

GATHERING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING (Responsively)

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:

though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow;

Though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

OPENING PRAYER (*In Unison*)

Almighty God, your blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan. Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations. And, as you know the weakness of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen

***HYMN of PRAISE** "*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*" #213

CHILDRENS' TIME

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer #895

OFFERING

**The Doxology* # 95

In addition to contributing your Tithes and offerings to the church, please donate to the North Georgia Annual Conference Homeless Offering.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** "*Seek the Lord*" #124

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Responsively)

Creator God, breathing your own life into our being, you gave us the gift of life. You placed us on this earth with its minerals and waters, flowers and fruits, living creatures of grace and beauty. You gave us the care of the earth. Today you call us: "Where are you; what have you done?"

Teach us, O Creator God of Love, that the earth and all its fullness is yours, the world and those who dwell in it. Call on us yet again to safeguard the gift of life. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

READING OF SCRIPTURE Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

SERMON Maintaining Paradise is Work Not a Vacation Pastor Ed

Church Calendar – Future Events

Every Wednesday – Coffee and Conversation 9 am, Parsonage

Every Monday Evening - Bible Study, 7 PM, Parsonage

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

Mar 26 – UMCOR Sunday (One Great Hour of Sharing) Gen Conf Special Offering

Apr 9 – Palm Sunday

Apr 12 – 2d Quarter Admin Council

Apr 13 – Maundy Thursday, 6 pm Vanna UMC, followed by potluck supper; 7:30 pm Carnesville

Apr 14 - Good Friday, 7 pm Carnesville UMC

Apr 16 – Easter Sunrise 7:30 am Carnesville UMC

Apr 23 – Announcement 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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"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."

March 5, 2017
First Sunday in Lent
Receive Homeless Offering



"You may freely eat of every tree in the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat...."

- Genesis 2:16b-17a

Rev. Ed Dickens, Pastor

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	Joe Ballenger	Ken Ashley
Austin Mabry	Lee Kraul	Elaine Allen
Shea Loon	Deborah Rice	Nancy Foreman
Ethan Coker	D. C. Lang	Martha Mueller
Frances Osley	Wayne Broom	Grace Branyon
Virginia Dickerson	Melvin Osley	Eddie Williams
Dalton Berry	Barbara Clemens	Sally Matthews

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rainbow Pantry served 12 families this week, a total of 20 individuals. Please remember this ministry with your prayers and gifts.

Bible study at 7:00 P.M. Monday evening at the parsonage.

Wednesday Mornings @ 9:00 A.M. – Coffee and conversation at the parsonage.

Potluck supper – Thursday, March 9 @ 6:30 P.M.

MARCH BIRTHDAY LIST

Anita Johnson, 3/15	Samuel Findley, 3/22
Barbara Boleman, 3/25	Martha Whittemore, 3/29
Luke Brown, 3/30	Marguerite Wolford, 3/31

3/5/2017