

## GATHERING

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GREETING (Responsively)

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God,

**let us hold fast our confession.**

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,

**but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.**

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,  
**so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

### OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy your consolations. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*HYMN of PRAISE** "*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*" #420

### GIDEON SPEAKER

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

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

**OFFERING**  
*\*The Doxology* # 95

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION** "*The Gift of Love*" #408

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**READING OF SCRIPTURE** Ezekiel 37:1-14

**SERMON** O Faithful – Be Filled With The Holy Spirit Pastor Ed

### HOLY COMMUNION

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION** "*I Am Thine, O Lord*"

#419

## BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

*\*Please stand if you're able*

### Read Through the Bible

This past week we read Gen 48-50, 1 Sam 11-15, Ps 36-38, Job 26-26, Jer 1-5, Mark 5-6, 1 Cor 9-10. This week we will read: Ex 1-4, 1 Sam 16-20, Ps 39-41, Job 27-28, Jer 6-11, Mark 7-8, 1 Cor 11-12.

-Each day Pastor Ed posts selected verses from our daily reading WITH s 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**

**Apr 2 – Gideon Speaker, receive special offering**

**Apr 5-8 – Ed & Cindy out of town**

**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, no service at Carnesville UMC; Athens-Elberton Pre-Conference Briefing, 3 pm, Tuckston UMC, Athens, Ga**

**Jun 4 – Carnesville UMC Celebration of Ministry and Closing Service, no service at Vanna UMC**

**Jun 13-15 – North Georgia Annual Conference, Classic center, Athens, Ga (Jun 14 – Service of Ordination and Commissioning, 7:00 PM)**

### **Gideon Speaker today**

Today we have our annual opportunity to financially support the Hart County Gideons, please give generously to their monumental efforts to provide Bibles – The Word of God, to the people of God.

### **Homecoming - May 21<sup>st</sup>**

It is rumored the Dove Sisters will lead the pre-service music hour. We ask you to begin to pray for this wonderful time of celebration and remembrance in the life of our congregation. Spend some time sorting through your memories. There will be a time in the service to share your favorite memory, your saddest memory and to describe what you think God wants us to be in 20 years.

#### **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."*

**April 2, 2017  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**



*"I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD." -Ezekiel 37:14*

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
Jane Jordan	Deborah Rice	Nancy Foreman
Hugh Taylor	D. C. Lang	Martha Mueller
Frances Osley	Grace Brányon	Nancy Vermatt
Virginia Dickerson	Myra Fowler	Sally Matthews

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rainbow Pantry served 16 families this week, a total of 49 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.

A celebration of Reba Hart Johnson's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday will be held on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M., at Bethany Baptist Church. All are invited. Jean Hendrix would appreciate your letting her know if you plan to attend.

## APRIL BIRTHDAY LIST

Jennifer Holcombe, 4/4

Karlee Ford, 4/4

Carol Brown, 4/16

Pastor Ed Dickens, 4/22

4/2/2017