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ATHENS FIRST
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2, 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 | \$2,034,814
Goal for August | \$244,941
Amount after 3 Sundays | \$208,200

Attendance on August 26

Total Worship | 1228
8:30 a.m. | 161
9:45 a.m. | 406
11:00 a.m. | 481
Online | 180
Sunday School | 434

Contact Us

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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 Woodlyn and Hoyt Chastain by Susanne and Woody Chastain, Betsey and Ricky Chastain, and their families.

GATHERING SONG

“Great Are You Lord” | David Leonard, Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan
Refrain

**It’s your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise, pour out our praise.
It’s your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to you only.**

INVOCATION

Betsy Butler

*HYMN OF PRAISE

UMH 152 “I Sing the Almighty Power of God” | FOREST GREEN

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Sarah Lawing

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Susan Taylor

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

“From This Valley” | John Paul White, Joy Williams, and Paul Madeira

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” | THE OLD IOOTH

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

EZEKIEL 37:1-14 | p. 759 OLD TESTAMENT

SERMON

“The Transforming Power of God” | Josh Miles

Anthem Lyrics

Oh, the desert dreams of a river that will run down to the sea like my heart longs for an ocean to wash down over me. Oh, won't you take me from this valley to that mountain high above? I will pray, pray, pray 'til I see your smiling face. I will pray, pray, pray to the one I love. Oh, the outcast dreams of acceptance, just to find pure love's embrace like an orphan longs for his mother. May you hold me in your grace. Oh, the caged bird dreams of a strong wind that will flow 'neath her wings like a voice longs for a melody, oh, Jesus carry me.

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

UMH 420 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" | TRENTHAM

Verses 1 & 3

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | 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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus calls us to the well, inviting us to drink of the living water. We are called out of the shadows, out of the graves, to be entirely known, and entirely filled with God's presence. Jesus calls us, here and now. Come to this table, you who are beloved in Christ. Come, not because you must, but because you may. Let us pray.

Everlasting God, you are everywhere and right here. Call us again into relationship with one another and with you. Holy Spirit, divine Advocate, guide and encourage us. Teach us to communicate through presence. Teach us of the love that nurtures us back to life. As we come to the table, nourish our souls and weave us together into one Body, living in Christ. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, source of all being, you are greater by far than our human thoughts can comprehend. You are everywhere in this very moment, holding the entirety of living experience. In your holy love you took on our limitations. Born of a body in Jesus Christ, you know the whole of this human experience. On the night...

We celebrate your love for us in Jesus Christ. As we remember Christ's sacrifice through communion, we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Song Lyrics

Through the eyes of men it seems there's so much we have lost as we look down the road where all the prodigals have walked. One by one the enemy has whispered lies, then led them off as slaves. But we know that You are God, Yours is the victory. We know there is more to come that we may not yet see. So with the faith you've given us we'll step into the valley unafraid. We call out to dry bones, come alive. We call out to dead hearts, come alive. Up out of the ashes let us see an army rise. We call out to dry bones, come alive. God of endless mercy, God of unrelenting love, rescue every daughter, bring back the wayward sons. By your Spirit, breathe upon us, show the world that you alone can save. So breathe, oh breath of God.

Receiving of the Elements

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Music During Holy Communion

"Come Alive (Dry Bones)" | Lauren Daigle

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***CLOSING HYMN**

UMH 331 "Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us" | FOR THE BREAD

Holy Spirit, come, confirm us in the truth that Christ makes known; we have faith and understanding through your helping gifts alone.

Holy Spirit, come, renew us, come yourself to make us live; holy through your loving presence, holy through the gifts we give.

Holy Spirit, come, possess us, you the love of Three in One, Holy Spirit of the Father, Holy Spirit of the Son.

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

"Postlude on 'Forest Green'" | Traditional

The Worship of God

9:45 &
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Gathering

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THE PRELUDE

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” | Raney

THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“This is the Day” | Jacobus Gallus

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir with the brass ensemble

Praise & Thanksgiving

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

UMH 331 “Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us” | FOR THE BREAD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | A Modern Affirmation

Betsy Butler

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*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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Susan Taylor

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.

Proclamation

Anthem Lyrics

The text for this anthem can be found on page 75 of your hymnal.

THE OFFERING AND THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“The Old Hundreth Psalm Tune” | Ralph Vaughan Williams

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir, with the brass ensemble

***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.

THE SCRIPTURE READING

EZEKIEL 37:1-14 | p. 759 OLD TESTAMENT

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

THE SERMON

“The Transforming Power of God” | Josh Miles

Response

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

When we gather to praise God and celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion, we remember that we are people who have preferred our wills to the will of God. Accepting God's power to become new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

O God, You call us to be your voices in this world and we stay silent. You call us to be your hands in this world and we keep them hidden. You call us to be your feet in this world and we go our own way. When we meet those who are doubting and say nothing, forgive us. When we meet those who need your touch and do nothing, forgive us. When we are called to take up your cross and carry nothing, forgive us. Breathe life into these bones. Bring freedom to these lives that we might declare with heart and soul and voice that you are our Lord and our God. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You created all things and called them good. You have given life to all your creatures and new life to those in whom you breath your Spirit. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Congregation sings:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you and holy is your Son Jesus Christ. He taught and healed many people and raised Lazarus from the grave that you might be glorified. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Congregation sings:

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Invitation

This table is open to all who confess Jesus as the Christ and seek to follow Christ's way. Come to this sacred table not because you must, but because you may. Come not because you are fulfilled, but because in your emptiness you stand in need of God's mercy and assurance. Come not to express an opinion, but to seek a presence and to pray for a spirit. Come to this table then, sisters and brothers, as you are. Partake and share. It is spread for you and me that we might again know that God has come to us, shared our common lot, and invited us to join in God's Kingdom.

The Receiving of the Bread and Wine

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*Song Lyrics
Translation*

Hail, true body born of
the Virgin Mary, who
truly suffered, sacrificed
on the Cross for all,
Whose pierced side
overflowed with water
and blood, be for us a
foretaste in the test of
death. O sweet Jesus, O
holy Jesus, O Jesus, son
of Mary, have mercy on
me. Amen.

The Music During Communion

“Ave Verum” | William Byrd

Sung by the Chamber Ensemble

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus” | McKechnie

Janis Maxwell, organ; Grace Huang, piano

The Prayer after Receiving

Source of life, and breath, and being, breathe into the dry dust of our existence. Nourished in body by bread and juice, may we strive for the nourishment of all bodies: may we work to end hunger in this creation that provides amply for all. Nourished in spirit by the Body which is within our own, may we strive for the incorporation of all: may we work to break the barriers that divide us from one another and from you. In the love that sustains us, and the Spirit that animates us, may we give all thanks and praise to you, O God of all. Amen.

*THE HYMN

UMH 420 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” | TRENTHAM

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

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name” | Bish

The Steeple



Wesley Heritage Tour

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. A \$400 deposit per person reserves your place. For more information, including itinerary and pricing, contact Stephen Mitchell.

Stephen Mitchell

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Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Cameron Fearon, who passed away on August 17.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Bill Huggins in the loss of his brother, Tryon Huggins, on August 24.

Wednesday Night Meals

The meal on Wednesday, September 5, is provided by Fresh Air BBQ. Join us for barbecue pork sandwich, macaroni and cheese, Brunswick stew and chips. All are invited to attend and encouraged to spend time together during our Wednesday Night Meal. If you have difficulty ordering online, please call the church office and a staff member can help you order your meal. For more information, contact Cindy.

Register | athensfirstumc.org/wednesdaynightmeals
Cindy McKoy | cindy@athensfirstumc.org | 706-543-1442

GriefShare

Join us Wednesday, September 5, for GriefShare. We will discuss how long the journey through grief typically lasts and learn helpful goals to set. GriefShare meets Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30 a.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
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Elijah Project

John Wesley said "Prayer is where the action is." Join us in the divine activity of the Elijah Project! We will soon begin another year of an inter-generational prayer ministry that has impacted youth and adults through consistent, expectant prayer. Registration for the Elijah Project is open through September 9! For more information and to register, visit our webpage.

Learn more | athensfirstumc.org/elijahproject
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Parents of Youth Sunday School Class

The Parents of Youth Sunday school class will start back on Sunday, September 9, at 9:45 a.m. in room 114. The class is for parents of students in grades 7-12. The class will begin with a study entitled "Teaching and Learning Throughout the Journey of Being Parents of Youth." For more information, contact Holly Ward.

Holly Ward | hollyw24@charter.net | 706-540-5606

Methodism: Our Story

Are you curious about why we are known as Methodists?

Join Bob Dean for a new fall study, *Methodism: Our Story*.

This study will explore why it is meaningful to be a Methodist in the 21st century. Two separate sessions will be offered on Wednesdays, from 4:00-5:30 p.m. or from 6:30-8:00 p.m., beginning September 5 in room 222.

Choose the time that best fits your schedule. Please register online. For more information, contact Susan or Cindy.

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New Small Group | Creed

Join Don Griner in a new fall Bible study, *Creed*, by Adam Hamilton. In this six-week study, Hamilton explores not only what Christians believe, but also why they believe, and why it matters, which in turn leads readers to confront and examine their own core beliefs and go beyond reciting the Creed's familiar words. This study will meet on Wednesdays, beginning with a brief orientation on September 5, and will continue through October 17, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., in room 226. The book cost is \$11. Please register online. For more information, contact Susan or Cindy.

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WRFC 960 AM Radio Broadcast

During the UGA football season, WRFC will broadcast the 8:30 a.m. service live. A recording of the 11:00 a.m. service will play at 12:00 p.m. each Sunday.

Parenting With Purpose Small Group

Mothers of preschool-aged children are invited to gather each Friday morning beginning September 14 for a time of fellowship, study, and discussion. We will begin with *Follow*, an IF:Gathering study that tackles the question "who is Jesus?" 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

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

Yoga Faith Vinyasa

Are you interested in a faith-filled yoga experience? Join us Friday, September 21, as our Recreation Ministry kicks off a seven-week Yoga Faith Vinyasa class. This yoga class will take place on Fridays in room 114 at 10:00 a.m. Each week will begin with Christ-centered intention with an emphasis on core and upper body strength. This is a great class for beginners as well as intermediate levels. If you are interested in participating with this new program, please contact Rusty Wood or Sarah Beth Barger.

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Sarah Beth Barger | sarahbeth@athensfirstumc.org
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Kinnara Ensemble Concert

Join renowned professional chamber choir Kinnara Ensemble for an exploration of heaven, earth, and the space between. Featuring music by Poulenc, Stravinsky, Schumann, Byrd, and others, this free concert is Sunday, September 23, at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Comprising some of the finest ensemble and solo singers in the country, Kinnara Ensemble is one of the nation's premier professional chamber choirs. Under the direction of J.D. Burnett, who also serves as Associate Director of Choral Activities at the University of Georgia, the choir performs a wide variety of standard choral repertoire from all eras. For more information and to listen to the choir, please visit the website.

Learn more | kinnaraensemble.org

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Interfaith Hospitality Network of Athens

The week of September 30-October 7, 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 that we have guests in our church. 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 host weeks. 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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Outreach Softball

The Recreation Ministry is looking to recruit softball players for a new outreach softball program. On Fridays, September 14 and October 5, we will coordinate softball games with the men of The Potter's House (at the Atlanta Mission fields off Jefferson Highway). Games will begin at 6:30 p.m. Many of the individuals at the Potter's House are in recovery, and our encouragement through friendly competition could offer them the hope they need for a better future. This is a great opportunity to share the love of Christ with our neighbors while enjoying the thrill of the game. If you are interested in joining our team or receiving more details about this program, please contact Sarah Beth Barger.

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Churchwide BBQ

Please note that the date and location of our annual Churchwide BBQ has changed from previous years. This year, we will meet on Sunday, October 21, at our church. Please save the date and plan to join us for this event! More details will be available soon!

This Week

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 | SONG OF SOLOMON 2:8-13

- 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
Youth Sunday School YOUTH AREA
Route 56: Grade 5 & 6 Sunday School ROOM 120
Elementary Sunday School: Holy Ground CHAPEL
Kindergarten Sunday School: City on a Hill ROOM 311 & 313
Preschool Nursery & Sunday School FIRST FLOOR
- 10:00 a.m. **Sack Lunch Ministry** HULL STREET ENTRANCE
- 11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** SANCTUARY
Preschool Nursery FIRST FLOOR

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 | PROVERBS 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Labor Day— Office closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 | JAMES 2:1-7

- 8:30 a.m. **Community Bible Study Leaders Council** YOUTH AREA
- 10:00 a.m. **UMW Circle 2 Meeting** ROOM 235
- 10:30 a.m. **Prayer Shawl Ministry** PANERA BREAD
- 11:30 a.m. **The Wesley Challenge** ROOM 222
- 1:30 p.m. **Pickleball** GYM
- 5:30 p.m. **Connect & Grow Group** ROOM 229
Fashion Fitness ROOM 120
Connect & Grow Group ROOM 200
- 7:00 p.m. **Boy Scouts Troop 1** SCOUT HUT

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 | JAMES 2:14-17

- 9:30 a.m. **Gideon** ROOM 229
GriefShare ROOM 100
- 4:00 p.m. **Methodism: Our Story** ROOM 222
- 4:30 p.m. **Prayer Shawl Ministry** ROOM 200
Lyric Choir | Grades 1-2 ROOM 151
Celebrate Worship Arts | Grades 3-4 ROOM 301
Dance | Age 4-Kindergarten ROOM 145
- 4:45 p.m. **Early Book Group** ROOM 224
- 5:00 p.m. **Route 56 Wednesday Nights** ROOM 120
Wednesday Night Meal HANCOCK HALL
- 5:10 p.m. **Celebrate Choir | Grades 3-4** ROOM 151
- 5:15 p.m. **Sonshine Choir | Age 4** ROOM 325
Joy Choir | Kindergarten ROOM 325
- 5:20 p.m. **Music & Movement | Age 3** ROOM 314
Lyric Worship Arts | Grades 1-2 ROOM 301
- 5:30 p.m. **66 Love Letters**
Connect Group | Young Married ROOM 114
Back to School Prayer Beads Devotion CHAPEL

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- 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study** ROOM 119
6:30 p.m. Connect & Grow Group ROOM 224
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Methodism: Our Story ROOM 222
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ROOM 148
8:00 p.m. Chamber Ensemble Rehearsal ROOM 148

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 | MARK 7:24-30

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 | MARK 7:31-37

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 | PSALM 125

- 9:00 a.m. Flag Football** CHAPELWOOD UMC

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