

## GATHERING

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GREETING (Responsively)

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,  
**that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.**

### OPENING PRAYER *(In Unison)*

**O God, your glory is always to have mercy. Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one god, for ever and ever. Through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen**

**\*HYMN of PRAISE** *"Have Thine Own Way Lord"* #382

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

## CHILDREN'S TIME

**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** *"I Surrender All"* #354

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**READING OF SCRIPTURE** Genesis 12: 1-4a

**SERMON** Abram's Example to Lot Pastor Ed

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION** *"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"* #357

## 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 36-39, Ruth 1-4, Ps 27-29, Job 19-20, Isa 51-55, Matt 26-28, 1 Cor 3-4. This week we will read; Gen 40-43, 1 Sam 1-, Ps 30-32, Job 21-22, Is 56-61, Mark 1-2, 1 Cor 5-6.

-Each day Pastor Ed posts selected verses from our daily reading WITH a devotional thought on Vanna UMC's Facebook and blog pages – [HTTP://WWW.VANNAMETHODSITCHURCH.COM/](http://WWW.VANNAMETHODSITCHURCH.COM/). Please join in, make a comment, share with each other what God puts on your heart. Invite friends to read and pray.

## Invitation to Observe Lenten Discipline

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: the early Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church that before the Easter celebration there should be a forty-day season of spiritual preparation. During this season converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when persons who had committed serious sins and had separated themselves from the community of faith were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to participation in the life of the Church. In this way the whole congregation was reminded of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ and the need we all have to renew our faith. I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to observe a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word.

## Homeless Offering 2017

Thanks for your generosity toward the Homeless Offering this year!

## **Church Calendar – Future Events**

**Every Wednesday – Coffee and Conversation 9 am, Parsonage**

**Every Monday Evening - Bible Study, 7 PM, Parsonage**

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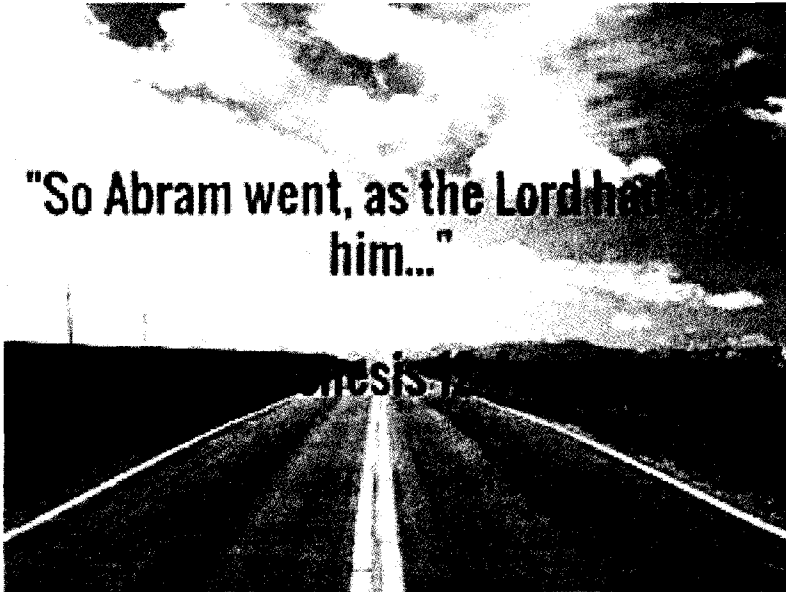
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*"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything but I can do something. And what I can do, I ought to do. And, by the grace of God, I will do."*

**March 12, 2017**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**



*"So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him."*  
- Genesis 12:4a

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	Bernice Gayley	Sally Matthews
Dalton Berry	Barbara Clemens	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rainbow Pantry served 27 families this week, a total of 74 individuals. Please remember this ministry with your prayers and gifts.

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

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

## 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

3/12/2017