



The Maryville District

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Discovering Authentic Worship 2017

Celebrating the Sacraments

Friday & Saturday, October 6-7, 2017

 THE CONNEXION
1250 Middle Creek Rd. • Sevierville, TN

This year's Worship Conference will feature Barbara Day Miller, former Dean of Worship at the Candler School of Theology and L. Edward Phillips, Associate Professor of Worship and Liturgical Theology and the Coordinator of the Initiative in Religious Practices and Practical Theology at the Candler School of Theology.

Our speakers will lead us in a conversation about how all Christian worship is sacramental in nature, how "doing" the sacraments matters, and how the flow of worship forms us. We will worship three times, hear each of leaders in plenary, and come together for more personal learning in our Workshops. The conference will be hosted at The Connexion in Sevierville. This is a great opportunity to be renewed in worship while enjoying the best of the Great Smoky Mountains.

This conference is not for clergy only; all laity are welcomed and encouraged to attend as well. Sacramental identity is at the core of our Christian faith. Follow link to register:

<http://www.holston.org/events/2017/oct/06/worship-conference/>

2018 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 2019 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 2018 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 2018 Hands-On in the memo line.***

*** Do not put money in the bucket!***

Canned Ham (2-lb total)	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	

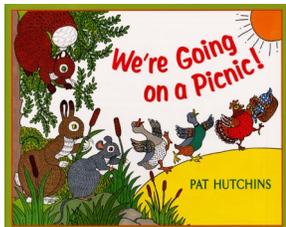
Your buckets need to be delivered to Fairview UMC on **Wednesday, June 6 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** (do not deliver early)



Pastors-CEU Update

Pastors, below is the link for the latest Continuing Education Update News
<https://www.robly.com/archive?id=5b4516049c2be4f050f8e893c3260cee>

Retirees Annual Picnic



All retired ministers and spouses or friends are invited to the annual picnic. It is scheduled for Thursday, September 21 at noon at “The Field of Dreams”, Middlesettlements UMC. The meat and drinks will be furnished. Please bring vegetables, salads or desserts. The cost is \$5.00 per person. We will be serving either chicken or pork barbeque. You will be contacted as to what to bring as well as ordering your preference for chicken or pork barbeque.

We hope to welcome several new retirees to our group. Hope to see you there!

Cluster Charge Conference Schedule-2017

Sunday, October 8, 3:00 p.m.
Sweetwater, First UMC

Sunday, October 22, 3:00 p.m.
Sevierville, First UMC

Sunday, October 29, 3:00 p.m.
Fairview UMC

Sunday, November 12, 3:00 p.m.
Maryville, First UMC

LABOR DAY



Up-Coming Events

September

- 4 District office closed for Labor Day
- 21 Maryville District Retiree Picnic at “Field of Dreams” gathering at 11:30, eat at noon.
- 24 District Annual Conference will be at Alcoa, First UMC, at 3:00-4:30 p.m.



28-29 Holston Conference Secretaries Conference in Gatlinburg

October

- 8 Cluster Charge Conference at Sweetwater, First UMC at 3:00 p.m.
- 22 Cluster Charge Conference at Sevierville, First UMC at 3:00 p.m.
- 29 Cluster Charge Conference at Fairview UMC at 3:00 p.m.

November

- 4 UMW Annual Meeting & Officer Training at Mountain View at 9:30 a.m.
- 12 Cluster Charge Conference at Maryville, First UMC at 3:00 p.m.
- 22-24 Thanksgiving Holiday-Office closed



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

(Thru August 29, 2017—66%64)

(* Denotes 100% of 2017 District Ministries paid)

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| * Axley's Chapel | * Bethel (L) | * Binfield |
| Broadway | * Browder Memorial | * Burnett Memorial |
| * Camp Ground | Carpenters | * Cedar Bluff |
| * Chestua | * Eden | * Eleazar |
| Fairview | * Fenders | * Forkners |
| * Fox | Friendsville | * Gatlinburg |
| * Immanuel | Logan's Chapel | Loudon |
| Luretta | Madisonville, First | Maryville, First |
| * Meadow | Middle Creek | Middlesettlements |
| * Mountain View | * Murphy's Chapel | * New Hope |
| * New Salem | Peck's Memorial | * Philadelphia |
| Pigeon Forge, First | * Pleasant Hill (B) | * 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 |
| * Walden's Creek | * Walland | * Wears Valley |
| * Webbs Creek | * Wesley Chapel | * Williamson Chapel |

Maryville District UMW - Susan Daffron-President

Opportunity is one of the many blessings of being a United Methodist Woman. In the past month, I have had three special opportunities to learn about and help women, children and youth. My first opportunity was to tour the new Blount County Family Promise Day Center. Tonya Latham, Director of Development, shared about how they had helped 35 families in 12 months to find safe homes. Tonya shared how one mother and her daughter had especially touched her. The mother had contacted Family Promise when her daughter was only 8 weeks old. The mother and daughter are now doing well and have a home, the mother has a job and vehicle and is currently learning how better to manage a budget.

My second opportunity came as the Maryville District UMW Leadership Team took lunch to Susannah's House in Knoxville. Susannah's House is an alcohol and drug treatment program for mothers in recovery, is a faith-based organization that exists to serve the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of mothers and their children. We held babies while their mothers filled their plates with food and talked with them as we ate. Rebekah Fetzer, Executive Director, shared that these meals were sometimes the only meals they had. We toured the facility and learned ways that UMW could help. Some ways are providing baby supplies (needed especially now are size 4 diapers), feminine hygiene items, gently used baby clothes and toys.

My third opportunity came in the form of our Maryville District UMW Social Action event. This was a baby shower for the Pregnancy Resource Center. The Center has operated for 31 years in Blount County helping women to cope with unplanned pregnancies and to consider their options in a compassionate and supportive environment. Maternity clothes and baby items were generously donated; so much so that we had to have 3 cars to transport them to the Center! Valerie Millsaps, Director, spoke to us and shared that the Center provides free pregnancy testing, STI testing and ultrasound imaging. A new service that is being added is a mobile service that will not only go out into Blount County, but also Sevier, Monroe and soon Loudon County.

I encourage you to attend the Holston Conference UMW Annual Meeting on September 16-17, 2017, at the ConneXion in Sevierville. Chief Executive Officer of the United Methodist Women, Harriett Olson, will be with us. Whether locally or internationally, United Methodist Women demonstrate faith, hope and love in action and for that I [Rejoice in the Lord Always](#). Thanks to United Methodist Women who choose to make a difference in the world.

Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church Foundation, Inc.

Blessed to be a Blessing

While the Holston Conference Foundation is thought of by many as the money side of the Conference, that description is only partially correct. The Foundation is actually a separate legal entity with an independent board confirmed by the Annual Conference. Our approved charter confirms that we are to be equipped to accept, invest, and manage church and ministry funds, but also encourage and promote gifts, bequests, endowments and legacies from individuals to support churches and ministries across the Holston Conference and the United Methodist Church. Practically this means that our office crew does lots of listening and sharing of information on investments, policies, best practices, etc. Particularly for Paul Bowman and myself it means that we are on the road preaching, providing workshops, meeting with committees and church leadership and even meeting confidently with prospective donors about stewarding what God has provided.

In just the last few days I have met with committees/leadership at Solway UMC (Knoxville); Romeo UMC (Bulls Gap); and Heiskell UMC (Heiskell) about options for potential investment accounts. I also met with a Chattanooga donor who graciously deeded her mother's home in Raven, Virginia that will be sold to support the Elk Garden School ministries. Emory UMC asked for a document to serve as a guide in stewarding an endowment formed from the proceeds of their parsonage sale. Paul Bowman delivered a grant check and preached at New Life and Hopewell UMC's in Knoxville. Next Sunday, Paul is delivering another grant check and is leading a *Provide & Protect* Workshop at First Johnson City UMC before he heads out on a two week mission trip to Uganda. All of these activities lead to personal relationships with churches and people and the opportunity to see God's hand in blessing others to be a blessing to the church.



Oh, by the way, **The Balanced Growth Fund** is up **7%** YTD through the end of June (up an average of 9.22% annually for the trailing five years). **The Equity Growth Fund** is up **9.5%** YTD (average annual return of 12.95% over the past five years). **The Intermediate Income Fund** is up **2.36%** YTD (average annual return of 2.02% over the past five years). **The Short-Term Income Fund** is up **.84%** (average annual return of 1.11% over the past five years). The Foundation currently manages nearly 900 separate accounts (over 500 belong to local churches) that total over \$119,000,000. I guess that is proof that we do serve on the "money side" of the Conference, but we do it well and we are eager to serve you and your church as well!

Roger Redding

Clergy & Lay Save the date!

The Holston Conference Foundation, CFA and the Conference Stewardship Team present:

Rev. Clayton Smith, Executive Pastor of Generosity at the Church of the Resurrection speaking on generosity, planned giving and stewardship.

September 9, 2017 - Concord United Methodist Church, Knoxville
September 10, 2017 - Pleasant View UMC, Abingdon

Time and more details to come.

Thank You Holston!

We wanted to provide you with an important update. Because of your generosity Holston has now given \$262,500 to Appalachia Service Project for their Sevier County Rebuild Project. This total includes our starting gift of \$125,000 and the sponsorship of the walls of the first 25 homes that ASP will build. This money came from your churches, individual donors, matched gifts from the conference and many others. Thank you for all you've done!

Still wanting to be involved?

Financial gifts can be made directly to ASP by sending money to 4523 Bristol Highway Johnson City, TN 37601, Attn: Sevier County Rebuild Project OR to the Holston Conference Office Attn: Wildfire Recovery.

Wanting to do some physical work?

ASP has said "We have several sites that we want to start building on, but there is still debris, ash, old foundations, etc. in the way. Do you know of any one that has access to equipment and/or could operate this equipment for us? The other issue is a lot of those sites are steep, which makes it more difficult. But we're also looking for anyone that wants to come volunteer as well! For the rest of the summer we'll have things like siding, soffit, insulation, painting, and building decks to do. Anyone interested can call Luke at: (423) 268-0240."

OR

Contact Volunteer East TN at <https://www.volunteeretn.org/> or email phopple+partner@volunteeretn.org. They will match your skills and availability to the current Sevier County/ASP needs.

Thank you for all you've done so far! Please continue your prayers for these families and volunteers!

UMVIM Team Leader Training - November 4, 2017 - <http://holston.org/ministries/missions/umvim-2017-training/>

Trinity Outreach Center Fellowship Hall
320 Robertsville Rd., Oak Ridge, TN 37830
Please bring a sack lunch.

This course will provide you with the tools you need to confidently lead a mission team from your church congregation on a successful mission trip either within the USA or throughout the world.

The cost of the course is \$26, which covers the cost of the Team Leader Handbook that you will receive at the training. Please pre-register so that sufficient materials will be available.

For questions regarding the event, please contact the following:

Maxine or Bob Schultz, (865) 719-4304 or (865) 719-3230

For questions regarding registration, please contact Charlotte Riggins, charlotteriggins@holston.org, (865) 690-4080