

April 24, 2016 8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 a.m.

Welcome

We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for worship this Sunday. Members of this congregation have been gathering here to worship since 1804. 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."

Newcomer Orientation

We invite you to learn about the life of our church, ways you can get involved, and how to become a member by attending Newcomer Orientation, which is held every second Sunday of the month at 9:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School

We offer Sunday school for children age 2 through adult each Sunday from 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Children

At Athens First United Methodist Church, we invite families to worship together. Children's Church is held for children in kindergarten through grade 2 most Sundays during the 11:00 a.m. service.

Financial Report

Budget for 2016 | \$2,778,339 Amount Given YTD | \$936,368 Goal for April | \$205,769 Amount after 2 Sundays | \$192,676

Attendance on April 17

Total Worship | 1040 Sunday School | 509 8:30 a.m. | 187 9:45 a.m. | 296 11:00 a.m. | 446 Online | 111

Table of Contents

- 1 8:30 a.m. Order of Worship
- 4 9:45 & 11:00 a.m. Order of Worship
- 9 The Steeple
- 12 Calendar

Ministers and Ministry Directors

Chuck Hodges Senior Minister chuck@athensfirstumc.org | 706-206-5529

Martha Aenchbacher Minister of Congregational Care *martha@athensfirstumc.org* | 678-230-9708

Beth Dickinson Minister of Discipleship beth@athensfirstumc.org

Betsy Butler Minister of Missions betsy@athensfirstumc.org

Josh Miles Director of Student Ministries *josh@athensfirstumc.org*

Robin Stewart Director of Children's Ministry robin@athensfirstumc.org

Sarah Lawing Director of Children's Music Ministry *sarah@athensfirstumc.org*

Stephen Mitchell Director of Music stephen@athensfirstumc.org

Janis Maxwell Director of Youth Music & Organist janis@athensfirstumc.org

Rusty Wood Director of Recreation Ministries *rusty@athensfirstumc.org*

Linsey Jarrett Director of Weekday Preschool *linsey@athensfirstumc.org*

Julie Caldwell 8:30 a.m. Worship Leader *julie@athensfirstumc.org*

Contact Us

Our church office is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Find us on Facebook at Athens First United Methodist Church. *athensfirstumc.org* | 706-543-1442

The Worship of God

8:30 a.m.

Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Kara Crowe and Ben Woodall in our sanctuary on April 23, 2016.

The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Miriam and Louis Trousdale by their children, Janie and Cody Gunn, Lou Trousdale, and their grandchildren.

THE GATHERING MUSIC

*THE CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP 327 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" | DIADEMATA

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne, Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me; thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | The Apostles' Creed

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 GLORY OF GOD | 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 WELCOME AND THE PASSING OF THE PEACE Beth Dickinson

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

128 "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" | HE LEADETH ME

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING AND THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Psalm 23 (Shepherd, Lead Me)" | J. Caldwell Sung by the Worship Team

*THE DOXOLOGY | The Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 4:18-22 | p. 3 New Testament

THE MESSAGE

"Come and Follow Me" | Martha Aenchbacher

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

365 "Grace Greater than Our Sin" | MOODY Verse 1

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Matthew 26:17-19, 26-29

The Prayer of Preparation

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to partake of this Sacrament of thy Son

Anthem Lyrics The Lord is my shepherd; I'll not want. He makes me to lie down in green. green pastures, beside still waters. He restores my soul. Yea, though I walk through the shadow of death, no evil will I fear, for thou art with me. Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Shepherd, lead me. I want to walk in vour way, Abba, Savior, I want to follow you all of my days. You have prepared a table for me in the presence of my enemies. You have anointed my head with oil and my cup overflows. Surely goodness and righteousness will follow me always. And I will dwell in the house of the Lord the rest of my days.

Jesus Christ, that we may walk in newness of life, may grow into his likeness, and may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Receiving of the Elements of Communion

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. Glutenfree communion elements are available at the center station in the front of the sanctuary.

The Music During Communion "Lead Me, Guide Me"

*THE BLESSING AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Because He Lives"

Because He lives I can face tomorrow, because He lives all fear is gone, because I know He holds the future, life is worth the living just because He lives.

* **THE POSTLUDE** "Jesus Loves Me!" | Held

Sermon Notes

The Worship of God

9:45 & 11:00 a.m.

Please refrain from photographing or videoing any part of the worship service today. DVDs of the service are available to purchase from the church office.

Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Kara Crowe and Ben Woodall in our sanctuary on April 23, 2016.

The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Miriam and Louis Trousdale by their children, Janie and Cody Gunn, Lou Trousdale, and their grandchildren.

Banners

The banners for today's worship service were made by Arlyn Hawley, Debbie Willingham, Allyson Winter, Susan Abell, and the Lyric and Celebrate Art classes. THE GATHERING MUSIC "Praise Him, All Ye Little Children" | Callahan

THE PRELUDE

Gathering

"Prelude" | John Tibbs

Offered by the Kids Music and Arts dance class; sung by Julie Caldwell, Hans Holzen, Joanne Timberlake, Madeline Jackson, and Erin McCollum

THE WELCOME

Martha Aenchbacher

THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

9:45 a.m. | "Come Into His Presence/This is the Day"

Sung by the Lyric & Celebrate Choirs

Congregation sings words in bold:

This is the day. This is the day. That the Lord has made. That the Lord has made. I will rejoice. I will rejoice. And be glad in it. And be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord has made. I will be rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day. This is the day that the Lord has made.

11:00 a.m. | "That is Why I Sing/This is the Day" Sung by the Cherub & Sonshine Choirs

Congregation sings words in bold:

This is the day. This is the day. That the Lord has made. That the Lord has made. I will rejoice. I will rejoice. And be glad in it. And be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord has made. I will be rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day. This is the day that the Lord has made.

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Beth Dickinson

Praise & Thanksgiving

*THE HYMN 277 "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" | STORIES OF JESUS

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | The Apostles' Creed 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 holv 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

11:00 a.m. | Thomas Gordon Loftis, son of Meghan and John

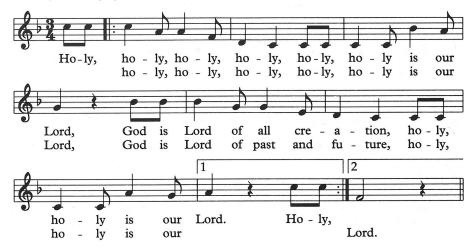
Thomas, Thomas, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you too. We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be. Thomas, Thomas, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

THE RESPONSIVE PARABLE LESSON Matthew 13:1-3; 44-48 | p. 13 New Testament

"Santo, Santo, Santo" | Guillermo Cuéller

Sung by the Octane Choir; Mimi Ackleh, piano

Please join in singing the refrain as directed:



THE JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE ANTHEM

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus/Yesu Kwetu ni Rafiki" | Mark Burrows Sung by the Joy Choir & Octane

Please join in singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" the second time as directed: What a friend we have in Jesus; all our sins and griefs to bear. What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer. Oh, what peace we often forfeit. Oh, what needless pain we bear; all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Led by Jackson Lord

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.

Anthem Lyrics Sweetly Lord, have we heard thee calling "Come, follow me," and we see where thy footprints falling lead us to thee. Footprints of Jesus that make the pathway glow; we will follow the steps of Jesus where'er they go. O God, you are my God and I will ever praise you. I will seek you in the morning and I will learn to walk in your ways and step by step you'll lead me and I will follow you all of my days.

Anthem Lyrics

Today we'll follow the steps of our Savior. Today we'll follow the ways of our Lord. We'll go wherever the Master may lead us. Today we'll follow the path of our Lord. "Follow me, become disciples and follow me." Jesus' call is a melody, a simple song that He loves us. "Come and see. We'll change the world if you'll follow me: a new creation in harmony. I will lead if you'll follow, follow!"

THE OFFERING AND THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Follow Jesus" | arr. Dennis Allen

Sung by the Lyric and Celebrate Choirs featuring: 9:45 a.m. | Betsy Belger, Kathryn Deloach, Charlotte Holland, Conner Jackson, Audrey Smith 11:00 a.m. | Sonshine and Cherub Choirs

*THE DOXOLOGY | The Old 100th Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Proclamation of the Word

THE SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 4:18-22 | p. 3 New Testament

THE ANTHEM "Follow Me!" | Russell Nagy Sung by the Lyric & Celebrate Choirs

THE MESSAGE

"Come and Follow Me" | Martha Aenchbacher

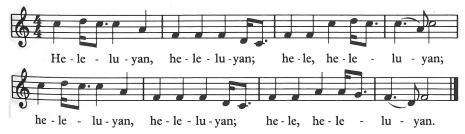
Sending Forth

* THE HYMN

206 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" | HOUSTON

***THE BLESSING AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

"Helleluyan" | Traditional Muscogee (Creek) Nation song



* THE CLOSING SONG

"Yesu Azali Awa" | Traditional Congolese hymn Sung by Erin McCollum, Mason Towe, and Janis Maxwell; featuring the Lyric and Celebrate drumming classes

* THE GOING FORTH



Spring 2016 Kids Music and Arts Leaders:

Dance Class Hayley Vaughan, Jennifer Golden, Seele Jarrett

Cherub Choir Dana Harrell, Beth Neale, Savannah Smith, Virginia Beth Butler

Sonshine Choir Matthew Lawing, Brandi Garrett, Jennifer Golden, Carly Neale, Walker Johnson

Joy Choir Tina Lord, Rosemary Belger, Seele Jarrett

Lyric & Celebrate Choirs Sarah Lawing, Cathy Felton, Sylvia Arant, Betty Chapeau, Lindsey Parrish, Madeline Jackson

Lyric & Celebrate Worship Arts Mason Towe, Erin McCollum, Martha Beeson, Allyson Winter, Debbie Willingham, Susan Abell

The Steeple

327 N. Lumpkin Street, Athens, GA 30601



706-543-1442 athensfirstumc.org

Good morning,

My name is Chuck Jordan and I am the Finance Committee Chair. I have some good news I'd like to share. Over the last five years, our church has grown in exciting ways. We all watch with joy each month as dozens of new members join our congregation. Financially, through your tithes and offerings, this congregation has added 20 percent to our operating budget. Last year, 88,942 people were served through our missions and 3,775 serving opportunities were filled by our church family participating in these mission efforts.

We serve many local ministries through our outreach and we also place boots on the ground in Cuba, Costa Rica, and Tijuana. Within the walls of our church, we are bulging at the seams with 14 adult Sunday school classes, nine small groups, 10 Bible study groups, and seven United Methodist Women circles—all totaling over 400 individuals. The church is open, alive, and vibrant all day and evening, seven days a week.

Thanks to your prayers, time, and financial gifts, this church family is able to share God's love in exciting new ways. In fact, this year we pledged 97 percent of the 2016 budget, and with many gifts above that, which we categorize as "non-pledged," the church is reaching out in ways that never before were possible. Our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ has never been stronger than it is now. In addition to missional and program growth, the strong giving of this congregation has helped improve facilities such as a new hospitality room, gym lighting, security, and messaging around our church campus, to name a few examples.

As our program and membership continues to expand, we are facilities-challenged. Our church owns all of the property across Hancock Avenue, from the end of the bank property up to Lumpkin Street, including the Saye Building on the corner. Recently, the Church Council launched a study of the Saye Building by forming a building committee. The Board of Trustees also analyzed the facilities, and church staff is in the process of forecasting future programming needs. The consideration of new space across the street is only in the preliminary study phase, but it is prudent to plan ahead, particularly with the church facing such burgeoning growth.

The Finance Committee decided to set aside funds for potential use for capital improvements by establishing a Building Fund. Your generous gifts above our regular pledges have allowed the church to start this fund with one million dollars. Other gifts that have been and are being received for this potential project will be added to this Building Fund. The congregation will be informed and input widely sought as this process continues.

As Chuck has said from the pulpit many times, we don't give money to a budget. We don't give to build and maintain buildings. We give from our hearts to support the mission of the church, which is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Our church has been greatly blessed in recent years, and with that blessing comes opportunities and challenges to further our work in ways that support that mission. We are growing in ways that many have long hoped for, but few have seen coming in such abundance. We are all blessed to be part of it. We are excited and challenged by it. I know you will join me as we seek ways to further God's work through our church.

Thank you,

Chuck Jordan Chair, Finance Committee

Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Harris Lowery and family in the loss of his mother, Claire Cook Lowery, on April 15.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Jill Reichert and family in the loss of her mother, Judy Eiffert, on April 18.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Beth Mahoney and family in the loss of her mother, Jo Hughes, on April 19.

Heartfelt Christian Sympathy is extended to Kyle Howington and family in the loss of her mother, Melvin Amos, on April 19.

New Members

On April 17, we welcomed Tish and Raleigh Elliot and Jessica and Jim Oliver to the Athens First United Methodist Church family.

Great Day of Service and Celebration Brunch | Thank You

A GREAT big thank you to all who participated in the Great Day of Service and Celebration Brunch and Basket Auction! This year, we emphasized God's love for all through our theme "Love Builds Community." It is evident that the love of Christ continues to build our church-family community and strengthen our faith so that we can pour into the lives of one another. Because of you, we can take the next step forward to support foster care in the Athens area.

Senior Fun News

This month's Senior Fun Luncheon is Thursday, April 28, at 12:30 p.m. in Hancock Hall. We will have a panel discussion with leadership from Athens Academy, Monsignor Donovan, and Prince Avenue schools. The Headmaster Emeritus of Athens Academy, Bob Chambers, will moderate the discussion. We hope to see you there! Please contact the church office by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday to register.

Also, remember to sign up for our popular trip to Flat Rock Playhouse for the production of *Music Man*! Join us June 16 for this fabulous show and dine at the famous Breezeway Restaurant for lunch. The trip is \$65 per person, excluding the cost of lunch. Place reservations with Dan Maxey. Church office | 706-543-1442 Dan Maxey | 706-340-5097

Single Adults Sunday School Class

"I would, if I had someone..." Well, come meet other people who say the same thing! This is not just a Sunday school class. It is where singles and single-again persons of any age form connections. Stop by room 301 Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. and introduce yourself. Even if you cannot join our Sunday school class, consider joining our social events or email group! Our first social event will be enjoying the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's free "POPS!" concert at the Classic Center on Friday, April 29, at 8:00 p.m. Pick up your free ticket from the Classic Center box office and meet us at 7:00 p.m. outside the Classic Center. For more information about the class or the next event, contact Bonnie Pope. Bonnie Pope | *bunnyseepuppy@gmail.com*

Weekday Preschool Summer Camp

The registration deadline of May 1 is quickly approaching. Join us the weeks of May 16, May 23, and June 13. All camps take place Monday through Friday from 8:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. For details about each week of camp and registration forms, visit the webpage. Contact Susan Brodrick if you have any questions.

Learn more | athensfirstumc.org/summercamps Susan Brodrick | preschool@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-2427

Troop 1 Chicken BBQ | May 1

Boy Scout Troop 1 is selling BBQ chicken lunches for \$9 per box for carryout on Sunday, May 1, from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold today from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the reception area and at noon outside the sanctuary. Lunches will be available for pick-up in the snack area of the gym. Thank you for supporting Troop 1 as they raise funds for trips and equipment for our growing and active Scout troop. Joe Wyrick | *joewyrick@icloud.com*

Senior Recognition Sunday | May 8

We look forward to recognizing the Senior Class of 2016 during the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 8. There will be a reception for the seniors and their families in the youth room from 10:15-10:45 a.m. that morning—we invite you to join us in supporting our senior class! Please contact Josh or Laney for more information. Josh Miles| *josh@athensfirstumc.org* | 706-543-1442 Laney Jones| *laney@athensfirstumc.org* | 706-543-1442

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Interfaith Hospitality Network Host week is coming up May 8-15! IHNA provides services and coordinates temporary housing for displaced families in local host churches, and it is a privilege to partner in ministry with them. We have a particular need for evening hosts, overnight hosts, and drivers. This is a wonderful opportunity to provide encouragement and hospitality to those in need in our community. If you would like to sign up or learn more, please contact Taylor Miller.

Taylor Miller | miller3750@bellsouth.net

Families on the Fifth | May 29

Join us May 29 at 9:45 a.m. for our next Families on the Fifth, a family-friendly Sunday School program for children in kindergarten through grade 4 and their parents. We will equip families with "Take Out Church," which is a way for families to bring faith to life this summer. Each family will decorate a pizza box that will provide ways to worship God, grow as disciples, and love your neighbors. Each item in the box is designed to help us live into our mission as a church. Robin Stewart | *robin@athensfirstumc.org* | 706-543-1442

Music and Arts Week | June 1-3

Come and discover the hidden treasure at Music and Arts Week, June 1-3, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Children currently in kindergarten through grade 4 are invited. Mark Burrows, Director of Children's Ministries at FUMC Fort Worth, will lead us in fun, singing, and storytelling. Mr. Mark uses found objects and recyclables to turn trash into treasure as he tells exciting stories of Biblical proportions. Learn more | *athensfirstumc.org/musicandartsweek* Sarah Lawing | *sarah@athensfirstumc.org* | 706-543-1442

Route 56 is ZOOMing into VBS

ZOOM is a VBS program intentionally developed for our Grade 5 students (our students in Grade 6 are invited to

volunteer at VBS). Join the fun June 6-9 at the church from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., and build relationships with your Route 56 friends as we dig deeper into the word, serve our community, and grow closer to God. Please register online. If you have any questions, contact Leslie Rogers. Register | *athensfirstumc.org/vbs* Leslie Rogers | *leslie@athensfirstumc.org*

Cave Quest Vacation Bible School

Planning is underway for Cave Quest Vacation Bible School! We are forming classes and making volunteer assignments, but it isn't too late to register to join us! We hope to have all of our volunteers committed before our May 1 training meeting, and we still need about 25 more in order to serve all of our children! All volunteers are asked to attend our training on May 1 at 12:00 p.m. in Hancock Hall. Please consider joining us June 6-9 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. each day to share Jesus's love and have a lot of fun together. Learn more | *athensfirstumc.org/vbs* Robin Stewart | *robin@athensfirstumc.org* | 706-543-1442

Youth Service Week | Athens

ONE Student Ministries will be hosting a Youth Service Week in Athens this July for youth in grades 7-12. Youth Service Week will be July 11-15. The goal of Youth Service Week is not only to serve our community, but also to bring our youth group closer together through the joy of serving others in the name of Jesus! Registration will close on Sunday, May 15, at 11:55 p.m. For planning purposes, the sooner you register the better! Please visit our webpage for more information and to register.

Register | athensfirstumc.org/youthserviceweek Josh Miles| josh@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

Children's Consignment Sale

Please consider donating your gently used children's items to be sold at the fourth annual Children's Consignment Sale, especially used highchairs, swings, and strollers. Car seats and cribs cannot be accepted. All proceeds to this year's sale will go to support foster care efforts in the Athens area. Please bring items to room 103. Contact Mary Claire if you have any questions.

Mary Claire Wills | maryclaire@athensfirstumc.org

This Week

SUNDAY, APRIL 24 | ACTS 11:11-18 8:30 a.m. Worship Service SANCTUARY Preschool Nursery FIRST FLOOR 9:00 a.m. Fun Gym GYM 9:45 a.m. Worship Service SANCTUARY Adult Sunday School SECOND FLOOR AND SAYE BUILDING Preschool Nursery & Sunday School FIRST FLOOR Elementary Sunday School THIRD FLOOR Grade 5 & 6 Sunday School: Fuel FIRST FLOOR Youth Sunday School: First Word FIRST FLOOR Immanuel Project ROOM 103 10:00 a.m. Sack Lunch Ministry HULL STREET ENTRANCE 11:00 a.m. Worship Service SANCTUARY Preschool Nursery FIRST FLOOR 12:00 p.m. Student-Adult Leadership Team Meeting ROOM 124 Kids Music and Arts Celebration HANCOCK HALL 3:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 1 ROOM 100 3:45 p.m. Youth Worship Team Rehearsal ROOM 119 Agapé Choir Rehearsal ROOM 148 4:30 p.m. Route 56: Open Road ROOM 120 Wesleyan Youth Choir Rehearsal ROOM 148 Carillons Ringers ROOM 150 4:45 p.m. Connect Group (Moms) ROOM 224

- 5:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers ROOM 150
- 5:45 p.m. Encounter YOUTH AREA

MONDAY, APRIL 25 | PSALM 67

- 11:30 a.m. UMW Circle 5 Meeting HULL CONFERENCE ROOM
- 1:15 p.m. Disciplines Devotional Bible Study ROOM 200
- 5:30 p.m. Building Committee Meeting HULL CONFERENCE ROOM
- 6:30 p.m. Our Roots in the Reformation ROOM 100
- 7:00 p.m. Community Bible Study Evening Class

TUESDAY, APRIL 26 | Acts 16:9-12

- 5:30 a.m. Fashion Fitness GYM
- 8:30 a.m. Community Bible Study Leaders Council
- 5:30 p.m. Fashion Fitness ROOM 119
- 6:00 p.m. Girls' Spring Volleyball League GYM
- 6:30 p.m. Elijah Project Banquet HANCOCK HALL
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 1 SCOUT HUT

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27 | Acts 16:13-15

| | , |
|-----------|--|
| 9:30 a.m. | Learn to Walk as Jesus Walked ROOM 229 |
| 3:00 p.m. | Fun Gym gym |
| 4:30 p.m. | Prayer Shawl Ministry ROOM 200 |
| 4:45 p.m. | Early Book Group ROOM 247 |
| 5:00 p.m. | Route 56: GPS ROOM 120 |
| | Wednesday Night Dinner HANCOCK HALL |
| 5:20 p.m. | Celebrate Choir Mother's Day Rehearsal ROOM 151 |
| 5:30 p.m. | 66 Love Letters Women's Bible Study HULL CONFERENCE ROOM |
| | Connect Group (Young Married Couples) ROOM 301 |
| 5:45 p.m. | Men's Prayer Group ROOM 226 |
| 6:00 p.m. | Engage Bible Study YOUTH AREA |
| | Connect Group (Young Married Couples) ROOM 114 |
| 6:30 p.m. | Five Marks of a Methodist ROOM 222 |
| | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ROOM 148 |
| | Disciple 3 ROOM 229 |
| | The Battle Plan for Prayer ROOM 240 |
| | Early Book Group ROOM 247 |
| 8:00 p.m. | Chamber Ensemble Rehearsal ROOM 148 |
| | |
| | THURSDAY, APRIL 28 JOHN 14:23-24 |
| 5:30 a.m. | Fashion Fitness GYM |
| 9:30 a.m. | Community Bible Study HANCOCK HALL |

- ble Study
- 12:30 p.m. Senior Fun HANCOCK HALL
- 5:00 p.m. Souper Supper HANCOCK HALL
- 5:30 p.m. Fashion Fitness ROOM 119
- 6:00 p.m. Girls' Spring Volleyball League GYM
- 7:00 p.m. Connect Group (Young Adult) ROOM 222

Connect Group | Married Couples with Children THE HOME OF DUTCH AND MARY BETH GUEST

7:30 p.m. Adult Softball BISHOP PARK

FRIDAY, APRIL 29 | JOHN 14:25-29

- 9:15 a.m. Parenting With Purpose ROOM 119
- 4:00 p.m. Route 56: Octane Trip LEAVING FROM CHURCH PARKING LOT

SATURDAY, APRIL 30 | REVELATION 21:10, 22-27

- Route 56: Octane Trip
- 9:00 a.m. **Children's Soccer**

Worship Bulletin (614-280)

Published weekly

Athens First United Methodist Church

327 N. Lumpkin Street Athens, GA 30601-2743 Telephone | 706-543-1442 Fax | 706-546-4797 Website | *athensfirstumc.org*

Postmaster

Send address changes to: AFUMC P.O. Box 1109 Athens, GA 30603-1109 Periodicals Postage Paid at Athens, GA

Vol. LIX No. 17