



The Maryville District

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HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is what we call the seven days before Easter. We start that week with Palm Sunday—a celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to shouts of acclaim and praise. As the week moves along we gather for a remembrance of the Last Supper. We then recall the shouts of anger and hate on Friday. The silence of Saturday. We re-enact this special week, this holy week in Jesus' life, in our own life.

Of course, EVERY week is holy. Each and every day, each and every moment is holy, a gift from God. The week before Easter we come alongside Jesus to walk with him from triumphal entry to death, from high to low, from light to darkness. We walk with him in this holy path of life.

I have always looked forward to Holy Week. It is a high moment of the year for me that reminds me of who we are. I think of Jesus in that holy moment in the upper room—washing feet, eating, drinking, talking, perhaps laughing, arguing, crying, questioning, reclining in silence—you know a family meal like any other family meal but nevertheless a holy moment.

We do not have to wait for the week before Easter for a Holy Week. God gives each day as a holy gift just as Jesus gave the disciples bread and wine—a holy moment at the table.

I pray that you will have several holy weeks this month.

Grace and Peace,

Charles

Latvia District Partnership

The Maryville District continues in partnership with the United Methodist Churches in Latvia. The goal this year is to raise funds for pastoral support, Wesley Camp Scholarships, and Hope House. Speakers are available to talk to local churches or small groups in those churches. A video and brochure are available to introduce or reacquaint our local churches with the work in Latvia.



Registration for Summer Camp at Wesley Woods



Summer Camp 2017 begins on June 5th. This year's theme is No Greater Love and we have some wonderful new programming options. Campers can register online or by phone. For more information, visit our website or call our office at (865) 448-2246.



Nickle Lodge renovations are almost complete!

Bungalow Mission Center

The remodeling work at Bungalow is progressing. Family Promise will have their Grand Opening on April 27 with ribbon cutting at 4:30 p.m. All are invited to attend this great event.

Job Announcement Executive Director

The Holston Conference United Methodist Camp & Retreat Ministries announces a search for an Executive Director. Job responsibilities include: oversight of ministry design and direction for the four United Methodist camps of Holston Conference (east Tennessee, southwest Virginia, north-west Georgia) and the Camp in the Community ministry, resourcing camp boards in ministry governance, supervision of the business operation, financial planning and management, and fund development. For more information on current operations, please visit www.holstoncamping.com.

Candidates must have Christian faith consistent with standards and beliefs of the United Methodist Church. Bachelor's degree and certifications in related areas desired. Open to laity or clergy. Benefits include: salary, medical insurance plan, pension, and housing allowance. Anticipated start date July 1, 2017.

Job Description and Application are available on-line at www.holstoncamping.com or requested from: Mike Sluder, at mikesluder@holston.org, or at Connectional Ministries Office, P.O. Box 850, Alcoa, TN 37701-0850, or at (865) 690-4080. Please submit current resume along with application. Completion deadline: March 11, 2017.

Up-Coming Events

April

- 8 UMW Tablescapes, Rothchild Catering, Knoxville 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- 11 Pastors' meeting in the Event Center-First Floor at the District office, 217 S. Rankin Road, Alcoa, 10:00 a.m. - noon.
- 11 Pastors' meeting in the conference room-Third Floor at the District office, 217 S. Rankin Road, Alcoa, 7:00 p.m.
- 13-17 District Office closed for Easter
- 22 Lay Servant Training at the Conference Center, 217 S. Rankin Road.
- 24 Wesley Woods Golf Tournament
- 25 Ground Breaking -Gatlinburg Recovery
- 27 Ribbon Cutting at Family Promise at 4:30 p.m.
- 29 UMW Day Apart at Maryville First UMC
- 29 Framing Day at the ConneXion-Gatlinburg Recovery

May

- 1-3 Jubilation in Pigeon Forge
- 21 Pre-Conference Briefing at Alcoa, First UMC, 3:30-4:00 p.m.
- 24 Pastor's Spring Luncheon-District Office at noon

June

- 7 Mission Buckets for Annual Conference received at Fairview UMC, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- 11-14 Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska, NC
- 21 Moving Day for Transitioning Pastors

Special Thanks to the following Congregations who are current in their giving to the 2017 District Ministries

(Thru March 29, 2017—25%)

(* Denotes 100% of 2017 District Ministries paid)

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| * Axley's Chapel | * Bethel (L) | Broadway |
| * Browder Memorial | * Burnett Memorial | Carpenters |
| * Cedar Bluff | * Chestua | * Eden |
| Fairview | * Fenders | * Fox |
| Friendsville | Loudon | Luretta |
| Madisonville, First | Maryville, First | * Mountain View |
| * New Salem | Peck's Memorial | Pigeon Forge, First |
| * Pleasant Hill (R) | * Pleasant Hill (S) | * Roberts |
| Sevierville, First | * Shults Grove | St John |
| St Marks | Sweetwater, First | * Tellico Plains, First |
| Tuckaleechee | * Union Grove (B) | * Union Grove (S) |
| * Vonore | Walland | * Webbs Creek |
| * Williamson Chapel | | |

Maryville District UMW - Susan Daffron-President

Interrelated is one of those words that I have pondered more about since going through Alicia Britt Chole's book 40 Days of Decrease for Lent. She draws the reader's attention to Bartimaeus and Zacchaeus. Bartimaeus, you remember is the blind beggar who was healed and followed Jesus into Jericho. I've always related to Zacchaeus in that we are both vertically challenged. Zacchaeus wanted desperately to see Jesus and climbed into a sycamore tree for a better view. Bartimaeus and Zacchaeus probably had never shared a meal together and may have never even met, but they both had the need to be interrelated. I have seen how United Methodist Women are interrelated and how relationships are formed between women regardless of status or global residence. We all work to help create better lives for women, children and youth.

On March 4, 2017, Unit Presidents and Treasurers gathered together at Walland UMC to learn more about United Methodist Women and what their job duties entailed. No matter how much we know, there are always new things to learn and familiar things to revisit.

Day Apart is planned for April 29, at Maryville First UMC. Camp in the Community Director, Whitney Winston, will share with us about the camp. We will also collect children's books grades K-8 grade. In addition we will collect items for Wesley House, children's books grades 3 - 5 and snacks such as juice boxes and individual packaging of fruit snacks, pudding cups, granola bars, chips, etc.

As Alicia put it, "To be is to inter-be. We cannot just be by ourselves alone. Our stories, though unique, are woven of shared thread." So whether we, like Bartimaeus have been healed by Jesus or like Zacchaeus who hosted Jesus, we are all interrelated and we can ***Rejoice in the Lord Always.***

Sevier County Wildfire Response

Thank you, Maryville District, for your enthusiasm and patience in working with this Wildfire Response effort. This summer the Holston Conference is partnering with Appalachia Service Project to rebuild homes in Gatlinburg.

The first phase of the plan is to frame walls offsite and deliver them to the build site. This will get families into their new homes more quickly. To frame these walls we need a few things:

First- skilled prep teams to precut lumber so that it is ready to assemble. You can put together one of these teams or you can join an existing team.

Second- funding to pay for all these walls. Each set (house) of walls costs \$5,500. The conference is willing to match donations to this cause. Donations can be sent to the district office. Please specify the donation for Wildfire Response Rebuild.

Third- Framing day will be held April 29th at the Connexion. Our goal is for this to be a work day but also a celebration of the rebuilding taking place in Sevier County. We need two things for build day: volunteers and lunch.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND FRAMING DAY!

If you have any questions or would like to be involved, please contact Mollianne Hubbs, Sevier County Wildfire Response Coordinator. 865-268-9453 or molliannehubbs@holston.org

2017 Hands-On Mission Project- Zimbabwe Holston Annual Conference

Unlike school supplies, food items have expiration dates. Be sure and check the dates and make sure they do not expire until 2018 in order to cover transport time and having a useful life for the people in Zimbabwe.

The Maryville District has been asked to put together 400 Food Buckets for the 2017 Holston Annual Conference Hand-On Mission Project. *Note: A \$5.00 donation for packing and shipping is to accompany each bucket. Each church is ask to bring **ONE** check for the total donation amount. Make checks out to **Maryville District** and put 2017 Hands-On in the memo line.* * **Do not put money in the bucket!***

Canned Ham (one 2-lb size or two 1-lb size)	1 box powdered milk (10oz. or less)
1 - 4-5lb. Bag self-rising flour	1 box old-fashioned oats (18 oz. or less)
1 bottle cooking oil (48 oz. or less)	1 box Splenda/Sucralose (50 ct. or less)
1 - 2lb. Bag rice	1 - 2lb. Bag dried beans
1 - 4-5lb. Bag Sugar	

Your buckets need to be delivered to Fairview UMC on **Wednesday, June 7 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**
(do not deliver early)

Maryville District Habitat for Humanities Build

October 31 began the Maryville District Build. Work teams have worked from 8 AM to 12:30 PM each Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Habitat Dedication was Saturday, March 25, with Chastity Harris taking the key to her new home.

Our goal as a district was to raise \$30,000 to match Herb Myer's \$30,000 gift. We have succeeded in raising the full amount. Friendsville, First Alcoa, Broadway, Green Meadow, Mountain View UMW, and Fairview as well as individuals have given generously to make this happen. Many churches have sent workers on the work days. Other local churches are working on housing issues throughout the area.



Job Title: Children's Ministry Worker - Ebenezer United Methodist Church

Hours: Sundays 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Wednesdays 5:45-7:45pm during the school year; Quarterly Parents' Night Out 5:30-9:00p.m. (Friday); Special events and holidays as needed. The role of the Church Nursery Worker/Children's Ministry Worker is to provide safe, secure, and nurturing care for our children.

General qualifications required:

All childcare staff members should be of good character and be of the Christian faith.

All childcare staff members should:

- * Be physically, mentally, and emotionally healthy. * Have a basic understanding of children and their needs.
- * Be adaptive to a variety of situations. * Be willing to grow in their knowledge of children and our congregation's childcare policies through periodic education and training events.

All childcare staff members should have completed the equivalent of a high school diploma.

Duties of childcare staff members:

- * Provide physical, emotional, spiritual and intellectual support and stimulation to each child in their care, as appropriate for the circumstances.
- * Provide appropriate guidance to each child in their care. * Provide support and assistance to parents when they arrive with their children. * Abide by and apply the childcare policies of our congregation at all times.

Performance expectations of childcare staff members:

- * Be punctual when reporting for work. * Be reliable in attendance; give ample notification if unable to fulfill shift.
- * Attend periodic training and education events provided by the church. * Be polite, friendly, and courteous to others--both children and adults. * Cooperate with other childcare staff and with parents.

Applicants should send resume to ntwigg@eumcknox.org. Reference check, background check and drug test required.

Job Title: Youth Ministry Assistant

Hours: Sundays 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Wednesdays 5:45-7:45pm during the school year; Sunday afternoons and evenings (times vary between afternoon and early evening based on weekly planned events); Special events as needed

The role of the Youth Ministry Assistant is to assist the youth minister with youth Bible study, activities, outings and service projects.

General qualifications required:

All youth ministry staff members should be of good character and be of the Christian faith.

All youth ministry staff members should: * Be physically, mentally, and emotionally healthy.

- * Have a basic understanding of students and their needs. * Be adaptive to a variety of situations.
- * Be willing to grow in their knowledge of youth ministry and our congregation's child/youth abuse prevention policies through periodic education and training events.

All youth ministry staff members should have completed the equivalent of a high school diploma.

Duties of youth ministry staff members:

- * Provide physical, emotional, spiritual and intellectual support and stimulation to each student in his/her growth and development, as appropriate for the circumstances.
- * Provide appropriate guidance to each student in their care. * Provide support and assistance to parents of students.
- * Abide by and apply the youth ministry policies of our congregation at all times.

Performance expectations of childcare staff members:

- * Be punctual when reporting for work. * Be reliable in attendance; give ample notification if unable to fulfill shift.
- * Attend periodic training and education events provided by the church. * Be polite, friendly, and courteous to others--both children and adults. * Cooperate with other childcare staff and with parents.

Qualified applicants must be flexible, creative, and willing to adapt to various ministry situations. Musical ability is a plus, but not required.

Applicants should send resume to ntwigg@eumcknox.org. Reference check, background check and drug test required.



Thursday, June 1, 2017

First United Methodist Church, Newport

212 Washington Avenue • Newport, TN 37821

“I Don’t Want to Be a Burden”

Bearing Burdens: Gifts and Challenges

Leader: Retired Bishop Kenneth Carder



Schedule:

Registration: 9:30 am
Morning Session: 10:00 am
Lunch: 12:00 noon with table conversations
Afternoon Session: 1:00 pm *
* *Afternoon Session open to everyone, but specially designed for Pastors, Church Staff, Stephen Ministers, etc.*
Adjournment: 3:00 pm

CEUs: 0.4 CEUs offered by Wesley Leadership Institute for those attending both sessions

Registration:

\$12.⁰⁰ for Morning Session, includes lunch
\$15.⁰⁰ for Morning and Afternoon Sessions, includes lunch
After Deadline \$20.⁰⁰ for One or Both Sessions
Registration Deadline: May 22, 2017

Register Online with Credit Card at: WildWonderful.Holston.org

or Send Check to

Morristown District Office • P. O. Box 1592 • Morristown, TN 37816
Include Registrant's Name, Phone, Church Affiliation, and Session(s) Choice

