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ATHENS FIRST
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

MAY 29, 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.”

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, 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 | \$2,789,339

Amount Given YTD | \$1,239,911

Goal for May | \$202,269

Amount after 3 Sundays | \$208,593

Attendance on May 22

Total Worship | 1056

Sunday School | 421

8:30 a.m. | 188

9:45 a.m. | 304

11:00 a.m. | 447

Online | 117

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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 loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Burkhart and Catherine Healy Burkhart by Ann Burkhart.

The flowers in the narthex on Sunday, May 22, were given to the glory of God and were from the wedding of Kasey Darley and Cam Yearly in our sanctuary on May 21.

THE PRELUDE

“Prelude on an Early American Hymn Tune” | Broughton

*THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE FALLEN

Thad McWhorter

“Mansions of the Lord” | Nick Glennie-Smith

Sung by the Worship Team

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

698 “God of the Ages” | NATIONAL HYMN

*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 PASSING OF THE PEACE

Betsy Butler

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Leslie Rogers, Director of Route 56

THE 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.

THE OFFERING

*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

ROMANS 12:2 | p. 151 NEW TESTAMENT

THE SERMON

"Changing Your Mind" | Martha Aenchbacher

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

454 "Open My Eyes, That I May See" | OPEN MY EYES

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 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. Gluten-free communion elements are available at the center station in the front of the sanctuary.

The Music During Communion

"Nearer My God to Thee"

*THE BLESSING AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" | P. Scholtes

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. And we pray that all unity may one day be restored. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

* THE POSTLUDE

"Recessional in C Major" | Powell

Sermon Notes

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9:45 &
11:00 a.m.

Gathering

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9:45 a.m. Thad McWhorter

11:00 a.m. Frank Thornburg

“American Anthem” | Gene Scheer

Cameron Stahl, soloist; Greg Kirby, piano

Praise & Thanksgiving

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***THE GLORIA PATRI**

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***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Betsy Butler

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | 11:00 a.m.

Matthew Borders Utley, son of Ginn and Matt

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

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Martha Aenchbacher

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THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE | 11:00 a.m.

Leslie Rogers, Director of Route 56

At the 11:00 a.m. service, children in kindergarten through grade 2 will go to Children's Church on the third floor where they may be picked up at the end of the service.

Proclamation of the Word

THE OFFERING AND THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Joy and Elation" | Cynthia Dobrinski

Rung by the Carillon Ringers

***THE DOXOLOGY | The Old 100th**

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Sending Forth

*** THE HYMN**

438 “Forth in Thy Name, O Lord” | DUKE STREET

***THE BLESSING AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

“We Receive Your Blessing”

We receive your blessing, we receive your grace as we walk in the light shining from your face. May the peace that you give change the way that we live. We receive your blessing as we leave this place.

*** THE POSTLUDE**

“Recessional in C Major” | Powell

The Steeple



SMART LUNCH SMART KID Action Ministries

You are invited to join us on Wednesdays in June and July to distribute sack lunches to hungry children in our community. We will gather every Wednesday (except June 8) in room 100 at 11:30 a.m. and head out to our neighbors. Assembly of lunches will be handled by Clarke County schools. Please email Betsy or Mary Claire if you would like to participate.

Betsy Butler | betsy@athensfirstumc.org

Mary Claire Wills | maryclaire@athensfirstumc.org

New Arrival

Congratulations to Jo and Lee Sullivan on the birth of their son, James Hunt, on May 19.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Cam Yearty and Kasey Leigh Darley, who were married in our sanctuary on May 21.

Pray for Music and Arts Week

Music and Arts Week begins this Wednesday. Please join us in prayer for the children who will participate this week. The week's focus is taken from 2 Corinthians 4:7, "We have this light shining in our hearts, like clay jars containing great treasure!" Pray for the volunteers and our special guest Mr. Mark as they lead the children in discovering the hidden treasure of Jesus.

Sarah Lawing | sarah@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

Connect Group (Young Adults)

Have you ever thought of Jesus as an "outlaw?" Jesus has a lot of typical descriptions: loving, generous, and kind. But

what about his "outlaw" side that made him a threat to Jewish and Roman leaders alike? He spoke above the law, said outrageous things, and did whatever it took to save the lives of His children. If you are interested in learning more, join the Young Adult Connect Group on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. for John Eldredge's book, *Beautiful Outlaw*. The cost is \$12.

Register | athensfirstumc.org/registration

Beth Dickinson | beth@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

A Virtual Tour of the Holy Land

Take a virtual tour of the Holy Land this summer as we watch *The Way*, by Adam Hamilton, featuring clips from Israel and Palestine. This is a six-week Bible study, sponsored by the Single Adult Sunday School Class and is open to all who would like to attend. Learn the history and geography of the area and see the present-day locations while walking in the footsteps of Jesus. This study begins Sunday, June 5, at 9:45 a.m. in room 301 (up the stairs on the pulpit side of the Sanctuary). The cost is \$13. For more information, contact Bonnie Pope or just show up one Sunday!

Bonnie Pope | bunnyseepuppy@gmail.com

Planting Seed for the Future

You are invited to serve within the children's ministry as we build disciples and change the hearts of our children. If you are interested in learning more about any of the following opportunities, please contact Robin Stewart or Sarah Lawing.

Sunday mornings:

- Hold babies in the nursery
- Teach music to children age 2 through 5
- Help with children in elementary Sunday school
- Help with children in grades 5 and 6 in Route 56

Sunday evenings:

- Help with Route 56

Wednesday nights:

- Help with Kids Music and Arts
- Help facilitate a Route 56 Bible study

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Sarah Lawing | sarah@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

Leslie Rogers | leslie@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

Recreation Summer Camps

Volunteers are needed for various sports camps this summer! If you enjoy working with young children, we would love your help with the basketball and volleyball summer camps coming up. Experience with these sports would be appreciated. Contact Mary Claire for information. Mary Claire Wills | maryclaire@athensfirstumc.org

Summer Prayer Shawl Ministry

For the summer, Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Panera Bread. Bring your handiwork and all are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Dianne Morrison. Dianne Morrison | dianne.morrison@gmail.com

Wonderlife | Women's Small Group

Wonderlife: A Not-So-Perfect Guide to Who You are and Why You're Here, by Mike Foster (author of *Freeway*), is a small-group curriculum based on four simple principles that will help you embrace the purpose God has for your life. The innovative workbook is designed to show you how to experience the joy and wonder of being the you that God made you to be. The cost of the book is \$20. Join

Jennifer Foster and other women for this new small-group experience on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. starting June 14 in room 224. For more information, contact Jennifer Foster. Jennifer Foster | jjnfoster@gmail.com | 706-543-1442

Are You Interested in Missions?

Members of our church are nominated to serve on our Missions Advisory Board. This group works to discern how God is calling our church to serve in the community and the world. We are currently seeking to fill seats on this board. Individuals can self-nominate or nominate others. Mandatory meeting attendance, participation in our Missions Ministry, and an understanding of our mission and vision are a few of the requirements for serving. For more details about the responsibilities and expectations or to express interest in this service opportunity, contact Betsy. Betsy Butler | betsy@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

Sack Lunch Ministry

This summer, consider volunteering to prepare and distribute sack lunches on Sunday mornings with our Sack Lunch Ministry! This is a great way to serve our community with your family or friends. Please contact Mary Young or Betsy Butler for more information and available dates. Learn More | athensfirstumc.org/sacklunchministry
Mary Young | macy.young@gmail.com
Betsy Butler | betsy@athensfirstumc.org

Children's Consignment Sale

As our Annual Children's Consignment Sale approaches, here are ways you can volunteer:

1. Plan to attend Tagging Tuesdays this summer (every Tuesday in June and July, beginning June 14) to help sort and tag clothes.
2. Volunteer to help August 8-13 to organize, hang, and price clothing.
3. Volunteer to help during the sale; inventory control, check-out attendant, and cashiers.

All volunteers get to shop at the preview sale on Thursday evening, August 11! 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 with any questions. Mary Claire Wills | maryclaire@athensfirstumc.org

This Week

SUNDAY, MAY 29 | GALATIANS 1:6-12

- 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
- Families on the Fifth** HANCOCK HALL
- Grade 5 & 6 Sunday School: Fuel** FIRST FLOOR
- Youth Sunday School: First Word** FIRST FLOOR
- 10:00 a.m. **Sack Lunch Ministry** HULL STREET ENTRANCE
- 11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** SANCTUARY
- Preschool Nursery** FIRST FLOOR

MONDAY, MAY 30 | I KINGS 17:8-16

Memorial Day—office is closed

TUESDAY, MAY 31 | I KINGS 17:17-24

- 10:00 a.m. **Vacation Bible School Volunteer Training** ROOM 222
- 6:00 p.m. **Girls' Spring Volleyball League** GYM
- 7:00 p.m. **Boy Scouts Troop 1** SCOUT HUT

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1 | PSALM 146:1-4

- 9:00 a.m. **Music and Arts Week**
- 11:30 a.m. **Smart Lunch, Smart Kid** ROOM 100
- 5:30 p.m. **66 Love Letters | Women's Bible Study** HULL CONFERENCE ROOM
- 5:45 p.m. **Men's Prayer Group** ROOM 226
- 6:00 p.m. **Volleyball Camp** GYM
- 6:30 p.m. **Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** ROOM 148
- The Battle Plan for Prayer** ROOM 240

THURSDAY, JUNE 2 | PSALM 146:5-10

- 9:00 a.m. **Music and Arts Week**
- 10:00 a.m. **Our Daily Bread** FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH DOWNTOWN
- 5:00 p.m. **Worthy for Worship Workshop** HANCOCK HALL
- 6:00 p.m. **Adult Softball** BISHOP PARK
- Volleyball Camp** GYM
- 7:00 p.m. **Connect Group (Young Adult)** ROOM 222

FRIDAY, JUNE 3 | GALATIANS 1:11-24

- 9:00 a.m. **Music and Arts Week**

SATURDAY, JUNE 4 | LUKE 7:11-17

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