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ATHENS FIRST
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

JULY 22, 2018
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.”

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 | \$1,702,159

Goal for July | \$215,164

Amount after 2 Sundays | \$119,657

Attendance on July 15

Total Worship | 711

8:30 a.m. | 121

9:45 a.m. | 243

11:00 a.m. | 185

Online | 162

Sunday School | 202

Contact Us

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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 Jane and Rufus Harris, Jr. and Eunice and Harold Hawk by their family.

GATHERING MUSIC

The Early Service Band

WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

Sarah Lawing

OPENING PRAYER

Martha Aenchbacher

*HYMNS OF THE DAY

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” | NETTLETON

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.**

“Holy, Holy, Holy” | NICAEA

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our songs shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

“Abide With Me” | EVENTIDE

**Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.
I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.**

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.

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.

Please Note

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

Anthem Lyrics

Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire. Descend upon us from above, source of the old prophetic fire, fountain of life, fountain of love. Come, Holy Ghost, by You we see. The prophets wrote and spoke—in You we will believe. Unlock the truth, Yourself the key. Unseal the sacred Book, 'til Jesus we receive. Expand Thy wings, celestial dove. Brood over our souls night. Replace it with Your love. On our troubled spirits, move, and let there now be light. Replace the lies with truth. Come, Holy Ghost, so Jesus we can know. If You within us shine, if You within us flow, and we sing with all the saints below the depths of love divine that the world may know we are Yours.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“The Source” | Liz Vice

SCRIPTURE

ACTS 4:31

When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.

SERMON

“We Believe in the Holy Spirit” | Josh Miles

*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, 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**

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit” | Traditional Spiritual

The Steeple



New Arrivals

Congratulations to Julie and Jeffrey Martin on the birth of their daughter, Avett Elizabeth, on March 9.

Congratulations to Alison and Michael Finnerty on the birth of their son, Robert Stratton, on July 10.

New Members

On July 15 we welcomed Craig and Donna Fievet to the Athens First United Methodist Church family.

Youth Service Week

Recently, members of our youth ministry worked together to share the love of Christ with our community by participating in Youth Service Week here in Athens. Samantha Brodrick (rising grade 10) shares why she chose to participate and how it impacted her faith, "I love doing mission work, especially in Athens, because it shows me different places around town that I never knew about. I also enjoy the small group of youth that comes and how we all got close and experienced it together. [Youth Service Week] benefitted my faith walk by showing me how I can show God's love to so many people and what it can do for them; which has strengthened my relationship with Christ." We are thankful for Samantha and all of the youth who served in this unique opportunity and loved our neighbors so willingly.

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Summer Worship | We Believe

Summer worship concludes next week. Join us at 8:30, 9:45, or 11:00 a.m. in Hancock Hall. We will celebrate our faith through a worship series entitled "We Believe." Music will be led by the Early Service Band. You can read more about the band members on our webpage.

Learn more | athensfirstumc.org/earlyserviceband

Summer FUNday School

Summer FUNday School concludes next week! Join us as we continue to 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. through July 29. Casual clothes and

shoes that they can comfortably play in are appropriate.
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GriefShare

Join us Tuesday, July 24, as we discuss how going to church can be difficult and other overlooked reasons grief is so painful. 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

Martha Aenchbacher | martha@athensfirstumc.org

Smart Lunch, Smart Kid

Join us on Wednesday, July 25, for our final Smart Lunch, Smart Kid of the summer! We will gather at 9:30 a.m. to make 400 sandwiches and assemble sack lunches that will be distributed all over Athens. Once the lunches are prepared we will head out to our two regular neighborhoods to distribute lunches and facilitate enrichment games and activities. Come just to make the sack lunches or stay all morning, we would love to have you serve with us!

Register | athensfirstumc.org/missions

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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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KidCheck

Is your KidCheck account up to date? KidCheck is the system our church uses to enhance security for children from birth through grade 12 while they are in programs in our building. It is vital that each family account contains

current information and that all communication features are enabled. Should we have an emergency or need to get in touch with you, you will receive a text and/or email message with details regarding your children. Please review your account to be sure that all your contact information is current. Additionally, adding a current photo to your account is essential in identifying a child. If you need any help or clarification, please contact Jennifer Golden.

Learn more | kidcheck.com

Jennifer Golden | jennifer@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

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.

Register | athensfirstumc.org/flagfootball

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Donate School Supplies

Each week our missions team goes to Bethel Homes and serves and fellowships with our friends who live there. With the school year quickly approaching, many of our neighbors struggle to acquire adequate school supplies for their children. We would love to bless these kids with the school supply boxes sold at Kroger. These uniform and compact boxes of school supplies will allow our friends to set up their children for success this school year! We will be collecting donated Kroger boxes of school supplies now through Monday, August 13. You may drop off boxes in room 111. For any questions, please contact Betsy Butler or Sarah Beth Barger.

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Parenting With Purpose Small Group

Mothers of preschool-aged children are invited to gather each Friday morning beginning in September for a time

of fellowship, study, and discussion. We will begin with "Follow," an IF:Gathering study that tackles the question "who is Jesus?" Based on the book of Mark, a daily devotion will be emailed to participants to encourage reflection and study. On Fridays we will meet from 9:15-10:45 a.m. to dig into our responses to the message and discuss how to apply it to our everyday lives. Childcare for young children will be available. Please register online to let us know if you will be joining us!

Register | athensfirstumc.org/registration

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Promotion Sunday

On August 5, Promotion Sunday, children age 2 through those who have completed grade 11 will move to their new age/grade level. Children younger than 2 change rooms as they grow and develop throughout the year; parents will receive an email letting them know what room their children will be in. We look forward to seeing your child in their new classroom August 5!

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Kids Music and Arts

Registration for our Kids Music and Arts program is now open for Fall 2018! Choir and more for ages 3 (by September 1, 2018) through grade four will kick off on August 15 with Meet the Teacher (all classes) and Passport to Worship for kindergarten through fourth grade. Be sure to see our web page for descriptions of choirs and electives offered this year. Join us as we learn how we're "Growing with Jesus" together!

Register | athensfirstumc.org/kidsmusicandarts

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Children's Consignment Sale

Friday, August 10 | 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. & 3:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 11 | 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Join us August 9 and 10 for our Children's Consignment Sale! Come shop while supporting foster care in the Athens area.

Consignors

We will begin collecting consigned items Tuesday, August 7. If you are interested in consigning with us, please visit our webpage for tagging instructions. We are introducing a new tagging process, so if you have consigned with us in the past, please be sure to look at the new tagging instructions. This new process will be more in line with other consignment sales in Athens. We would love to have you join our sale!

Donations

We are collecting donations of children's clothing for all seasons, school uniforms, toys, books, and large baby items including: strollers, pack and plays, high chairs, and swings. All donations can be dropped off between 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday in room 111.

If you have any questions about the tagging process or donations, please contact Betsy Butler or Sarah Beth Barger.

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athensfirstumc.org/childrensconsignmentsale



The Kaleidoscope Project is off to a great start! Thank you to all who supported the launch of this joint project of our music and missions ministries. Throughout the spring, members of our staff and congregation led group music classes for children and adults of all ages on Thursday afternoons in conjunction with Souper Suppers. Serena Scibelli, violinist with The Early Service Band, taught individual lessons to two students from Clarke Central High School. We look forward to continuing to offer tools and resources to young musicians as we seek to be in community with our neighbors. We would love to be able to provide instruments to the students who are part of our program. If you have a violin you would consider donating, please contact Sarah Lawing. We hope you'll join us again in January for our group music classes on Thursday afternoons!

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This Week

SUNDAY, JULY 22 | EPHESIANS 2:11-22

- 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
- 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 23 | 2 SAMUEL 11:1-5

TUESDAY, JULY 24 | 2 SAMUEL 11:6-15

- 10:00 a.m. **Our Daily Bread** FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH DOWNTOWN
- 10:30 a.m. **Prayer Shawl Ministry** PANERA BREAD
- 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 25 | PSALM 14:1-3

- 11:00 a.m. **Smart Lunch, Smart Kid**
- 5:30 p.m. **66 Love Letters**

THURSDAY, JULY 26 | PSALM 14:4-7

- 1:30 p.m. **Pickleball**
- 5:30 p.m. **Fashion Fitness** ROOM 120

FRIDAY, JULY 27 | JOHN 6:1-21

SATURDAY, JULY 28 | EPHESIANS 3:14-21

- 7:00 a.m. **Mobile Food Pantry** SANCTUARY

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