



The Maryville District

# Messenger

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## Ashes

Spring has come early this year. Daffodils, hepatica, forsythia, hyacinth, and crocus all bloomed early. Interestingly, the burned areas around Gatlinburg are starting to sprout as well. Every year in this part of the world we experience the renewal of life with lengthening days and warmth of the sun.

We see it all around us every spring but we seem to take it for granted. We say, "Of course, we know how the seasons flow. We know what seasons mean." And yet, we sometimes get confused with seasons in life. We think of the annual seasons as very natural but the life seasons we struggle against.

For instance, Bungalow UMC reached the end of its life as a congregation. We worked to put it on life support but eventually there were very few people to keep Bungalow as an active congregation. It was only when the congregation ceased that new life was possible. Family Promise of Blount County is now renovating the Bungalow building to be its day center and offices. A whole new ministry. New life in the wake of a death.

I have attended a number of funerals of old friends lately. At the services we celebrated lives well lived in faith and service. We proclaimed hope in new life amid their death.

In one of the traditional funeral prayers we voice my hope for us, for our congregations. We live to die for Christ and die as ones who go forth to live.

Even out of the conflagration of last November's terrible fires, new life is coming out of the ashes. Growth is already taking place in the blacked forests. New houses are being built where old ones burned to the ground. This month we start Lent in ashes and will end Lent next month with the new life of Easter. Seasons in life.

Grace and Peace this Lent,

*Charles*

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## Wildfire Updates

The recovery efforts in Sevier County continue after the wildfires at the end of November. Many people are still needing help. Churches in Sevier County have been working with lots and lots of needs. The Conference has received over \$389,000 from all over the United States and throughout the conference. There is still no need for mission teams to build anything. There is also not a need for more things at the moment. We will keep you informed as we move forward.

## Scholarships Available

The Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, a sorority for women educators, is offering a \$1,000 scholarship for the 2017-2018 school year. Applicants must be a rising junior or senior pursuing a teaching licensure in grades K-12. Students enrolled at any Tennessee college or university are encouraged to apply. For additional information or an application form, email Joyce Carver at [carverjb@yahoo.com](mailto:carverjb@yahoo.com). The completed application must be received by March 6, 2017.

## Registration for Summer Camp at Wesley Woods

Summer Camp 2017 begins on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

This year's theme is No Greater Love and we have some wonderful new programming options. Learn more about what is in store this summer by visiting our website at [www.campwesleywoods.com](http://www.campwesleywoods.com) and clicking on the Summer Camp tab. Campers can register online or by phone. For more information, visit our website or call our office at (865) 448-2246.



March 12, 2017

## Up-Coming Events

### March

- 4** UMW Presidents & Treasurers Training at Walland UMC, 10:00 a.m.-noon
- 11-12** UMW Sisters in Service at the ConneXion in Sevierville
- 14** Pastors' meeting in the Event Center-First Floor at the District office, 217 S. Rankin Road, Alcoa, 10:00 a.m. - noon.
- 14** Pastors' meeting in the conference room-Third Floor at the District office, 217 S. Rankin Road, Alcoa, 7:00 p.m.
- 27-31** Appointment Cabinet (Appointment) Making Week

### April

- 3** District Leadership Team meeting in the conference room at the District office. At 4:30 p.m.
- 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
- 29** UMW Day Apart at Maryville First UMC

### 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

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

(Thru February 23, 2017—16.67%)

(\* 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              | Madisonville, First |
| Maryville, First        | * 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

Spring seems to me to be such an appropriate time to *Rejoice in the Lord Always*. The earth bursts forth in beautiful colors as the trees put out their leaves and the flowers show off their colors. There will be many around the world who will be rejoicing because of the generosity of the Maryville District United Methodist Women. There were 64 of us gathered together on February 4, at Sevierville UMC for our New Visions event to learn about the Branches of Monroe County and to bring toiletries and feminine hygiene products. This is an organization that advocates for victims of domestic violence through temporary crisis shelter and transitional living along with counseling, case management, educational and vocational training. Some of their funding comes from the Branches Gallery Boutique and ReStore located in Madisonville, TN. There were also 41 pairs of shoes and 274 pairs of eyeglasses donated for the upcoming Holston Medical Mission Trip.

We have an exciting Day Apart event planned for April 29, at Maryville First UMC. We will learn about Camp in the Community from Director, Whitney Winston. 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.

I am always blessed by the generosity of the Maryville District United Methodist Women. No matter the need, we are always there to meet it. As we enjoy warm days and witness the rebirth of the earth, let us remember to *Rejoice in the Lord Always*.

## 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.



## 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!\***

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| 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. We are down to the last details, please call or email Sarah Slack at 865-982-1273 or [sslack@1stchurch.org](mailto:sslack@1stchurch.org) to sign up for this work. 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.



## Bungalow Mission Center

The remodeling work at Bungalow is progressing. Family Promise will hopefully be in their new day center and offices by April.

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## Job Opening

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. – Concord UMC seeks part-time **Associate Director of Worship and Arts** to begin June 1. This position will coordinate and oversee all children's music ministries, as well as promote church-wide music opportunities, recruit new members for all choirs, substitute for Director when needed... To see the complete job description go to [www.concordumc.com/employment](http://www.concordumc.com/employment). Incumbent must be a "people person" with genuine Christian character and commitment preferably had a degree in music and/or musical training. Approximately 20 hours per week. Send resumes to [mike@concordumc.com](mailto:mike@concordumc.com).

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## 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, northwest 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](http://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](http://www.holstoncamping.com) or requested from: Mike Sluder, at [mikesluder@holston.org](mailto: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.

**Maryville District Membership and Financial Report - January 1 - December 31, 2016**

<i>Charge/Church</i>	<i>Average in Worship 2015</i>	<i>Average in Worship 2016</i>	<i>Members 1/1/16</i>	<i>Received 2016</i>	<i>Lost 2016</i>	<i>Members 12/31/16</i>	<i>Gain or Loss</i>	<i>Average in SS 2015</i>	<i>Average in SS 2016</i>	<i>% District Fund Paid 2016</i>
Alcoa, First	368	313	918	7	28	897	-21	166	144	100%
Axley's Chapel	57	55	113	1	4	110	-3	23	25	100%
Bethel (S)	25	20	19	0	0	19	0	25	25	0%
<b>Bethel/Vonore</b>										
Bethel	29	27	64	1	1	64	0	0	11	100%
Vonore	31	30	61	0	0	61	0	12	10	100%
Binfield	20	20	66	1	5	62	-4	12	20	100%
Broadway	222	203	645	11	22	634	-11	86	85	100%
Browder Memorial	20	15	8	0	0	8	0	0	0	100%
Buckner Memorial	36	50	181	2	4	179	-2	19	16	100%
Bungalow	2	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0%
Campground	51	53	74	5	6	73	-1	8	12	100%
Carpenter's Campground	70	63	251	1	16	236	-15	40	40	100%
<b>Fairgarden Circuit</b>										
Cedar Bluff	35	28	47	0	0	47	0	15	13	100%
Eden	38	27	60	5	0	65	+5	25	26	100%
Fox	20	17	28	2	0	30	+2	10	10	100%
Fairview	1005	882	1814	59	26	1847	+33	509	458	100%
Fenders	17	19	20	0	0	20	0	0	0	100%
Forkner's Chapel	12	10	20	0	0	20	0	9	6	100%
Friendsville	91	86	223	8	6	225	+2	37	35	100%
Gatlinburg	166	151	274	7	5	276	+2	25	25	100%
Green Meadow	32	40	115	6	0	121	+6	18	21	100%
Huskey's Grove	5	5	11	0	0	11	0	5	8	—
Immanuel	49	49	116	5	0	121	+5	35	34	100%
La Casa del Alfarero	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—
Logan's Chapel	43	60	187	14	8	193	+6	14	10	100%
Loudon	115	118	385	2	11	376	-9	54	48	100%
Madisonville, First	118	110	304	15	9	310	+6	55	53	100%
<b>Madisonville Circuit</b>										
Chestua	11	9	24	0	0	24	0	0	0	100%
Eleazar	13	12	25	0	0	25	0	7	7	100%
Maryville, First	668	744	2033	94	42	2085	+52	277	291	100%
Meadow	22	22	68	2	2	68	0	19	19	100%
Middle Creek	54	43	111	1	7	105	-6	23	22	100%
Middlesettlements	136	149	407	4	6	405	-2	84	86	108.73%

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Mountain View	54	60	121	18	0	139	+18	25	25	100%
New Salem	41	32	144	2	2	144	0	16	12	100%
Oakland	97	80	197	10	8	199	+2	35	26	100%
Peck's Memorial	45	45	190	0	3	187	-3	18	15	100%
Philadelphia	23	21	54	0	16	38	-16	0	0	100%
Pigeon Forge	152	146	305	4	8	301	-4	46	53	100%
Pittman Center Circuit										
Burnett Memorial	47	49	41	2	0	43	+2	24	25	100%
Shults Grove	9	9	18	0	1	17	-1	9	10	100%
Webb's Creek	42	41	73	1	3	71	-2	10	10	100%
Pleasant Hill (B)	69	64	134	2	2	134	0	34	35	100%
Pleasant Hill (R)/New Hope										
Pleasant Hill (R)	21	21	14	0	0	14	0	13	17	100%
New Hope	23	28	35	0	0	35	0	14	17	100%
Sevierville, First	611	667	981	29	14	996	+15	127	125	100%
Sevierville Circuit										
Luretta	30	25	44	3	3	44	0	11	9	100%
Murphy's Chapel	35	29	64	6	0	70	+6	16	12	100%
Roberts	32	47	69	3	3	69	0	15	15	100%
Sevierville Parish										
Pleasant Hill	40	41	103	2	4	101	-2	26	27	100%
Union Grove	26	23	52	0	1	51	-1	22	20	100%
Walden's Creek	37	36	120	4	1	123	+3	15	12	100%
Seymour	255	281	596	13	49	560	-36	135	121	100%
St John	136	144	262	2	3	261	-1	81	84	100%
St Marks	98	109	320	2	10	312	-8	23	25	100%
Sweetwater, First	260	274	453	10	6	457	+4	86	67	100%
Sycamore Tree	150	138	168	29	2	195	+27	39	26	100%
Tellico Plains Circuit										
Ironsburg	72	54	99	2	21	80	-19	53	26	100%
Tellico Plains, First	49	47	88	6	9	85	-3	28	14	100%
Wesley Chapel	25	30	45	0	0	45	0	14	20	100%
Tuckaleechee	95	99	235	6	14	227	-8	34	32	100%
Union Grove (B)	24	24	105	0	4	101	-4	5	4	100%
Walland	40	35	125	1	3	123	-2	18	19	100%
Wears Valley	102	83	224	1	7	218	-6	48	25	100%
Williamson Chapel	27	15	53	0	1	52	-1	19	10	100%
District Total	6463	6227	14209	411	406	14214	+5	2671	2498	99.91%