



The Maryville District

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“So, are you excited?!” has been the question asked by many, possibly even yourself. And I have to say, it’s been a difficult question to answer.

I could answer with, “Yes! I can’t wait! This is going to be awesome!” However, there’s not much humility in that response and does anyone really go into this job with that much eagerness? The superintendents I have known haven’t.

I could answer with, “Sure, as long as you don’t call me!” But where’s the compassion in that statement?

I could answer with, “Gosh no! This is going to be a nightmare! I’m scared to death!” But that wouldn’t work either since a statement like that would only send panic and a lack of hope and confidence in the office of superintendent.

To be honest, there’s a little truth in each statement. I typically enjoy change so how can I not be eagerly excited about a change in ministry? I know from experience the imperfections found in the local church and know a phone call will arise due to such imperfections. I’ve seen in my own family the demands placed on superintendents and know those same demands are now upon me.

I’m the type of person who doesn’t have any problem getting sleep. I can go to bed in the evening and get a good night’s rest almost every time. However, over the past two months, I’ve had sleepless nights as a result of those little truths. I guess it’s simply going to come with the territory, so I best stock up on Melatonin.

What I can say, with all honesty (not just a little), is that what I am most excited about is the opportunity to serve in ministry with each church and pastor of the Maryville District. While that will be changing over the next year, I presently have the honor to be your superintendent. I’m excited to visit with you, worship with you, sing with you, pray with you, listen to you. I’m excited to walk along side you in your spiritual journey, celebrate the highs, offer a hand of compassion and support in the lows. I’m excited to vision with you and discern how God is working to move in your local setting. I’m excited to work with you to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

All that to say, I’m here to do ministry with you, pray for you, encourage you, and I’m excited to see you soon.

Grace & Peace,

Jason

Registration for Summer Camp at Wesley Woods

Summer Camp 2017 began 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.



Pastors-CEU Update

Pastors, below is the link for the latest Continuing Education Update News
<https://app.robly.com/archive?id=f79aa743210329fc8eae7c8d720a49eb>

Part-Time Worship Leader Needed

St John UMC is seeking a **part-time worship leader**. This position includes leading band/choir rehearsals, assist in planning worship and promoting the music program. Experience in leading worship and the ability to play a guitar or keyboard is a plus.

Send resume and inquiries to St John UMC
 2201 E Broadway Maryville TN 37804 or
 email office@stjohnchurch.biz

Buckets, Buckets, And More Buckets!!!

This year the Maryville District once again show extreme generosity in the Hands-On Mission Buckets for Ishe Anesu in Zimbabwe. Out of 64 churches we had 52 that gave 1,352 food buckets to feed the school children of Ishe Anesu for a whole year. One congregation gave over 100 buckets. Many congregations gave sacrificially and far beyond what was asked. On behalf of the children of Ishe Anesu
THANK YOU!



Up-Coming Events

July

4 District office closed for 4th of July holiday

August

7 District Superintendency Committee meeting for a lunch at noon in the conference room at the District office.

7 District Leadership Team meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room at the District office.

8 District Finance Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at the District office.

10 Pastor Summer Picnic at Wears Valley UMC start gathering at 6 p.m. eat at 6:30 p.m.

14 District Nomination Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at the District office.

September

4 District office closed for Labor Day

10 Charge Conference will start for 2017

24 District Annual Conference will be at Alcoa, First UMC, at 3:00-4:00 p.m.

28-29 Holston Conference Secretaries Conference in Gatlinburg

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

(Thru June 28, 2017—50%)

(* Denotes 100% of 2017 District Ministries paid)

Alcoa, First	* Axley's Chapel	* Bethel (L)
* Binfield	Broadway	* Browder Memorial
Buckner Memorial	* Burnett Memorial	Carpenters
* Cedar Bluff	* Chestua	* Eden
* Eleazar	Fairview	* Fenders
* Forkners	* Fox	Friendsville
Immanuel	Logan's Chapel	Loudon
Luretta	Madisonville, First	Maryville, First
* Meadow	Middle Creek	Middlesettlements
* Mountain View	* Murphy's Chapel	* New Hope
* New Salem	Oakland	Peck's Memorial
Pigeon Forge, First	* Pleasant Hill (B)	* Pleasant Hill (R)
* Pleasant Hill (S)	* Roberts	Sevierville, First
Seymour	* Shults Grove	St John
St Marks	Sweetwater, First	* Tellico Plains, First
Tuckaleechee	* Union Grove (B)	* Union Grove (S)
* Vonore	* Walden's Creek	* Walland
* Webbs Creek	* Wesley Chapel	* Williamson Chapel

Maryville District UMW - Susan Daffron-President

Last June I attended the United Methodist Women's Southeastern Jurisdictional meeting in Charleston, SC. The theme of the meeting was "A Fresh Wind Blowing" which was based on John 3:8: *The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.* We cannot see the wind, nor can we control it. But we can hear and see the effects of the wind. The recent storm at the end of May brought winds up to 56 miles per hour which caused considerable damage to trees in our area. Some of the trees were 100 years old! Normally we wouldn't think about established trees uprooting, but they did. This made me think back to our SEJ theme of fresh wind blowing. When the Holy Spirit blows into our lives there can be a lot of uprooting. Familiar, established thoughts and patterns are changed and give way to new. We see with new eyes, become new persons. The old gives way to the new. An excellent way to invite the Holy Spirit into our lives is by educating ourselves in areas that effect women, children and youth. Mission u is a great way to invite the Holy Spirit's fresh wind blowing into your life.

Mission U is scheduled for July 20 – 22, 2017, at Central United Methodist Church in Lenoir City. There are three studies being offered this year; Living As a Covenant Community, Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States and Climate Justice A Call to Hope and Action as well as children and youth studies. I hope you will take advantage of this educational opportunity and allow the Holy Spirit to bring newness to your lives through these studies.

Sometimes it is through something as simple as attending a study at Mission u, big changes can be made to improve the lives of women, children and youth. [*Rejoice in the Lord Always*](#) as I think about all that United Methodist Women do to change the lives of the marginalized. We truly are God's fresh wind blowing in our world today!



Clergy & Lay

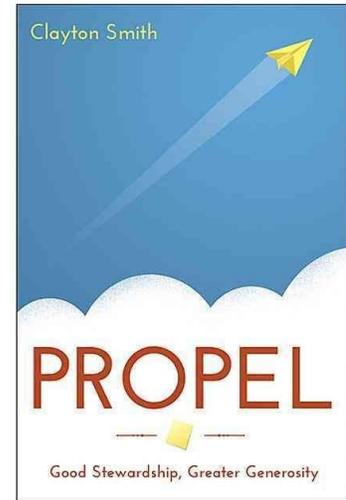
Save the date!

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.



Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church Foundation, Inc.

Throughout the years churches in the Holston Conference have frequently placed their funds in CDs for a variety of reasons. Many cite the surety of interest rates that are guaranteed at a fixed rate by the bank.

While this may be a valid reason consider the trade-off. According to Bankrate.com the national average CD rate for a one-year CD in 2016 was .32%. With inflation at 1.30% the real rate of return was -.98%.

[There is an alternative!](#)

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7.98%
Balanced Growth Funds
2016 Returns

For more information on how your church can open an account-either short-term or long-term, [please click here to send an email](#) or call 865-690-8124. [To view last quarter's returns click here.](#)

We want to be your trusted partner in ministry.
Roger Redding & Paul Bowman

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