

Vanna
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."

April 23, 2017
Festival of God's Creation

Peace
be with
you 

"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

PRELUDE

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *Surely the Presence of the Lord* #328

GREETING (Responsively)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise the Lord in the heights!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name alone is exalted, whose glory is above earth and heaven.

OPENING PRAYER *(In Unison)*

Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN of PRAISE** *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* #384

***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** *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* #327

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING OF SCRIPTURE John 20:19-31

SERMON The Peace of The Lord Pastor Ed

***HYMN OF INVITATION** *"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"* #334

***AN INVITATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT** #335

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

**Please stand if you're able*

Read Through the Bible

This past week we Ex 9-12, 1 Sam 26-31, Ps 45-47, Job 31-32, Jer 17-21, Mark 11-12, 1 Cor 15-16 This week we will read: Ex 13-16, 2 Sam 1-4, Ps 48-50, Job 33-34, Jer 22-26, Mark 13-14, 2 Cor 1-3.

-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.

Upcoming Future Special Offerings

Apr 30 – General Conference Native American Ministries Sunday

May 14 – Wesley Woods Mother's Day Offering

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 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

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 where 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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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	Dr. Bob Sullivan	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

Please pray for our country and for our service men and women wherever they serve.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rainbow Pantry served 11 families this week, a total of 27 individuals. Please remember this ministry with your prayers and gifts.

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

Please list any items which you see that may need repair or some special clean-up as we prepare for Homecoming on May 21st so that any supplies needed can be purchased prior to cleanup day. Please give your list to any trustee.

APRIL BIRTHDAY LIST

Jennifer Holcombe, 4/4	Karlee Ford, 4/4
Carol Brown, 4/16	Pastor Ed Dickens, 4/22

4/23/2017