

GATHERING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING (Responsively)

Rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

OPENING PRAYER *(In Unison)*

O merciful Father, in compassion for your sinful children you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the Savior of the world. Grant us grace to feel and to lament our share of the evil that made it necessary for him to suffer and to die for our salvation. Help us by self-denial, prayer, and meditation to prepare our hearts for deeper penitence and a better life. And give us a true longing to be free from sin, through the deliverance won by Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

*HYMN of PRAISE "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" #277

CHILDRENS TIME

*THE APOSTLES' CREED #882
Gloria Patri # 70

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER
The Lord's Prayer #895

OFFERING # 95
**The Doxology*
In addition to contributing your Tithes and offerings to the church, please give generously to UMCOR today; this is a General Conference Special Offering.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING OF SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 16:1-13

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 44-47, 1 Sam 7-10, Ps 33-35, Job 23-24, Is 62-66, Mark 3-4, 1 Cor 7-8. This week we will read; Gen 48-50, 1 Sam 11-15, Ps 36-38, Job 26-26, Jer 1-5, Mark 5-6, 1 Cor 9-10

-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

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

**Apr 2 – Announcement 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

Today we receive the UMCOR Sunday offering which provides support to UMCOR who 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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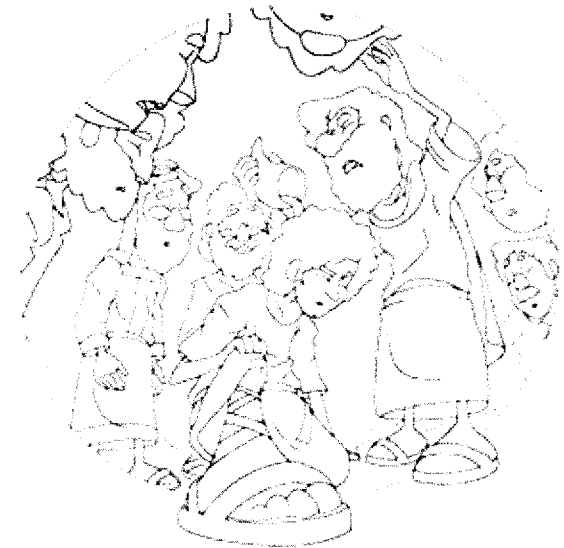
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*"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything but I can do something. And
what I can do, I ought to do. And, by the grace of God, I will do."*

**March 26, 2017
Third Sunday in Lent
UMCOR Sunday**



*"When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the
LORD's is now before the LORD.' But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do
not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature,
because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as
mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD
looks on the heart.'" -1 Samuel 16:1-13*

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 Bo Payne	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 22 families this week, a total of 62 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.

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

3/26/2017