

*The Second
Sunday of Easter*



APRIL 7, 2013

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

ATHENS FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Welcome

We are glad that you are here! Thank you for worshipping with us today. We hope your experience at this church brings you blessings. We'd love to get to know you, so please come to fellowship time in Hancock Hall. Join us there for coffee, donuts and conversation beginning at 9:30 every Sunday morning!

Can't find what you're looking for? Our ushers and greeters are happy to help you find your way!

Worship

We ask that your cell phones be turned off or switched to silent and that you refrain from using flash photography during worship. Each Sunday, the 11:00 service is broadcast on WRFC 960 AM, and the 9:45 and 11:00 services are streamed live at athensfirstumc.org/webcast.

Nursery Availability

For infants through four-year-olds

Sundays | 8:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays | 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Children's Church

For children in kindergarten through second grade

Wonder of Worship (W.O.W.), or Children's Church, follows the Children's Message during 11:00 Worship all Sundays except for Communion Sundays. 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.

Website

Please visit our website, athensfirstumc.org, for information about our ministries, to register for events, to give online, to view our church wide calendar, and to listen to sermons from our sermon archive. We encourage you to sign up for our newsletter that is emailed weekly by contacting amelia@athensfirstumc.org.

Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday | 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

If you need assistance, please call 706-543-1442. We are happy to help you!

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The Worship of God *on the* Second Sunday of Easter

Gathering

THE PRELUDE

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Jones

THE WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES

8:30 & 11:00 Led by Eric Fessler
9:45 Led by Betsy Butler

THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

9:45 & 11:00 "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"
Sung by the Sanctuary Choir

Praise & Thanksgiving

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 304

"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

REGENT SQUARE

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the good news
which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved:

**Christ died for our sins,
was buried,
was raised on the third day,
and appeared first to the women,
then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe Jesus is the Christ,
the Anointed One of God,
the firstborn of all creation,
the firstborn from the dead,**

*Please stand as you are able.

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

**in whom all things hold together,
in whom the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell
by the power of the Spirit.
Christ is the head of the body, the church,
and by the blood of the cross
reconciles all things to God. 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 PASSING OF THE PEACE**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Led by Chuck Hodges

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.

Proclamation of the Word

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

8:30 Hymn 364
"Because He Lives"

RESURRECTION

9:45 & 11:00 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

arr. Dobrinski

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir with the Alleluia Ringers and David Burrell, trumpet

THIS ANTHEM HAS BEEN PLACED IN THE CHOIR LIBRARY TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN
MEMORY OF JAMES E. THOMSON BY THE MCKOY FAMILIES AND ALLISON AND BRUCE BATCHELOR.

I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives my ever living Head!

He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save;

He lives exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.

He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives and I shall conquer death;

*Please stand as you are able.

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

He lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
He lives all glory to his name! He lives my Savior, still the same;
What joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives! Alleluia!

*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

1 Peter 1:8

⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with inexpressible and glorious joy.

THE MESSAGE

Martha Aenchbacher

Pull Out All the Stops

Celebration of Holy Communion

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering,

death and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

THE RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

At First Methodist, 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. Note that all communion elements are gluten free.

Sending Forth

*THE HYMN 308

"Thine Be the Glory"

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*THE BLESSING

*THE RESPONSE

"Depart in Peace"

Depart in peace, and may God's grace sustain and bless you day by day.

Depart in joy and may His truth support and guide you in His way.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF MR. AND MRS. EDWIN R. KENNY AND MR. T.C. DeVORE BY MR. AND MRS. MIKE DeVORE AND THEIR CHILDREN.

<div>April Ushers</div> <div>8:30 a.m. Jim Belger, Ann Brown, Paul Brown, Larry Deal, Hugh Larkey, Mack Lowery, Jim Lyons, Candler Meadors, Olan Moore, Bob Noble, Grace Rabek, Ken Reece, Keith Wilson</div> <div>9:45 a.m. Chris Bostdorff, Tom Cooper, David and Jane Disney, Mark Ellison, Mark Firth, Tom Hedges, Dan Lasseter, Jim Lyons, Dave Matthews, Sharon Milton, Tom Milton, Al Rogers, Bill Trigleth</div> <div>11:00 a.m. Nat Belger, Henry Folsom, Henry Garrard, Charles Grimes, Al Hawley, Tom Henson, Jim Lyons, Bo Sorrells</div>	<div>Greeters</div> <div>Joye & Jerry Baker, Kasey & Bill Clayton, Dwight Freshley, Debbie Whittemore, Anna Schramski, and Will Cunningham</div> <div>First Light Acolytes</div> <div>8:30 Glynn Chesser, Isabelle Channell</div> <div>9:45 Curry Cross, Sarah Whatley, John Mobley Cross</div> <div>11:00 Eliza Petersen, Madeline Jackson, Rob Hardell</div> <div>Financial Report</div> <div><div>Budget for 2013\$2,431,217</div><div>Amount Given YTD\$681,476</div><div>Goal for March\$211,275</div><div>Amount after 4 Sundays\$164,055</div><div>Current Debt Balance\$1,082,944</div><div>Total Debt Reduction YTD\$31,167</div></div>	<div>Offering Stewards</div> <div>Bob Booth and Charlie Grimes, co-chairman; Nat Belger, Charles Braucher, Nat Carmack, Henry Garrard, Nathan King, Al Hawley, Sean Rogers, Charlie Upchurch III</div> <div>Nursery Helpers</div> <div>8-14 months: Lindsey and McKenzie Daniel</div> <div>14-20 months: Alisha and Mitch Bain</div> <div>Early 2's: HELP NEEDED</div> <div>2 Year Olds: Lori and Sam Drake</div> <div>3 Year Olds: Shannon Dupree</div> <div>4 Year Olds: Jennifer and Gardner Brown</div>
<div>Attendance</div> <div><div>Maundy Thursday.....230</div><div>Good Friday.....381</div><div>Sunrise Service.....135</div><div>Sunday School385</div><div>Total Worship2,523</div><div>8:30 a.m.....600</div><div>9:45 a.m.....962</div><div>11:00 a.m.....820</div><div>Online.....141</div></div>		



GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

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Indoor Cleaning Projects

Bigger Vision Facility Cleaning
Sparrow's Nest
Saye Building
Third Floor of Athens First UMC

Visit our tables this morning or register online

athensfirstumc.org/gdos



Preschool Summer Camps available for our Young 2's, 2's, 3's and 4's (rising Kindergartners). We are following the September 1 cutoff date.

May 20-23

All About Bugs!

June 10-13

Building Character!

June 24-27

America the Beautiful!

July 8-11

Fairy Tales and Fables!

Monday-Thrusday \$95

Monday-Friday \$110

Fun Friday only \$15

- Snack will be provided. We will NOT offer or serve lunch. Please let us know if your child has allergies! We are a peanut-free facility.
- Camp starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 12:00 p.m. Morning carpool is 8:45–9:00 a.m., and afternoon carpool is 12:00–12:15 p.m.
- We must have at least 8 children per age group sign up and pay in order to offer the camp.
- The maximum class sizes are: 12 two-year olds, 14 three-year olds, and 14 four/five year olds.
- Camps will be filled on a first come, first served basis.
- We are offering a 10% sibling discount.



Appalachia Mission Trip

May 16-20



Limited Spots Left!

Experience serving in your own country, by traveling to Appalachia (Frakes, KY). Repair homes and fulfill construction needs on Thursday, May 16–Monday, May 20, 2013. No construction experience is needed, just a willing spirit. Cost is \$300.

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Announcements



New Arrivals

Congratulations to Kelli and Drew Williams on the birth of their son, Mason DeMott, on March 26.



In Memoriam

Tom Gilliland
March 31, 2013



Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Candy Gilliland and family in the loss of her husband, Tom Gilliland, on March 31 in Athens, Georgia.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to remember Frank Johnson and family in the loss of his father, Jack Johnson, on March 12 in Ansted, West Virginia.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Ashley Harper and family in the loss of her mother, Cookie Martin, on March 27 in Augusta, Georgia.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Chris Selleck and family in the loss of her mother in Cincinnati, Ohio.



Great Day of Service | *May 4*

Stop by the library or the front of the sanctuary today to learn more about the Indoor Cleaning Projects that are a part of Great Day of Service (GDOS). Ways to serve at Bigger Vision, Sparrow's Nest, and at our church are featured this Sunday. Sign up today for these or any of the many Great Day of Service projects. Each Sunday in April we'll be featuring a different group of projects. More information is available online, athensfirstumc.org/gdos.

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Recreation Summer Camps

The Recreation Program is excited to offer a variety of camps for students ages 5 to 18 this summer! We will be offering VBS Day Camp, Jr. Jam Basketball Camp, and several different volleyball camps. Please visit our webpage, athensfirstumc.org/recreationcamps2013, for dates, prices, registration, and information about each camp.

Contact: Rusty Wood | rusty@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442 x220



Agapé | April

For April Agapé we are collecting juice boxes, small bottles of water, "salty" snacks, fruit snacks, deodorants, soaps, razors, toothbrushes and toothpastes. Supplies will go to Smart Lunch, Smart Kids and health care kits to be distributed at Project Safe. All of these supplies will be used in Great Day of Service projects on May 4. Please bring donations of these items to the basket behind the front desk.

Contact: Betsy Butler | butler760@charter.net | 706-714-1559



New Member Orientation | April 14

All guests are welcome to attend the next Newcomer Orientation Sunday, April 14, in Hancock Hall. Two sessions are offered, 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. No need to R.S.V.P.

Information about Athens First UMC will be shared, including ways to get involved and how to become a member. Find out more information online, athensfirstumc.org/newcomerorientations.

Contact: Martha Aenchbacher | martha@athensfirstumc.org



Senior Fun Adventure | April 18

A few seats remain for the trip to see "The Odd Couple" at the North Carolina State Playhouse in Flat Rock, NC. Cost is \$60 per person, including lunch. We will depart from Khol's parking lot at 8 a.m. and will return before dark the same day. This trip is so great we will even take travelers under the age of 55.

Contact: Dan Maxey | mandmbks@gmail.com | 706-340-5097



Barbecue Chicken Fundraiser | April 21

Boy Scout Troop 1 will be selling BBQ chicken boxed lunches for \$8 per plate on Sunday, April 21, from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Lunches will include a freshly cooked BBQ chicken half, coleslaw, applesauce, and bread. Tickets will be sold from 9:30–11:00 a.m. in the reception area and at noon outside the sanctuary on April 7 and 14, or can be purchased from any Troop 1 member. Lunches will be available in the kitchen for carry-out, or you may dine in Hancock Hall. Limited walk-up lunches will be available, so buy a ticket to be sure you get one!

Contact: Joe Wyrick | joewyrick@charter.net | 706-206-2142



Blood Drive | April 21

You can put the power of faith into action and help save a life. Donate blood on Sunday, April 21, from 8 a.m.–1 p.m. in the gym. Volunteers are needed to give blood and to help out with registration. Register online to donate. Walk-up appointments welcome on April 21.

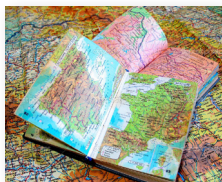
Contact: Geoffrey Hill | glhill_42@yahoo.com



Children's Choirs Spring 2013 Musical | *April 21*

Step right up to the Greatest Show on Earth, a spring musical presented by all children's choirs. Join us on April 21 at 4:00 pm. This performance will be held in Hancock Hall.

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Vacation Bible School | *Supplies Needed*

Please consider donating your old (or new) maps, atlases, and/or empty cereal boxes to be used at Vacation Bible School for craft projects. Materials will not be returned. Donations of these items may be brought to the basket behind the front desk. More information available online, athensfirstumc.org/vbs.

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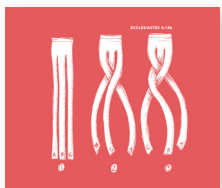


Music, Art, Rhythm, and Strumming | *June 4-6*

Save the date for Music & Arts Weeks 2013 June 4, 5, & 6 (Tues., Wed., Thurs.)

9 a.m.–3 p.m. Children who have completed grades 1–5 are invited to participate! Registration is going on now.

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Mission: Epworth | *July 14-18*

"Mission: Epworth" is our annual mission trip for middle school students grades 6–8. This trip is designed to introduce middle schoolers to missions and provide opportunities for them to begin learning and developing important skills that will serve them as they grow and mature. See more online at athensfirstumc.org/epworth-2013.

Contact: Erika Bates | erika@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442



BigStuf | *July 24-28*

BigStuf is an exciting five-day summer camp in Panama City, Florida. We will be enjoying morning and evening large-group worship and teaching sessions, featuring a variety of talented speakers and the dynamic BigStuf Band, as well as Church Group Time each evening with just the students and leaders from our church. See more online at athensfirstumc.org/bigstuf2013.

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"Hello, thank you for calling Athens First."

Volunteers are needed to greet church guests and take phone calls on Wednesdays and Fridays from 12–1 p.m. and Tuesdays from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. We would like three volunteers to fill these three time slots. This is a great way to get tuned in to church events and share the kindness of our church family with visitors.

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This Week at Athens First

For a detailed calendar see our website, athensfirstumc.org/calendar.

Sunday, April 7

Acts 5:27-32

- 8:30 a.m.** Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Preschool Nursery and Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m.** Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Sunday School Classes
- 11:00 a.m.** Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:15 p.m.** Bridges College Ministry
- 3:00 p.m.** Cub Scout Pack 1 (Saye Scout Hut)
- 4:00 p.m.** Alleluia Ringers (Room 165)
- 4:30 p.m.** Wesleyan Youth Choir Rehearsal (Room 163)
- 5:00 p.m.** *Disciple One* Bible Study (Room 252)
Carillon Ringers (room 165)
- 5:45 p.m.** Encounter | Student Ministries (Youth Area)

Monday, April 8

Esther 7:1-10

- 1:15 p.m.** Monday Bible Study Group (Room 221 & 253)
- 5:30 p.m.** Finance Committee Meeting (Hull Dining Room)
- 6:00 p.m.** Athens Ath-Elite Fitness (Gym)
- 6:30 p.m.** Volley Performance (Gym)

Tuesday, April 9

Esther 8:1-17

- 7:00 a.m.** Men's Bible Study (Hull Dining Hall)
- 11:00 a.m.** CBS Leadership (Rooms 252 and 256)
Our Daily Bread Service
- 5:30 p.m.** Confirmation Banquet (Hancock Hall)
- 7:00 p.m.** Boy Scouts Troop 1 (Saye Scout Hut)
Fashion Fitness (Youth Area)

Wednesday, April 10

Luke 12:4-12

- 7:30 a.m.** Student Ministries Chick-fil-A Breakfast (Beechwood Chick-fil-A)
- 9:30 a.m.** "That the World Might Know" Bible Study (Room 252)
Wednesday Morning Bible Study (Hull Dining Room)
- 12:30 p.m.** "That the World Might Know" Bible Study (Room 252)
- 3:00 p.m.** Fun Gym (Gym)
- 4:30 p.m.** Children's Lyric Choir and Celebrate Chimes (Music Suite)
Prayer Shawl Ministry (Room 221)
- 4:45 p.m.** Early Book Group (Room 261)
- 5:15 p.m.** Cherub, Sonshine, and Joy Choirs (Preschool Area)
Celebrate Choir and Lyric Chimes (Music Suite)
Pilates'n Prayer (Room 125)
- 5:30 p.m.** *Disciple One* (Room 252)
Connect Ministry Small Group 4 (Room 362)
- 6:00 p.m.** Engage | Student Ministries (Downtown Dinner)
Connect Ministry Small Group 2 (Room 119)
Athens Ath-Elite Fitness (Gym)
Men's Study: *Twelve Ordinary Men* (Room 258)
- 6:15 p.m.** Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Room 163)
Connect Ministry Small Group 3 (Room 257)
- 6:30 p.m.** *Disciple Two* Bible Study (Rooms 254 and 256)
The Later Book Group (Room 261)
Connect Ministry Small Group 1 (Room 363)
Disciple Two (Room 254 & 256)
- 8:00 p.m.** Chamber Ensemble Rehearsal (Room 163)

Thursday, April 11

Acts 5:12-16

- 9:30 a.m.** Community Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m.** Souper Supper (Hancock Hall)
- 6:00 p.m.** Athens Ath-Elite Fitness (Gym)
- 7:30 p.m.** Adult Softball Game (Bishop Park)

Friday, April 12

Acts 5:17-26

Saturday, April 13

Luke 24:36-40

International Student Ministries Trip to Stone Mountain

- 9:00 a.m.** Youth Soccer (Clarke Central)

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