

The Church Spire

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Visioning Process - So, What's New?

Have you noticed the new banners on the front of the church? Are you wondering what those are all about? Our mission of Knowing, Growing, and Showing God's Love is now prominently displayed on these colorful additions to our church building.

You might remember that at this time last year we were all busy filling out surveys to help guide the direction and focus of Athens First UMC. We had an excellent response to those surveys and would like to once again thank everyone who participated in the process. Since that time, the Administrative Council and several smaller visioning teams have been working hard to establish a vision for the church, formulate a mission statement, and align our church and its ministries with that mission.

The members of Administrative Council are encouraged by this new sense of purpose and direction for our church. We now have a strategic plan in place to help us stay on track as we move forward, and members of all committees and ministry teams should be getting additional details about this plan during your October meeting. If you would like to hear more about the visioning plans for Athens First UMC, please feel free to talk to Pastor Wendy, Steve Sloan (Ad Council Chair), Kim Mather (Ad Council Vice-Chair), Wendy Merb-Brown (Lay Leader) or any member of Administrative Council.

We ask for your continued prayers as we work to focus and align our ministries in a way that is faithful to the work God has called us to.



Worship in October

This October we will contemplate the topic of *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*, and celebrate with Commitment Sundays on October 30 and November 6. Join us for worship Sundays at 8:45 or 10:30, and related discussion groups on Thursdays at noon or Sundays at 9:30.

October 2: When Dreams become Nightmares

October 9: Wisdom and Finance

October 16: Cultivating Contentment

October 23 : Defined by Generosity

October 30: In Pursuit of Joy! (Commitment Sunday)

November 6: Promises, Promises (Commitment Sunday and All Saints Sunday)

And mark your calendar to join us for Thanksgiving Worship and Potluck on November 13!

A Word from Wendy...

Counting

I had just settled into the couch in the family room. It had been a busy day, and I had a meeting to return to soon, but I was ready for a few minutes of relaxation, maybe even a cat nap. And then, out of the corner of my eye: red fur, four short legs, a long tail with a white tip! By the time the image registered in my brain, the fox had moved from the tree line into the woods. There was nothing to indicate it had been there.

I certainly wasn't expecting that when I sat down, yet it certainly wasn't out of context – the parsonage area is filled with wildlife. I certainly couldn't prove what I had experienced, but I knew what I had seen.

And it changed my day! Suddenly I was no longer tired. I got up and tried to see traces of movement in the brush. I started to go get the camera, but there was nothing now to capture. I posted to Facebook. I pulled out my journal.

This became numbers 302 and 303 in my gratitude journal. Yes, counting to 1000 blessings

is taking a while! And, no, I am not getting so desperate to increase the number that a fox counts twice.

Indeed, number 302 was the blur of red fur, four legs, and a white-tipped tail disappearing into the woods. And number 303 was the blessing of seeing and experiencing something so unexpected.

Too often I find myself going from one thing to the next, engaged in the task of the moment, blinders on and not seeing what is going on outside my area of concentration. That afternoon I was only seeking some quiet and to prepare for the next meeting. And a moment of gratitude filled the afternoon with joy.

Perhaps that's part of what this journey of counting my blessings is teaching me – to always be ready to be interrupted, to be ready to see the unexpected, to be open to God-sightings.

Even when they come in red fur with four legs and a long tail with a white tip.

Blessings - Wendy

Sunday Morning Nursery Attendant Needed Immediately First United Methodist Church is seeking a person to immediately undertake the position of its Sunday Morning Nursery Attendant. This position reports directly to the Director of Children's Ministries and is also responsible to the Staff Parish Relations Committee.

The position requires the person to be present every Sunday morning. When Children's Sunday School is in session the hours are 9:15 am to 11:45 am. When Children's Sunday School is not in session the hours are 10:15 am to 11:45 am.

The duties and responsibilities of this position require the candidate to have the ability to : 1) be present every Sunday, 2) ensure the health and safety of all children present ages 0 through 6 years of age, 3) provide loving, nurturing, developmentally-appropriate care for all children present, 4) set-up the nursery area before the children arrive, 5) clean-up the nursery area after children leave, and 6) maintain a current accurate information card for each nursery attendee.

Also, the Church and its Staff Parish Relations Committee seek specific competencies from each candidate which include: 1) a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ, 2) love and respect for young children, 3) an understanding of child development characteristics of 0 through 6 years of age, 4) an ability to work well with the parents/guardians of the children and the nursery volunteer helpers, 5) patience and 6) a sense of humor.

This position is a twelve-month per year, hourly, part-time position. This position is paid at a rate of \$10.00 per hour and the Church will provide Worker's Compensation and withhold appropriate taxes.

An application form can be obtained at the Church office. If you would like more information, please contact Cathy Bigger or Leisa Ostermann at the Church office or David Liggitt, SPRC committee representative, at 797-2216 - ASAP. Thanks!!!

Adult Ministry at Athens First

Sharon Stoltzfus, Director of Adult Ministries

During the month of October our Adult Study Groups are participating in a study titled *Enough: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity*. Through this study and the sermon series by Pastor Wendy, we are exploring what the Bible teaches us about financial management. Topics include

- *When Dreams Become Nightmares* – God's vision of financial management brings joy that the American Dream never can and will never bring;
- *Wisdom and Finance* – Biblical wisdom and basic money management principles are essential if we are to achieve financial peace and accomplish God's greater purposes for our lives;
- *Cultivating Contentment* – Our lives do not consist in the abundance of possessions;
- *Defined by Generosity* – We experience true joy when our lives are defined by generosity.

I found it to be a quick read with very helpful and practical information and tools, and I appreciate Rev. Hamilton's easy writing style and his theology.

It's not too late to join one of the groups.

Books are available at the class:

- Sunday mornings (2 groups), 9:30 a.m. in the Church Library and 1st Floor Lounge
- Thursdays at Noon in Fellowship Hall

I hope you will join us during one of these times this month!

Stephen Ministers Care When was the last time someone really listened to you? We're talking about that undistracted, full-attention kind of listening. That's one of the ways Stephen Ministers care for others. Stephen Ministers work alongside Pastor Wendy to care, encourage, and share the warmth of God's love with those who need it most: the lonely, the depressed, the grieving.

We have trained and experienced Stephen Ministers who would love to provide a listening ear on a regular or occasional basis. Maybe God is calling you to reach out to those who are hurting. If so, we have openings in our next scheduled training that begins in January. If you would like to know more about receiving or giving Stephen Ministry care, please talk with Pastor Wendy, Sharon Stoltzfus or Dick Shelat.

Youth News

www.firstumcathens.org/youth

Dr. Seuss at Sunday School? Join us at 9:30 every Sunday morning, starting in the Sanctuary, to review some of our favorite Dr. Seuss stories and see how the lessons learned relate to the lessons in the scriptures. Sound intriguing? Greg Van Patten will be leading us in the youth lounge. See you there!

Otterbein Retreat Cancelled Athens City Schools and Alexander Schools will not have Columbus Day off as they have had in the past, so the youth retreat scheduled for Columbus Day weekend has been cancelled. We will try to re-schedule it later in the fall semester.

Upcoming Youth Activities

October 9th - Dinner as usual at 6:00 PM and then we will **carve our pumpkins**. Bring your own pumpkin and let's see who can come up with the best design.

October 16th We will experience the lessons we can learn from popular movies. Have a favorite moment in a movie you would like to discuss? Email Meg before the 16th and we can add it to the list (vanpattenfamily@mac.com)

October 23rd - Spooky stories in the Bible? Who would have thought? We will delve into some great stories and games to go with them. Same time, same place - 6:00 PM - 7:30 in Fellowship Hall and the youth lounge.

OCTOBER 30TH YOUTH GROUP HALLOWEEN PARTY

Come as your favorite religious or Biblical character or get together with some friends and come as your favorite Biblical story. No costume this year? Not a problem, come for the games and fellowship. 6:00 - 7:30 PM



It was wonderful to see so many of our young friends back with us for Sunday school on Rally Day. We are trying something new this fall, including all grades from pre-school through Sr. High in our opening time. The younger elementary grades are currently learning about "The Burning Bush and Other Images of God."

We are looking forward to a unit on sharing--time, talents, and money, to dovetail with the church's stewardship emphasis in October. This unit will begin on October 23, after our first Mission and Munchies Sunday of the fall, which is scheduled for October 16th. **Don't forget to bring your change, as this will also be a noisy bucket Sunday!**

Parents and kids, please note: because of Low Brass rehearsal, we will be going back to our "old" location for Sunday school opening time on October 9 and 16. Please join us once again in Fellowship Hall on those two mornings. As always, a small snack will be available in Fellowship Hall between Sunday School and the 10:30 worship service.

Many thanks to the hard working volunteers who have prepared to teach our children and youth this fall. You are sincerely appreciated.

-- Laura Dalton, Sunday school Superintendent

Holy Hands Puppeteers are ready for Go When? Sundays 12:30 - 1:15. Where? On the Fellowship Hall Stage; Who? Any youth who is in 4th grade or above! Come one come all to learn the art and creativity of puppetry while providing leadership in worship! If you have any questions about the puppets, feel free to contact Kamile Geist 740-707-6267 or at geistk@ohio.edu.



Growing Tree News

What a great first month of school! It is so fun to become acquainted with the children by engaging them in conversation, observing them explore and investigate the classroom and guiding them as they reach out socially and begin to find their places at Growing Tree.

We always look forward to October at Growing Tree. Two major events are scheduled and we can't wait! First, we'll be taking our annual field trip to Mrs. Calentine's farm. We'll be seeing assorted critters, riding a horse and enjoying a picnic snack together. Second, we'll have our Costume Party Day at the end of the month. We'll all be wearing costumes to school (even Mrs. Bigger!), having a costume parade, weather permitting, and enjoying special party games and snacks. YIPPEE!

Thank you, again, for your generous support of the Growing Tree SHARE Fund. We have been able to supply partial scholarships to all families who applied for assistance. You may continue to contribute to the fund throughout the year as God leads.

Enjoy this beautiful time of year and thank you for your continuing support and prayers for Growing Tree Preschool.

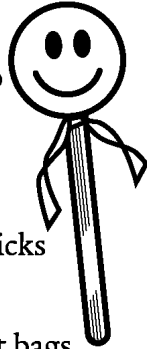
--Cathy Bigger, Growing Tree Director

A COOKIE SMILE

Make these cheerful lollipop cookies to share.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- 1 roll of sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Cookie sheet
- Wooden craft sticks
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Cellophane treat bags
- Ribbon



What you do:

1. Freeze the roll of dough.
2. Cut dough into ¼-inch slices.
3. Place slices 2 inches apart on cookie sheet.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for five minutes.
5. Remove cookies from oven and place a stick into the bottom of each cookie (about 1 inch into the dough).
6. Return cookies to the oven until done, three to five more minutes.
7. After cookies are cool, make a “face” on each one, using frosting and sprinkles.
8. Put cookies into bags and tie with a ribbon. Then give away these edible smiles!

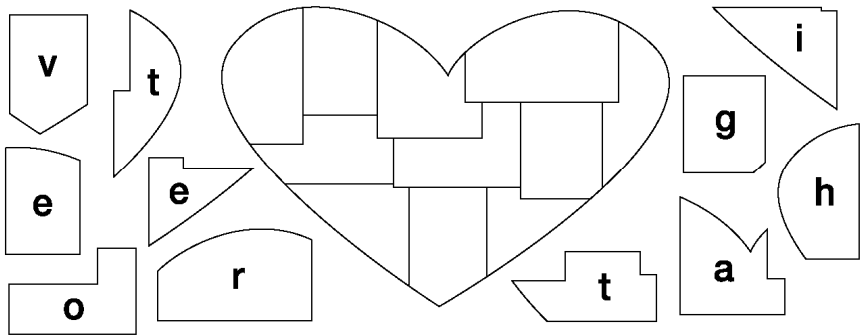


HOW TO GIVE

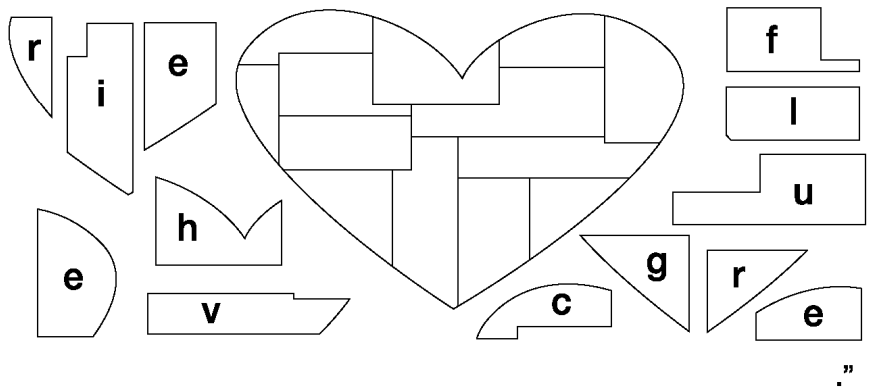
We can give in a variety of ways, including our money, possessions and time. But God says there’s only one attitude to have when we give.

Finish the puzzles by matching the pieces and writing out the letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV.

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your ...



... not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a ...



Answers: heart to give, cheerful giver

West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church Our Connection to the World

This comes to us through "News.Net" a monthly email publication by the West Ohio Conference:

10 Fold—Ten Projects, One Click, be Counted Beginning Monday, October 10, join UMCOR daily for [10-Fold](#), a 10-day multimedia experience that spotlights **10 powerful ways The United Methodist Church and UMCOR are making an impact worldwide** - from planting churches to eliminating death and suffering from malaria. By logging on to [10-Fold.org](#), you will experience a different project each day and learn about ways YOU can join the effort.

Plus, when you click to **BE COUNTED**, sponsors like West Ohio's **Hyde Park UMC** of Cincinnati, will give **\$1 to the day's initiative-just because you visited!** Use the [toolkit](#) (PDF, 4 pp.) for help and suggestions for getting your family, friends and fellow church members to spread the word.

S.O.W.E.R.: Sharing our Witness - Enriching Relationships The **SOWER Volunteers in Mission (VIM)** construction project has recently completed its 10th home in Henderson Settlement of Frakes, Kentucky, and the team is in the planning stages for constructing the 11th home for a family in 2012. **SOWER is a West Ohio Conference VIM project that constructs new housing** as part of the Henderson Settlement work camp program, a component of the Red Bird Missionary Conference. The work camp program has approximately 3,000 volunteers each year who repair 130 to 150 existing homes annually. A video of the 6-week build cycle is available [here](#). For volunteer information click [here](#).

Monday Lunch News

Allene Kilgore, Monday Lunch Coordinator

Monday Lunch's numbers have gone up from this summer. This summer we were serving about 100 guests each week. The past few Mondays of September we've had about 125 come to eat.

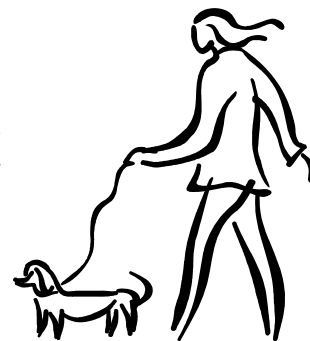
If you would like to be a part of this service but can't be there on Mondays, please consider donating a salad or dessert. As we get closer to the holidays, our numbers go up, so we especially need more of these at this time of year. Usually people sign up to donate once a month (enough to serve 16-20 people). Here are some examples of what we need:

Salad can be as simple as 3 bean salad, jello salad, coleslaw (or 2 bags of slaw mix), fruit or tossed salad (or 2 bags of salad mix with cherry tomatoes or cucumbers), two 24oz containers of cottage cheese, pickled beats, etc.

Dessert ideas: 9 X 13 cake, 2 pies, 2 angel food cakes, cookies, brownies, pudding, rice or bread pudding, etc. (it makes me hungry just listing them!).

Please call me with questions or to sign up. -- Allene Kilgore, 592-2122 (please leave a message if my answering machine picks up).

Have a Dog that Needs Walking or Other Care? One of our long-time Monday Lunch guests/volunteers, a very dedicated single mother of 3, has recently started offering this service. She is someone Allene knows well and feels is honest and hardworking. She highly recommends her. Please call Allene (592-2122) if you would like to know more or you can contact her directly at 707-1652.



These United Methodist Women's Circles Meet October 25:

Miriam Circle, 9:45 a.m. - home of Gladys Gallaway, 33 Longview Hts.

Martha-Ruth Circle, 1:30 p.m. – Home of Mary Lee Sonander, 27 Elmwood Pl.

Lydia Circle, 7:30 p.m. – Home of Helen Slater, 105 Sunnyside Dr.

Habitat News

Twenty-six teams participated in a very successful Cardboard City September 24/25 on the O.U. campus. First place for their "home" was the O.U. Women's Crew, second was 211/2. Top fund raiser was the Athens Catholic Teens. Activities included a special guest appearance by Ted Williams, the "Golden Voice."

Internationally Habitat will be breaking ground in its 500,000th home soon. Our local Athens chapter will be breaking ground on our 27th home in a few weeks. This home will be located in Nelsonville.

Habitat Volunteer Opportunities:

The ReStore needs volunteers to help staff the store when it is open (Thurs.- Sat.) and to help pricing. Any amount of time would be helpful (from a couple of hours on up). Give Molly a call if available (740-677-4024 or restore@athenshabitat.org).

The chapter is seeking a treasurer for the Board of Directors. Contact Kenneth (592-0032, Kenneth@athenshabitat.org) for more information.

Upcoming Events: October 22 (Saturday). 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Fall Rummage Sale at Christ the King Parish Center, 75 Stewart Street, Athens. Take items to the Center on Friday. In addition to clothing we take small household items such as kitchenware, toys and games, books and even bicycles. We also take small furniture items, but not larger items such as sofas or refrigerators.

Nov. 5 (Saturday). 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Scrap Metal Drive** at the Athens County Fairgrounds.

Ministering at the Appalachian Behavioral Hospital During October Two months out of the year members of FUMC take Sunday worship service to patients at Appalachian Behavioral Healthcare Hospital. October is one of those months.

The 1st Sunday of October we had 13 patients and 3 staff join 4 from FUMC for hymn singing, Scripture readings, prayer and a short message. It was a very uplifting hour. If you'd like to know more about it, you can contact Jed Butcher, Anne and Guido Stempel or Allene Kilgore.

Honduras Mission Trip Planned December 1-8 The Missions Committee is pleased to announce plans for a 2nd annual mission trip to Honduras from December 1 - 8, 2011. The group will work with the organization, Honduras Outreach, Inc., (www.hoi.org), assisting a rural community in a high poverty area of the country. Projects will include basic construction work and children's activities. Interested? Please contact Pete Mather at pete.mather@gmail.com or by phone (594-1095). **Watch for information on donation opportunities to support the trip.**

FUMC Collects 84 Kits for Festival of Sharing Thanks for the effort you contributed to making this year's Festival of Sharing project at First Church a successful continuation of previous efforts.

All of the kits are counted, boxed, taped and ready for delivery from the Foothills District Office to Otterbein University. We hope they will add to the goal of once again filling a 53' trailer for delivery to New Windsor, Maryland and the sorting and shipping that is done there by volunteers. This is a remarkable effort that benefits folks in the USA and around the world.

Together, we contributed: 23 hygiene kits • 6 baby kits • 55 school kits

May God's blessings continue on your efforts!

--David and Bonita Maze



Choirs at Athens First – Fall is a great time to Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord!! The **Adult Handbell Choir** and our vocal **Chancel Choir** welcome new members. Under the direction of Kevin Dael, the **Handbell Choir** rehearses from 6 to 7 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Music Room and usually performs once a month in the 10:30 service during the academic year. No experience necessary. Under the direction of Peter Jarjisian, the **Chancel Choir** rehearses in Room 6 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and performs weekly in the 10:30 service during the academic year, with a few exceptions. Child care is provided during both of these rehearsals.

Children are welcome in our **Children's Vocal Choir** (for grades K and up). Rehearsals take place in the Chapel Sundays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Stephanie Morris is directing again this year, and she is looking forward to an exciting year of performing in church.

Those who play a low brass instrument are invited to join our **Low Brass Ensemble**. Under the direction of Bob Smith, this group's rehearsal schedule is tied to the performance schedule, which is once every 4 – 6 weeks. Please contact Bob if you would like more information (593-3151).

FINANCIAL



\$ 22,657.66 Operating Income for September
 33,676.14 Operating Expenses September
 (11,018.48) Net loss for the month
 \$(5,982.46) Net loss for the year*

August is a time when we are gearing up for fall, so expenses are usually high in September. Add to that 3 payrolls to meet, and we come up with a month of significant difference between income and expenses.

***Things are not as bleak as they appear – let me explain:**

If you are familiar with our Operating Budget (see February 2011 Spire, pages 10-13) you will recall that our income for 2011 contains a **carry forward** from 2010 in the amount of \$16,652. Not only did this carry-forward give us the cash flow needed to meet the early January expenses, it also gives us what we need during these months when we're upside down.

The amounts I've provided each month in the Spire have not included the Carry-Forward funds, and neither do the above figures. The *net loss for the year* is actually a net gain when the \$16,652 is added to our income figure.

So, as of the end of September, our books actually show a net gain of \$10,669.54, due to the blessing of the 2010 Carry Forward.

Each year our Finance Committee members commit themselves to the task of presenting a balanced budget for the coming year. It is our hope that eventually we will not need carry-forward funds to accomplish this. I find it encouraging that we were this far into the year before we actually needed that money to meet our expenses. I am anxious to see how we finish the year in relation to our Carry Forward. I hope we need less than we anticipated!

–Sharon Stoltzfus, Director of Finance

3rd Quarter Giving Statements will be mailed soon. Please don't hesitate to contact Sharon Stoltzfus (593-3977 ext 11) if you have any questions about your giving record.

The Sympathy of the congregation is extended to Chip Guyton in the death of his sister, Dave Lovett and family upon the death of his mother Madge Lovett, and to Jennifer Sheets and family in the death of her sister-in-law.

Prayer Chain If you have prayer requests, please call 593-7471 or 593-6853 to have your request placed on the church's Prayer Chain.

Sermons Broadcast Live on WATH Remember, if for some reason you can't be in worship on Sunday, tune in to WATH (970) at 11 a.m. and hear that portion of our service broadcast live on the radio. Sometimes they begin the broadcast at 10:30 a.m., so be sure to tune in a little early.

District Information Available on the Internet There are lots of things going on in our Foot-hills District. You can find the web site at: <http://www.foothillsdistrict.org>

Calendar Information Available 24/7 Remember, if you need to check on dates and times of church events, that information is available on our web site (www.firstumcathens.org/calendar) and also on the automated portion of our phone system (extension 3) - *available seven days a week, 24 hours a day.*

Parking on Sunday Mornings Parking in the Municipal Parking Garage is free on Sundays and elevators are available. Be sure to park in one of the metered spaces. If you have an OU Parking hang tag, either faculty/staff or retired, you may park in OU Lot 39 (the lot in front of the School of Music and Seigfred).

The Next Spire Is the November Issue - Deadline is October 27.

Radio Ministry Needs Sponsors—5 Slots to Fill

We are thankful to see the number of available slots shrinking, but we still have 5 slots to fill to complete the need for 2011. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please contact Sharon Stoltzfus at the Church Office (593-3977, ext. 11). A full sponsorship for 2011 is \$155, and full or partial sponsorships are always welcomed.

Through our radio ministry, much of our 10:30 worship service is broadcast live over WATH am radio every Sunday morning. This ministry reaches countless folks who are unable to leave their homes on Sunday mornings or are traveling. Those we know who listen weekly are mailed a bulletin so that they can follow along.

This ministry is made possible solely by the contributions of members and friends of the church. Whatever you choose to give, just know what a blessing this ministry is to those who use it!



Radio Ministry Sponsorship

Yes, I/we want to participate.

Amount \$ _____

Memorial/Dedication (optional) _____

Name(s) _____

October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 Home	26	27	28	29	30	1 10:15 AM Guyer/Quijada Reception 6:00 PM AA
2 8:45 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Simple Church 12:30 PM Holy Hands 2:30 PM Korean Worship 6:00 PM Youth Group	3 12:00 PM Monday Lunch 6:00 PM Kappa Phi Cabinet 7:00 PM Admin Council 7:00 PM Troop 71	4 12:00 PM AA 6:30 PM CYFL Committee 6:30 PM Children's Council 7:00 PM Enough Study 8:00 PM Chi Rho Bible Study	5 7:30 AM – Rummage Sale 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Korean Worship Service 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	6 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 12:00 PM Enough Study 12:00 PM AA 5:00 PM Kappa Phi 6:00 PM AA	7 5:30 PM AA 6:00 PM Korean Students Bible Study	8 6:00 PM AA
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Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning Worship 8:45 and 10:30

Sunday School Classes, 9:30 a.m.

Worship Broadcast on WATH Sundays 11-11:30 a.m.

Child Care Provided During 10:30 Service

Free Parking in the City Parking Garage on Sundays