

## GATHERING

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GREETING (Responsively)

In returning and rest you shall be saved;

**In quietness and in trust shall be your strength.**

### OPENING PRAYER *(In Unison)*

**Everlasting God, because of your tender mercy toward all people, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all should follow the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of his patience and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

**\*HYMN of PRAISE "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" #158**

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

## CHILDREN'S TIME

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER #895**  
The Lord's Prayer

**OFFERING # 95**  
*\*The Doxology*  
In addition to contributing your Tithes and offerings to the church, please pray to prepare your hearts to give generously to future Special Offerings.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION "Lift High the Cross" #159**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**READING OF SCRIPTURE Exodus 17:1-7**

**SERMON** Pastor Ed

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION "I Surrender All" #354**

## 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 40-43, 1 Sam 1-, Ps 30-32, Job 21-22, Is 56-61, Mark 1-2, 1 Cor 5-6. This week we will read; Gen 44-47, 1 Sam 7-10, Ps 33-35, Job 23-24, Is 62-66, Mark 3-4, 1 Cor 7-8

-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.

## Upcoming Future Special Offerings

Mar 26 – General Conference UMCOR Sunday (Use to be One Great Hour of Sharing)

Apr 2 – Hart County Gideon Sunday

Apr 16 – Easter Love Offering in honor of our District Superintendent, DR Gary Whetstone's retirement.

Apr 30 – General Conference Native American Ministries Sunday

June 4 – Annual Conference Special Offering

June 11 – General Conference Peace with Justice Sunday

## **Church Calendar – Future Events**

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

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

**Mar 19-26 – Pray for Commission on a Way Forward (Bishop Sue requests you join her in prayer wherever you are at 9 pm each day) – see insert**

**Mar 22 – District wide Prayer Service for Commission on a Way Forward 7pm @ Young Harris Memorial UMC, Athens.**

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

**Apr 2 – Annoucnment Sunday (changed from April 23).  
- Gideon Speaker, receive 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**

**May 8 – UNG Wesley Golf Tournament, Achasta Golf Club**

**May 21 – Vanna UMC 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**

UMCOR Sunday offering provides support to UMCOR which offers assistance in response to natural and human caused disasters, as well as supporting ongoing ministries that provide food, shelter, health and peace. 100% of designated gifts go to the specified disaster response or ministry.

### **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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*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."*

**March 19, 2017**  
**Third Sunday in Lent**



*"I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink."*  
- Exodus 17:6

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
Family of Katie Walker	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 11 families this week, a total of 33 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

3/19/2017



# PRAYING OUR WAY FORWARD



We are One in Christ

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## North Georgia Conference Week of Prayer March 19-25, 2017

The denomination-wide 'Praying Our Way Forward' initiative launched on New Year's Day 2017 with 75 weeks of focused prayer for The United Methodist Church. Each annual conference will take one week to have intentional prayer for the mission of The United Methodist Church to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world and for the work of the 32-member Commission on a Way Forward.

You are invited to:

- Join Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson by praying at 9 p.m. each night this week for the members of the Commission on a Way Forward, for God's wisdom and direction, and for the mission of The United Methodist Church to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
- Visit [www.ngumc.org/PrayingOurWayForward](http://www.ngumc.org/PrayingOurWayForward) for resources and prayers from across our Conference.
- Continue to remember the Commission on a Way Forward in prayer daily in the months to come.

The Commission on a Way Forward was appointed by the Council of Bishops following General Conference 2016 to study matters of human sexuality and to strengthen the unity of The United Methodist Church.

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