

The Church Spire

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Shake It Up!

Becoming a New Creation in Christ!

Rally Day • September 11, 2011

8:45 a.m.

Worship in the Chapel

9:15 a.m.

Refreshments in the 1st Floor Lounge
throughout the morning

9:30-10:15 a.m.

Sunday School Open House
See children's classrooms and meet the teachers

10:30-11:30

Worship in the Sanctuary

11:45

Potluck Lunch in Fellowship Hall

We hope you'll join us for Rally Day 2011!

Rally Day Won't be Complete without a Potluck We hope you'll join us for our annual Rally Day Potluck immediately following the 10:30 worship service.

The main course, table service, and beverages will be provided. We ask folks to provide side dishes, casseroles, salads, and a few desserts. Since we'll ask students to be our guests, please keep that in mind as you prepare your food offerings.

Along with food, we hope you'll also bring smiles, laughs, good conversations and tales of summer vacation.

A Word from Wendy...

Rearrange

I recall a Saturday a few years ago when my world was “rearranged.” I had scoured the weekly grocery sale circular, inventoried the sparse pantry, concocted a dinner menu for nights I would and wouldn’t be home to cook, and made up my grocery list. I have a steno pad that I use for my grocery list, which gives me enough space to make 3 columns of items – one each for the first part of the store, the middle, and the end. Since I used to have 3 kids in tow, I had come up with my system for grocery shopping to get me in and out of there with everything I needed a long time ago.

These days, it is often stop on the way home for tonight’s dinner and whatever we are out of. But that Saturday, I actually was taking some time to grocery shop for the week.

I had made my way through the first part of the store in good time and sticking to my list, when I saw an unusual display at the far end of the aisle. As I made my way down the aisle, I could finally read the sign “We are rearranging your store for your shopping pleasure and convenience.” My heart dropped and my shoulders slumped. There is NOTHING pleasant or convenient about rearranging my grocery store!

My grocery store is a staple of my existence. I rely on it to be there and everything to be in its place. I can go in, get what I need, and get on with my life. I visit regularly for the food which nourishes and sustains me and my family. And I don’t need or want to have my old favorites re-arranged, or (heaven-forbid) discontinued, and I don’t need there to be space for things they haven’t carried in the past. I just want to get my groceries and get out!

As I turned the corner to the next aisle, I knew it was true. I was not greeted by pasta sauce and pickles, but by an expanse of empty shelves “filled” with paper towels while the rearranging was in process.

And so I went in and out of every aisle, looking left and right, up and down, and back at my list. When I got to the far end of the store, there were still items on my list that I hadn’t found, and so I retraced my steps, in search of those again. Of course, along the way, some items found their way into my cart that weren’t on my list but I discovered while searching and realized I needed (or at least wanted).

Pushing my bagged groceries to the car, the steam was still puffing out my ears, but I had begun to calm down. I began to think about all the places, and people, that are staples of my existence and I want to be like “my grocery store.” (And the first place I thought of was the church.)

Needless to say, a lot in my life has been rearranged in these past months as we’ve moved to Athens and begun acclimating in a new city (and a new grocery store). And I’m still learning how “church” is done here at FUMC. And, yes, you and the church have experienced some rearranging as this new pastor has come to town and begun settling in her office and her appointment.

This summer, our VBS theme was “Shake it Up: Becoming a New Creation in Christ”. We will continue that theme as we come “Back to Church” in September.

Jesus’ teaching turned the world upside down; it rearranged the understanding of the disciples – then and now. Or would it be more accurate to say that Jesus showed us that we live in an upside down world? The Good News, my sisters and brothers, is that on the first Easter morning, the tomb was rearranged: the stone was rolled away, the burial linens were scattered, and the Son of God walked and talked once more. When God rearranges, new life is found!

Blessings - Wendy

Part-Time Director of Children and Youth Ministries Sought This is a part-time, salaried position (30 hour/week). Successful candidate will be well-grounded in his/her own faith, have the ability to inspire life-long spiritual development in teens and young children, have exceptional communication abilities, especially with teens, and strong organizational and administrative skills. Bachelor's degree in a related field and/or minimum 2 years proven effectiveness working with children/youth. Please submit resume to: Steve Sloan/Kim Mather c/o First United Methodist Church 2 South College St, Athens OH 45701. This position will remain open until filled, so interested candidates should complete the application **process as soon as possible**.

Enough Stewardship Campaign

Enough: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity

Stress. Anxiety. Fear. These words capture well the state of mind of many in America today when the topic is the economy and/or personal finances. We have witnessed dramatic market losses, the collapse of the world's largest insurance company, and many bankruptcies and mergers. Every day seems to bring another piece of economic uncertainty.

A recent survey found that over three in four Americans are stressed about the economy and their personal finances. Half were worried about providing for their family's basic needs. Over half of respondents reported feeling angry and irritable, and reported lying awake at night worried about this. The report concludes that, "The declining state of the nation's economy is taking a physical and emotional toll on people nationwide."¹

Join us in worship during October for a sermon series entitled *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*. Our nation is experiencing what many have described as the "American Nightmare." Increasing consumer debt, declines in savings, lower income growth, and a volatile stock market are all a part of our economic insecurity. We have lived in a society that tells us "you deserve it now," whether or not we can afford it or really even need it.

All of us have struggled with these issues at one time or another. They are important issues that we cannot ignore. This is why, during October, we will be having a church-wide study and worship emphasis called *Enough: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity*. During this time we will explore what the Bible teaches us about financial management through corporate worship and small group study ([visit \[www.firstumcathens.org/adult\]\(http://www.firstumcathens.org/adult\)](http://www.firstumcathens.org/adult) for details about small-group study opportunities). We'll hear ex-

pert advice and stories about what others have learned by working through financial challenges. Each week we will provide you with some practical tools you can use to assess your financial situation and develop a financial plan with a biblical foundation.

At the conclusion of the emphasis, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will consecrate these commitments in the worship service on two consecutive Sundays (see the schedule that follows).

I hope you will join us in the coming weeks as we look at how we can manage our financial resources and truly experience simplicity, generosity, and joy.

Schedule of Events

<u>October 2</u>	When Dreams Become Nightmares Small-Group Study Begins
<u>October 9</u>	Wisdom and Finance
<u>October 16</u>	Cultivating Contentment
<u>October 23</u>	Defined by Generosity Small-Group Study Ends
<u>October 30</u>	Consecration Sunday 1
<u>November 6</u>	Consecration Sunday 2
<u>November 13</u>	Thanksgiving/Celebration Sunday – Results Celebration and Consecration of Next Year's Ministry Commitments

¹ "Eight Out of Ten Americans Stressed Because of Economy," by Madison Park, from CNN.com, October 7, 2008; <http://www.cnn.com/2008/HEALTH/conditions/10/07/economic.stress/index.html>.

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.

Visioning Process Continues to Move Forward

The Administrative Council met August 2nd for the next step in our visioning process: Adopting a strategy plan. Members had been given a Strategy Plan put together by Pastor Wendy in advance of the meeting. At that August 2nd meeting, Pastor Wendy explained the Plan and provided opportunities for questions and discussion. The members of Administrative Council voted to adopt the Strategy Plan that evening. Also adopted was a streamlined mission statement that reflects our role of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world:

“Knowing...growing...showing God’s love.”

In preparation for implementing the Plan, the Council, FUMC Staff members, and others are participating in a weekly study led by Pastor Wendy of the book *Simple Church* by Thom S. Rainer and Eric Geiger.

One of the first steps taken in implementing the Strategy Plan is moving our Administrative Committee work to Mondays at 7 to eliminate conflicts with small groups that will be forming at the church.

Administrative Council now meets on the 1st Monday of each month, Staff/Parish Relations meets on the 2nd Monday, the Finance Committee meets on the 3rd Monday and our Board of Trustees meets on the 4th Monday.

Stephen Ministry Supervision Groups are part of our Ministry Teams and already meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 6 p.m. As the visioning process continues, other Ministry Teams are encouraged to move their meetings to Mondays as well.

Sharon Stoltzfus Begins Semi-Retirement

August 16th marked my 30 year anniversary as a member of the Staff of Athens First, and I can't believe time can fly so quickly. But, when I think about the fact that my grandson is now the age my daughter was when I began working here, I realize time has, indeed, been marching right along.

We've experienced many changes and transitions during our 30 years together here at Athens First, and so have I in my personal life. My most recent transition has been an exciting one of marriage and life on a working farm.

I am blessed beyond measure by this gift from God at this time in my life. It also reminds me that, at this time in my life, it's challenging to keep pace with that life plus the demands of a full-time position that absorbed another part-time FUMC position a few years ago.

So, I asked to go from a full-time-plus position to part-time as a transition to full retire-

ment in four years. The work was done, and, effective September 1st, at my request, I became the part-time Director of Finance and Communication.

I will continue working with the finances of the church that I have been doing for the past year and the areas that involve communication (newsletters, advertising, flyers, publicity, etc.). I am also excited to continue as Director of Adult Ministries, something that I have been doing since 2008.

Leisa Ostermann, our Office Manager, has absorbed many of my Administrative responsibilities, and the Trustees will continue their practice of being a very hands-on committee, caring for our buildings. We have an excellent custodial and maintenance crew on board to support them, and Leisa will be the glue that helps it all fit together. We are in good hands!

It has been a wonderful journey, and I am thankful that our journey together is not yet over! Blessings to you all!!

--Sharon Stoltzfus

Congratulations are extended to Jack and Cathy Bigger who welcomed their 2nd grandchild, Jackson Joseph Bigger, into this world on August 11th. Jackson's parents are Nate and Kristen Bigger.

The Sympathy of the congregation is extended to Deb Murray and family in the recent death of her mother.

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 October Issue - Deadline is September 22

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.

Printed Copies of Newsletter Available at the Church A few copies are printed each month and are in the literature racks in the Narthex and by the Chapel entrance. It is always available to read from our web site.

Adult Ministry at Athens First

Christian Education Isn't Just for

Children We never outgrow our need for knowledge, especially when it comes to our Spiritual selves. That part of us needs nurturing as much as our physical selves, whether we're 3 or 103! And, our relationship with God is ever changing ... ever evolving. We currently offer five opportunities for adults to grow in relationship with God and one another - three on Sunday mornings and two on Thursdays:

Sunday Mornings:

The Trinity Class meets in the 1st Floor Lounge at 9:30 every Sunday morning. They explore a variety of Christian topics through study books.

The Seekers' Class meets in the Student Lounge on the 2nd Floor at 9:30. They practice what is known as the Taize method - each week they read over a short Scripture passage, followed by a meditation or reflection on the passage. After reading and reflecting on the message, members of the class freely share their own thoughts as they feel comfortable. The class

is very casual, and there is no out of class preparation. Just come and listen, think and share.

Women of Faith Group meets in the Library on the 2nd floor, and they also explore a variety of Christian topics through study books.

Thursdays:

The Men's Prayer Group meets for breakfast every Thursday at 7 a.m. at Bob Evan's

FOCUS, meets Thursdays in Fellowship Hall from 12:10-12:50 p.m. Bring your lunch, if you'd like.

Plans are underway to expand our offerings of small groups, so please keep an eye out for more information either within this weekly insert or on our web site at www.firstumcathens.org/adult Please contact Sharon Stoltzfus if you would like to discuss Adult Ministries at Athens First (593-3977, ext 11 or fink@firstumcathens.org). New participants are *always* welcome in our study groups!

Youth News

www.firstumcathens.org/youth

Please lend a hand for Rally Day this year. The youth will be decorating Fellowship Hall and running the potluck after the service that day. Here is how you can help:

Help set up on Saturday September 10th at 10:00 AM

Check in Sunday morning after Sunday School to see how you can help with the food prep.

Stay after the potluck to clean up and make sure our space is ready for the Monday lunch guests the next day.

Sunday School Changes Meeting Place Starting September 18

The youth will now gather for Sunday school in the Sanctuary Chancel area before proceeding to the youth lounge for the lesson. This change will start beginning September 18th.

Dr. Seuss at Sunday

School? Join us at 9:30 every Sunday morning, starting on September 18th, 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!

New Night and Times for Youth Group

Youth Group will continue through the school year on a new night and time. **Beginning on Sunday, September 11th** - We will meet **Sunday nights from 6 PM – 7:30 PM** at FUMC. We will share a meal and fellowship. Look for a flyer in the mail to see what themes and activities we will be taking on in September.

SAVE THE DATE – Overnight Retreat at Camp Otterbein October 9

Youth Council is in the process of planning an overnight retreat at Camp Otterbein on Sunday, October 9th till Monday October 10th. This will include use of the High Ropes course. Mark your calendar now and more information will be posted in the weekly bulletin and on Facebook.

ACOLYTE TRAINING Scheduled on September 25th

Acolyte training will take place during the Sunday School hour, September 25th. Everyone aged 5th grade and up is eligible to be an acolyte. Why wait? Join the acolyte core this year!



This Summer's Vacation Bible School was a tremendous success. With over 30 children in attendance, plus a top-notch crew of volunteers, we were able to “Shake It Up” for God at the Shake It Up Cafe. Those who were in town the first weekend of August were able to experience a bit of the blessings as the children shared music and Pastor Wendy reviewed each day's theme. So many people put in such a great amount of time and effort. Many thanks to all who participated.

Now, it's time to start getting ready for Sunday school! The curriculum for the first unit has been selected and we are excited to be taking a closer look at Old Testament passages to learn more about “The Burning Bush and Other Images of God.” More information about Rally Day is found in this issue of The Spire. We are looking forward to another enriching program-

ming year, and are grateful for the help of those committed volunteers who are already on board to help us get the Fall off to a good start!

The children are an integral part of our church family. Jesus said, In Matthew 19:14, Jesus said, “**Let the little children come** to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” We have been blessed with many caring helpers, teachers, and mentors. If you would like to be a part of this crucial and rewarding ministry in our church, please speak to a member of the Council on Children's Ministries. Currently, our team members include Kim Mather, Carrie Saunders, Cathy Bigger, Cathy Lee, Erin Eckleberry, and June Saffranek, and Laura Dalton.

— Laura Dalton,
Sunday School Superintendent

Growing Tree News

We're excited to begin a new school year at Growing Tree! We're looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones. This month we'll be focusing on easing the transition from home to school. We'll begin to become comfortable with the school setting, routine and expectations. We'll begin our year-long journey of learning about being a friend, taking turns, sharing, listening and being respectful of ourselves and one another. As teachers, we'll be observing and listening closely to the children, identifying topics that are of particular interest to them and making plans to explore those subjects later in the school year.

As of this writing, there are limited openings in both class sessions, M/W/F and T/TH. If you or someone you know is looking for a quality early educational experience, rooted in a Christian atmosphere, please encourage them to contact Cathy Bigger for information at bigger@firstumcathens.org or 593-3977, ext. 14.

Growing Tree is your school and, because of your care, encouragement and prayers, is “blessed to be a blessing” to area children and families. Thank you for your continued support of the outreach ministry of Growing Tree Pre-school.

GROWING TREE S.H.A.R.E. FUND

The Growing Tree S.H.A.R.E. Fund provides tuition assistance to qualified families who wish to enroll their children at Growing Tree. S.H.A.R.E. is an acronym which stands for:

Success of a child
Hope for a family
Access to education
Response to need
Expression of love

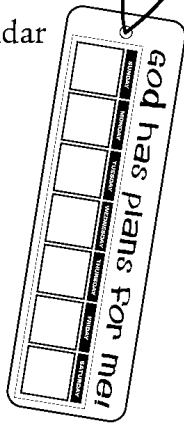
We encourage you to prayerfully consider making a donation to the S.H.A.R.E. Fund and thank you for your generous support of this important effort.

A daily reminder

Make this bookmark to remind you that God is with you every day.

What you need:

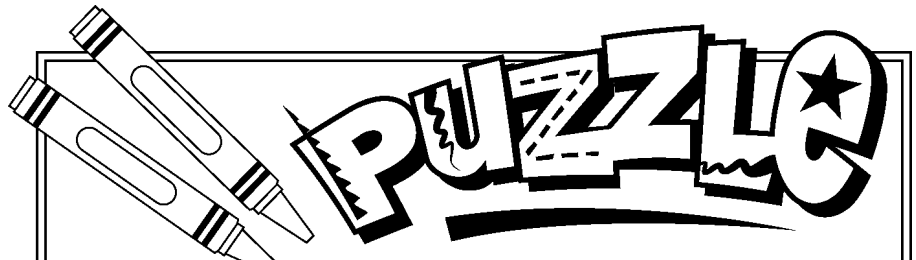
- An old calendar
- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Glue stick
- Pencil or marker
- Stickers
- Hole punch
- Ribbon or yarn



What you do:

1. Cut out the first line of squares from an old calendar, including the days of the week along the top.
2. Cut the cardstock into a rectangle a little larger than the calendar section.
3. Glue the calendar section onto the cardstock.
4. Write "God has plans for me" (Jeremiah 29:11) on the bookmark.
5. Add stickers or other decorations on the back.
6. Punch a hole on one end of the bookmark.
7. Loop some ribbon or yarn through the hole.





GOD'S PLAN

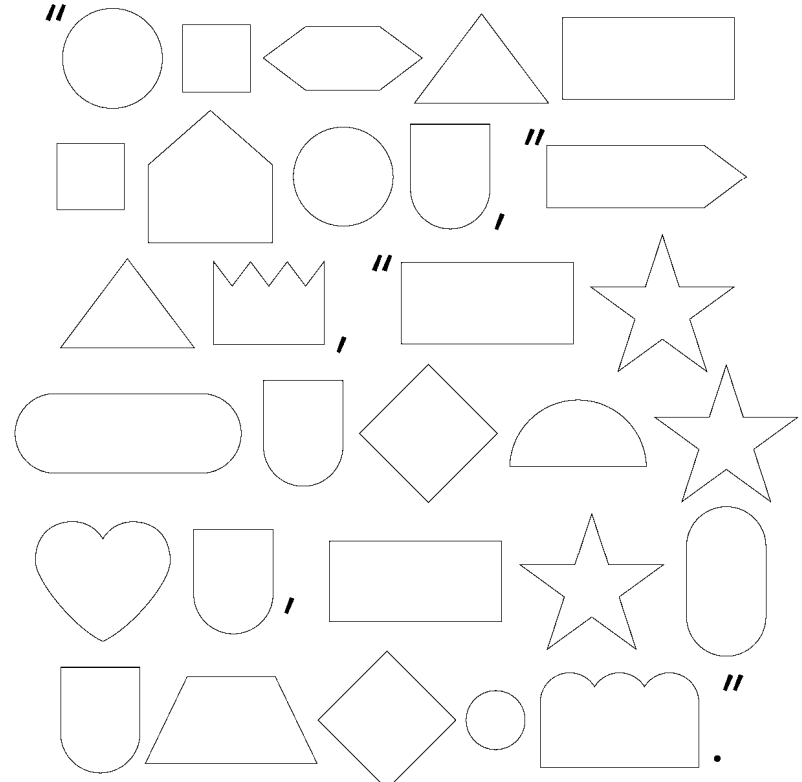
When we ask God for guidance, he will show us his perfect plan for our lives.

Directions: Use the shape code to the right to write out Jeremiah 29:11, NIV.

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to prosper harm have the LORD you future a

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Answers: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)

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:

World Methodist Family Called to Respond to Fiji The [World Methodist Council](#) is deeply concerned about the actions the government of Fiji continues to take against the Methodist Church of Fiji and Rotuma, which constitute a clear violation of the fundamental human right to religious freedom. The Council calls on the global Methodist/Wesleyan family to earnestly pray for the Church and its witness, that the government leaders allow the Church to meet and conduct its rightful business, and that a peaceful rule of democracy occur. ([Read Full Story](#))

Dakota Flooding Update The Good News is major rivers are back in their banks so more of the damage from recent storms is now visible. Some incredible volunteers and disaster coordinators have been doing major work but need the following: **Clean Up Teams, Stephen Ministers, school back-pack kits, quilts and kids comfort kits.** For more information, call the Dakotas Conference Center at 605-996-6552. Help is gladly welcome - and as always, thoughts and prayers are appreciated. ([Read Full Story](#))

It's Kit Time Again — “Gifts-from-the-Heart” on Rally Day

Would you help us prepare a “Gifts-from-the-Heart” kit for this year’s Rally Day? Last year we reaped a bountiful harvest of school, hygiene and baby kits! After our collection on Sept. 11, our kits will be joined with other churches in the Foothills District. From there they will go to Otterbein University on October 1 for the conference wide celebration and transfer to a semi-trailer truck headed to New Windsor, MD and the Church World Service warehouse for eventual dispersion to needy children in the USA and around the world.

We also really need people to sew the bags for school kits. You’ll find everything you need to do this (material and directions) on the table in the Narthex (if you sew — you don’t fill). Bring your sewn bags to Church, and we will pass them out for others to gather the contents. Our thanks in advance to those who will shop, pack, sew, contribute dollars, and bring kits to our Rally Day.

Click [HERE](#) for a listing of the items needed to fill the School Kit Bags. In the narthex you will find samples of all the various Kits. What a great opportunity to be involved in missions in the states as well as abroad without leaving Athens!

When you take a pamphlet, please follow the items and amounts carefully so that all kits will be identical. This is a mission in which everyone can be a participant. We ask for your support as members and friends of First UMC. **Also, please remember to include your shipping fee donation.** Thanks!!

--The Global Missions Committee

District Information Available on the Internet There are lots of things going on in our Foothills 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.*

Monday Lunch News

Allene Kilgore, Monday Lunch Coordinator

Monday Lunch has had a somewhat slower summer than the school year. We generally had between 90 and 110 guests each week compared to 125 to 150 during the school year.

Starting September 12, the first Monday of the OU fall quarter, our numbers will very likely jump back up. At the end of last school year, we had a few people sign up to donate salads and desserts, although we could still use a few more people to donate. Usually people sign up to donate once a month (enough to serve 16-20 people).

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. Thanks for all your support over the years!

--Allene Kilgore, 592-2122 (please leave a message if my answering machine picks up).

Did you forget to retrieve your cake pans?

There is a substantial number of unclaimed cake pans and casserole dishes in the small kitchen next to Fellowship Hall Kitchen. Any not claimed by October 3rd will be put in the fall Rummage Sale.

Thank you, Youth, for your help this summer!

The youth of our church have been spending part of their summer vacation in the Kitchen. Although that may or may not be the case at home, it has been at church.

FUMC's Youth Group made very scrumptious lasagna for us to service July 4. For August 29th they made a very large bowl of fresh fruit salad which was greatly appreciated!

The youth of our church have always been and certainly continue to be a vital part of Monday Lunch. So, many cheers to the youth of FUMC for your continuing help!

Saving Your Travel Toiletries Thanks for your response to our appeal to collect toiletries from your summer travels! As you continue to travel throughout the year, we hope you'll continue to consider collecting toiletries and bring them to church for Monday Lunch and Good Works. You can leave them in the box in the hall by the church office. Thanks!

Fall Rummage Sale October 5 Want to clean out your house and benefit the community at the same time? Our United Methodist Women will hold their Fall Rummage Sale on Wednesday, October 5, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. When you're doing your fall cleaning, don't forget to save clean, gently used items in good condition for the sale. Items may be left in Fellowship Hall after 2 p.m. on Monday, October 3, and all day on Tuesday, October 4. Proceeds will benefit local mission projects. Call Rosemary Cooley (592-4704) if you have any questions.

Honduras Mission Trip Planned for December 1-8 Athens FUMC will send a mission team to Honduras this December 1st through 8th. **(Note the date change.)** We will be partnering with Honduras Outreach, Inc. (HOI.org) to serve a community in a high poverty part of the country. If you are interested in learning more about the trip, you are invited to attend an informational meeting on Sunday morning, September 18th at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. If you are unable to attend the meeting but are interested in participating, please contact Pete Mather at pete.mather@gmail.com or by phone (594-1095).

Ministering at the Appalachian Behavioral Hospital Next month is October and time for First UM Church to minister at the Appalachian Behavioral Hospital. Every February and October a small group from this congregation meets and shares in an informal church service on Sunday evenings at 6 p.m., involving a short devotional and hymn sing. Those who have participated in the past report coming away feeling blessed having shared God's love with others in a very integral way. If you would like to help the leadership team, please contact Jed Butcher (593-5703) or Allene Kilgore (592-2122) for more information.



Choirs Resume at Athens First - Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord!! Our choirs will resume rehearsals soon and new members are ALWAYS welcome. Fall is a great time to get on board.

The **Adult Handbell Choir** and our vocal **Chancel Choir** begin the season on Wednesday, September 7. 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 ages 4 and up). **Rehearsals begin October 2nd** and 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).



\$ 17,431.72 Operating Income for August

23,300.15 Operating Expenses August

(5,868.43) Net loss for the month

\$5,036.02 Net gain for the year

While our July income exceeded expenses by \$3,982.27, as you can see from the above figures, our August expenses exceeded our income. September is a month where we will need to meet the expense of 3 pay periods, so we'll greatly appreciate your continued support over these next weeks!

Summer giving statements were not mailed again this year. Please don't hesitate to contact Sharon Stoltzfus (593-3977 ext 11) if you have any questions about your giving record.

Second Mile Giving Reported Through August 31:

Food Pantry – \$1890.50

Habitat for Humanity – \$600

Hope and Possibilities – \$603.54

PET Project – received \$0

In addition to the above figures, which reflect what has been contributed specifically to them, \$47.25 will be added to each thanks to your response to the Easter Offering appeal.

Radio Ministry Needs Sponsors—12 Slots to Fill

We have received a number of sponsorships, but not enough to carry us entirely through the remaining weeks of 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!



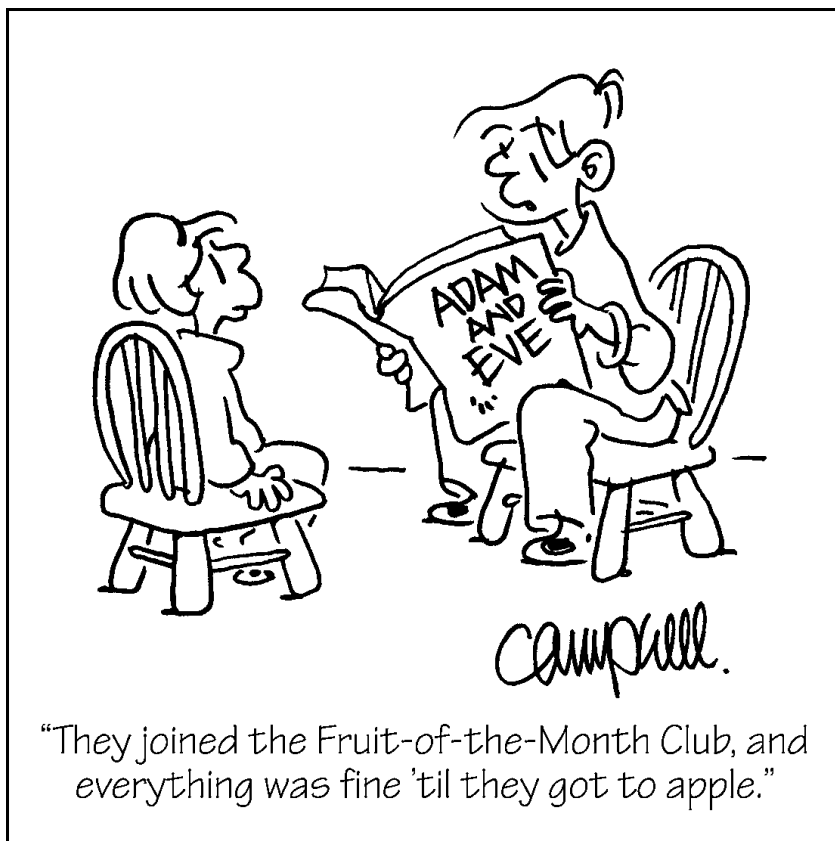
Radio Ministry Sponsorship

Yes, I/we want to participate.

Amount \$ _____

Memorial/Dedication (optional) _____

Name(s) _____



“They joined the Fruit-of-the-Month Club, and everything was fine ‘til they got to apple.”

September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Home 28	29	30	31	1 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 9:00 AM Korean Ladies Prayer Group 12:00 PM AA 6:00 PM AA	2 9:00 AM Korean Ladies Prayer Group 5:30 PM AA 6:00 PM Korean Students Bible Study	3 6:00 PM AA
4 8:45 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM <i>Simple Church</i> 2:30 PM Korean Worship Service 4:30 PM Korean Bible Study	5 12:00 PM Monday Lunch 7:00 PM Troop 71	6 12:00 PM AA 9:00 PM ChiRho Greek Bible Study	7 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Korean Worship Service	8 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 12:10 PM FOCUS 12:00 PM AA 6:00 PM AA	9 5:30 PM AA 6:00 PM Korean Students Bible Study	10 6:00 PM AA
11 Rally Day 8:45 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 2:30 PM Korean Worship Service 4:30 PM Korean Bible Study	12 12:00 PM Monday Lunch 7:00 PM SPRC Meeting 7:00 PM Troop 71	13 12:00 PM AA 6:00 PM Widow/Widower Support Group 9:00 PM ChiRho Greek Bible Study	14 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Korean Worship Service	15 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 12:10 PM FOCUS 12:00 PM AA 6:00 PM AA	16 5:30 PM AA 6:00 PM Korean Students Bible Study	17 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