

*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 30, 2017**  
**Native American Ministries Sunday**



*"Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"*

*-Luke 24:32*

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)

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing!

**For the Lord has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones.**

## OPENING PRAYER (*In Unison*)

**Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, by the renewing of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**\*HYMN of PRAISE** "*The Church's One Foundation*" (vss 1,3, 5) #545

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**The Lord's Prayer** #895

## OFFERING

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

(today we have an opportunity to support a General Conference offering for Native American Ministries, please give prayerfully)

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION** "*He Lives*" #310

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**READING OF SCRIPTURE** Luke 24:13-25

**SERMON** Getting Away – Where, With Whom, Why? Pastor Ed

**HYMN OF INVITATION** "*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*" #298

## BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

## POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand if you're able*

## **Read Through the Bible**

This past week we read: Ex 13-16, 2 Sam 1-4, Ps 48-50, Job 33-34, Jer 22-26, Mark 13-14, 2 Cor 1-3. This week we will read: Ex 17-20, 2 Sam 5-9, Ps 51-53, Job 35-36, Jer 27-31, Mark 15-16, 2 Cor 4-5.

-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**

May 14 – Wesley Woods Mother's Day Offering  
June 4 – Annual Conference Special Offering  
June 11 – General Conference Peace with Justice Sunday

## **General Conference Native American Ministries Sunday**

Gifts to Native American Ministries Sunday fund scholarships for Native American seminarians and strengthen, develop and equip Native American rural, urban, and reservation congregations, ministries and communities and annual conference Native American ministries.

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Reverend David Bryan, currently serving Pennington Chapel and Trinity UMCs will be our new Pastor. David will continue to serve the others as well. The SPRC is currently working out the details with our District Superintendent. Begin to pray for a smooth transition, welcome and a mutual coming alongside for us and him as we continue to serve Jesus in our community.

## **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 21<sup>st</sup>**

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. Also, please remember, there are many who are unnamed who need our prayers.

J. D. & Dianne Hollis	Joe Ballenger	Sally Matthews
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	

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rainbow Pantry served 22 families this week, a total of 54 individuals. Please remember this ministry with your prayers and gifts.

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

Clean-up day in preparation day in preparation for Homecoming is scheduled for next Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Come and join us around 9:00 A.M.

### APRIL BIRTHDAY LIST

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

4/30/2017