

September 2018

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Dear Young Harris Memorial,

The Holy Spirit is present in abundant ways in all that we do. Are we aware of this at all times? When Henry Blackaby wrote, "The Man God Uses," he finished this powerful book by writing that, "Whatever we may be doing or wherever we may be, we must realize and acknowledge Jesus Christ's presence and activity working in us, through us, and around us. We must see every situation in which we find ourselves as a means of obtaining a greater knowledge of Jesus Christ." Realizing and acknowledging Jesus in every situation, let's face it, can be very tough.

Oh, sure, we all talk a good game and put on our best "church face" now and again. But, the pace of life can be unbelievably fast. My oldest daughter just started kindergarten at Chase Elementary last month, my youngest just turned two, and my ten-year wedding anniversary will be in October! Jesus Christ has been working in, through and around my life. I know this in the myriad of life events, but am I making sure to "realize and acknowledge Him" in all things?

King Solomon is attributed as having written, "In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths" in Proverbs 3:6. I believe that when we begin the habit of acknowledging Jesus' presence and action in all of the things happening around us, He begins to direct us towards His will and His ways.

This fall, I challenge us at Young Harris Memorial UMC to allow Jesus to pull you the way He wants us to go. When we acknowledge that all that he is and does for us, we can't help but be drawn down the pathway which leads to life abundant. I also challenge you to be revived to acknowledge him in all the things happening in your personal lives. He is making a way.

Keep the Faith,  
Pastor David

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## What's Happening at Young Harris UMC



## Wednesday Night Suppers

Beginning this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Susan Clark and Chuck Clark will be cooking tasty meals and Pastor David will be leading us with a simple Bible study from the text, "Experiencing God," by Henry Blackaby.

If you're interested in helping by taking up money for the dinners or leading a clean-up team, please speak with Pastor David or Patti.

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#### Sept. 12

Greek Salad with Lemon Herb Chicken  
Fresh Fruit Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Cookies

#### Sept. 19

Pulled Pork Sandwich  
Cole Slaw  
Baked Beans  
Ice Cream

#### Sept. 26

Shrimp & Grits  
Braised Mixed Greens  
Key Lime Pie



### The Pack is here!!

Cub Scout Pack 310 will have the first meeting called to order at Young Harris UMC on Tuesday, Sept 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. This Pack, which plans to have multiple gender-specific dens, will be targeting our local neighborhood and the Chase Street Elementary School community.

We will receive ample and experienced leadership from our Young Harris UMC members (and experienced Scouts), Darryl Victorio and Camille May! If you would like to volunteer in any way, please contact Darryl Victorio at [darvictorio@gmail.com](mailto:darvictorio@gmail.com).

Young Harris Memorial UMC is a congregation called to "Grow with God." We are, therefore, "Growing with God" and seek to invite others to do so! This congregation believes she is being sent out to cultivate, nurture, and harvest with God for His Glory! We are called to share the Love of God with anyone and everyone! We believe that this is our task: to Grow with God by making disciples of Jesus Christ, to care for people, to be Gods witness to people, and to serve

God and God's people accordingly. We believe we are being sent into the world to do this. We believe Athens is the starting place that we do this, but we believe God is not calling us only to Athens, but, instead, to both Athens and beyond. We believe Young Harris Memorial UMC to be our home, our base, from where God is sending us out in ministry and mission. We love this congregation, but it is not

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the end all, be all. It is God's and not ours to hold.

We believe our **Mission**, moving forward, is to plant and to nurture Spirit-filled relationships in God through Christ-centered Prayer, Fellowship, Discipleship, Worship, and Service.

We believe our **Vision**, moving forward, is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by loving caring, serving, and witnessing through Athens and the world, to the Glory of God!

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**2018 Charge Conference - October 21, 5 p.m.  
(at Chapelwood UMC)**

We will participate in an "Area Charge Conference" with the Athens Area of our District on Sunday, October 21 at 5:00 p.m. Last year, Dr. Clark chose to make it his priority to have individual charge conferences at EVERY congregation. However, with almost 90 congregations in our Athens-Elberton District, this can be daunting.



Young Harris Memorial UMC's 2018 Charge Conference will take place at a location to be named alongside our sister congregations in the Athens Area, who include Chapelwood, Oconee Street, St. James, Tuckston, Resurrection (formerly Gateway), and Athens First. This will be a time of celebration for the ministry of 2018 and a time of prayer and preparation for the work before us during 2019.

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Children's Ministry is seeking a part-time Caregiver to join our Staff. Applicants may submit their Resume to the office or to Dawn Church. Experience working with infant to 5th grade. Hours will be from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m on Sunday Mornings with opportunities to work on special evening engagements. The wage is \$10.00 per hour.

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**Remaining Summer Activity Calendar for 2018**

**Friday, September 28-30** - Camp Glisson confirmation weekend retreat!

**October 14-** Nerf War and supper w/Oconee Street UMC and Chaplewood UMC (\$10 participation fee).

**October 28-** Movie Night: Hocus Pocus

**December 9-** Movie Night: Home Alone

**December 16-** Ice Skating at the Classic Center with First Methodist, Chapelwood UMC, Oconee Street UMC, St. James UMC and Tuckston UMC. One of the most effective ways to impact the life of a youth in our congregation and our community for Jesus Christ is to offer them your real presence. If you are interested in serving in this way, please speak with Pastor David or with Blake.

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### **YOUTH CONFIRMATION begin September 9!**

There will be a confirmation class this fall with Confirmation Sunday to be held during a COMBINED 11 o'clock worship service on November 4. Confirmation will be 8-weeks long and will be from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoons, just before MYF.



We will use **Phil Tallon's "The Absolute Basics of the Christian Faith"** as our curriculum and our time together will include going on a Confirmation Retreat to Camp Glisson and to a couple of non-United Methodist communities of worship. If you know someone who is interested in taking Confirmation Class, please contact Pastor David in the Church Office.

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### **Women and Men at Young Harris UMC**

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**Women's Circles** for UMW are held the 2nd Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at Em's Kitchen for Circle 1 and 2:00 p.m. for Circle 2 in the Family Life Center. The 2nd Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Circle 3 meets in the Family Life Center. For more information contact Geneva Milliner.

Women's Prayer meeting at Em's Kitchen 1st Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Exceptions will note on calendar.

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### **Men's Breakfast and Bible Study meets each Wednesday mornings at 7:00 a.m. in the FLC, Dining Room.**

We are back and in full swing! We invite YOU to attend our Wednesday morning breakfast! You will be fed twice! Once with an amazing breakfast and again with the Word of God!



**Friday Evening's at 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to join the Prayer and Worship group that meets in the Ebenezer Sanctuary. Rev. Angela Baza leads the group in Spanish.

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**Men's BBQ will be October 3**



It's never too early to mark you calendars to participate in the October 3rd BBQ in the fall!

## Missions Opportunities & Updates

The Following Sundays will include giving opportunities to these organizations:

- September 16 - UMCH's "Work Day Offering"
- October 21 - Aldersgate/Collinswood Offering
- December 24 - Our Daily Bread's "Christmas Eve Offering"



### Serve Meals at Our Daily Bread

If you are interested in volunteering, we would like for you to participate! Every month a group of volunteers get together to serve a meal to the less fortunate of the Athens Community. Praise God for our Young Harris faithful servants.

**One Community Garden** volunteers will be working 8-10 a.m. Saturdays and 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. We also need individuals who are willing to harvest and water for 30 minutes to an hour on other days. Recently, with all of the rain, we have a need for someone to help weed-eat and/or help us to pull weeds.

If you enjoy gardening or if you would like to learn a little bit about gardening, we would like to help you become involved in this ministry. To sign up, email Mike (caidaz@gmail.com) or Allison (afloydwriter@yahoo.com)



### Special General Conference Called

The Council of Bishops have called a special General Conference to be held February of 2019 to discuss a way forward for the United Methodist Church amid disagreements regarding the UMC Book of Discipline's definition of Christian marriage and the stated

qualifications for the ordination of United Methodist clergy. Both issues stem from the long-standing debate regarding human sexuality.

The called General Conference will include those delegates who were elected to attend and participate in the 2016 General Conference that was held in Portland,

Oregon. This General Conference will be held in St. Louis, Missouri.

The purpose of this General Conference will be "to receive and act on a report from The Commission of a Way Forward based on the recommendations by the Council of Bishops. Please pray for The United Methodist Church as we inch closer toward this special General Conference. For more information or to read the proposals being presented to the General Conference go to [\*\*CLICK THE WEBSITE HERE.\*\*](#)

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**Please contact the church office with prayers and praises so we may pray! Many members of our church need your special prayers.**

**Prayer for the following:**

Faye Lester, Peg Christian, Mildred Edwards, Betty Mann, Joann Escoe, Pat Osley, Gwen Holmes, Evelyn Echols, Roy and Jean Welch, Lluana Brown

- Pray for the Contemporary Service at 9:00 a.m.
  - Pray for the Latino Ministry as we come upon our first year of Hispanic worship YHMUMC.
  - Pray for our members and friends who are "shut-in" presently.
  - Pray for the ministry to children and youth at YHMUMC.
  - Pray for Christ to be known in the world.
  - Pray for our nation and other nations.
  - Pray for God's hand to be upon our leaders.
  - Pray for the United Methodist Church's Way Forward.
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**September Birthdays**

Philip LaRue 9/14  
Jackie Urillas 9/15  
Christopher Alvarado 9/16  
Chuck Clark 9/20  
Josiah LaRue 9/23  
David Wofford 9/26

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**September Pictures of the Month**

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Fire Trucks welcomed at Young Harris UMC on Sunday, August 26. Ebenezer Ministry hosted a Community Cook-out at Young Harris. Great food, Bounce House, Fireman, and Jesus. What more could you want!

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**Submit your favorite Young Harris UMC pictures to [dwofford@yhmumc.com](mailto:dwofford@yhmumc.com) or [psimpson@yhmumc.com](mailto:psimpson@yhmumc.com). It may just get chosen!**

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