

The Smoky Mountain District



# Messenger

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We're getting close to a month away from Annual Conference when we will join together at beautiful Lake Junaluska to experience a time of worship, fellowship, mission, and celebration with a few little business items thrown in between. Well, maybe a lot of business items in between depending on how you view business! I look forward to my first year of representing the Smoky Mountain District as your superintendent.

In preparation for Annual Conference we have pre-conference briefings in each district. The purpose of these briefings is to communicate any special items that will go before the body of the Annual Conference. This year an important vote will take place concerning the purchase of The Connexion, a multi-purpose building in Sevierville that has been leased through the conference congregational development committee for mission and outreach efforts beyond the local church. It is presently being used twice a week as the worship location for El Ministerio del Espiritu Santo and once a week for Celebrate Recovery. Rev. Jason Roe, our conference general evangelist, has been serving as the point person for The Connexion and has worked closely with the congregational development committee on the vision for this endeavor.

Our pre-conference briefing will take place on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 at Maryville First UMC. Whether you are a delegate or not I encourage you to attend to learn about this year's annual conference. With the many upcoming topics of conversation and debate that will be taking place within our conference and denomination, it's always best to be educated and informed.

See you on May 20<sup>th</sup>!

Grace & Peace,

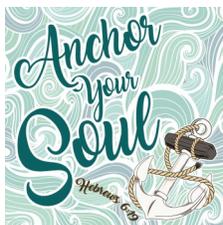
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## Pastors-CEU Update

Pastors, below is the link for the latest Continuing Education Update News <https://www.robly.com/archive?id=5ab09eb35bd8971030d28a2df57e9fe1>

## Jubilation 2018

This is the link <http://holston.org/events/2018/apr/30/jubilation-2018/> that will give you the information concerning registration for Jubilation 2018, April 30-May 2, in Pigeon Forge.



## The Jean Eastes Memorial

**Missions Lunch** is Saturday, May 19 at 11 a.m. in the Union Grove UMC (Blount) Fellowship Hall. This gathering celebrates Jean's life and honors her service in missions and outreach, especially that supporting children. Lunch and special music will be provided. Donations made will go to some of Jean's favorite missions, including the New Horizon Methodist School in Lambare' Paraguay. The church is at 1151 Lane Drive at South Union Grove Road off 321 South -Lamar Alexander Parkway, Friendsville. The fellowship building is to the right of the entry. All welcome. Please RSVP to Cassie: 865-856-9408 by May 17.

## Up-Coming Events

### May

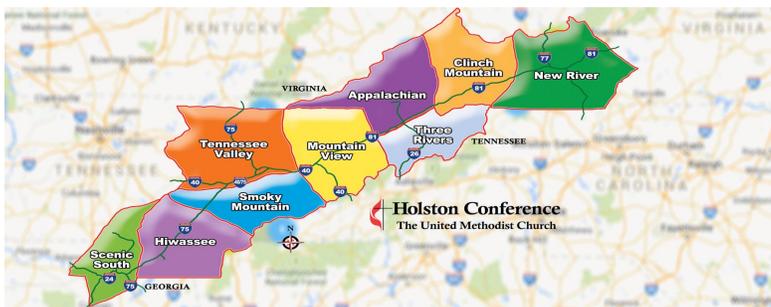
- 20 Pre-Conference Briefing at Maryville, First UMC at 3:00 p.m.
- 28 Memorial Day-District office closed

### June

- 6 Hands-on Mission food buckets delivered to Fairview UMC, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- 10-13 Holston Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska, NC
- 22 Mission Team leaving for Latvia

### July

- 4 District office closed for 4th of July
- 10 Pastors' meeting in the Event Center at the District office starting at 10:00 a.m.
- 16-20 Keep the Cabinet in prayer during their week long retreat



## Special Thanks to the following Congregations who are current in their giving to the 2018 District Ministries

(Thru April 26, 2018—33.33%)

(\* Denotes 100% of 2018 District Ministries paid)

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|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| * Axley's Chapel    | * Bethel (L)            | * Bethel (Seymour)  |
| Binfield            | Broadway                | * Burnett Memorial  |
| * Camp Ground       | * Cedar Bluff           | * Eden              |
| * Eleazer           | * Fenders               | * Forkners Chapel   |
| * Fox               | Friendsville            | * 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 (R) |
| * Pleasant Hill (S) | * Roberts               | Seymour             |
| * Shults Grove      | St. John                | St. Mark's          |
| Sweetwater, First   | * Tellico Plains, First | Tuckaleechee        |
| * Union Grove (B)   | * Union Grove (S)       | * Vonore            |
| * Webb's Creek      | * Wesley Chapel         | * Williamson Chapel |



## Smoky Mountain District UMW - Susan Daffron-President

I have just returned from attending the 44<sup>th</sup> Holston Conference UMW Spiritual Enrichment Experience at Lake Junaluska. There were 21 of the Maryville District UMW who attended the two sessions. To say that SEE was amazing is an understatement. We were blessed by the music of the Rev. Willie Kitchens and speaker, Rev. Kim Goddard. I have always pondered the story of the “sinful woman” who washed Jesus’ feet at Simon’s house in Luke 7:36-48. Being somewhat literal, I always wondered how the woman was able to cry enough tears to wash Jesus’ feet. Well, as Rev. Goddard’s message, “Will the Real Disciple Please Stand Up?”, progressed my own tears began to flow uncontrollably. I realized the Lord was showing me, that not only was the sinful woman in Luke able to produce enough tears, so was I; and I, too, am a sinful woman.

Over time, sin can distort the way we see ourselves and we no longer see the beautiful woman God created. I challenge you to take a good look at yourself in the mirror and see yourself as God sees you. Sure, we may not have the color eyes we wish we had or we might be tall and wish to be shorter and on and on. But instead of looking at yourself the way you wish you were, look at the beautiful, perfectly God created woman you are. I heard a saying the other day that bears repeating, “be happy in your own skin”. United Methodist Women are beautiful, God created women driven with the purpose of changing the lives of women, children and youth who live on the margins of society. Changing lives to help them see that they are created beautiful and their lives have a unique purpose is what we are all about.

The Maryville District UMW Day Apart was held on April 21, 2018, at St. Mark’s UMC. Fred and Libby Dearing spoke to us about the current conditions of the women and children from South Sudan who fled to Uganda during their civil war. We were able to make donations to help support the refugees.

The Quadrennial Gathering of United Methodist Women will be held in Columbus, OH, from May 18 – 20, 2018. Several of our Maryville District United Methodist Women will be among the 3,000 women who will attend Assembly 2018. Scholarships are still available, please contact me if you are interested.

Take a look around you and see the beautiful people God has created. Really look at them, many are broken, hurt, desperate. Just giving them a smile, a word of encouragement or a helping hand may make all the difference in the world to that person. I am so thankful to be a part of United Methodist Women, where I am surrounded by loving, caring beautiful women who will pray for me and help me to serve our Lord throughout our District. I [Rejoice in the Lord Always](#) for each of you!

## 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 Smoky Mountain 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 Smoky Mountain 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:  
**Wednesday, June 6 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** (do not deliver early)



## ANNOUNCING A NEW, FREE “LAST WILL & TESTAMENT” OPPORTUNITY

The Holston Conference Foundation is now offering a free service to individuals who need a Will or need to replace an existing Will. We are excited to announce the partnership with a company to assist you in drafting a **FREE** Last Will & Testament.

Many Methodists we work with are passionate about their local church or specific ministries they have contributed to or volunteered with over their lifetime. Often they want to leave a legacy in their estate. This new partnership will make it not only easier to do so but affordable **BECAUSE IT IS FREE.**

Making a Will is one of the most impactful ways to extend your love and generosity for your family and friends. It can also help local churches or charities flourish.

Legacy giving isn't only for the wealthy — gifts of any size are deeply appreciated by organizations or churches, and there is a wide range in gift sizes from \$50 to \$1 million.

### HOW TO ACCESS OUR FREE WILL PROGRAM:

To get started visit [www.freewill.com/holstonfoundation](http://www.freewill.com/holstonfoundation).

Answer all of the prompts covering your charitable wishes (or skip if you just want a Will without making a charitable gift) For convenience sake the Holston Foundation has listed those entities we work with as a drop-down feature on the website beginning with your local church.

Enter pertinent information to create a Will. The process usually takes 25 minutes to complete.

Print out your new Last Will & Testament.

You can create a legal Will online, or document your wishes and find an attorney near you.

REMEMBER- Your new Will is not executable unless it is signed, notarized and includes three witnesses that can be located!

If you'd prefer to go straight to an attorney to draft your Will and you choose to leave a gift in your Will, we suggest the following language and to advise us of your intentions:

“I bequeath (amount OR percentage) to [church name], a nonprofit corporation organized and existing under the laws of [STATE], with the principal business address of [ADDRESS] and federal tax identification number [EIN].”

Please contact the Holston Conference Foundation at 865-690-8124 or click [here](#) to send an email if you have additional questions.



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### Historian George B. Henry to present Friendsville history on Heritage Sunday

Recognized local historian, George B. Henry, will present on the history of Friendsville, Sunday, May 20 at 3 p.m. in the historic Union Grove United Methodist Church sanctuary at [1151 Lane Drive](#) at South Union Grove Road, off 321 South - Lamar Alexander Parkway, Friendsville. Mr. Henry will include excerpts from the pictorial history “Friendsville” co-authored with Linda Braden Albert, and touch on research of the Civil War and the Underground Railroad.

The event is held on Heritage Sunday, historically observed on the third Sunday of May, and calls the United Methodist Church to honor its heritage by committing itself to the continuing call of God known and spread by Charles and John Wesley, along with others the early Methodist movement reached and with whose denominations we are all joined as The United Methodist Church.

All are welcome. The event is free. Call/Text Pastor Matthew Coldiron: 865-361-4486 or call Cassie at 865-856-9408 for info.

## Part-time Children's Ministry Position

Ebenezer UMC in West Knoxville is seeking people who love God and love children to work part-time in its Children's Ministry department (infants through 5th graders).

**Job Title:** Children's Ministry Teacher

**Hourly Wage:** \$ 10.00

### Hours:

- \* Sundays 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (2+ Sundays a month)
- \* Wednesdays 5:45-7:45pm during the school year
- \* Quarterly Parents' Night Out 4:30-8:00p.m. (Sunday)
- \* Special events and holidays as needed.
- \*\* This position would be ideal for someone who attends Saturday night worship services at his/her own congregation and is thus available to work on Sunday mornings.

The role of the Children's Ministry Teacher is to provide safe, secure, and nurturing care and spiritual leadership for our children. The safety and security of our children is of utmost importance. ***Therefore, drug testing, background check and reference check are required.***

### General qualifications required:

All Children's Ministry Teachers should be of good character and be of the Christian faith. Additionally, application should:

- \* Be physically, mentally, and emotionally healthy.
- \* Have a basic understanding of children and their needs.
- \* Be adaptive to a variety of situations and able to work with children at various age levels.
- \* Be willing to grow in their knowledge of children and our congregation's childcare policies through periodic education and training events.
- \* Have completed the equivalent of a high school diploma.
- \*\* Experience working with children with special needs is a definite plus!

### Performance expectations of Children's Ministry 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 teachers and with parents.

Applicants should send resume to [ntwigg@eumcknox.org](mailto:ntwigg@eumcknox.org). Reference check, background check and drug test required for all applicants considered for this position.

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## Job Opportunity-Sevierville, First UMC & Ebenezer UMC

Sevierville First United Methodist Church seeks a full time Director of Children/Education/Program Ministries to coordinate a dynamic and comprehensive children's ministry program. Potential candidates should be enthusiastic, creative, and resourceful, with the ability to relate well with children and to partner with parents and volunteers to reach out and engage children from infancy through fifth grade. Candidate should be organized, able to provide leadership for the education and program ministries of the church. For more information please send your resume to [pas-tor@1stmethodist.com](mailto:pas-tor@1stmethodist.com)

Ebenezer United Methodist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee, is looking for a bookkeeper to maintain our day-to-day accounting requirements, including accounts payable and payroll. The ideal candidate will have prior bookkeeping experience, be detail oriented, accurate, and organized, and be able to perform tasks independently. Proficiency in Microsoft Excel and QuickBooks is required. Knowledge of ACS is strongly preferred. This is a part-time position of approximately 20 hours per week. Salary range to be determined based on qualifications. Please send your resume to [Arobins@EumcKnox.org](mailto:Arobins@EumcKnox.org).