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ATHENS FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER 19, 2017
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. Newcomer Orientation is held the second Sunday of each month at 9:45 a.m. in the Hospitality Room.

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 2017 | \$3,038,381
Amount Given YTD | \$2,739,508
Goal for November | \$241,742
Amount after 1 Sunday | \$96,216

Attendance on November 12

Total Worship | 1380
8:30 a.m. | 127
9:45 a.m. | 516
11:00 a.m. | 601
Online | 136
Sunday School | 295

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The Worship of God

8:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” | arr. Sufjan Stevens

Flowers

The flowers on the altar
are given to the glory
of God and in loving
memory Mr. and Mrs.
Edmund A. Booth,
Mr. and Mrs. C.D.
Booth, Mr. and Mrs. J.H.
Finney by Bob Booth
and Ed Booth, Jr.

Prelude Lyrics

The text to this song
can be found on page
400 of the hymnal.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Betsy Butler

PSALM 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

We are the Lord's; we are the people of God, the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!

Give thanks and bless God's name!

For the Lord is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

UMH 694 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” | ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*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.**

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 71 “Glory Be to the Father”

**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.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Katie Elder

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

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea creation's revealing Your majesty. From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring. Every creature unique in the song that it sings all exclaiming - Indescribable, uncontainable, You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name. You are amazing God. All powerful, untameable; awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim You are amazing God. Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow. Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light, yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night. None can fathom.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Indescribable" | Chris Tomlin

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" | 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.

SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 100 | p. 522 OLD TESTAMENT

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"\$100.00 Word" | Chuck Hodges

HYMN OF PREPARATION

UMH 131 "We Gather Together" | KREMSER

Verses 1-2

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed, ever-living God, to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus had a meal with his friends. He took a loaf of bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it and gave it to his disciples. He said, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, and after giving thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

Let us pray:

Creating God, we give you thanks for the grain farmers, the bread bakers, the grape growers, the juice makers. We see the fruits of the harvest, watch trees in the wind, inhale the fragrance of the seasons. Redeeming God, we give you thanks for all that we remember as we share this meal: your birth, your life, your death and resurrection, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Song Lyrics

Your labor is not in vain, though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained. Your planting and reaping are never the same. Your labor is not in vain. Your labor is not unknown, though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan. The place of your toil may not seem like a home, but Your labor is not unknown. I am with you, for I have called you, called you by name. Your labor is not in vain. The vineyards you plant will bear fruit. The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth. For all that is old will at last be made new. The vineyards you plant will bear fruit. The houses you labored to build will finally with laughter and joy be filled. The serpent that hurts and destroys will be killed, and all that is broken be healed.

Receiving of the Elements

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 elements are available at the center station in the front of the sanctuary.

Music During Holy Communion

"Your Labor Is Not in Vain" | Wendell Kimbrough, Isaac Wardell, Paul Zach

Prayer After Receiving

Sustaining God, like a generous friend you share the whole world with us, and fill our cup to overflowing. For your presence with us, around us, beneath us, within us, behind us, and in front of us: we, your children, are most grateful, and we thank you, Lord. May this meal we have shared renew us and inspire us to join more joyfully with you to work in this world. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

UMH 102 "Now Thank We All Our God" | NUN DANKET

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God" | Sigfrid Karg-Elert

The Worship of God

9:45 &
11:00 a.m.

Gathering

Flowers

The flowers on the altar
are given to the glory
of God and in loving
memory Mr. and Mrs.
Edmund A. Booth,
Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Booth,
Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Finney
by Bob Booth and
Ed Booth, Jr.

THE PRELUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God with Sing to the Lord of Harvest” | arr. Hakes
Rung by the Carillon Ringers

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

“Christians, We Have Met To Worship”
Sung by the Sanctuary Choir

Praise & Thanksgiving

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

UMH 102 “Now Thank We All our God” | NUN DANKET

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR THANKSGIVING

Betsy Butler

**We believe in God the Creator, who created and is creating everything:
the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us; each of us,
unique, individual, and beloved of God.**

**We believe in God the Christ, who saved and is saving everything: the
universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us; each of us, unique,
individual, and beloved of God.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who guided and is guiding
everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us;
each of us, unique, individual, and beloved of God.**

**We believe that this one God in three persons, is present among us,
working directly in our lives and the lives of all who are born into this
world, striving to bring us back into harmony with all creation and with
God: forgiving, healing, touching everyone, never rejecting any who
willingly receive this freely offered gift of love and grace and eternal
life. Amen.**

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 71 "Glory Be to the Father"

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**

Anthem Lyrics

Look at the world,
everything all around us.
Look at the world, and
marvel every day. Look
at the world: so many
joys and wonders, so
many miracles along
our way. Praise to thee,
O Lord for all creation.
Give us thankful hearts
that we may see: all
the gifts we share, and
every blessing, all
things come of thee.
Look at the earth
bringing forth fruit
and flower, look at the
sky the sunshine and
the rain. Look at the
hills, look at the trees
and mountains, valley
and flowing river, field
and plain. Think of the
spring, think of the
warmth of summer
bringing the harvest
before winter's cold.
Everything grows,
everything has a season,
till it is gathered to the
Father's fold. Every
good gift, all that we
need and cherish,
comes from the Lord in
token of his love. We
are his hands, stewards
of all his bounty. His is
the earth and his the
heavens above.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

9:45 a.m. | Ellison Lynn Willis, daughter of Ansley and Lee Willis

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

11:00 a.m. | Michael Doss Miller, son of Brook and Flynn Miller

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Martha Aenkbacher

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

Katie Elder

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.

THE OFFERING AND THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Look at the World" | John Rutter

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir; Christopher Mason, conductor

***THE DOXOLOGY**

UMH 94 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” | LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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.

Proclamation of the Word

THE SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 100 | p. 522 OLD TESTAMENT

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

“\$100.00 Word” | Chuck Hodges

Response to the Word

***THE HYMN**

UMH 92 “For the Beauty of the Earth” | DIX

Verses 1-5

Sending Forth

***THE THANKSGIVING BLESSING**

Almighty God, from whom comes each good gift of life, we remember your loving kindness and your uncounted mercies as we join in grateful praise. For all your gifts to us and to our human race; for our life and the world in which we live,

we give you thanks, O God.

For the order and constancy of nature; for the beauty and bounty of the world; for day and night, summer and winter, seed-time and harvest; for the varied joys which every season brings,

we give you thanks, O God.

For the work and the truth we are permitted to discover; good there has been in our past, and for all the hopes which lead us on toward better things,

we give you thanks, O God.

For all the joys and comforts of life; for homes and families; for our friends; for the love, sympathy, and goodwill of persons near and far,

we give you thanks, O God.

For all cultures, wise government and just laws which order our common life; for education and all the treasures of literature, science, and art,

we give you thanks, O God.

For the discipline of life; for the tasks and trials which train us to know ourselves and which bring us to accept one another,

we give you thanks, O God.

For the desire and power to help others; for every opportunity of serving our generation in ways large or small,

we give you thanks, O God.

For the gift of Jesus Christ, and everything which is ours as his disciples; for the presence and inspiration of your Holy Spirit throughout our days,

we give you thanks, O God.

For the tender ties which bind us to the unseen world; for the faith which dispels the shadows of earth and fills the closing years of life with the light of hope,

we give you thanks, O God.

God of all grace and love, we have praised you with our lips for all the richness and meaning that life holds for us. Now send us into the world to praise you with our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

UMH 92 "For the Beauty of the Earth" | DIX

**For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

*** THE POSTLUDE**

"Now Thank We All Our God" | Sigfrid Karg-Elert



Senior Fun is excited to host our annual Home for the Holidays event where we invite homebound church members to a delicious meal and wonderful Christmas music program performed by the brass department of the Hugh Hodgson School of Music. Home for the Holidays will be Thursday, December 7, at 12:30 p.m. in Hancock Hall. There is no cost for our special homebound guests, and the cost is \$6 for all others. If you are caring for an aging parent at home or have caregivers you employ, please know that all are invited and welcome to attend this special luncheon! If you need transportation, please let us know. Call the church office to make your reservation by Tuesday, December 5. Contact Martha with any questions.

Church office | 706-543-1442

Martha Aenchbacher | martha@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

New Arrival

Congratulations to Kathryn and David Schiliro on the birth of their son, Paul Conally, on November 1.

Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Don Law and his family in the loss of his father, Donald Royal Law, on November 3.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Pat Holland and her family in the loss of her mother, Eldoria Barnes, on November 5.



Special Offering | Today

Today, we will take up a special offering for Aldersgate Homes. Aldersgate is a related agency of the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church serving persons with developmental disabilities. Aldersgate assists adults in securing safe, comfortable, affordable residential placements as well as opportunities for accessible recreational activities. Please make checks payable to AFUMC, but please add "Aldersgate" to the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

The Interfaith Clergy Partnership of Greater Athens (ICPGA) is hosting an interfaith Thanksgiving service today at 4:30 p.m. in the Grand Hall of the UGA Tate Center. Members of our Sanctuary Choir will be participating in the ecumenical choir. The service will be followed by a reception. Parking at Tate Center parking deck will be free.

Route 56: Music and Missions

Today, some of our students in grades 5-6 will be singing at Iris Place, eating together, and shopping for Christmas gifts for local families at Walmart. Our Music and Missions event is always well received and a lot of fun. Please be in prayer for us as we help our students spread the joy and love of this season throughout our community.

Pickleball

Join us Tuesday, November 21, from 1:30-3:00 p.m. in our gym to play pickleball, a great sport consisting of ping pong, tennis, and badminton all in one! We enjoy fellowship while getting exercise; this is a great game for active adults. We meet most Tuesdays and Wednesdays, but check the webpage for changes in schedule. Contact Rusty for more information.

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



Office Closed | Thanksgiving

Happy Thanksgiving from the Athens First United Methodist Church staff. The church office will close Wednesday, November 22, at 12:00 p.m. for the Thanksgiving holidays. We will reopen on Monday, November 27. Services will remain at 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 26.

Wednesday Night Meals

There will be no Wednesday Night Meal this week. Please take time to enjoy family and friends. You may register for the next Wednesday Night Meal on Wednesday, December 6, online.

Register | athensfirstumc.org/wednesdaynightmeals



GriefShare

In preparation for Thanksgiving, there will be no GriefShare on Wednesday, November 22. Join us the following Wednesday, November 29, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in room 100. This faith-based curriculum led by Martha Aenchbacher is for those grieving the death of a friend or family member and features nationally recognized experts on grief and recovery topics. New participants are welcome to join at any time. Please register online; there is a \$20 cost to cover the workbook.

Learn more | athensfirstumc.org/griefshare

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Poinsettias

Purchase poinsettias in honor or memory of a loved one through the church office. The flowers will be placed in the sanctuary by the Flower Guild on Sunday, December 17, and a booklet listing all of those participating will be available in the narthex. The flowers may be picked up after the 11:00 a.m. worship service the same day. Orders with payment may be made at the church office or by mail. Orders must be made no later than November 27. The price is \$11 per plant. Contact Cookie Daniel with questions.

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Interfaith Hospitality Network

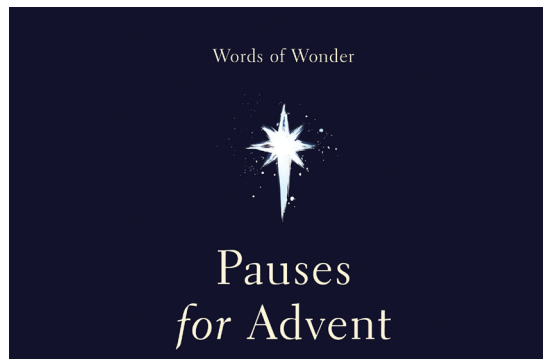
During the week of November 26-December 2, we are partnering with the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Athens to host displaced families in our community in need of temporary housing. There are numerous ways to serve throughout the week. These opportunities include driving

the IHNA van, preparing a meal, spending time hosting our guests in the evening and overnight, and helping with set-up and take-down at the beginning and end of the week. There is a place for everyone to be involved with this wonderful ministry! For more information and detailed descriptions of these volunteer opportunities, please visit our webpage or contact Betsy Butler or Sarah Beth Barger.

Learn More | athensfirstumc.org/ihn

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Pauses for Advent | Advent Study

Pauses for Advent by Trevor Hudson focuses on one biblical word of wonder each day of Advent. Pausing for a few moments will guide us to a deeper understanding of Advent and help us discover how we can open our hearts and lives more generously to God. Join Dianne Morrison for this new study on Wednesday evenings from 6:45-7:45 p.m., beginning November 29 through December 13 in room 200. The cost of the book is \$7. For more information, contact Dianne Morrison. Please register online.

Register | athensfirstumc.org/registration

Dianne Morrison | dianne.morrison@gmail.com

Christmas Giving

Throughout November, we will offer many opportunities to support local children and families who are in need during the holidays. We are partnering with local non-profit agencies to provide gifts for children through Salvation Army Angel Tree and families through Project Safe. We will also be collecting gift cards for Interfaith Hospitality Network of Athens families. Please be sure that all gifts are

unwrapped. However, as an additional gift to these families, please include wrapping materials so that parents can be included in the gift giving experience. All gifts for Christmas Giving are due December 4 to room 110. If you are interested in supporting a child or family in this way, please contact Sarah Beth Barger or Jennifer Golden. Thank you for the many ways you share God's love in our community!

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706-543-1442

Jennifer Golden | jkgolden19@gmail.com | 706-543-1442

The Ark | Foster Family Support

The Ark is launching a donations drive benefiting foster care families who will have a new family member arrive in the near future! Often these families receive little to no advance warning before welcoming a child into their home. The Ark's goal is to pack 200 Family Placement Packs this December, and we are serving as a drop-off location. We will be collecting the following items: children's books, games, diapers, baby wipes, onesies, teething toys, plush toys, bibs, and bottles. The collection box is located on a display table in the youth hallway. For more information please contact Betsy Butler or Sarah Beth Barger.

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Advent Family Breakfast

Join us as we begin our "Journey to Bethlehem" at the Advent Family Breakfast and Worship Service on Sunday, December 3, in Hancock Hall. This is a special time designed to engage the hearts and minds of all ages as we look toward Christmas. Enjoy a pancake breakfast including

pancakes with toppings, bacon, eggs, and fruit from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. After breakfast, experience an interactive worship service together at 9:45 a.m. Please register online for the pancake breakfast to facilitate planning and preparation.

Register | athensfirstumc.org/familyevents

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



Carols for Advent and Christmas

Join us Sunday, December 3, at 7:00 p.m. to hear the Chamber Ensemble host Carols for Advent and Christmas in the chapel. Come celebrate the first Sunday of Advent as we prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus and take time to pause from the busyness of the season to reflect and hear the story again through word and song.

Stephen Mitchell | stephen@athensfirstumc.org
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#ChuckStrong T-shirts

We are still selling our new #ChuckStrong T-shirts. We have adult sizes small through XX-large. You may order online or contact Betsy Butler.

Order | athensfirstumc.org/chuckstrong

Betsy Butler | betsy@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

Community Christmas Party

We have the opportunity to partner with Action Ministries, First Baptist Church, Chapelwood United Methodist Church, Oconee Street United Methodist church, and Janssen Pharmaceuticals to host our Community Christmas Party! Join us for this service-centered event on Wednesday,

December 20, in Hancock Hall. Together, we will serve a free meal and provide winter necessities to community guests in need. Set-up for the event will begin at 9:30 a.m. and we will begin serving the meal at 12:00 p.m. Although this new event will take the place of our annual Christmas Community Meal, we look forward to continuing the tradition of coming together and serving our neighbors for the Christmas season. If you are interested in volunteering to help set up, greet guests, serve food, wash dishes, or hand out winter items, please contact Betsy Butler or Sarah Beth Barger.

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Sarah Beth Barger | sarahbeth@athensfirstumc.org

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Red Cross Blood Drive

Join us Tuesday, December 19, to give the gift of blood! The holidays are a time when blood is most needed, and we are happy to host a blood drive to help those in need! Many in our church family have been beneficiaries of blood transfusions and platelets and we are excited to continue to serve our community in this way. The Red Cross blood drive will be in Hancock Hall from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Contact Sarah Beth Barger to schedule an appointment to give blood; however, walk-ins are always welcome! Sarah Beth Barger | sarahbeth@athensfirstumc.org 706-543-1442

Souper Supper

Save the date! Souper Supper is just around corner. Beginning January 11 we will invite our community guests to dinner at the church each Thursday. If you are interested in getting involved or serving, mark your calendars and

contact Betsy Butler or Sarah Beth Barger.

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Parenting with Purpose | January 28

Kari Kampakis is a blogger, author, speaker, and newspaper columnist whose popular books for teens and tweens have been used widely across the country to empower them through faith. Kari offers practical advice, loving support, and insightful discussion for families in the digital age. As part of our ongoing Parenting with Purpose series, we look forward to hosting Kari for two events on Sunday, January 28. At 4:30 p.m. there will be a session for mothers and daughters (fifth grade and older) called "Dear Girls, You are Stronger Than You Think." At 6:30 p.m. there will be a session for the parents of pre-teens and teenagers called "How to Love Your Teenager: Navigating Your Relationship into the Teen Years." Please visit our webpage for more information and registration for each of these events.

Learn more | athensfirstumc.org/pwp

Robin Stewart | robin@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

This Week

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 | MATTHEW 25:14-30

- 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
Youth Sunday School: First Word ROOM 119
Route 56: Fuel ROOM 120
Elementary Sunday School: Holy Ground CHAPEL
Kindergarten Sunday School: City on a Hill ROOM 311 & 313
- 10:00 a.m. **Sack Lunch Ministry** HULL STREET ENTRANCE
- 11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** SANCTUARY
Preschool Nursery FIRST FLOOR
- 12:00 p.m. **Thanksgiving Ingathering** ROOM 119
- 1:00 p.m. **Children's Basketball** GYM
- 3:00 p.m. **Cub Scout Pack 1 Meeting** HANCOCK HALL
- 4:00 p.m. **Route 56 Music and Mission Trip** DEPARTING FROM CHURCH PARKING LOT
- 4:30 p.m. **Connect and Grow Group** JOHN WESLEY PARLOR
- 4:45 p.m. **Connect and Grow Group** ROOM 200

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20 | EZEKIEL 34:11-16

- 10:00 a.m. **UMW Circle 1 Meeting** ROOM 100
UMW Circle 3 Meeting THE HOME OF DIANNE WALL
- 1:15 p.m. **Disciplines Devotional Bible Study** ROOM 200
- 4:00 p.m. **Children's Basketball** GYM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21 | EZEKIEL 34:20-24

- 1:30 p.m. **Pickleball** GYM
- 4:00 p.m. **Children's Basketball** GYM
- 5:30 p.m. **Fashion Fitness** ROOM 120
- 7:00 p.m. **Boy Scouts Troop 1** SCOUT HUT

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 | EPHESIANS 1:15-17

- 10:00 a.m. **Wesleyan Youth Choir Alumni Breakfast** PANERA BREAD
- 12:00 p.m. **Church Office Closes**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 | PSALM 100

Thanksgiving Day—office is closed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24 | EPHESIANS 1:18-23

Office is closed, no programming

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25 | MATTHEW 25:14-30

- 9:00 a.m. **Children's Basketball** GYM

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