

Danna

United Methodist Church

"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything but I can do something. And what I can do, I ought to do. And, by the grace of God, I will do."

February 12, 2017

6th Sunday After the Epiphany

**CHOOSE
LIFE**

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? ... You are the light of world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after alighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house."

- Matthew 5:13 a, 14-15

GATHERING

We welcome all who gather to worship with the love of the Lord.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. – 2 Corinthians 13:14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING (Responsively)

So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near;

for through him all of us have access in one Spirit to the father.

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

O God, you made of one blood all nations that dwell on the face of the whole earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to them that are afar off and to them that are near. Grant that all people everywhere may seek after you and find you. Bring the nations into your fold, pour out your Spirit on all flesh, and hasten your kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN of PRAISE** "*His Name Is Wonderful*" #174

***THE APOSTLES' CREED** #882
Gloria Patri # 70

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer #895

OFFERING

***The Doxology** # 95

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." - Matthew 6:29-31

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** "*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*" # 185

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal light, shine into our hearts. Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil. Eternal Power, be our support. Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us. That with all our heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

READING OF SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 30:15-20

SERMON Choose Life

Pastor Ed

***HYMN OF CELEBRATION** "*And Can It Be that I Should Gain*" #363

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

**Please stand if you're able*

Read Through the Bible

Pick up our 2017 plan before you leave. It is a different order and method than last year's. This past week we read; Gen 20-23, Judg 1-6, Ps 15-17, Job 11-12, Isa 29-33, Matt 14-16, Rom 11-12. This week we will read; Gen 24-27, Judg 7-11, Ps 18-20, Job 13-14, Is 34-39, Matt 17-19, Rom 13-14. .

Each day Pastor Ed posts selected verses from our daily reading then offers a devotional thought. These are posted on Vanna UMC's Facebook page and blog page - <http://www.vannamethodistchurch.com/>. Please join in, make a comment, share with each other what God puts on your heart. Invite friends to read and pray.

Rev. Brian Clark, currently lead pastor at Simpsonwood UMC, will be the new district superintendent of the **Athens-Elberton District**, succeeding Gary Whetstone, who will retire after many years of fine service to the Conference.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

– Romans 15:13

Prayer List

- ❖ Harrison – student in Birmingham
- ❖ Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson, District Superintendents, and cabinet of North Georgia Annual Conference as they begin the process of appointment setting. Feb 20-23, Mar 13-16, Apr 17-20

Church Calendar – Future Events

- Feb 12** – Children's Ministry Workshop, Royston First UMC, 3 pm
Feb 25 – Fresh Expressions Conference, location TBA
Mar 1 – Ash Wednesday Services, 8 am Carnesville, 6 pm Vanna
Mar 8 – Committee(s) Meeting Night – if needed
Mar 9 – New Room Regional Gathering, MT Bethel UMC, Marietta, 8:30 - 4:30 and Potluck in fellowship hall, 6:30 pm
Apr 9 – Palm Sunday
Apr 12 – 2d Quarter Admin Council
Apr 13 – Maundy Thursday, 6 pm Vanna, followed by potluck supper; 7:30 pm Carnesville
Apr 14 - Good Friday, 7 pm Carnesville
Apr 16 – Easter Sunrise 7:30 am Carnesville,
Apr 23 – Annoucement Sunday
May 8 – UNG Wesley Golf Tournament, Achasta Golf Club
May 21 – Athens-Elberton Pre-Conference Briefing, 3 pm, Tuckston UMC, Athens, Ga
Jun 13-15 – North Georgia Annual Conference, Classic center, Athens, Ga
Jun 14 – Service of Ordination and Commissioning, 7:00 PM

OUR CHURCH CARES

How may we Pray for you? Where is our Presence needed? How may we support you or others with our Gifts? How may we Serve you? How may we share our Witness and Testimony?

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VANNA PRAYER LIST

Please remember to pray for all of the people we are currently carrying on our prayer list and for our servicemen and women, wherever they serve. Also, please remember there are many who are unnamed who need our prayers.

J. D. & Dianne Hollis
Austin Mabry
Elaine Allen
Brian Smith
Frances Osley
Virginia Dickerson
Dalton Berry
Sally Matthews

Ken Ashley
Sarah White
Deborah Rice
Martha Mueller
Grace Branyon
Eddie Williams
D. C. Lang
Wayne Broom

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rainbow Pantry served 23 families this week, a total of 75 individuals. Please remember this ministry with your prayers and your gifts.

Don't forget – Coffee & Conversation Wednesday mornings – 9:00 A.M. at the parsonage.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY LIST

Greg Wolford, 2/17

Sherry Burns, 2/18