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ATHENS FIRST  
UNITED  
METHODIST  
CHURCH

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*World Communion  
Sunday*

OCTOBER 5, 2014  
8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 a.m.

# Welcome

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We're glad you're here! Thank you for joining us today. Members of this congregation have been gathering here to worship since 1804, when our church was formed to minister to the Native American and European settlers in Athens. 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." At Athens First United Methodist, there are many ways to get involved, grow in your faith, and do good in our community.

If you are unable to attend worship in person, each Sunday our 11:00 a.m. service is broadcast on WRFC 960 AM, and our 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. services are live-streamed on our website at [athensfirstumc.org/webcast](http://athensfirstumc.org/webcast).

## *Nursery*

Our nursery is available for infants through four-year-olds on Sundays from 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. The nursery area is located on the first floor of the building, off the Washington Street entrance.

## *Children*

Worship activity bags (age appropriate for all preschool and elementary children) are available every Sunday in the narthex and by the south entrance of the sanctuary. Children's Church is held for children in kindergarten through second grade and follows the Children's Message during 11:00 a.m. worship all Sundays except for Communion Sundays.

## *Sunday School*

We offer Sunday School for all ages, kindergarten through adult, each Sunday from 9:45-10:45 a.m. For a list of adult Sunday School classes and locations, visit [athensfirstumc.org/adultsundayschool](http://athensfirstumc.org/adultsundayschool).

## *Connect*

We are blessed to have a large congregation and because of this we offer many programs and ministries. It can be overwhelming trying to decide where to get involved. If you would like a buddy to guide you along this process please notify a Helper. Helpers serve as part of our Welcome Ministry team. Look for them in the narthex or near the altar. You can also contact a Helper through our website [athensfirstumc.org/helper](http://athensfirstumc.org/helper).

Another great way to learn about the life of our church is through attending a Newcomer Orientation held every second Sunday of the month at 9:45 and 11 a.m. We also encourage you to visit our website, [athensfirstumc.org](http://athensfirstumc.org), for information about our ministries, to register for events, and to listen to sermons from our sermon archive. Visit [athensfirstumc.org/thesteeples](http://athensfirstumc.org/thesteeples) to sign up for our weekly newsletter, the eSteeple. You can also connect with us via social media. Find us @athens\_firstumc on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Pinterest.

Our church office is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. If you need assistance, please call 706-543-1442.

# The Worship of God

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\*Please stand as you are able. The congregation speaks or sings the text in **bold type**.

## *Gathering*

### THE PRELUDE

“Be Thou My Vision” | Linker

### WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Beth Dickinson • 9:45 a.m. Martha Aenchbacher

### CALL TO WORSHIP

We are all one family (English).

**We are all one family, made in the image of God.**

Somos todos una familia (Spanish).

**We are all one family, all over the world.**

Nous sommes tous une famille (French).

**We are all one family, each unique, each special.**

Noi toți suntem o familie (Romanian).

**We are all one family, brothers and sisters.**

我們是所有一個家庭 (Mandarin).

**We are all one family, given gifts and talents to share.**

We are all one family (American Sign Language).

**We are all one family, on one journey of faith.**

We are all one family (English).

**We are all one family, united in love, united in peace, united in Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### \* THE HYMN 368

“My Hope is Built” | THE SOLID ROCK

# *Praise & Thanksgiving*

## \* THE AFFIRMATION FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

A Creed written by a peasant woman from El Salvador

**We believe, Lord, that every good in the world comes from you.**

**We believe in your great love for all people.**

**We believe that, because you preached love, freedom and justice, you were humiliated, tortured and killed.**

**We believe that you continue to suffer in our people.**

**We believe that you call us to defend your cause, but we also believe that you accompany us in the task of transforming this world into a different one where there is no suffering or weeping; a world where there is a gigantic table set with free food where everyone is welcome.**

**We believe that you accompany us in waiting for the dawning of a new day.**

**We believe that you will give us strength so that death does not find us without having done enough, and that you will rise in those who have died seeking a different world. Amen.**

## \* THE GLORIA PATRI

**Glorify 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

8:30 a.m. Martha Aenchbacher • 9:45 & 11:00 a.m. Betsy Bulter

**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 OFFERTORY ANTHEM

8:30 a.m. “How Beautiful” | Paris

Julie Caldwell

*This anthem  
has been placed  
in the choir  
library to the  
Glory of God  
and in memory  
of Ron Waln  
by the Early  
Book Group.*

9:45 & 11:00 a.m. “The Ground”

Music: Ola Gjeilo/text: from the Mass | Sung by the Sanctuary Choir | Rachael Fischer and Lucas Scalamogna, violin; Rebecca Floyd, viola; Ana Abrantes Sicilia, cello

*Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Osanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Osanna in excelsis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi. Dona nobis pacem. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world: grant us peace.*

### \* THE DOXOLOGY

**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

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread,<sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”<sup>25</sup> In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”<sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

### THE MESSAGE

“The Table that isn’t Just a Table” | 8:30 a.m. Betsy Butler

9:45 a.m. Beth Dickinson • 11:00 a.m. Martha Aenchbacher

# *Response to the Word*

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Read by members of the REACH International Student Ministry in their native language.

8:30 a.m.

*Read in  
Malagasy and  
Mandarin*

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.

9:45 a.m.

*Read in  
Indonesian  
and Spanish*

**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, Lord God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. From among all the nations of the earth you have called us to be your children, members of the family of God, and members of the Body of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. And so, with your children on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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, Hosanna in the highest.**

11:00 a.m.

*Read in  
Mandarin and  
Indonesian*

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ. 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. Jesus commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth, among all people in all times and places, and to make disciples of all nations. And today his family throughout the whole world joins at his holy table, proclaiming the real presence of Christ Jesus, who unites us together and makes us one. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke he 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. Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world, and strengthen us all to witness faithfully in your name. 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.

**Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## THE RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

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 station in the front of the altar.

## THE MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“Gusten y Veán” *Taste and See*

Music: Tony Alonso/text: based on Psalm 34 | Sung by the Sanctuary Choir

*Gusten y vean qué Bueno es el Señor.*

*Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

# *Sending Forth*

## THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Prayer used at the 6th Assembly of the World Council of Churches, Vancouver

**O Risen Christ, who made yourself known to the disciples in the breaking of bread at Emmaus; the bread we break at this table is a sign of the brokenness of all the world; through our sharing in the Bread of Life in our many Christian communions, open our eyes and hands to the need of all people. Let our hearts burn to share your gifts and help us to go forth with one another with Bread: Bread of Hope, Bread of Life, Bread of Peace. Amen.**

\* **THE BLESSING**

\* **THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

“We Receive Your Blessing”

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "We re-ceive your bless- ing; we re-ceive your grace, as we walk in the light shin- ing from your\_ face. May the peace that you give\_ change the way that we live. We re-ceive your bless- ing as we leave . this place." The word "Fine" is written above the final measure of the third staff.

\* **THE POSTLUDE**

“The Church’s One Foundation” | Hustad



## GREETERS

Cecily Callaway, Ellen Cunningham, Jennifer and Tom Foster, Dianne Graham, Diane and Darryl Johnson

## SEPTEMBER USHERS

**8:30 a.m.** Jim Belger, Ann and Paul Brown, Larry Deal, Hugh Larkey, Mack Lowrey, Jim Lyons, Candler Meadors, Olan Moore, Bob Noble, Grace Rabek, Ken Reece, Keith Wilson, Michael and Sharon Broun

**9:45 a.m.** Chris Bostdorff, Tom Cooper, David and Jane Disney, Mark Ellison, Mark Firth, Tom Hedges, Dan Lasseter, Jim Lyons, Sharon Milton, Tom Milton, Al Rogers, Bill Trigleth, Michelle and Reeves McNeill

**11:00 a.m.** Bob Green, Nat Carmack, Marty Webb, Ben Ayers, Spence Johnson, Jim Lyons, Kyle Beeson

## OFFERING STEWARDS

Bob Booth, Charlie Grimes, Jim Lyons, Nat Carmack, Henry Garrard, Nathan King, Al Hawley, Sean Rogers, Charlie Upchurch III

## FIRST LIGHT ACOLYTES

**8:30 a.m.** Jack and Barrett McClanahan, John Cunningham

**9:45 a.m.** Resse Trigleth, Georgia Laster, James and Glynn Chesser

**11:00 a.m.** Dylan Wyrick, Toby Chapeau, Jaden Drudge

## ATTENDANCE ON SEPTEMBER 28

**Total Worship | 1,361**

**Sunday School | 444**

8:30 a.m. | 178

9:45 a.m. | 413

11:00 a.m. | 666

Online | 104

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget for 2014 | \$2,431,008

Amount Given YTD | \$1,994,803

Goal for September | \$161,266

Amount after 3 Sundays | \$166,805

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# The Steeple

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## Baptisms

On September 28 Owen Jacoby Douce received the Sacrament of Baptism in our sanctuary. Owen is the son of Casey and Travis Douce.

On September 28 Morgan Eva Faulk received the Sacrament of Baptism in our sanctuary. Morgan is the daughter of Ashley and Zane Faulk, and the granddaughter of Susan and David Gibbs.

On September 28 Roman Michael Williams received the Sacrament of Baptism in our sanctuary. Roman is the son of Rebecca and Michael Williams, and the grandson of Sally Anne Cauthen and Bob Cauthen.

## New Arrivals

Congratulations to Rosemary and Joel McElhannon on the birth of their daughter, Maryn Claire, on September 24.

## Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Molly Talley and family in the loss of her mother, Pam Kleiber, in Athens, Georgia.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Anne and Ken Mauldin and family in the loss of Ken's mother on September 29.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Sarah Bennett and family in the loss of her father on September 30.

## Member Loss

Evelyn Tate  
September 28, 2014

## World Communion Sunday Today

World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October, that promotes Christian unity

and ecumenical cooperation. The tradition originated in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in 1933, was adopted throughout the US Presbyterian Church in 1936, and subsequently spread to other denominations. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches endorsed World Communion Sunday and began to promote it to Christian churches worldwide.

We will be celebrating World Communion Sunday with participants in worship from REACH International, our international student ministry. During our service the communion liturgy will be read in several different languages and prayers in worship will be from around the world.



## Family Advent Breakfast & Worship Service | November 30

On November 30 all families are invited to celebrate the beginning of Advent with breakfast in Hancock Hall at 8:30 a.m., followed by a unique family worship service entitled *While We Wait*. We are excited about the upcoming season and look forward to seeing you.  
Robin Stewart | [robinafumc@bellsouth.net](mailto:robinafumc@bellsouth.net)

## Venture Crew BBQ Fundraiser Today

Please pick up your BBQ plates in the serving area this morning after worship. Limited walk-in plates are

available. Thanks for supporting our Venture Crew 1.  
Erika Bates | [erika@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:erika@athensfirstumc.org) | 706-543-1442

## Wednesday Night Meals | Register by Noon on Tuesdays

The meal for October 8 is Zaxby's. You will have your choice of chicken fingers and chips or grilled chicken Zalad. This meal is \$5 and is served from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in Hancock Hall. Registration by Tuesday, October 7, at noon is required. To register visit [athensfirstumc.org/registration](http://athensfirstumc.org/registration) and click on the **Wednesday Night Meal | October 8 | Zaxby's** link. All registration events are listed in alphabetical order.

Contact Diana Zylow to make a standing reservation. Take-out boxes will be available if you have to eat and run, or run and then eat. You and your family, friends, and/or small group are invited and encouraged to eat and spend time together in Hancock Hall.

Diana Zylow | [diana@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:diana@athensfirstumc.org) | 706-543-1442

## New United Methodist Women Circle Information Meeting | October 7

A new United Methodist Women Circle is forming! Circles are comprised of women who meet monthly for encouragement, Bible study, and service. This new circle will be built of women from all ages and stages of life. An informational meeting will be on Tuesday, October 7 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Hull Dining Room. Any woman interested in joining this new Circle is welcome to attend. Joining a United Methodist Women circle is a great way to get involved at Athens First United Methodist Church.

Beth Johnston | [gibj@bellsouth.net](mailto:gibj@bellsouth.net) | 770-666-6657

## Children's Music Ministry Parent Night | October 8

Family and friends of the children's music ministry have the opportunity to see how we are learning to *Shine Your Light* in our activities this fall. This is your chance to watch our precious little ballerinas and our new worship arts drama class to see the exciting things going on in your children's lives on a weekly basis. For 3s, 4s, and kindergarten the schedule and locations are the same as usual. Grades 1-4 will all meet upstairs in the Amphitheater at 4:30 p.m. for

a performance by our drama classes and then go to the Chapel at 5:15 p.m. to see a demonstration by the Lyric and Celebrate choirs!

Sarah Lawing | [sarah@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:sarah@athensfirstumc.org)

## Newcomer Orientation | October 12

Everyone is invited to attend Newcomer Orientation on Sunday, October 12 in Hancock Hall. Two sessions are offered, 9:45 & 11:00 a.m. Information about Athens First United Methodist will be shared, including ways to get involved and how to become a member.

Martha Aenchbacher | [martha@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:martha@athensfirstumc.org)  
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## Cakes Needed at Snack and Chat October 17

On October 17, REACH International will host "Snack & Chat: Pumpkin Carving and Cake Walk" in Hancock Hall. Cake donations are needed for the Cake Walk. It would be great if every international student ended up taking a cake home as an expression of our love and hospitality! If you plan to contribute a cake, please contact Lynn Bryant. Cakes may be dropped off at the reception desk by noon that Friday, October 17. Please wrap your cake on a disposable plate and be sure to include your name, phone number, and email address. Additionally, volunteers are needed to provide crock pots full of chili and to help serve. Contact Lynn for more information. Thanks so much for your support...it makes a world of difference!

Lynn Bryant | [lynn@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:lynn@athensfirstumc.org) | 706-543-1442

## Men's Study: *Follow Me* | October 22

All men are welcome to this Bible study based on David Platt's book, *Follow Me*. This group will begin meeting on October 22, and looks at a response to Jesus' request to follow Him. This study meets from 6:30-8:00 p.m. and is led by Keith Wilson. The materials for this study cost \$16. Childcare is available by registration.

Register online | [athensfirstumc.org/registration](http://athensfirstumc.org/registration)  
Keith Wilson | [kcw2236@gmail.com](mailto:kcw2236@gmail.com)

## Fall Festival | October 19

Join us on Sunday, October 19 from 3:30- 5:30 p.m., for an afternoon of good food, celebration, and family! The festival will take place at Parrish Farm in Bishop, Georgia. We will have face painting, cookie decorating, games, prizes, a cake auction to benefit Stop Hunger Now, and a pot luck dinner. Chicken will be provided, please bring a side dish to share. We encourage you to register your family before October 12.

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

Susan Brodrick | [swellsbrodrick@bellsouth.net](mailto:swellsbrodrick@bellsouth.net)

## Route 56 Helpers Needed for the Fall Festival | October 19

Route 56 is excited to serve at our Family Fall Festival. Route 56 helpers will assist in running games, face painting, serving refreshments, and other activities. Fall Festival is October 19 at the Parrish farm. Registration and a brief training session for Route 56 helpers is required. Open Road and Octane will NOT meet that night. Registration deadline is October 9.

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

Leslie Rogers | [rt56afumc@gmail.com](mailto:rt56afumc@gmail.com)

## Fall Festival Cake Auction Donate A Cake!

Calling all bakers! The Fall Festival is hosting a cake auction to benefit Stop Hunger Now, an organization that works to end world hunger. Join in the fun and bring a cake to the Fall Festival on October 19. Not so great at baking? No problem! You can bring homemade or store bought, cakes or pies, cupcakes or cake pops. If you would like to donate a cake but are not planning on attending the Fall Festival, you can drop off your cake at the reception desk on Friday, October 17 before noon or Sunday, October 19 before noon.

Kasey Dillard | [kaseydillard@yahoo.com](mailto:kaseydillard@yahoo.com)

## Desserts for REACH International Friday Nights

The international students really enjoy homemade desserts at their Friday night Bible study. This is a simple

way to serve our international students! If you are willing to provide a dessert for 30 students on a Friday night, please sign up for a date online. You may also want to include a recipe with your dessert so the students can try it themselves later. Most don't know how to bake but are eager to learn.

Sign-up | [athensfirstumc.org/reachvolunteer](http://athensfirstumc.org/reachvolunteer)

Lynn Bryant | [lynn@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:lynn@athensfirstumc.org) | 706-543-1442

## Children's Basketball | Registration Open

The Athens First United Methodist Church Recreation Committee is very excited about the 2014-2015 Children's Basketball season. Along with learning the game of basketball and building athletic skills, we look forward to families, teams, and coaches growing together in their knowledge of Christ. Registration is now open.

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

Rusty Wood | [rusty@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:rusty@athensfirstumc.org)

Erika Bates | [erika@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:erika@athensfirstumc.org)

## AFUMC Service Day | October 25

The missions ministry of Athens First United Methodist Church is excited about the beginning of AFUMC Service Days. AFUMC Service Days have begun in response to our church family's strong presence during the Great Day Of Service. Many said they wanted more days to come together as one to serve and AFUMC Service Days are the answer to that call!

Please join us at the first AFUMC Service Day on Saturday, October 25. This Service Day will also be a celebration of the beginning of Stewardship. We will come together at 8:30 a.m. for coffee before serving from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Childcare is available with registration for children 4 years and younger. There are family friendly projects! Our projects on October 25 will primarily focus on caring for our church building through organizing/cleaning projects. Other projects include hosting the Mobile Food Pantry on our sanctuary steps and serving at the Salvation Army Community Garden. Let us know if you will be able to serve by registering online.

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

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

## Mission Harvest: *What to Bring* October 29

On Wednesday, October 29 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in Hancock Hall we will be celebrating the service completed by our church and preparing for future opportunities by “harvesting” donations. Our normal Wednesday night dinner will not be served. Instead, we will be celebrating with a potluck dinner. Meat will be provided; please bring sides. There is no cost for this event but please register if you are planning to attend.

Below are suggested donations to bring to the “harvest.”

### **Souper Supper Store**

- Paper Goods
- Toiletry Products (Soap, Deodorant)
- Household Cleaning Products (Dish Soap)

### **Holiday Gifts Collection**

- Gift-cards in any denomination to Wal-Mart, Kroger, and Target

### **Christmas Community Dinner**

- Winter Scarfs, Gloves, and Socks

### **Stop Hunger Now**

- Quarters

### **General Mission Projects**

- Cash donations

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

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

## Thanks for attending On Trend

On September 18, 95 women came together for a night of faith and fashion at On Trend, hosted by the United Methodist Women. Gathering over desserts, participants were treated to a presentation by Mary Beisswenger of Talbots who shared about fall fashions. Additionally Betsy Butler shared the history of the United Methodist Women and their mission projects. A new United Methodist Women Circle is forming now. Women from every age and stage of life are invited to an invitational meeting on October 7 at 7:00 p.m. in Hull Dining Room.

Kim Griffith | [kimgriffith@bellsouth.net](mailto:kimgriffith@bellsouth.net)

## Be a Prayer Partner | Elijah Project

ONE Student Ministries is excited to begin our second year of an inter-generational prayer ministry called The Elijah Project. Through the partnership of youth, college students, and adult church members and consistent, expectant prayer, we anticipate seeing God move in our church in a new and powerful way, and we invite you to participate! Our student sign ups have increased this year, and we need more adults to sign up to be a prayer partner for a student!

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

Josh Miles | [josh@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:josh@athensfirstumc.org)

# This Week

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## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 | EXODUS 17:1-7

*Interfaith Hospitality Host Week*

**8:30 a.m.**

**Worship Service** SANCTUARY

**Preschool Nursery & Sunday School** FIRST FLOOR

**9:15 a.m.**

**KidCheck Orientation & Registration** GYM

**9:45 a.m.**

**Adult Sunday School** SECOND FLOOR AND SAYE BULDING

**Elementary Sunday School** THIRD FLOOR

**Grade 5 & 6 Sunday School: Fuel** FIRST FLOOR

**Youth Sunday School: First Word** FIRST FLOOR

**Worship Service** SANCTUARY

**The Psalm Tree Connect Group** ROOM 103

**10:00 a.m.**

**Sack Lunch Ministry** HULL STREET ENTRANCE

11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** SANCTUARY  
**Quarter Life Crisis Class** ROOM 224

11:00 a.m. **Venture Crew BBQ** SERVING AREA

12:00 p.m. **Welcome Ministry Lunch** HANCOCK HALL  
**Food For the Soul** ROOM 119

2:00 p.m. **Volleyball Performance** GYM  
**Athens Area Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting** HULL DINING ROOM

3:00 p.m. **Cub Scout Pack 1** SCOUT HUT

3:30 p.m. **Wesleyan Ringers** ROOM 150

4:30 p.m. **Carillons Ringers** ROOM 150  
**Route 56 Open Road** ROOM 120, 121  
**Wesleyan Youth Choir Rehearsal** ROOM 148

5:15 p.m. **Creating the Covenant | C1** ROOM 224

5:30 p.m. **Alleluia Ringers** ROOM 150

5:45 p.m. **Encounter** YOUTH AREA

6:30 p.m. **Confirmation Sessions** ROOM 222

7:00 p.m. **Confirmation Parent Sessions** ROOM 120

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 6 | PSALM 78:1-4

*Interfaith Hospitality Host Week*

9:30 a.m. **United Methodist Women Executive Board Meeting** ROOM 226

1:15 p.m. **Listen: Praying in a Noisy World** ROOM 224

5:30 p.m. **Lay Leadership Committee** HULL DINING ROOM

6:00 p.m. **Volley Performance** GYM

7:00 p.m. **Community Bible Study, Athens Evening Class**

7:00 p.m. **Creating the Covenant | C1** ROOM 224

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 | PSALM 78:12-16

*Interfaith Hospitality Host Week*

5:30 a.m. **Fashion Fitness** GYM

8:00 a.m. **Community Bible Study Leaders Council** YOUTH AREA

1:00 p.m. **REACH International Leadership Meeting** ROOM 226

12:00 p.m. **Children's Council Meeting** HULL DINING ROOM

6:00 p.m. **Girls' Middle School Volleyball** GYM

6:30 p.m. **Financial Peace University** ROOM 222  
**Creating the Covenant | C1** ROOM 224

7:00 p.m. **United Methodist Women New Circle Information Meeting** HULL DINING ROOM  
**Boy Scouts | Troop 1**

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8 | PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13

*Interfaith Hospitality Host Week*

7:00 a.m. **Fashion Fitness** GYM

9:00 a.m. **Creating the Covenant | C1** ROOM 224

9:30 a.m. **Women's Study: Beth Moore | David, Seeking a Heart Like His** ROOM 229  
**Wednesday Morning Bible Study | Acts** HULL DINING ROOM

- 12:30 p.m. **Women's Study: Beth Moore | *David, Seeking a Heart Like His*** ROOM 229
- 3:30 p.m. **Fun Gym** GYM
- 4:30 p.m. **Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering** ROOM 200  
**Children's Dance Class** ROOM 145  
**Worship Arts: grades 1-4** AMPHITHEATER
- 4:45 p.m. **Early Book Group** ROOM 100
- 5:00 p.m. **Wednesday Night Meal** HANCOCK HALL  
**Men's Prayer Group** ROOM 301  
**Route 56 GPS** ROOMS 120-122
- 5:15 p.m. **Jesus Calling Express Bible Study** ROOM 235  
**Children's Choir: 3 year-olds** ROOM 311  
**Children's Choir: 4 year-olds** ROOM 325  
**Children's Choir: Kindergarten** ROOM 320  
**Children's Choir: grades 1-4** ROOM 151
- 5:30 p.m. **Creating the Covenant | C1** ROOM 229  
**Sams Connect Group** ROOM 301
- 6:00 p.m. **Engage Bible Study** YOUTH AREA
- 6:30 p.m. **Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** ROOM 148  
**Creating the Covenant | C1** ROOM 224  
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**Men's Study: *The Power of God's Names*** ROOM 240  
**Missions Bible Study** ROOM 103  
**Women's Study: *Broken and Blessed*** JOHN WESLEY PARLOR  
**Allen/Anderson Connect Group** ROOM 307
- 7:00 p.m. **Adult Pick-up Volleyball** GYM
- 8:00 p.m. **Men's Study: The Immanuel Project** ROOM 114  
**Chamber Ensemble Rehearsal** ROOM 148

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9 | ISAIAH 48:17-21

*Interfaith Hospitality Host Week*

- 9:30 a.m. **Community Bible Study**
- 6:00 p.m. **Coed Adult Volleyball League** GYM  
**Youth Basketball**

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 | MATTHEW 21:23-32

*Interfaith Hospitality Host Week*

- 6:30 p.m. **REACH International Bible Study & Dinner** YOUTH AREA

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 | NUMBERS 20:1-13

*Interfaith Hospitality Host Week*

- 9:00 a.m. **Girls' Middle School Volleyball** GYM
- 1:00 p.m. **Buddy Christian Memorial 5K**
- 4:00 p.m. **Harvest | Youth Retreat**

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