



9:30 a.m.
Kate Meacham
reads the daily
scripture passage.

The Call

Today's scripture
"Everyone who drinks of this water
will be thirsty again, but those who
drink of the water that I will give them
will never be thirsty. That water that I
will give them will become in them a
spring of water gushing up to eternal
life."
— From John 4:3-42

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Monday SCHEDULE

All activities will be held in Stuart Auditorium, unless indicated.

7:30 a.m.
**Morning Worship
and Communion**
Memorial Chapel

8 a.m.
**Laity
Session**
Shackford
Hall

8:30 a.m.
**Clergy
Session**

9:30 a.m.
**State of
the Church
Address**

Bishop James Swanson and Mary Ruth Richards
• Board of Ordained Ministry Report

10:15 a.m.
Break

10:35 a.m.
• Resources and Ministry Report (Council on Finance and Administration, Discipleship Team)
• Sudan Missions Offering

Noon
Lunch

1:45 p.m.
Reports:
Nominations, Cabinet, Trustees,
Equitable Compensation, Pensions

2:45 p.m.
Break

3:15 p.m.
Voting
• Constitutional Amendments
• Resolutions

5 p.m.
Dinner

7 p.m.
Service of Ordination
Bishop Marion Edwards
First Maryville UMC Chancel Choir



Noon
Ministers' Spouses Luncheon at First Wayesville United Methodist Church

Joyful morning, busy afternoon

Sudan missions offering will be collected in 10:35 a.m. session

This morning at 7:30 a.m., the Rev. Nicole Hill of Abingdon United Methodist Church led an early worship and communion in Memorial Chapel.

Following worship, lay members will meet at 8 a.m. in Shackford Hall for the Laity Session. It will be led by our new conference lay leader, Mary Ruth Richards, a member of Ketron Memorial UMC in Kingsport District. You may walk or catch a trolley from your hotel or Stuart Auditorium.

The Clergy Session begins at 8:30 a.m. in Stuart Auditorium. At 9:30 a.m., Richards will join Bishop James Swanson on the Stuart stage for the "State of the Church Address."

Remember the "finance guy" and "ministry guy" at last year's Annual Conference? At 10:35 a.m. you'll meet "finance guy" and "ministry gal." Deb Holly and Gary Grogg will lead this joint Discipleship Team and Council on Finance on Administration report, which shows (with humor) how offerings support good works.

An example of that is the Missions Offering for Sudan, taking place immediately after the report. All churches were expected to take an offering in May and bring them to Annual Conference. The goal is \$125,000. The total received will be announced on Wednesday during the Sending Forth Service.

Eat a good lunch, because you've got work to do this afternoon. Conference reconvenes at 1:45 p.m.

Afternoon session

Reports will be received from the Nominations Committee, Cabinet, Board of Trustees, Equitable Compensation Committee, and Board of Pensions. Details for each are provided in the "Book of Reports."

Holston will then join 133 other annual conferences around the world to consider 32 amendments to the Constitution of The United Methodist Church. Twenty-three amendments result from a 2005-2008 study by the Council of Bishops' Task Force

on the Global Nature of the Church. Holston members received details at district briefings and in *The Call 2* weekly e-news. Information is also provided on pages 185-208 of the "Book of Reports." Some discussion of the amendments will be "bundled" for efficiency, but church law requires 32 separate votes.

After the global church issues are put to rest, the conference will address issues specific to Holston. Proposed resolutions are provided on pages 182-183 of the "Book of Reports." There will be others.

Two resolutions were submitted by the Rev. Mark Flynn of Christ UMC, Chattanooga District. Flynn proposes using a tithing-based model to create future conference budgets and reducing the number of districts and superintendents from 12 to six.

Evening session

After a temporary change of location for the Service of Ordination (in 2008, the service was held at Central UMC in Knoxville the week prior to Annual Conference), this important event in the life of the church returns to Lake Junaluska. Bishop Marion Edwards will preach at the 7 p.m. service. Originally from the South Georgia Conference, Edwards was elected bishop in 1996 and assigned to the North Carolina Conference. He is retired and now serves as bishop-in-residence at LaGrange College.

The Chancel Choir from First Maryville UMC will sing "Blessed Assurance," "How Great Thou Art," and two selections from Handel's "Messiah." Tonight's service will include 18 ordinands: 16 elders and two deacons. ■



Mary Ruth Richards

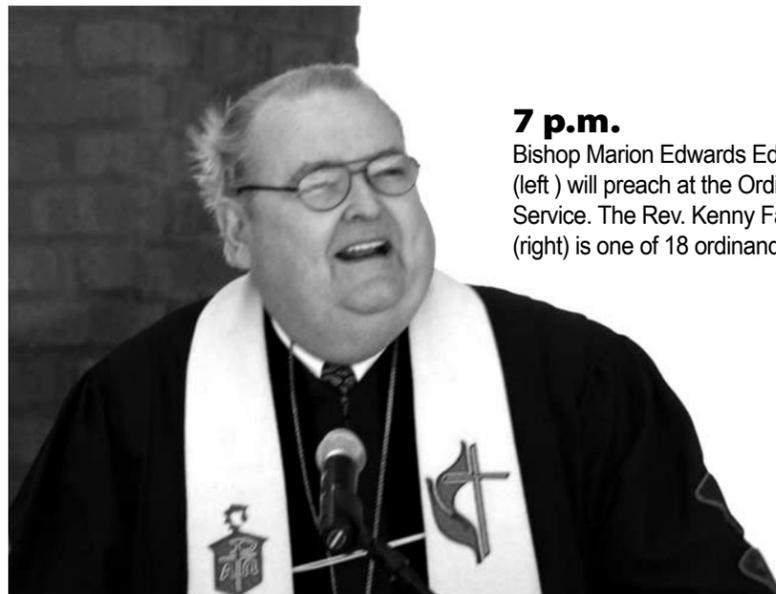


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7 p.m.

Bishop Marion Edwards (left) will preach at the Ordination Service. The Rev. Kenny Faught (right) is one of 18 ordinands.



10:35 a.m.

Rev. Gary Grogg (president, CFA) and Deb Holly (chair, Discipleship Team) will report how finance and ministry work together.

