

## STEWARDSHIP

### Sunday

	General Fund	Attendance
June 26	\$3,454	74
July 2	\$2,742	59
July 9	\$4,035	75
July 16	\$2,986	69
July 23	\$1,923	75

## ALTAR FLOWERS

You may place flowers in honor OR in memory of a loved one on their birthday, anniversary, retirement, etc. To put flowers in the sanctuary, please sign up on the flower calendar in the Administrative Hall. Let Kristy know what you would like printed in the bulletin.

## KITCHEN COMMITTEE

Friday, August 4  
10 AM

## REGULAR SCHEDULE

<b>Sunday Worship</b>	8:45 AM
	11:00 AM
Children's Sunday School	9:40 AM
Adult Sunday School	9:45 AM
<small>Nursery provided. Children's Church available.</small>	
<b>Wednesday Nights</b>	
Choir Practice	7:00 pm

## TRUSTEES MEETING

Monday, August 14  
6:30 pm

## FINANCE MEETING

Tuesday, August 15  
7 pm

## NOMINATIONS MEETING

Tuesday, August 22  
7 PM



# THE MESSENGER

Winterville United Methodist Church  
The Reverend Dr. Shirley B. Wright, Pastor  
August, 2017



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.  
The people of The United Methodist Church®

## ATLAS LEARNING ACADEMY



*BEGINS HERE AT WINTERVILLE UMC*

*AUGUST 1ST through MAY 31ST, 2017*

*MONDAY-THURSDAY from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM*

*Join us in praying for students and teachers.*

### Winterville United Methodist Church

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#### Office hours

Monday -Thursday 9 AM—1 PM Friday—office closed

# Wright-ings by Shirley

Dear Church Family,

Wow! Where has the summer gone? Well, I know there's still lots more hot weather ahead and technically more of summer left, but the start of school will soon be here a significant marker with regard to how we measure time!

I love new beginnings. I love the start of each school year and the sense of new beginnings it provides. And so it is in the life of the church—new beginnings, new opportunities, fresh new chances to discover the work God would have us do and then TO DO IT! There is no greater blessing than being on the path God would have us be on and doing the work God would have us do!

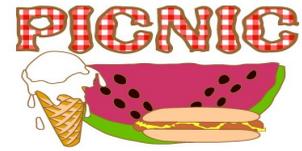
So—I want you to pledge time in prayer. I want you to pledge to pray for schools, teachers, and students including the home school group that will be meeting in our facility! I want you to continue to think about how our church might be in ministry to schools—teachers and students around us. I want you to continue to shop for uniforms and other needs that might come before our missions team.

Also I want you to pray about three teams to begin working in the life of our church. Pray for the missions team who will lead us in discovering needs and establishing ways to meet them. Pray for the outreach team who will work on interesting programs and events to attract new persons into our midst. Pray for a children's ministry team who will look at the needs of families with children and will try to establish ways of meeting those.

Finally I want you to be in prayer about the nominations work in the life of our church. The Nominations and Leadership Development Committee works primarily in the late summer/early fall to secure leaders for the upcoming year. Should they approach you about serving, pray about God's direction for your life.

On July 30 we will be looking at a passage of scripture that involves the Kingdom of God. Sometimes the imagery of kingdom is lost on 21st Century Americans. But the Kingdom of God we are to imagine is a beautiful kingdom where everyone lives together in peace and where everyone's needs are met. God's calling of us is to be actively at work, helping that image of "Kingdom" to come to fruition.

In Christ,  
**Shirley**



**Church-Wide  
Picnic & Ice  
Cream Social  
on the lawn.**

**August 16, 2017  
6:00 pm**

**Bring your favorite picnic foods,  
ice cream and toppings to share.  
Don't forget your chair.**

**You're invited!**

to attend the installation service for The Reverend Dr. Brian Clark, Athens-Elbert District Superintendent, on August 13<sup>th</sup> @ 2 pm at the Bethlehem First UMC, 709 Christmas Avenue, Bethlehem, GA. A reception will follow.

**A card for Mrs. Mary Whitehead -  
please send it to:**

**110 Dunwoody Drive,  
Athens, GA 30605  
c/o Donny Whitehead**



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
SEPTEMBER 13TH**

## **FROM YOUR LAY DELEGATE**

The 151st North Georgia United Methodist Conference opened June 13, 2017 at the Classic Center, Athens, GA. The theme was "Show Your work: Worship that Inspires Action." The conference dates were June 13, 14 & 15, 2017.

The Host Committee welcome the conference back to Athens.

Tuesday's service served as an official introduction of Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson.

One of the highlights of the service was the baptism of Rowan A. Hicks, who was baptized by his grandmother Rev. Nancy Hicks and Bishop Hauptert-Johnson.

Several reports were given during Tuesday's session: the Jurisdictional Conference report, Georgia United Methodist Foundation, United Methodist Connectional Federal Credit Union and others.

It was announced the annual conference offering will go toward the Ministerial Education Fund.

Members voted on 5 constitutional amendments by paper ballots.

Wednesday session was filled with reports from areas of the UM Church and passing other Mantle Liturgy from retirees to new ordinands. The conference recognized the retirees. A Service of Remembrance for the deceased in the past year was held. The evening session was a Service of Ordination, Commissioning and Licensing. A reception followed.

Thursday's session was spent telling what areas the NG Conference supports financially and through volunteers.

There is so much to cover in a written report but if you would like to have more information about this year's conference visit the website [www.ngumc.org](http://www.ngumc.org).

If you would like to attend the conference next year, as a visitor, please let me know at that time. I think you would get a better understanding of what the UMC covers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Henrietta Tucker

**FROM YOUR  
KITCHEN  
COMMITTEE**



Kitchen Committee will meet August 4 @ 10 o'clock in the Fellowship hall. If you are not able to attend the meeting but would like to be on a cooking team or already on a cooking team and plan on coming back for the cooking season, please let me know before the meeting.

THIS IS ONLY FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT MAKE IT TO THE MEETING.

Thank you,  
Henrietta Tucker

706-742-8449 (leave a message if no answer) or [henrietta143@gmail.com](mailto:henrietta143@gmail.com)

**THANK YOU!**

Winterville UMC,  
Thank you very much for your prayers, cards, visits, food and calls during my surgery in May. I am thankful to know that I am a part of such a loving and giving church family.

Julie Fielding

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Dear Members of Winterville UMC,  
Thank you so much for your generous gift to St. Luke UMC Fire Restoration Fund. Donations such as hours will help us to restore and rebuild our beautiful place of worship and to continue our Christ-centered missions in the Harrisburg Community.

Gratefully in Christian Love,  
Members of St. Luke

**United Methodist Men**

On behalf of the United Methodist Men let me say a big THANK YOU to all for your support of our Chicken BBQ on Friday, July 21st. This was possibly the most successful one we have had so far. Thanks to all that bought or sold tickets, cooked, setup, served, cleaned up afterwards, and a special thanks to the ladies that provided desserts and to those who paid for some of the items we needed, this allows us to meet our budget.

It has been asked what we do with the funds we raise. Our budget is divided into three categories: 1) Facilities, 2) Mission, 3) Evangelism. We try to donate to all categories as evenly as possible, but some times one may need more attention. Some of the programs we have contributed to are: Church General Budget, Apportionments, In Memory or In Honor of church members, mission trips, Youth programs and meals, Scholarships for youth camps, Scout programs, repairs to: church building, parsonage, storage building, church bus and many other items. We have three fundraisers a year to have the funds to do all these things. So you see why your support is so vital to our effort. Again thanks for all you do to help us.

P. S. All men of the church are welcome to come and be a part of this program. We meet the third Thursday of each month, 6:30pm at Locos Grill in Green Acres Shopping Center on Barnett Shoals Road.

Thanks,  
Johnny White

**YOUNG AT HEART**

June 28th—22 of us went to Milledgeville where we were guided through the old governors mansion, lunch at Crockets then a walk through the Lockerly Gardens and Rose Hill home. Afterwards the Natural history Museum at Georgia State College and the Uncle Remus Museum in Eatonton. We made an ice cream stop on the way home—a good time for all.

Nashville here we come! It will be a great time. If anyone was snoozing and wants to join us there is room on the bus. We have a window to still include you. The trip is Dec. 4th to 7th. Final payment is Oct. 1st.

Our August trip is Monday the 14th to Elberton. Sign up sheet is posted. We will visit the Granite Museum and other points of interest around the city. Lunch will be their best Mexican restaurant.

Save the date. Thursday, Dec. 14th for our Christmas party. We will feature dueling piano players, games, prizes and of course we'll feed you all.

As a note: your Young at Heart leader Linda, wants to thank everyone for your love, prayers and thoughtfulness during her time of medical procedures and recovery.



In Gods Love & Friendship,  
Linda & Charley

**H O M E C O M I N G**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR  
158TH HOMECOMING  
CELEBRATION  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17  
REV. BOB MURPHY  
COVERED DISH**

**Sympathy is extended to the family  
of Mr. Bill Vetter, Michelle's uncle.**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <b>Atlas Learning Academy will begin today from 9 AM to 3:30 pm</b>	2 <b>Hilda Poss Amy Pulliam</b> Choir Practice, 7 pm ALC, 9—3:3 pm	3 <b>Carlene Williams</b> ALC, 9—3:3 pm T.O.P.S., 5:30 pm	4 Kitchen Committee Meeting, 10 AM 	5 <b>Kevin Denham</b> Banquet hall reserved by D. Tolbert
6 <b>Carol Hodges</b> <b>Blessing of the Uniforms</b> Worship: 8:45 & 11 AM Sunday School: Adult: 9:45	7 <b>Andy Bray</b> Girl Scouts, 6 pm ALC, 9—3:3 pm	8 <b>Karen Eidson Gary Snow Eddie Saxon</b> ALC, 9—3:3 pm <b>United Methodist Women</b> 7 pm	9 <b>Mallory Bouknecht Dorothy Heintz</b> Choir Practice, 7 pm ALC, 9—3:3 pm	10 ALC, 9—3:3 pm T.O.P.S., 5:30 pm	11	12
13 Mission Moment from Interfaith Hospitality Network Worship: 8:45 AM <b>11 AM &amp; Communion</b> Sunday School: Adult: 9:45	14 <b>Young at Heart Trip to Elberton</b>  ALC, 9—3:3 pm <b>Trustees Meeting, 6:30</b>	15 <b>Nick Rainmaker</b> ALC, 9—3:3 pm <b>Finance Meeting, 7 pm</b>	16 <b>Picnic on the Lawn, &amp; Ice Cream Social, 6 pm</b>  ALC, 9—3:3 pm Choir Practice, 7 pm	17 <b>Henrietta Tucker JoAnn Snow</b> ALC, 9—3:3 pm T.O.P.S, 5:30 pm United Methodist Men, 6:30 @ Loco's	18	19 <b>Martin Alvarado</b> Banquet hall reserved by J. White
20 <b>Mark Rodgers</b> Worship: 8:45 & 11 AM Sunday School: Adult: 9:45	21 ALC, 9—3:3 pm Girl Scouts, 6 pm	22 ALC, 9—3:3 pm <b>Nominations Meeting, 7 pm</b> Banquet hall reserved, 6:30 pm Conference room reserved, 6:30 pm by American Legion and Auxiliary Ladies	23 ALC, 9—3:3 pm Choir practice, 7pm	24 ALC, 9—3:3 pm T.O.P.S., 5:30 pm	25 <b>Delores Wages</b>	26 <b>Danny Lott</b> Banquet hall & sanctuary reserved by H. Tucker 10 -9 pm
27 <b>Doris Spivey</b> <b>8:45 AM Communion</b> Worship: 11 am Sunday School: Adult: 9:45	28 ALC, 9—3:3 pm	29 <b>Patsy Chandler Ann Hines Tim Rodgers</b> ALC, 9—3:3 pm	30 <b>Bob White</b> ALC, 9—3:3 pm Choir Practice, 7 pm	31 <b>Sarah Lott</b> ALC, 9—3:3 pm T.O.P.S., 5:30 pm		
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