

The background features a stylized design with three fish in grey outlines. One fish is at the top left, one at the bottom left, and one at the bottom right. They are connected by thick red lines that form a large, abstract shape. There are also small red circles: one in the top left, one in the bottom right, and one on a horizontal line below the church name.

ATHENS FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Season of Pentecost

AUGUST 23, 2015
8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 a.m.

Welcome

We're glad you're here! Thank you for joining us today. Members of this congregation have been gathering here to worship since 1804, when our church was formed to minister to the Native American and European settlers in Athens. Over the past two centuries our congregation has changed, but our mission remains the same: to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We are inspired by the words of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, who encouraged believers to "do all the good you can, in all the ways you can." At Athens First United Methodist, there are many ways to get involved, grow in your faith, and do good in our community.

If you are unable to attend worship in person, each Sunday our 11:00 a.m. service is broadcast on WRFC 960 AM, and all of our services are live-streamed on our website at athensfirstumc.org/webcast.

Nursery

Our nursery is available for infants through four-year-olds on Sundays from 8:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. The nursery area is located on the first floor of the building, off the Washington Street entrance.

Children

Worship activity bags (age appropriate for all preschool and elementary children) are available every Sunday in the narthex and by the south entrance of the sanctuary. Children's Church is held for children in kindergarten through second grade and follows the Children's Message during 11:00 a.m. worship all Sundays except for Communion Sundays.

Sunday School

We offer Sunday School for all ages, children age 2 through adult, each Sunday from 9:45-10:45 a.m. For a list of adult Sunday School classes and locations, visit athensfirstumc.org/adultsundayschool.

Connect

We are blessed to have a large congregation. Because of this, we offer many programs and ministries. It can be overwhelming trying to decide where to get involved. If you would like someone to guide you along this process, please contact Martha Aenchbacher.

Another great way to learn about the life of our church is through attending a Newcomer Orientation held every second Sunday of the month at 9:45 and 11 a.m. We also encourage you to visit our website, athensfirstumc.org, for information about our ministries, to register for events, and to listen to sermons from our sermon archive. Visit athensfirstumc.org/thesteep to sign up for our weekly newsletter, the eSteeple. You can also connect with us via social media. Find us @athensfirstumc on Facebook and @athens_firstumc on Twitter, Instagram, and Pinterest.

Our church office is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. If you need assistance, please call 706-543-1442.

The Worship of God

*Please stand as you are able.

The congregation speaks or sings the text in **bold type**.

Gathering

*The flowers on the
altar today are
given to the glory
of God and in
loving memory of
Mr. and Mrs. James
B. Matthews, Jr.
by Mr. and Mrs.
James B. Matthews
III and family.*

THE PRELUDE

8:30 A.M. "In Christ Alone" | Getty

9:45 & 11:00 A.M. "The God of Abraham Praise" | Young

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

8:30 A.M. "Surely the Presence of the Lord"

Sung by the Worship Team

9:45 & 11:00 A.M. "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir

THE WELCOME AND THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Beth Dickinson

Praise & Thanksgiving

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 529

"How Firm a Foundation" | FOUNDATION

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

**the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

9:45 A.M. | Margaret Grace Langley

*Daughter of
Valerie and
Dax Langley*

**Mamie, Mamie, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and
loves you too. We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always
be. Mamie, Mamie, God claims you, God helps you, protects you,
and loves you too.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Martha Aenchenbacher

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Sarah Lawing, Director of Children's Music Ministry

At the 11:00 a.m. service, children in kindergarten through grade 2 will go to Children's Church on the third floor where they may be picked up at the end of the service.

Proclamation of the Word

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

8:30 A.M. "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" | Fettke

Sung by the Worship Team; Serena Scibelli, Hans Holzen, violin; Sarah Lawing, clarinet; Natalie Smith, flute;
Chris Enghauser, double bass

*When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers, the moon and stars suspended in space, oh, what is
man that you are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor and have made him a little lower than*

the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. Oh, what is man? Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him? O Lord, our God the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God; little children praise You perfectly, and so would we. And so would we. Alleluia! Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name.

9:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. “The Old 100th” | Williams

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir; Anderson Romero, Geoff Wood, and Chris Heldt, trumpets

All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice. Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell; Come ye before Him and rejoice. The Lord, ye know, is God indeed; Without our aid He did us make; We are His folk, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take. O enter then His gates with praise; Approach with joy His courts unto; Praise, laud, and bless His Name always, For it is seemly so to do. For why? the Lord our God is good; His mercy is forever sure; His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure. To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, The God Whom Heaven and earth adore, From men and from the angel host Be praise and glory evermore.

*THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow! Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE SCRIPTURE READING

HEBREWS 12:26-29 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” The words “once more” indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our “God is a consuming fire.”

THE SERMON

“Unshakeable” | Chuck Hodges

Response to the Word

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION | 8:30 A.M.

Please turn to page 9 in our hymnal. At Athens First United Methodist Church, all are invited to commune at Christ’s table. If you need to be served in your pew, please call this to the attention of an usher. Gluten-free communion elements are available at the stations in the front of the sanctuary.

“In Christ Alone” | Getty

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song. This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My comforter, my all in all—here in the love of Christ I stand. In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied; for ev’ry sin on Him was laid—here in the death of Christ I live. There in the ground His body

lay, Light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am His and He is mine—bought with the precious blood of Christ. No guilt in life, no fear in death—this is the pow'r of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand; till He returns or calls me home—here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Sending Forth

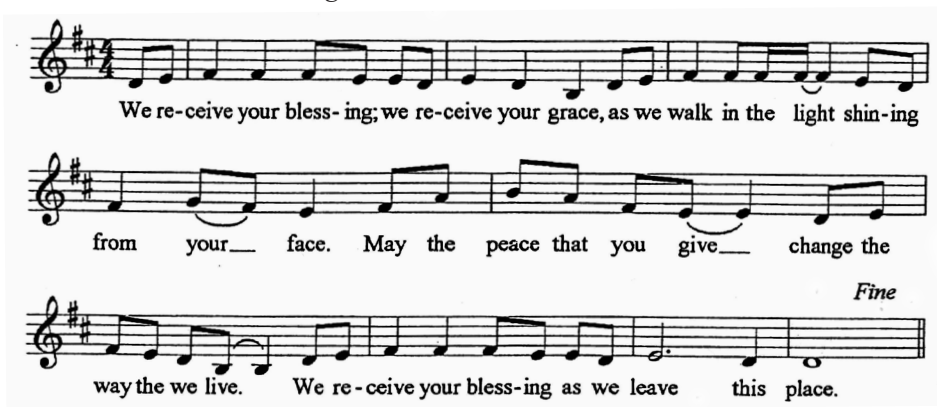
* THE HYMN 419

"I am Thine, O Lord" | I AM THINE

* THE BLESSING

* THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"We Receive Your Blessing"



The image displays three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second staff continues the melody. The third staff concludes with a double bar line and the word "Fine" written above it.

We re-ceive your bless-ing; we re-ceive your grace, as we walk in the light shin-ing
from your face. May the peace that you give change the
way the we live. We re-ceive your bless-ing as we leave this place.

* THE POSTLUDE

"Lead On O King Eternal" | Evanovich

Sermon Notes

AUGUST USHERS

8:30 a.m. Jim Belger, Ann and Paul Brown, Larry Deal, Hugh Larkey, Mack Lowrey, Jim Lyons, Candler Meadors, Olan Moore, Bob Noble, Grace Rabek, Ken Reece, Keith Wilson, Michael and Sharon Broun

9:45 a.m. Chris Bostdorff, Tom Cooper, David and Jane Disney, Mark Ellison, Mark Firth, Tom Hedges, Dan Lasseter, Jim Lyons, Sharon Milton, Tom Milton,

Al Rogers, Bill Trigleth, Michelle and Reeves McNeill

11:00 a.m. Al Hawley, Henry Folsom, Tom Henson, Henry Garrard, Jim Lyons, Jake Riley, Frank Thornburg, Mike Scott, Tom Dean

OFFERING STEWARDS

Bob Booth, Jim Lyons, Nat Carmack, Henry Garrard,

Nathan King, Al Hawley, Sean Rogers, Charlie Upchurch III

GREETERS

Janet and Jack Damhorst, Valerie Aldridge and Jack Miller, Debbie Whittemore and Donna Weekly, Marian and Joe Block, Tia and Brett Chandler, Ben Griffith, Kerrigan Pruett, Evan Williams

FIRST LIGHT ACOLYTES

8:30 a.m. Meg Chandler, Georgia Laster

9:45 a.m. Campbell Cona, Toby Chapeau, Charlotte Knight

11:00 a.m. Emily and Catie Elder, Anna Marian Block

ATTENDANCE ON AUGUST 16

Total Worship | 1319

Sunday School | 492

8:30 a.m. | 208

9:45 a.m. | 361

11:00 a.m. | 711

Online | 99

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget for 2015 | \$2,641,842

Amount Given YTD | \$1,862,819

Goal for August | \$187,868

Amount after 2 Sundays | \$156,940

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Churchwide BBQ

August 30 | 5:00 p.m.

Sandy Creek Park

Register online
athensfirstumc.org/bbq

Baptisms

On August 16, Robert James (Bobby) Gravely received the Sacrament of Baptism in our sanctuary. Bobby is the son of Caroline and Billy Gravely.

On August 16, Cason Lee Byce received the Sacrament of Baptism in our sanctuary. Cason is the son of Kristin and Jordan Byce.

New Arrivals

Congratulations to Keith and Lee-Ann Newberry on the birth of their daughter, Molly Callebs, on July 14.

Congratulations to Eric and Lindsay Atkinson on the birth of their daughter, Edith Lauren, on August 13.

New Members

On August 16, we welcomed Bonnie Pope, Garrett and Megan Williams, Ron and Carolyn Daniel, Brock Wilson, and Kate Wooten to the Athens First United Methodist Church family.

Churchwide BBQ | August 30

The Churchwide BBQ is only a week away! You won't want to miss this family friendly and fun event. We will enjoy excellent music along with great barbecue and fellowship with our church family. We will have a variety of kid-friendly activities available for children, including a moonwalk, wiffle ball, and other outdoor games. Parental supervision is required. Side dishes are welcomed (but not required). If you would like to bring a covered dish, please bring it in a disposable container (serving wear will be provided). You may sign up to bring a covered dish online or at the reception desk at the church. Join us August 30 at 5:00 p.m. at Sandy Creek Park.

Learn more | athensfirstumc.org/bbq

Photo Directory | Sign Up Online

Help us meet our goal to provide you with a comprehensive directory that you may turn to for information about our church body. Simply click the photo banner from our website's homepage to be directed to the registration portal. We have several sessions open on October 12 and

13. If you need any assistance signing up or rescheduling your appointment, please contact the church office.

Church Office | 706-543-1442

Sign up | athensfirstumc.org



Find Your Voice | Today

It's not too late to join the youth choir! Come today and check us out. The Wesleyan Youth Choir rehearses Sundays from 4:30-5:45 p.m. Sing in worship, in the community, and across the nation on our summer choir tour. We would love for you to Find Your Voice with us! No auditions are needed. Contact Janis Maxwell for more information.

Janis Maxwell | janis@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

Children's Home Offering

Next Sunday we will take up a special offering for the United Methodist Children's Home. The Children's Home works to heal children, unite families, and change lives. They place children into safe and loving foster care homes while helping to restore family relationships; prepare young adults in Georgia's foster care system to make positive life decisions as they transition to independent adulthood; and strengthen and preserve families by providing housing and support to prevent homelessness. As you plan to attend next Sunday, please prepare to give generously.

Senior Fun | August 27

This growing group resumes their regular monthly lunch/program schedule on Thursday, August 27, at 12:30 in Hancock Hall. Kim Kimbrough, a distinguished Athens attorney and church member here, will present a most timely/helpful program on the interests, needs, and dreams

of fifty-plus persons. Brett Pardue, an outstanding tenor and member of the UGA Opera Theatre, will sing three favorite songs at the program's outset. Please register now by contacting the church office to facilitate food preparation and set-up. Contact Dan Maxey for further information. Dan Maxey | 706-340-5097



Wednesday Night Meals

Wednesday night meals are back! Don't forget to register for your meals! If you register for the entire semester up front, you will get a free meal, but you must do so by September 2. In addition to registering for the entire semester, you may also register month by month or week by week. If you register for an entire month at once, you will save five percent. Our caterers this year include:

First Wednesday—Barberitos | Soft shell turkey tacos with toppings and chips

Second Wednesday—Chonell's | Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread

Third Wednesday—Dawg Gone Good BBQ | BBQ pork sandwich, mac and cheese, alternating side

Fourth Wednesday—Brixx Pizza and Fox's Pizza | 1/2 turkey sandwich and side salad (from Brixx) OR personal cheese or pepperoni pizza and apple slices (from Fox's Pizza)

Our meal for August 26 is provided by Brixx Pizza and Fox's Pizza. Dinner is served from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in Hancock Hall at \$6 a meal. Advance orders are required. Order by Tuesday at noon; orders accepted online only. If you have trouble ordering online, church staff can help you order your

meal. To reduce food waste and keep costs low, no walk-up meals are available. Volunteers eat free! Please sign up to work one (or more) Wednesdays. Sign up online to serve; there's no need to order a meal if you sign up to serve. Rachel Skinner | rachel@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442
Learn more | athensfirstumc.org/wednesdaynightmeals



Connect to Community

We hope you were able to make it to our adult small group preview night last Wednesday, but if not, there is still time to connect to community this fall! There is a place for everyone to grow in their walk with the Lord and connect to community at Athens First United Methodist Church. We believe that connecting to our church family and finding community here is an integral part of our faith development. For more information about any of the small groups listed, contact Beth. Register online to join any of these groups this fall.

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Register | athensfirstumc.org/connecttocommunity

Disciple 3

Disciple 3, "Remember Who You Are," looks at the major and minor Old Testament prophets and the apostle Paul as they continually called people back to their God and to a sense of who they were as a people "set apart." The Disciple series goes deep into the word of God, and as small group members journey together, they develop deeper relationships with God and one another. The cost of the workbook is \$40. This study will meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m. beginning Wednesday, August 26, and is led by Don Griner and Mary Lynn Lane. Please register online.

Freeway

Freeway: A Way to be Free is an eight-week coed experience that is built upon God's amazing grace, conversations with friends, and a personal exploration of our life story. Past participants rave about this study that takes them on a grace-filled journey toward the life God dreams for them. Freeway will be a great place to connect with others if you have not found a place to connect at Athens First United Methodist Church. This study will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning August 26. The cost of this study is \$20. Please register online to facilitate planning.

Experiencing God

Experiencing God is a classic Bible study that looks at what it is to know and do the will of God. As a small group, participants will examine Biblical and contemporary illustrations to understand and apply seven realities of experiencing God. This study meets Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. beginning on August 26 and is led by Alan Cannon and Frank Sweezey. The cost of the participant book is \$17. Please register online to facilitate ordering materials.

New Testament Letters

New Testament Letters will look at the writings of the Apostle Paul using Adam Hamilton's book *The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul*. If you would like to have the book, the cost is \$10. This study meets Wednesdays from 9:30-10:45 a.m. in Hull Conference Room. Please register online to facilitate planning.

Breath

Susie Thrasher will be leading a group of women studying the new Beth Moore Bible study *Breath, The Life of God in Us*. *Breath* examines the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and its title is drawn from the words of John 20:22, which records that Jesus "breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'" This study will meet Wednesday mornings September 9-October 28, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The workbook is \$10. Please register online so we may order participant workbooks.

Believing God

This in-depth women's Bible study is based on Isaiah 43:10 that explores what it means not only "to believe in God" but "to believe Him." All women are invited to join! It will meet on Wednesday afternoons September 16-November 18

from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and is led by Therese Wilson. The cost is \$16 for the participant workbook; please register online so we may order the correct number.

Comeback Boys of the Bible

Comeback Boys of the Bible by Neal Jeffrey is a Bible study encouraging men how to get up from the knockdowns of life. Neal Jeffrey, a former NFL quarterback and current associate pastor, looks at the stories from Moses to David to the thief on the cross and many in between. The cost of this study is \$5. It will meet on Wednesday evenings beginning August 26 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and is led by Keith Wilson and Bruce Powers. Please register online to facilitate planning.

Covenant Bible Study Groups

The Covenant Bible study consists of three modules: Creating the Covenant, Living the Covenant, and Trusting the Covenant. Covenant Bible study demonstrates how the covenant relationship between God and people is woven throughout the Bible. Childcare will be available by registration for all sessions except Wednesday morning. Individual books are \$20. Please register online.

Creating the Covenant (C1) will be offered on Wednesdays beginning August 26 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Trusting the Covenant (C3) will be offered Tuesdays beginning September 1 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.; Wednesdays beginning September 9, 9:15-10:45 a.m.; and Sundays beginning August 23, 4:45-6:15 p.m.

Connect Groups

Participants in Connect Groups gather for conversation, community, Bible study, friendship, prayer, and fun social events. The Connect Groups are made up of individuals and couples in the same age-range of life. While always welcoming new members, the groups stay together throughout the year and truly grow in their connection with God and each other. Please register online to join.

Connect Groups (Parents) will be offered Sundays beginning August 23 from 4:45-6:15 p.m. and 5:45-7:15 p.m.

Connect Groups (Young Married Couples) will be offered Wednesdays beginning September 9 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. and 6:30-8:00 p.m.

THE ELIJAH PROJECT

AN INTER-GENERATIONAL
PRAYER MINISTRY

ONE Student Ministries is excited to begin our third year of an inter-generational prayer ministry called the Elijah Project. Through the partnership of youth, international students, and adult church members and consistent, expectant prayer, we anticipate seeing God move in our church in a powerful way—and we want YOU to participate! Registration for the 2015-2016 Elijah Project is open until September 13. If you have any questions, please contact Laney Jones.

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athensfirstumc.org/elijahproject

Connect Group (Young Adults) will be offered Thursdays beginning August 27 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

All are welcome to join a group of expert, novice, and beginning knitters and crocheters as they create prayer shawls. Completed prayer shawls are prayed over by the group and given to those who are grieving or have special needs. This group meets regularly in the parlor by the elevator on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.

Early Book Group

The Early Book Group meets Wednesday evenings from 4:45-5:45 p.m. at the church in Room 100 (the Fellowship classroom). They will read and discuss *Saving Jesus from the Church* by Robin Meyers. Please register online.

Later Book Group

The Later Book Group meets on second and fourth Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m., starting September 9, in Room 247 (the Cornerstone Sunday School classroom). All are invited to these wide-ranging and interesting discussions of books pertinent to our faith. Our next book will be *Our Endangered Values* by Jimmy Carter. We will start with the first three chapters. Please register online.

Community Bible Study

Community Bible Study will meet Thursdays 9:15-11:30 a.m. at our church beginning September 3. They will be studying Matthew for the 2015-16 year. The fee is \$35. Contact Charlotte to register.
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WANTED: American Christian Friends!

Opening your heart and your home to an international student is a wonderful way to share the love of Christ while introducing your family to the joy of cross-cultural friendship! REACH International has over 40 applications from college students (between the ages of 17 and 28) from China, Germany, India, Nepal, Nigeria, and South Korea who have requested to be paired with an American friend, and that number will only grow. If you are interested in befriending a student, please apply online. A brief

orientation session will follow before your partner is assigned. Contact Lynn Bryant for more information. Contact | lynn@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442
Apply | athensfirstumc.org/americanfriendshippartner



Mission Harvest | Save the Date

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 30, 2015, for our Mission Harvest! Mission Harvest is a night to celebrate the service completed by our church and prepare for future opportunities by “harvesting” donations. In place of our Wednesday night meal, we will be celebrating with a potluck dinner. We hope you will join us in celebrating together!

This Week

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 | I KINGS 8:22-30, 41-43

- 8:30 a.m. **Worship Service** SANCTUARY
Preschool Nursery & Sunday School FIRST FLOOR
- 9:00 a.m. **Fun Gym** GYM
- 9:45 a.m. **Worship Service** SANCTUARY
Adult Sunday School SECOND FLOOR AND SAYE BUILDING
Elementary Sunday School THIRD FLOOR
Grade 5 & 6 Sunday School: Fuel FIRST FLOOR
Youth Sunday School: First Word FIRST FLOOR
- 10:00 a.m. **Sack Lunch Ministry** HULL STREET ENTRANCE
- 11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** SANCTUARY
Young Professional Adult Sunday School Class ROOM 224
- 12:15 p.m. **Nursery Training** ROOM 103
- 3:00 p.m. **Cub Scout Pack 1** SCOUT HUT
- 3:45 p.m. **Youth Worship Team Rehearsal** ROOM 119
- 4:30 p.m. **Wesleyan Youth Choir Rehearsal** ROOM 148
Route 56: Open Road ROOM 120
- 4:45 p.m. **Trusting the Covenant** ROOM 224
Connect Group (Parents) ROOM 229
- 5:30 p.m. **Alleluia Ringers** ROOM 150
- 5:45 p.m. **Encounter** YOUTH AREA
Connect Group (Parents) ROOM 222

MONDAY, AUGUST 24 | SONG OF SOLOMON 2:8-13

- 9:00 a.m. **Community Bible Study Training**
- 10:00 a.m. **UMW Caring Committee Meeting** ROOM 226
- 11:30 a.m. **United Methodist Women Circle 5 Meeting** HULL CONFERENCE ROOM
- 1:15 p.m. **Monday Bible Study** ROOM 200
- 7:00 p.m. **Community Bible Study, Athens Evening Class**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25 | PSALM 45:1-2,6-9

Church Directory Photo Sessions

- 9:00 a.m. **Community Bible Study Training**
- 5:30 p.m. **United Methodist Women Circle 4 Meeting** HULL CONFERENCE ROOM
- 6:00 p.m. **Middle School Volleyball League** GYM
Adult Softball BISHOP PARK

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26 | EPHESIANS 6:10-20

Church Directory Photo Sessions

- 3:00 p.m. **Fun Gym** GYM
- 4:30 p.m. **Kids Music and Arts: Dance Class** ROOM 145
Kids Music and Arts: Grades 1-2 Choir ROOM 151
Kids Music and Arts: Grades 3-4 Worship Arts ROOM 314

Prayer Shawl Ministry ROOM 200
Wednesday Night Dinner HANCOCK HALL
Route 56: GPS ROOM 120
Engage Bible Study YOUTH AREA
Creating the Covenant ROOM 229
Freeway ROOM 222
Living Fully, Dying Well JOHN WESLEY PARLOR
Comeback Boys of the Bible ROOM 240
Disciple 3 ROOM 226
Experiencing God ROOM 224
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ROOM 148
Adult Pick-up Volleyball GYM
Chamber Ensemble Rehearsal ROOM 148

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27 | MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Church Directory Photo Sessions

12:30 p.m. **Senior Fun** HANCOCK HALL
6:00 p.m. **Middle School Volleyball League** GYM
7:00 p.m. **Connect Group (Young Adults)** ROOM 222

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28 | PSALM 10

Church Directory Photo Sessions

5:30 p.m. **REACH International Sports Time** GYM
5:15 p.m. **Confirmation Retreat** DEPARTS FROM KOHL'S PARKING LOT
6:30 p.m. **REACH International Bible Study and Dinner** YOUTH AREA

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 | JAMES 1:17-27

Confirmation Retreat

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8:30 a.m. **Sanctuary Choir Fall Retreat**

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