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# ATHENS FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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JULY 8, 2018  
8:30, 9:45, & 11:00 a.m.

# Welcome

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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.

## *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 2018 | \$3,231,864

Amount Given YTD | \$1,582,502

Goal for June | \$221,888

Amount after 4 Sundays | \$220,940

## *Attendance on July 1*

Total Worship | 788

8:30 a.m. | 117

9:45 a.m. | 234

11:00 a.m. | 291

Online | 146

Sunday School | 224

## *Contact Us*

Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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# The Worship of God

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## *Flowers*

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of his wife, Ernestine, and children Wendolyn, Sally, Pamela, and Jenny by John Henkel.

## GATHERING MUSIC

*The Early Service Band*

## WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

Sarah Lawing

## OPENING PRAYER

Betsy Butler

## \*HYMNS OF THE DAY

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” | ST. DENIO

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.  
To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**

“How Great Thou Art” | HOW GREAT THOU ART

**O Lord, my God! When I in awesome wonder,  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!**

“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.**

Refrain:

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;**

## *Please Note*

Please be seated for the last hymn. During the singing of this hymn, children are invited to collect prayer cards from the congregation and bring them to the altar where they will have the opportunity to participate in the prayers of the people.

**All I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!  
Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.  
Refrain**

## 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.**

## PRAYER RESPONSE

**Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

**"Always Waiting for Me" | Madison Cunningham**

## SCRIPTURE

**PSALM 145:9**

**The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

## SERMON

**"God Is Good" | Martha Aenchenbacher**

## \*A MODERN AFFIRMATION

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

**We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives,**

### *Please Note*

During the sung prayer response, children will return to their seats.

### *Anthem Lyrics*

Mercy, oh what a strange thing—compassion toward an undeserving soul. Oh peace, an overwhelming shelter from the storms that flood these lives. My hope lies on the wings of a stable foundation where I find my rest, where I find my peace, and there's nothing I could do to deserve it, and no one I could pretend to be to keep it, but it's always waiting there for me. Grace, an unfathomable ocean that only goes deeper the more you swim. Oh, Your love for me it only grows wider the more I fail, the more I fall. My hope lies on the wings of a stable foundation where I find my rest, where I find my peace, and there's nothing I could do to earn it, or no one I could pretend to be to keep it, but it's always waiting there for me.

**whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ,  
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love  
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the  
kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**"I Will Praise the Father"**

**I will praise the Father, I will praise the Son,  
I will praise the Spirit, all three in one.  
I will praise the Father, I will praise the son,  
I will praise the Spirit, all three in one.**

**Singing Hallelujah, singing Hallelujah,  
singing Hallelujah, singing praise to the Lord.  
Singing Hallelujah, singing Hallelujah,  
singing Hallelujah, singing praise to the Lord.**

**\*BLESSING**

**\*SENDING SONG**

**"Leave This House Singing" | Will Reagan**

**I wanna leave this house singing.  
I wanna leave this house singing.  
I wanna go from here believing in your love.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**"Up Above My Head" | Traditional**

# The Steeple

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## New Arrival

Congratulations to Katherine Wade and Murphy Glisson on the birth of their son, Alexander James, on June 22. Alexander is the grandson of Dottie and Gary Wade.

## Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Paul Brown and his family in the loss of his brother, Cornelius Brown, on June 27.

## New Members

On June 24, we welcomed Elise, Mike, Elle, Savannah, and Beau Davis to the Athens First United Methodist Church family.

## Summer Worship | We Believe

Summer worship continues next week. Join us at 8:30, 9:45, or 11:00 a.m. in Hancock Hall as we worship together during the month of July. We are celebrating our faith through a worship series entitled "We Believe." Throughout the month, we are using A Modern Affirmation to revisit the beliefs that unite us. In addition, each week our sermon examines one foundational belief found in the affirmation. Music is led by the Early Service Band. You can read more about the band members on our webpage.

Learn more | [athensfirstumc.org/earlyserviceband](http://athensfirstumc.org/earlyserviceband)



## GriefShare

Join us Tuesday, July 10, as we discuss how traumatic experiences can effect our grief. GriefShare meets Tuesdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in room 100. Please register online

so that we will have materials prepared for you. The cost is \$20. You may pay online or in person.

Learn more | [athensfirstumc.org/griefshare](http://athensfirstumc.org/griefshare)

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## Summer FUNday School

Summer FUNday School is here! Join us as we learn about being followers of Jesus. Children in kindergarten through grade 12 are engaging in lessons and games in the youth rooms and gym each Sunday morning from 9:45-10:45 a.m. during June and July. Casual clothes and shoes that they can comfortably play in are appropriate. Invite a friend or relative to join us this summer!

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## New Streaming Service

We are pleased to announce that we have upgraded our streaming service to Livestream. If you are ever unable to join us in person on Sunday morning, you can always find us online. We will continue to stream all of our morning worship services directly to our webpage. If you previously viewed our services via the Ustream app on a mobile device, you may want to download the Livestream app. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amanda Greavu.

Learn more | [athensfirstumc.org/webcast](http://athensfirstumc.org/webcast)

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# Children's Con

Friday, August 10 | 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, August 11 |



## Tagging Tuesdays

July 10, 17, 24

Tuesdays in July are set aside for organizing, sorting, and tagging donated items, and are a great time to help with the Consignment Sale while enjoying fellowship. Individuals and groups can work at times that are personally convenient. Please email Sarah Beth or Jennifer Golden if you plan to come to Tagging Tuesdays!

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# Consignment Sale

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. & 3:00-7:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

## A Successful Sale Needs

**Consignors:** Contact Sarah Beth Barger or Jennifer Golden to obtain a consignor information packet.

**Volunteers:** There are many volunteer opportunities leading up to, as well as during the sale. All volunteers receive access to the Preview Sale on Thursday, August 9, to shop early. Please contact Sarah Beth Barger or Jennifer Golden for opportunities to serve.

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## Smart Lunch, Smart Kids

Join us this summer as we partner with Action Ministries on Wednesdays to serve lunch in two nearby neighborhoods. This summer program serves kids who normally receive free lunch during the school year. Volunteers from our church will go and meet the children and families on the playground of each neighborhood. While there, we invite children to participate in educational games/activities and sit with them while they enjoy their lunch. It is a wonderful way to share God's love with the children in our community.

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## You're Invited

Do you have an interest in serving with women and children who are our neighbors? Each Tuesday we go to Bethel Homes and host a Women's Fellowship Group. During the summer, we invite you to join us as we build relationships and share the love of Christ with our neighbors. For more information, contact Betsy or Sarah Beth.

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## Flag Football

Registration for children's recreation flag football league is now open for this fall. If your child is in kindergarten-grade 5 and is interested in learning the game of flag football and building athletic skills while growing in Christ, register online! The season starts Saturday, August 11. Practices and games will take place on Saturdays, excluding UGA

football home games. Make-up games and practices will be the following Monday. Please contact Rusty Wood for any additional information.

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## Wesley Heritage Tour of England

A Wesley Heritage Tour is forming to travel to England May 24-June 4, 2019. The tour will include a 6-8 week Bible study before the trip, and a 10-night tour with stops in London, Bristol, Lincoln, Epworth, and Oxford. We will worship at Wesley's Chapel in London on Aldersgate Sunday, visit his birthplace, visit the New Room in Bristol (the oldest Methodist building in the world), and see the spot where Wesley had his Aldersgate conversion. For more information, including itinerary and pricing, contact Stephen Mitchell at the church.

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# This Week

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## SUNDAY, JULY 8 | 2 CORINTHIANS 12:7b-10

- 8:30 a.m. **Worship Service** HANCOCK HALL  
**Preschool Nursery** FIRST FLOOR
- 9:00 a.m. **Fun Gym** GYM
- 9:45 a.m. **Worship Service** HANCOCK HALL  
**Adult Sunday School** SECOND FLOOR AND SAYE BUILDING  
**Preschool Nursery & Sunday School** FIRST FLOOR  
**Summer FUNday School** YOUTH ROOM  
**Newcomer Orientation** HOSPITALITY ROOM
- 10:00 a.m. **Sack Lunch Ministry** HULL STREET ENTRANCE
- 11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** HANCOCK HALL  
**Preschool Nursery** FIRST FLOOR
- 4:30 p.m. **Connect & Grow Group** JOHN WESLEY PARLOR

## MONDAY, JULY 9 | 2 SAMUEL 6:1-5

- 9:00 a.m. **Junior Jam Basketball** GYM
- 1:00 p.m. **Junior Jam Basketball Extended Camp** GYM

## TUESDAY, JULY 10 | 2 SAMUEL 6:12b-19

- 9:00 a.m. **Junior Jam Basketball** GYM
- 10:00 a.m. **Our Daily Bread** FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH DOWNTOWN
- 10:30 a.m. **Prayer Shawl Ministry** PANERA BREAD
- 1:00 p.m. **Junior Jam Basketball Extended Camp** GYM
- 1:30 p.m. **Tagging Tuesdays** ROOM 125  
**Pickleball**
- 5:30 p.m. **Connect & Grow Group** ROOM 229  
**Fashion Fitness** ROOM 120
- 6:00 p.m. **GriefShare** ROOM 100
- 7:00 p.m. **Boy Scouts Troop 1** SCOUT HUT

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 11 | PSALM 24:1-2

- 9:00 a.m. **Junior Jam Basketball** GYM
- 11:00 a.m. **Smart Lunch, Smart Kid**
- 1:00 p.m. **Junior Jam Basketball Extended Camp** GYM
- 5:30 p.m. **66 Love Letters**

## THURSDAY, JULY 12 | PSALM 24:3-10

- 9:00 a.m. **Junior Jam Basketball** GYM
- 1:00 p.m. **Junior Jam Basketball Extended Camp** GYM
- 1:30 p.m. **Pickleball**
- 5:30 p.m. **Fashion Fitness** ROOM 120
- 7:00 p.m. **Connect Group | Young Adult** ROOM 222

## FRIDAY, JULY 13 | EPHESIANS 1:3-14

- 9:00 a.m. **Junior Jam Basketball** GYM
- 1:00 p.m. **Junior Jam Basketball Extended Camp** GYM

## SATURDAY, JULY 14 | MARK 6:14-29

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