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# ATHENS FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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OCTOBER 15, 2017  
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.

## *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 | \$2,420,285

Goal for October | \$238,197

Amount after 1 Sunday | \$85,577

## *Attendance on October 8*

Total Worship | 888

8:30 a.m. | 173

9:45 a.m. | 290

11:00 a.m. | 323

Online | 102

Sunday School | 325

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# The Worship of God

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8:30 a.m.

## PRELUDE

“Come Ye Sinners” | words by Joseph Hart; arr. Norton Hall Band

### *Flowers*

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Audrey and Charlie Richardson, and Nira and Philip Haggard by Beth and Patrick Haggard.

### *Prelude Lyrics*

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power. Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify; true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you night. I will arise and go to Jesus. He will embrace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Betsy Butler

God has gathered us to this place,

**where we hear those stories which show us what the kingdom of God is like.**

God summons us to this place,

**where we can learn how to serve our God without reservation or hesitation.**

God will send us from this place,

**to tell others of God's hopes and dreams, so they, too, can choose to follow God.**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

UMH 529 “How Firm a Foundation” | FOUNDATION

## \*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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sarah Lawing

### *Anthem Lyrics*

Blessed are you, as you  
weep on your knees  
with perfume and tears  
washing over my feet.  
Blessed are you, beggar,  
hopeless and blind calling  
for mercy when I'm  
passing by. Blessed are  
you, shaking your head  
at two tiny fish and some  
bread. Blessed are you,  
walking on waves to find  
yourself sinking when you  
look away. Blessed are you,  
leper, standing alone, the  
fear on their faces, is all  
that you've known. Blessed  
are you, lonely widow  
who gave your last shiny  
coin to Yahweh. Blessed  
are you with your silver  
and lies, kissing the One  
who's saving your life.  
Blessed are you as you  
tremble and wait for the  
first stone thrown at  
your sinful disgrace. Tell  
me your story, show me  
your wounds. I'll show  
you what Love sees when  
Love looks at you. Hand  
me the pieces, broken  
and bruised, and I'll show  
you what Love sees when  
Love sees you. I see what  
I made in your mother's  
womb. I see the day I fell  
in love with you. I see  
your tomorrows, nothing  
left to chance. I see my  
Father's fingerprints. I see  
your story, I see my name  
written on every beautiful  
page. You see the struggle,  
you see the shame. I see  
the reason I came. I came  
for your story, I came for  
your wounds to show you  
what Love sees when I  
see you.

## 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.**

## OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"When Love Sees You (Jesus)" | Mac Powell

### \*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

LUKE 19:1-10 | p. 77 NEW TESTAMENT

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

"More Than a Fairy Tale" | Chuck Hodges

## HYMN OF PREPARATION

UMH 347 "Spirit Song" | SPIRIT SONG

Verse 1

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Come to the table of Jesus our Redeemer!

**Jesus invites us here to be part of the people of God.**

Come to the table humbly,

**not because we have earned a place here, but because we need mercy and help.**

Come because you love God, and want to love God more.

**Come because Jesus first loved us, and gave himself for us.**

Come because you want to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

**We come to experience the mystery of God's grace.**

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:

**God our Creator, thank you for the gift of your son Jesus Christ, whose love pursues us our whole life long. Thank you Jesus, for giving your life to us in word and deed, even unto death, even death on a cross. Come Holy Spirit, feed us with your love, that we may be filled with power to love God with all our hearts and souls and minds. Amen.**

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.

*Song Lyrics*

Bring your worry, grief  
and pain, every cause  
you have for shame, lay  
it all down. When your  
cares have buried you  
and there's nothing left  
to do, lay it all down at  
the feet of Jesus. Carried  
on, but your heart was  
tired. Feared the worst  
and felt the fire. Lay it all  
down. Filled with all those  
anxious thoughts, all your  
doubts became your god.  
Lay it all down at the feet  
of Jesus. When we've  
given up on better days  
there are memories we  
can't erase, lay it all down.  
We've come to fear what  
we can't explain. There's  
nothing here that can  
ease the pain. Lay it all  
down at the feet of Jesus.

Music During Holy Communion

"Lay It All Down" | Will Reagan

Prayer After Receiving

**We have come to the Lord's table, we have eaten the bread of heaven. God is the one who will transform us so that we can see with Jesus' eyes, hear with Jesus' ears, speak with Jesus' mouth, so that we can be the body of Christ in the world, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom. Come Lord Jesus! Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

UMH 547 "O Church of God, United" | ELLACOMBE

**\*BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

"Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him" | A.L. Page

# The Worship of God

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9:45 &  
11:00 a.m.

## Gathering

### *Flowers*

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### THE PRELUDE

9:45 a.m. | “Enduring Gladness” | Ron Mallory

*Rung by the Carillon Ringers*

11:00 a.m. | “Joyance” | Ron Mallory

*Rung by the Alleluia Ringers*

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

9:45 a.m. | “Christians, We Have Met To Worship”

*Sung by the Sanctuary Choir*

11:00 a.m. | “Sing Praise to the Lord” | Ruth Elaine Schram

*Sung by the Joy Choir; Patti Pitts and Josh Luke, directors; Rosemary Belger, accompanist; Marley Bain, youth helper*

## Praise & Thanksgiving

### \*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

UMH 400 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” | NETTLETON

### \*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Betsy Butler

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. 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

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

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

Dulaney Frances and Ridley Ethelyn Wilson, daughters of Kate and Brock  
**Children, children, 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. Children, children, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.**

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

Sarah Lawing

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

“Where Peace Has Always Been” | Michael John Trotta

*Sung by the Sanctuary Choir; Emma Robertson, soprano solo*

This piece was written in August 2017 for our choir. The inscription at the top of the music reads, "In loving memory of Stan and Julia Warren. Commissioned by Pat Daugherty for the Sanctuary Choir of Athens First United Methodist Church; Stephen Mitchell, Director of Music."

## \*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.**

### *Anthem Lyrics*

Be still my soul! Release  
from deep within; find in  
God's loving will where  
peace has always been.  
For little do you know,  
for little can you see,  
unfoldings of the plan that  
grasps eternity. When  
you look all around, and  
you look deep within, you  
will find where peace  
has always been. Be  
not afraid, my love for  
you shall never fade. As  
flowers blossom in the  
field, and soaring birds  
shall have their fill, the  
harvests you shall yield,  
shall be much greater still.

## *Proclamation of the Word*

### THE SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 19:1-10 | p. 77 NEW TESTAMENT

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### THE SERMON

“More Than a Fairy Tale” | Chuck Hodges

## *Response to the Word*

### \*THE HYMN

UMH 419 “I am Thine, O Lord” | I AM THINE

## *Sending Forth*

### \*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

“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him” | A.L. Pag



## #ChuckStrong T-shirts



#ChuckStrong t-shirts are for sale once again. This year, we've added "Hope Is in the Research." Shirts are a darker gray this year and a slightly wider, more traditional cut. All pre-ordered shirts will be available at the Light the Night walk. Today, we will have a registration sheet available in the library. Your balance can be paid when you pick up your shirts. You may also pre-order online. Shirts are \$25 and all profits will be donated to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society for further research. Shirts are available in adult sizes small through XX-large.

***[athensfirstumc.org/chuckstrong](http://athensfirstumc.org/chuckstrong)***

## New Arrival

Congratulations to Rebecca and Clay Alliston on the birth of their daughter, Mary Cullen Alliston, on October 2.

Congratulations to Ben and Bianca Douglas on the birth of their son, John Hughes, on October 4. John is the grandson of Bill and Laurie Douglas.

## Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Barbara Guyer and her family in the loss of her mother, Ann Basinger, on October 8.



## Wednesday Night Meals

The meal on Wednesday, October 18, is provided by Taziki's Mediterranean Cafe. Join us for grilled chicken with pasta, Mediterranean salad, and a cookie. Order your meal online or by calling the church office by Tuesday at noon. All are invited to attend and encouraged to spend time together during our Wednesday Night Meal. For more information, contact Cindy. If you have trouble ordering online, church staff can help you order your meal. Volunteers eat free. Register online to volunteer.

Register | [athensfirstumc.org/wednesdaynightmeals](https://athensfirstumc.org/wednesdaynightmeals)

Cindy McKoy | [cindy@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:cindy@athensfirstumc.org) | 706-543-1442

## Pickleball

Join us Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. in the gym to play pickleball. Pickleball will continue weekly throughout the fall; we hope you will join us! For more information and a full list of dates, please see our webpage.

Register | [athensfirstumc.org/pickleball](https://athensfirstumc.org/pickleball)

Rusty Wood | [rusty@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:rusty@athensfirstumc.org) | 706-543-1442

## Seeking Full-time Facilities Technician

We are hiring! Do you know someone with HVAC, plumbing, and electrical experience? If so, please share this information! The church is seeking a full-time Facilities Technician to serve in all areas associated with the physical plant and grounds. Working hours are on a rotating-shift basis with weekend shifts expected. You can learn more about the position and how to apply online. Questions may be directed to Ron Young.

Learn more | [athensfirstumc.org/employment](https://athensfirstumc.org/employment)

Ron Young | [ron@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:ron@athensfirstumc.org) | 706-543-1442

## Sack Lunch Ministry

Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve sack lunches for members of the community on Sunday mornings. This is a great way to serve our community with your family and friends. If you are interested in serving or have any questions, please contact Mary Young or Betsy Butler. Betsy Butler | [betsy@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:betsy@athensfirstumc.org) | 706-543-1442 Mary Young | [young.macy@gmail.com](mailto:young.macy@gmail.com)



## The Timothy Advantage

The Children's Council is pleased to announce The Timothy Advantage, an inter-generational teaching ministry. Adults of all ages are invited to partner together to make "little" disciples by serving our children in grades 1-6 on Sunday mornings during Sunday school.

Timothy learned scripture at an early age from his mother and grandmother. This faith-based education primed Timothy for his mentorship as a young man with the Apostle Paul. As a congregation we have the honor and privilege to teach the next generation. Serving as a

Sunday school teacher is one such way that we can help prepare our children. We hope you'll join us in the Timothy Advantage as we partner together to teach and inspire the next generation. If you are interested in joining the Timothy Advantage, please contact Robin Stewart.

Robin Stewart | [robin@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:robin@athensfirstumc.org) | 706-543-1442



## GriefShare

Join us Wednesday, October 18, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in room 100 as we learn how being honest with God is an expression of our faith. This faith-based curriculum led by Martha Aenchbacher is for those grieving the death of a friend or family member 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](http://athensfirstumc.org/griefshare)

Martha Aenchbacher | [martha@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:martha@athensfirstumc.org)

706-543-1442

## Senior Fun Luncheon | October 26

UGA Hodgson Singers will present the program for our Senior Fun Luncheon on Thursday, October 26. This internationally acclaimed group of 50 singers, directed by Dr. Dan Bara, will present a program for our Senior Fun group following the 12:30 p.m. luncheon. Lunch costs \$6. All who are over 50 are encouraged to register now by calling the church office. Reservations should be placed by 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 25. For questions, please contact Dan Maxey.

Dan Maxey | 706-340-5097

Church Office | 706-543-1442

## Sparrow's Nest Keep Warm Project

Sparrow's Nest is collecting cold weather items from now until October 26 for their Keep Warm Project. This project caters to the less fortunate and homeless in our neighborhoods, including those who are seeking recovery or are currently in recovery. This project will collect and distribute the following items: food, hygiene products, warm hats, blankets, tents, sleeping bags, socks, gloves, book bags, and new undergarments.

If you are interested in donating your new or used items, please deliver items directly to the Sparrow's Nest. If you have any questions please contact Betsy Butler or the Sparrow's Nest.

Betsy Butler | [betsy@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:betsy@athensfirstumc.org) | 706-543-1442

Sparrow's Nest | [sparrowsnest425@gmail.com](mailto:sparrowsnest425@gmail.com)

706-549-6693

Address | 745 Prince Ave. Athens, GA 30606

## Charge Conference | October 29

There will be a called charge conference on Sunday, October 29, at 12:00 p.m. in Hancock Hall. We hope you can attend!

## Families on the Fifth | PRAYground

Join us Sunday, October 29, at 9:45 a.m. in Hancock Hall for Families on the Fifth. PRAYground is a place where prayer and play will be combined to offer engaging prayer experiences for children and parents. This interactive story time will be followed by hands-on prayer activities.

Robin Stewart | [robin@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:robin@athensfirstumc.org) | 706-543-1442

## Children's Basketball | Register Today

Our children's basketball season will begin October 30. Registration closes Sunday, October 22. If your child is in pre-k through grade 5 and is interested in learning the game of basketball and building athletic skills while growing in Christ, register online! Contact Rusty for any additional information.

Register | [athensfirstumc.org/registration](http://athensfirstumc.org/registration)

Rusty Wood | [rusty@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:rusty@athensfirstumc.org) | 706-543-1442

## College Care Packages

The youth will be collecting supplies for college care packages from now until Sunday morning, November 5. You can drop off shopping list items and empty shoe boxes in marked collection bins in the youth hallway. Please stick to bringing in these items on the shopping list: cookies, candy, granola bars, pop-tarts, bags of ground coffee, boxes of tea, ballpoint pens, mechanical pencils, sticky notes, highlighters, and index cards.

If you would like your college student to receive a care package, please email the name and school address of your student to Laney Jones by Sunday morning, November 5. Be sure to include if your student has any special dietary needs and/or allergies.

Laney Jones | [laney@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:laney@athensfirstumc.org) | 706-543-1442



## Light the Night | This Friday

Last year, we raised more than \$10,000 as a team for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Light The Night fundraiser. This event raises funds in support of research for blood cancers. As there are no means of preventing or early screening for most blood cancers, the LLS research agenda is focused on finding cures. LLS drives research in areas of unmet medical need, and helps to bridge the gap between academic discovery and drug development. We hope to meet or beat our goal from last year and bring light to the darkness of cancer. Will you join us? The Light the Night walk will take place on Friday, October 20, at 5:00 p.m. at the Classic Center. Register to walk or donate to team #ChuckStrong online. You can also purchase a new #ChuckStrong t-shirt online.

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

## Souper Supper Save the Date

Save our date! Souper Supper is just around the corner. Beginning January 11, 2018, 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. Betsy Butler | [betsy@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:betsy@athensfirstumc.org) | 706-543-1442  
Sarah Beth Barger | [sarahbeth@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:sarahbeth@athensfirstumc.org)  
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## UMW Reading Program

A well-kept secret...the UMW has a reading program that is not just for United Methodist Women. New books are added each fall in a six-year cycle. This year, topics include the history of the United Methodist Church, the history of Indigenous people in the United States, Alzheimer's disease, and the importance of wellness in body and spirit. Each year, the program continues to focus on economic injustice, the environment, and intellectual and spiritual leadership. There is excellent material here for Sunday school lessons, small group discussions, as well as personal growth and enrichment. The books are located in a separate section in the church library and may be checked out like other library materials. Come take a look! For more information, contact Cindy Kuhlman.

Cindy Kuhlman | [kuhlman.gc@gmail.com](mailto:kuhlman.gc@gmail.com)



# Fall Festival



October 22 | 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Two Willows Farm  
1984 Lebanon Church Rd.  
Jefferson, GA 30549

Join us October 22 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. for an afternoon filled with good food, celebration, and family! Our annual Fall Festival will take place at Two Willows Farm in Jefferson, Georgia. We will have face painting, pumpkin decorating, doughnut races, a bounce house, hayrides, and more! Chicken fingers will be provided, but please bring a side dish to share. Help us prepare by registering your family by October 20! We look forward to seeing you there!  
Katie Elder | [katie@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:katie@athensfirstumc.org)

[athensfirstumc.org/registration](http://athensfirstumc.org/registration)

# This Week

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## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 | MATTHEW 22:1-14

- 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
- 3:00 p.m. **Cub Scout Pack 1 Meeting** HANCOCK HALL
- 3:45 p.m. **Agape Choir Rehearsal** ROOM 148
- 4:30 p.m. **Carillons Ringers** ROOM 150  
**Wesleyan Youth Choir** ROOM 148  
**Route 56: Open Road + Octane** ROOM 120  
**Connect and Grow Group** JOHN WESLEY PARLOR
- 4:45 p.m. **Connect and Grow Group** ROOM 200
- 5:30 p.m. **Alleluia Ringers** ROOM 150
- 5:45 p.m. **Youth: Encounter** ROOM 119
- 6:00 p.m. **Confirmation Lesson** HANCOCK HALL

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 16 | EXODUS 33:12-18

- 10:00 a.m. **Connect & Grow Women's Group** ROOM 200  
**UMW Circle 1 Meeting** ROOM 100  
**UMW Circle 3 Meeting** THE HOME OF DIANNE WALL
- 11:30 a.m. **The Love Languages of God** ROOM 222  
**UMW Circle 6 Meeting** THE HOME OF JOY BAILEY
- 1:15 p.m. **Disciplines Devotional Bible Study** ROOM 200
- 5:30 p.m. **Staff-Parish Relations Meeting** HULL CONFERENCE ROOM
- 6:00 p.m. **iRest Yoga** HANCOCK HALL
- 7:00 p.m. **Community Bible Study | Evening** HANCOCK HALL  
**Connect & Grow Group**

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 | EXODUS 33:19-23

- 8:30 a.m. **Community Bible Study Leaders Council** YOUTH AREA
- 9:15 a.m. **Wesley Leadership Meeting** HULL CONFERENCE ROOM
- 10:30 a.m. **Prayer Shawl Ministry** PANERA BREAD
- 1:30 p.m. **Pickleball** GYM
- 5:30 p.m. **Men's Prayer Group** ROOM 226  
**Fashion Fitness** ROOM 120  
**Connect & Grow Group** ROOM 229
- 6:30 p.m. **Disciple Fast Track | New Testament** ROOM 224
- 7:00 p.m. **Boy Scouts Troop 1** SCOUT HUT

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18 | PSALM 99:1-5

- 9:30 a.m. **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** ROOM 222  
10:00 a.m. **Discerning the Voice of God | Women's Study** ROOM 229  
**GriefShare | Wednesday Group** ROOM 100  
12:45 p.m. **Music Explorers** ROOM 314  
1:00 p.m. **The Calling of Peter | Women's Study** HULL CONFERENCE ROOM  
4:30 p.m. **Prayer Shawl Ministry** ROOM 200  
**Celebrate Worship Arts | Grades 3 & 4** ROOM 301  
**Lyric Choir | Grades 1 & 2** ROOM 151  
**Music Explorers** ROOM 314  
**Dance | Ages 4-5** ROOM 145  
4:45 p.m. **Early Book Group** ROOM 224  
5:00 p.m. **Wednesday Night Meal** HANCOCK HALL  
**Route 56: GPS** ROOM 120  
5:10 p.m. **Celebrate Choir | Grades 3 & 4** ROOM 151  
5:15 p.m. **Joy Choir | Kindergarten** ROOM 320  
**Sonshine Choir | Age 4** ROOM 325  
5:20 p.m. **Lyric Worship Arts | Grades 1 & 2** ROOM 301  
**Music Explorers** ROOM 314  
**Dance | Age 3** ROOM 145  
5:30 p.m. **66 Love Letters** JOHN WESLEY PARLOR  
**Connect Group | Young Married** ROOM 114  
6:00 p.m. **Youth Bible Study: Engage** ROOM 119  
6:30 p.m. **Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** ROOM 148  
**Disciple IV** ROOM 226  
**Soul Feast** ROOM 200  
**Connect & Grow Group** ROOM 224  
8:00 p.m. **Chamber Ensemble Rehearsal** ROOM 148

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 | PSALM 99:6-9

- 9:30 a.m. **Community Bible Study** HANCOCK HALL  
1:30 p.m. **Pickleball** GYM  
5:30 p.m. **Finance Committee Meeting** HULL CONFERENCE ROOM  
**Fashion Fitness** ROOM 120  
7:00 p.m. **Connect Group | Young Adult** ROOM 222  
**Smocking Group Meeting** HULL CONFERENCE ROOM

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 | 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 | MATTHEW 22:15-22

- 8:30 a.m. **Mobile Food Pantry** SANCTUARY  
9:15 a.m. **Youth Harvest Retreat** THE TIMBERLAKE FARM

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