

Church Calendar – Future Events

Every Wednesday – Coffee and Conversation 9 am, Parsonage

Every Monday Evening – Bible Study, 7 PM, Parsonage

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 30 – Farewell Reception for Gary & Diane Whetstone, Watkinsville First UMC, 3 PM

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)

Homecoming - May 21st

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 9, 2017
Palm Sunday**



"When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'" -Matthew 21:10-11

Rev. Ed Dickens, Pastor

GATHERING

Weather permitting all are asked to gather at the bottom of the steps outside, in front of the sanctuary, as you are physically able. We will process Older adults first, younger adults, youth, then children. Get a palm branch and prepare to be part of the parade to welcome Jesus!

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Hear from the Gospel according to Mathew how our Lord Jesus entered Jerusalem.
- Matthew 21:1-11 (Pastor Ed)

THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE (Responsively, led by Pastor Ed)

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who come in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

3 times

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" #280

OPENING PRAYER

(Michael reads)

Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. In his name we pray. Amen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (congregation prays in unison) #281

SCRIPTURE LESSON

- Isaiah 50:4-9a (Donnie reads)

PSALM 31:1-16 (

(Howard reads light text) #764

Congregation responds by reading bolded text and sings Response #1 as indicated

SCRIPTURE LESSON

- Philippians 2:5-11 (Samuel reads)

*HYMN "He Is Lord"

#177

PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION STORY – Matt 26:14 – 27:66

RESPONSE TO THE PROCLAMATION

observe a time of silent reflection; come pray at the communion rail as needed

*APOSTLES CREED

#882

OFFERING (while singing closing hymn, ushers bring forward on vs #3)

HYMN "To God Be the Glory"

#98

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

Read Through the Bible

This past week we read Ex 1-4, 1 Sam 16-20, Ps 39-41, Job 27-28, Jer 6-11, Mark 7-8, 1 Cor 11-12. This week we will read: Ex 5-8, 1 Sam 21-25, Ps 42-44, Job 29-30, Jer 12-16, Mark 9-10, 1 Cor 13-14.

-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 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

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
Rev. Terry DeLand	D. C. Lang	Martha Mueller
Frances Osley	Grace Branyon	Ben Funderberg
Virginia Dickerson	Ethan Coker	Sally Matthews

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rainbow Pantry served 21 families this week, a total of 61 individuals. Please remember this ministry with your prayers and gifts.

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

A celebration of Reba Hart Johnson's 100th birthday will be held on April 15th, 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M., at Bethany Baptist Church. All are invited.

Wednesday, April 12th – Admin. Council Meeting

Thursday, April 13th – Maundy Thursday service @ 6:00 P.M. followed by potluck supper at 6:30.

APRIL BIRTHDAY LIST

Jennifer Holcombe, 4/4

Karlee Ford, 4/4

Carol Brown, 4/16

Pastor Ed Dickens, 4/22

4/9/2017