

The Smoky Mountain District



# Messenger

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CRSP DB & DC, MPP, UMPIP, Pre-82, U.S Equity Fund, Fixed Income Fund, and Multiple Asset Fund are just a few of the many aspects of the retirement plan for United Methodist pastors and eligible employees. If those acronyms and fund names are unfamiliar then more than likely a pastor or eligible participant is not ready for retirement. Whether the plan to retire is in five years or forty five years, now is the best time to learn about the breakdown of a plan and what amount needs to be contributed in order to retire worry free. The last place a person wants to learn about the makeup of their retirement plan is at their retirement.

This month's clergy meeting will provide information regarding the retirement plan and benefit offerings in the United Methodist Church. Our conference pension and health insurance administrator, Ken Luton, and representatives from Wespath will be with us to present a breakdown of the plan and explain the differences between the 10 investment funds each participant can choose from for their defined contribution. They will also speak on the work that has been done to be prepared for the outcome of the 2019 special session of general conference.

This time promises to be of great benefit to our clergy. For churches with participating staff, Wespath representatives are more than happy to discuss the best way for this information to be shared in the local church.

For information about Wespath and their offerings visit [www.wespath.org](http://www.wespath.org).

Grace & Peace,  
*Jason*

## Welcome New Pastors Smoky Mountain District

Barbara A. Clark  
Gatlinburg, First UMC

Melissa Smith  
Kodak UMC

Amy Cook  
Loudon UMC

Dewey Smith  
Martel UMC

Matt Hall  
Maryville, First-Associate (Recovery)

Nathan Irwin  
Maryville, First-Associate (Youth)

David Lord  
New Salem UMC

Timothy Hankins  
Oakland UMC

Stuart Albee  
Pigeon Forge, First

Don Watkins  
Sevierville Parish

Steve Yeaney  
St. John

Skip White  
St. Mark UMC (Knox)

Sycamore Tree UMC  
Ginger Isom

## Up-Coming Events

### July

- 4-6** District office closed for 4th of July
- 10** Pastors' meeting in the Event Center at the District office starting at 10:00 a.m.
- 10** District Transition Team meeting at the District office in the large Conference room starting at 7:00 p.m.
- 16-20** Keep the Cabinet in prayer during their week long retreat
- 24** District Nominations Committee meeting in the Large Conference room at the District office at 7:00 p.m.
- 31** District Superintendency Committee meeting in the Large Conference room at the District office at 7:00 p.m.

### August

- 2** District Leadership Team meeting in the Large Conference room at the District office at 7:00 p.m.
- 7** District Finance Team meeting in the Large Conference room at the District office at 7:00 p.m.
- 14** Pastors' Summer Picnic at Wears Valley UMC. Start gathering at 6 p.m. and eat at 6:30 p.m. We need to welcome our new pastors to the District at this time.

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

*(Thru June 27, 2018—50%)*

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

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|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| * Axley's Chapel    | * Bethel (L)            | * Bethel (Seymour)  |
| Binfield            | Broadway                | * Burnett Memorial  |
| * Camp Ground       | Carpenters              | * Cedar Bluff       |
| * Eden              | * Eleazer               | Fairview            |
| * 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         | Oakland                 | 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            |
| * Walden's Creek    | * Walland               | * Webb's Creek      |
| * Wesley Chapel     | * Williamson Chapel     |                     |



## Smoky Mountain District UMW - Susan Daffron-President

The other day, my granddaughter, Katie, and I were playing an imaginary game. She was the beautiful princess, Super Fantastic, and I'm not sure what I was but she named me, Super Ice Cube. She took great delight in running down the hall into the living room and twirling around and around in her ball gown, aka nightgown. I was supposed to be close behind with my super cape which was a blanket that I attempted to hold across my shoulders, running so the cape would fly all while holding an arm load of baby dolls. That made me start to think about roles and responsibilities. Not everyone can be the princess and we need those who come behind to tend to all the details. I thought back to 1Corinthians 12 where we are told that we are given different spiritual gifts but we all have the same Spirit. We all come together to form one body. You know that's exactly the beautiful way United Methodist Women work together. Some are teachers, some are Spiritual leaders, some are mathematically gifted, some are wonderful chefs and some are seamstresses, some are able to construct and rebuild and all are generous contributors. When we combine all our talents, we are able to do far more than any one of us alone could ever imagine.

I hope you have registered for the Holston Conference Mission u. The deadline is July 2 and late registrations will not be accepted. This is the last year it will be held at Central UMC in Lenoir City. The dates are July 20 and 21, 2018. Studies will be Seeking Health and Wholeness (Part 2); Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church in the United States; What About Our Money? A Faith Response; and Youth study is, Is It Just Money? Our Dollars, God's Economy. The schedule for this year's Mission u has been realigned to help those who are still employed or have other obligations. The first class session will begin at 12:15 p.m. on Friday with the day ending at 5:30 p.m. Saturday will begin at 9:30 a.m. and finish at 4:45 p.m. I am shadowing our Dean, Glenda Eastridge, and Assistant Dean, Kay Phillips this year. I have been amazed at the amount of work that goes into planning Mission u. I can promise that it will be an incredible experience and you will be able to witness the many amazing talents of United Methodist Women.

The Holston Conference Social Action Event will be held on August 11, 2018, at Keith Memorial UMC in Athens, TN. The topic will be teen suicide. The Maryville District Social Action Event will be held on August 25, 2018, at Pecks Memorial UMC. The topic will be Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome. I hope you will join us as we learn together and gain more understanding about these topics.

For nearly 150 years, United Methodist Women have been Super Fantastic women, who have gone from simply sending missionaries to India to supporting 150 programs internationally in 110 countries. United Methodist Women were made by God for these times and we have said yes to God's call to support the programs that change the world for women, children and youth around the world. I [Rejoice in the Lord Always](#) for each of you Super Fantastic Women of the Maryville District!

### Praying "A Way Forward"

Each and every day please remember to  
Pause and Pray for your  
Holston Delegation Between  
2:23-2:26 a.m. or p.m.  
(February 23-26-Dates of Special Session  
Of The General Conference)



## Did You Know?

The Holston Conference Foundation offers Donor Advised Funds to individuals. A fund is simple to establish at the Foundation, takes the pressure of deciding now what organization will benefit from your fund and is a great way to pass on your values to your children by involving them in the process.

A donor-advised fund operates like a charitable investment account for the sole purpose of supporting charitable organizations, such as your local church, that you care about. When you contribute cash, securities or other assets to a donor-advised fund at the Holston Conference Foundation, you are generally eligible to take an immediate tax deduction while making a decision at a later date to which cause or organization you will support.

You can choose whether to endow or not endow your donor advised fund. Endowed funds are invested in the Foundation's Balanced Growth Fund (BGF) and hypothetically increase over time using the Foundation's rolling three year average model. ([Click her to see an example.](#)) After three years you and those you designate will have the ability to gift to charitable causes in perpetuity annually. You can also name successor advisors to continue your legacy of charity.

Funds that are contributed with the intent to distribute in a two-year window are placed in our Short Term Income Fund (STIF) or a money market account. Generally this applies to only non-endowed funds. Simply communicate with our staff the charity (or your local church) that you wish to send all or a portion of the fund to and we will cut the check.

If you have an interest in discussing this opportunity make a difference in the lives of others please call me at 865-690-8124 or click here to [send an email](#). I greatly enjoy participating in the philanthropic process with those who live a generous life.

Paul J. Bowman

Executive Director



Smoky Mountain District Youth  
**FESTIVAL OF  
GIFTS & TALENTS**  
To select a district talent offering for Resurrection 2019

Sunday, October 21, 2:00 PM  
Alcoa First United Methodist Church  
617 Gilbert Street, Alcoa, TN 37701

For more information or to perform, contact:  
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