

The background features a stylized design with three fish in grey outlines. Two fish are in the upper left, and one is in the lower right. They are connected by thick red lines that form a partial frame. There are also two solid red circles, one in the top left and one in the bottom right.

ATHENS FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JULY 16, 2017
9:00 & 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.”

Attendance

Please let us know of your attendance this morning by completing the pew pad.

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. During June and July, the orientation will be held the second Sunday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

Schedule in June and July

We will offer two service times, at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday school classes will meet at 10:00 a.m. In addition, we will offer Holy Communion in the chapel at 8:30 a.m.

Financial Report

Budget for 2017 | \$3,038,381
Amount Given YTD | \$1,645,536
Goal for July | \$192,268
Amount after 1 Sunday | \$57,748

Attendance on July 9

Total Worship | 972
Holy Communion Service | 40
9:00 a.m. | 398
11:00 a.m. | 476
Online | 128
Sunday School | 270

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The Worship of God

Flowers

The flowers on the altar
are given to the glory
of God and in loving
memory of Johnie Evans
and Robert and Reta
Brown by Carole and
Emmett Langley and
Susan Whitehead.

Prelude Lyrics

As I went down in the
river to pray studying
about that good old way,
and who shall wear the
starry crown (robe and
crown), good Lord, show
me the way! O sisters
(brothers/fathers/
mothers/sinners), let's
go down, let's go down,
come on down. Down in
the river to pray.

PRELUDE

“Down to the River to Pray” | Traditional

OPENING PRAYER

Betsy Butler

PSALM 63:1-8 | p.498 OLD TESTAMENT

You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you. On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night. Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. I cling to you; your right hand upholds me. Amen.

*HYMN MEDLEY

UMH 380 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” | FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

UMH 600 “Wonderful Words of Life” | WORDS OF LIFE

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life; let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life; words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

Refrain: **Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.**

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life; offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life; Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever.

Refrain

UMH 370 “Amazing Grace” | AMAZING GRACE

Verses 1, 2, 3, & 6

***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.

***GLORY TO GOD**

"I Will Praise the Father"

I will praise the Father. I will praise the Son. I will praise the Spirit, all three in one. Singing, "Alleluia" (3x). Singing praise to the Lord.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | 9:00 a.m.

Ada Elliott Zielinski, daughter of Laci and Alan Zielinski

Ada, Ada, 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. Ada, Ada, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS | 11:00 a.m.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Leslie Rogers

9:00 a.m. | Children in Kindergarten through grade 6 are invited to leave the sanctuary at the end of the Children's Message for a time of connecting with faith and friends in the Route 56 room (room 120). Parents should pick up children at the end of the service.

11:00 a.m. | After participating in the Children's Message, children will return to their seats to worship with their families.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Martha Aenchbacher

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

Wade in the water. Wade
in the water children.
Wade in the water. God's
gonna trouble the water.
Who's that yonder dressed
in red? Wade in the water.
Must be the children that
Moses led. God's gonna
trouble the water. Who's
that yonder dressed in
white? Wade in the water.
Must be the children of
Israelites. God's gonna
trouble the water. Who's
that yonder dressed in
blue? Wade in the water.
Must be children that's
coming through. God's
gonna trouble the water.
If you don't believe I've
been redeemed - wade
in the water - just see the
holy ghost looking for me.
God's gonna trouble the
water.

OFFERING AND THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Wade in the Water” | arr. Eva Cassidy

SCRIPTURE READING

1 SAMUEL 17 | p.248 OLD TESTAMENT

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Do You Know Your Song?” | Susan Taylor

***HYMN**

UMH 536 “I’m Goin’a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing” | I’M GOIN’A SING

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

“Down By the Riverside” | Traditional

The Steeple

Special Day of Giving 2017



Murphy-Harpst

LIFE AND HOPE FOR CHILDREN



Murphy-Harpst Special Offering

Today, we will take up a special offering to support Murphy-Harpst Children's Center, a nonprofit organization that provides a safe home and resources for victims of child abuse. Please use the envelope provided for your offering for Murphy Harpst, or write "Murphy-Harpst" in the memo line of your check.

Summer of Celebration

Please note that throughout July we will offer two service times at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday school classes will meet at 10:00 a.m. In addition, we will offer Holy Communion in the chapel at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday.

Mission Blitz | One More Week

This past week, we participated in a "mission blitz" by serving locally and regionally through the following projects: Sack Lunch Ministry; Interfaith Hospitality Network of Athens; Smart Lunch, Smart Kid; Children's Consignment Sale; Mobile Food Pantry; and praying for the Epworth mission trip for youth. It never too late to get involved, whether you want to help sort donations for the Consignment Sale or join us to serve through IHN, there is still a place for you! Contact Betsy or Mary Claire to serve!

Learn more | athensfirstumc.org/missionblitz

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Smart Lunch, Smart Kid | Wednesday

We hope you will join us as we partner with Action Ministries to help to ensure that children in our community who participate in the free or reduced-price lunch are fed in the summer months. We gather in room 100 at 11:30 a.m. every Wednesday in July, and from there two teams are sent to two neighborhoods to play, encourage, and build relationships! Contact Betsy or Mary Claire if you have any questions and sign up online to let us know you will be there.

Learn more | athensfirstumc.org/smartlunchsmarkid

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Pickleball | Summer Schedule

Pickleball returns this week! Join us this Tuesday and Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the gym. We will also meet July 25 and 27. Come play!

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Consignment Sale | Volunteers

As we prepare for the Children's Consignment Sale, we have many needs for volunteers! Tagging Tuesdays are every Tuesday in July and are a time where we sort, organize, and tag donations to prepare for the sale. During the Mission Blitz (July 9-23), you can choose a time convenient with your schedule to come help prepare for our sale. Volunteer needs the week of the sale, July 31-August 5, include set-up, cashiers, inventory control, and clean-up. Contact Betsy or Mary Claire with questions and sign up online to volunteer! Learn more | athensfirstumc.org/consignmentsalevolunteer
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GriefShare

Join us Wednesday, July 19, to explore how traumatic experiences affect grief. The GriefShare group will meet this summer through August. This faith-based curriculum for those grieving the death of a friend or family member features nationally recognized experts on grief and recovery topics. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. New participants are welcome to join at any time. Please register online; there is a \$20 cost to cover the workbook.

Register | athensfirstumc.org/griefshare

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Open CHURCH

Save the Date!

AUGUST 23

Open church is an invitational experience to explore fall opportunities here at Athens First United Methodist Church. We hope you'll come and see all that we have to offer and find new ways to participate in the life of our church. This annual preview night allows you to taste and see all that Wednesday nights have to offer. From local food vendors to small group Bible studies, from Sanctuary Choir to Kids Music and Arts, we have a place for you to plug in, find community, and grow this fall.

Habitat for Humanity

Please join us on Saturday, July 22, to help clean up and prepare our properties for their new tenants. Habitat hopes to have a ribbon cutting ceremony very soon; we will keep you posted. Sign up online or contact Betsy or Mary Claire. Register | athensfirstumc.org/habitatforhumanity
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Epworth By The Sea | July 20-23

Please be in prayer for the 23 youth and 8 adults participating in our regional mission trip to Epworth By The Sea at St. Simons Island on July 20-23. Students will be serving others in Jesus' name, worshipping and studying together, growing as leaders, and building relationships. We are grateful for the prayers and support of our church family!

Sack Lunch Ministry

Our ongoing Sunday morning Sack Lunch Ministry meets every Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. to distribute 40 lunches to our neighbors in the community. We are in need of a few more Sunday morning volunteers for this wonderful ministry to finish out the rest of the summer. If you'd like serve by preparing and/or distributing lunches, register online or contact Mary Young or Betsy.
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Consignment Sale | Consignors

There is still time for you to register to be a consignor at this year's sale! For a consignor fee of \$10, consignors can sell as many items as they would like, while making sixty percent of all earnings. The remaining forty percent goes towards supporting foster care in Athens and surrounding counties. This is a great way to make extra money, clean out closets, and support a great cause! All consignors are invited to shop at our preview sale, Thursday, August 3. If you would like to consign at this year's sale, please register online to receive your tags and begin preparing for the sale. Contact Betsy or Mary Claire for more information.
Learn more | athensfirstumc.org/childrensconsignmentsale
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Consignment Sale | Donations

There is still time to donate your gently used children's items to the Children's Consignment Sale! We receive baby equipment (car seats and cribs excluded), children's clothing (all seasons), school uniforms, toys, and books. All proceeds from this year's sale will go to support the United Methodist Children's Home Foster Care Ministry in Athens and surrounding communities. Please bring items to room 125 and contact Betsy or Mary Claire if you have any questions.
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Flag Football This Fall

Registration for this year's Children's Flag Football league is now open! Flag Football is for children in kindergarten through second grade, and is made up of coed teams. Children will learn the fundamentals of football while growing together in a fun and competitive Christian environment. All games and practices will be held at Chapelwood UMC. For more information, contact Rusty Wood and visit our webpage to register your child today!
Register | athensfirstumc.org/flagfootball
Rusty Wood | rusty@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

Save the Date



Churchwide BBQ

August 27 | 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Sandy Creek Park

This Week

SUNDAY, JULY 16 | MATTHEW 11:25-30

Interfaith Hospitality Network Week

8:30 a.m.

Holy Communion Service CHAPEL

Preschool Nursery FIRST FLOOR

9:00 a.m.

Worship Service SANCTUARY

Preschool Nursery FIRST FLOOR

10:00 a.m.

Adult Sunday School SECOND FLOOR AND SAYE BUILDING

Preschool Nursery & Sunday School FIRST FLOOR

Youth Sunday School: First Word YOUTH AREA

Children's Sunday School (Kindergarten through Grade 6) GYM

Sack Lunch Ministry HOSPITALITY ROOM

11:00 a.m.

Worship Service SANCTUARY

Preschool Nursery FIRST FLOOR

4:45 p.m.

Connect & Grow Group ROOM 200

MONDAY, JULY 17 | GENESIS 25:19-34

Interfaith Hospitality Network Week

10:00 a.m.

Connect & Grow Group ROOM 222

6:30 p.m.

Small Group and Sunday School Leaders Meeting ROOM 222

TUESDAY, JULY 18 | PSALM 119:105-112

Interfaith Hospitality Network Week

10:30 a.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministry PANERA BREAD

1:00 p.m.

Consignment Sale—Tagging Tuesdays ROOM 125

5:30 p.m.

Fashion Fitness ROOM 120

7:00 p.m.

Boy Scouts Troop 1 SCOUT HUT

Connect & Grow Group ROOM 229

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19 | ISAIAH 55:6-13

Interfaith Hospitality Network Week

11:30 a.m.

Smart Lunch, Smart Kid ROOM 100

5:30 p.m.

66 Love Letters HULL CONFERENCE ROOM

6:00 p.m.

GriefShare ROOM 100

6:30 p.m.

Questions God Asks Us ROOM 222

THURSDAY, JULY 20 | ROMANS 8:1-11

Interfaith Hospitality Network Week

8:15 a.m.

Youth Mission Trip | Epworth By The Sea DEPARTING FROM CHURCH PARKING LOT

1:30 p.m.

Pickleball GYM

5:30 p.m.

Fashion Fitness ROOM 120

FRIDAY, JULY 21 | MATTHEW 13:1-9

Interfaith Hospitality Network Week

Youth Mission Trip | Epworth By The Sea

SATURDAY, JULY 22 | MATTHEW 13:18-23

Interfaith Hospitality Network Week

Youth Mission Trip | Epworth By The Sea

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