir Practice

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday School	83	Church Budget	\$ 6,219.00
Morning Worship	206	Parsonage Fund	\$ 310.04
		Sunday School O/Reach	\$ 16.36
		Dime a Meal	\$ 12.00

Announcements

Veiled Cross: We will begin our worship service this morning in darkness and with the cross veiled to represent the death of Jesus Christ. As you view the pulpit area, you will also notice the candles, paraments, flowers, and other symbols have been removed as we have once again participated in what is called, the “stripping of the church.” It is an act of worship dating back to the 7th century and is a highly visual way of showing the desolation and abandonment of Jesus’ long night in Gethsemane and the events that followed His arrest as well as the darkness of His death. As part of our worship celebration this morning, the light will return and all the symbols will be returned to their respective places.

Altar Flowers: The flowers are given by Elaine Davidson and Susan Scott in loving memory of their grandparents Mr. & Mrs. C.W. Sayles, their grandmother Mrs. Gertrude Nickerson, their father Robert Sayles and Elaine's sister-in-law Mrs. Kim Davidson Morrow.

Lenten Offering: Today we will receive our annual Dime-a-Meal Offering for Lent. The total for each adult and youth for the entire Lenten period is \$12.00 and for a child, the total is \$1.20. Proceeds from this offering supports youth and children mission work. Bring your offering forward during the singing of the second hymn.

Sympathy: The church acknowledges its own loss and offers our love, sympathy, and prayers to the family of Bill Guffey who passed away this week. May God's Spirit bring this family comfort and peace.

Sympathy: The church extends its love, sympathy, and prayer to Hubert Matthews and his family in the death of his brother, Robert, this week. May God's Spirit bring this family comfort and peace.

United Methodist Women: Our UMW will have their meeting on Tuesday, April 14th at 7:00 PM in Wattenbarger Hall. Judy Hart will have the program and Letha Allen will be the hostess. All ladies of the church are invited and encouraged to attend.

Something For Everyone: Please join us on Wednesday at 12:00 noon for our Spring Fling in Wattenbarger Hall. Our theme this year is "Fill My Cup Lord". The program will be presented by Charlotte and Becky. Each person is asked to bring a favorite cup or mug. The meal will consist of Ham/brown sugar glaze, Jeannies Turkey Meatballs, Green Beans, Spinach Maria, Tossed Salad, Hash Brown Casserole, Wild Rice with almonds, French Bread and a variety of desserts. The meal is free; however, we need to know how much to prepare. Please make your reservation by today with Kathy or Charlotte. Our trip to the National Cornbread Festival in South Pittsburg will be on Saturday, April 25th. We will leave the church at 9:00 AM and return around 5:00 PM. **The deadline for reservations and the \$5.00 fee for the historic tour is today.** For more information, see the side vestibule for a brochure or call Kathy or Charlotte. Also we have added another trip to our schedule. Please mark your calendars and plan to join on October 10th for a trip to Elijay, Georgia to the Georgia Apple Festival. We will have further information when we get closer to the date.

Special Thanks: A special thanks to everyone that helped in any way and made our production of The Living Last Supper such a success. The "disciples" and the choir offered us a powerful presentation of that night in the life of Jesus. Thank you to Jim McQuain for making the benches, to those who sewed the robes, and to those that worked the sound and lighting. Thank you, thank you we could not have done this without the help of you all. Also, a special thanks to Becky Jaquish for all her hard work to make the production come to life and to Patti Rae Bryant for bringing the service to us and all her assistance with the presentation.

Thanks: Thanks to everyone who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt yesterday. It was a fun time and we appreciate all the effort you made to make it happen.

Thanks: Thanks to all who brought flowers today to put on the cross in the church yard. What a wonderful testimony to the community of the Resurrection of our Lord.

Thanks: Thanks to everyone who participated in the special services this week; the noonday services as well as the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. We appreciate you making the extra effort to share in these community and church services. A special thanks to the ladies for the delicious lunch we hosted after the Noonday service here on Thursday.

Relay Eggs: The Relay for Life Team would like to thank everyone who bought, sold, helped make and ate the chocolate peanut butter eggs. They made and sold over 1800 eggs. Thanks to all those who helped make this project be such a success. Special thanks to Joyce Grubb for her devotion and hard work on this project.

Luminarias: The Relay Team is also selling luminarias which come in three colors: White Bag—\$10.00, Silver Bag—\$25.00 and Gold Bag—\$50.00. You can also purchase a Torch of Hope. Each torch comes with a minimum \$50.00 donation and after the Relay, the torch plaque will be available for those who purchased them. To purchase either a luminaria or torch see Yvonne Raper or Joyce Grubb. The absolute deadline for ordering a torch is April 22. We also are still signing up walkers for the night of the Relay (May 8-9) as well as sponsors for the walkers. We will also need people to work the booth the night of the Relay if you can help in any way, please see Joyce Grubb, Sandy Wright, Carlene Kuykendall, Yvonne Raper or the Pastor.



Easter Sunday

April 12, 2009

Allen Memorial United Methodist Church

Ministers: The Members

Pastor: Rev. Jeff W. Wright

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HE IS RISEN!

Church Council: The Church Council will hold its quarterly meeting next Sunday night at 7:00 in Wattenbarger Hall. All members of the Council should plan to attend. If you would like to put an item on the agenda, please see Council Chairman, Tim Sharp.

World Religions Made Simple: On Sunday, April 26th, we will start a new, short-term, Sunday School class that will study world religions. The study will meet in the Chapel and be led by Carolyn Jackson. It is open to everyone. “*World Religions Made Simple* examines the history, the founders, the teachings, and the influence of all the major religions in the world.” Yet, it does so in a concise and simple format. If you would like to share in this study or would like more information, please see Carolyn Jackson or call her at 745-5378.

BBQ Dinner: The Youth will be hosting a BBQ Dinner on Sunday, April 26th immediately following worship service. We hope that you will make plans now to join them for this fund raising event. Be watching the bulletin for complete menu and further details.

Dancing for a Cure: Our own Lisa Sharp will once again be one of the contestants in the Relay for Life’s Dancing for a Cure which will be held on Saturday at 7:00 at the Athens Jr. High School. Tickets are available.

Youth Yard Sale: When you are doing your spring cleaning and you find things you want to get rid of, please remember our youth yard sale. If you have any items you would like to donate, you can drop them off in the green storage building across the street from the church. If you have items you want picked up, please call Lela Lawson. Thank You!

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