

The Smoky Mountain District



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I find the highlight of every Annual Conference to be the Service of Ordination, Commissioning, and Sending Forth. It is the culmination and celebration of years of prayer, study, work, encouragement, and faith that started with a call from God and a local church's offering of blessing and support. As I watch new colleagues go before the bishop, I think back to my ordination and renew the acceptance and commitment I made to God through my own calling.

Since the beginning of Methodism ever pastor has been required to answer nineteen questions as they were elected into the full membership of the annual conference. The "Historic Questions" were written by John Wesley and are asked by the bishop to each person seeking ordination and full membership status. As we prepare for our upcoming annual conference I wanted to share the questions with you and ask you to be in prayer for those who will be ordained.

1. Have you faith in Christ?
2. Are you going on to perfection?
3. Do you expect to be made perfect in love in this life?
4. Are you earnestly striving after it?
5. Are you resolved to devote yourself wholly to God and his work?
6. Do you know the General Rules of our Church?
7. Will you keep them?
8. Have you studied the doctrines of The United Methodist Church?
9. Are full examination, do you believe that our doctrines are in harmony with the Holy Scriptures?
10. Will you preach and maintain them?
11. Have you studied our form of Church discipline and polity?
12. Do you approve our Church government and polity?
13. Will you support and maintain them?
14. Will you diligently instruct the children in every place?
15. Will you visit from house to house?
16. Will you recommend fasting or abstinence, both by precept and example?
17. Are you determined to employ all your time in the work of God?
18. Are you in debt so as to embarrass you in your work?
19. Will you observe the following directions?
 - a) Be diligent. Never be unemployed. Never be triflingly employed. Never trifle away time; neither spend any more time at any one place than is strictly necessary.
 - b) Be punctual. Do everything exactly at the time. And do not mend our rules, but keep them; not for wrath, but for conscience' sake.

Keep, as well, in your prayers all clergy and lay members of the annual conference as we gather, conduct business, worship, pray, celebrate, elect, and fellowship with one another at Lake Junaluska.

Grace & Peace,

Jason

Pastors-CEU Update

Pastors, below is the link for the latest Continuing Education Update News:
<https://app.robly.com/archive?id=326b8206daf987b6844015ada2bdba8b>

Latvia District Partnership

The Maryville District continues in partnership with the United Methodist Churches in Latvia. The goal this year is to raise funds for pastoral support, Wesley Camp Scholarships, and Hope House. Speakers are available to talk to local churches or small groups in those churches. A video and brochure are available to introduce or reacquaint our local churches with the work in Latvia.

Richard Rudisell, Chair Latvia Team



Latvia, part of the Baltic Region in Northern Europe, became an EU member on May 1, 2004



Up-Coming Events

June

- 5 Hands-on-Missions Food Buckets deliver to Fairview UMC between 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- 9-12 Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska, NC
- 13 District office closed



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- 19 Moving Day for Transitioning Pastors
- 24-28 Junior and Senior High Assembly at Emory & Henry College

July

- 4 District Office Closed- 
- 23 Pastors' Summer Picnic at Maryville, First, starting at 6 p.m. and eat at 6:30 p.m.

August

- 9-11 Local Pastor Licensing School
- 15 Change for Children Grant Deadline

Special Thanks to the following Congregations who are current in their giving to the 2019 District Ministries

(Thru May 28, 2019—41.65%)

(* Denotes 100% of 2019 District Ministries paid)

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| Alcoa, First | * Axley's Chapel | * Bethel (K) |
| * Bethel (L) | Binfield | Broadway |
| * Burnett Memorial | * Camp Ground | Carpenters |
| * Cedar Bluff | Cokesbury | Ebenezer |
| * Eden | * Fox | * Friendsville |
| * Gatlionburg, First | Green Meadow | Immanuel |
| Kodak | * Logan's Chapel | Loudon |
| * Martel | Maryville, First | * Meadow |
| * Middle Creek | * Middlesettlements | * Mountain View |
| * Murphy's Chapel | * New Hope | * New Salem |
| Peck's Memorial | * Philadelphia | Pigeon Forge, First |
| * Piney Grove | * Pleasant Hill (B) | Pleasant Hill (K) |
| * Pleasant Hill (R) | * Pleasant Hill (S) | * Roberts |
| * Sand Branch | Sevierville, First | Seymour |
| * Shults Grove | St. John | St. Mark's (B) |
| St. Mark (K) | St. Paul | * Trentville |
| Trinity | Tuckaleechee | * Union Grove (B) |
| * Vonore | * Walland | * Wears Valley |
| * Webb's Creek | * Williamson Chapel | * Zion |

Smoky Mountain District UMW - Susan Daffron-President

[Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us.](#) Psalm 90:17. I don't have to look very far to see that beauty. Spring in East Tennessee demonstrates God's beautiful creation so magnificently. As you may know, I love plants. My garden is full of them and this Spring has been a most beautiful season. With abundant rainfall and just the right amount of sunshine, God has blessed us with blooming color truly providing a feast for the eye. I love to observe each flower petal and marvel at everything that had to happen before that beautiful flower could appear. The root system had to have enough nourishment, sufficient water and sunlight. I am amazed at the varying colors and designs. Truly God is the Master Gardener! And so, it is with United Methodist Women who thanks to our foremothers are celebrating 150 years in mission this year. Beautiful women doing life changing work, enabling women, children and youth around the world to experience full lives, to have opportunities that would otherwise be impossible.

The Holston Conference United Methodist Women RISE event was held at MainStay Suites in Pigeon Forge on May 17 – 19, 2019. Rev. Mike Sluder, Rev. Tom Hancock Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor were the speakers. Thanks to all those in the Smoky Mountain District United Methodist Women who contributed disinfectant dish soap for UMCOR flood/cleaning buckets.

Our Social Action event was held on June 1, 2019, at Mountain View United Methodist Church. Our focus was on domestic violence and our speaker was from Haven House in Maryville, TN. An extensive "needs" list was distributed and items from the list collected as well. Thanks to all those who contributed. United Methodist Women once again demonstrated their heart for mission and improving the lives of women, children and youth.

Mission u is just around the corner on July 19 – 20, 2019. This year we will be traveling to Abingdon, VA, to Pleasant View UMC. Our studies this year are [What About Our Money? A Faith Response](#) by Susan K. Taylor; [Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of mark and Radical Discipleship](#) by Janet Wolf; and [Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission](#) by Ellen Blue. We are excited to be offering our first ever Hispanic class! Our Youth Study is [Who Do You Say That I Am? Meeting Jesus Through the Eyes of Mark](#) by Carolyn Poling. Our Children's Study is [Marked: A Mission Journey with Jesus in the Gospel of Mark](#) by Rita Hayes. Registration is \$50.00 for adults and \$10.00 for youth. The deadline is July 5, 2019. Please contact me for more information.

I encourage you to take a moment to spend outdoors this Spring marveling at this beautiful creation God has made for us. Ponder all that it means to be United Methodist Women. *Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us!*

2019 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 2020 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 2019 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 2019 Hands-On in the memo line.*** * Do not put money in the bucket!

Canned Ham (2-lb total)	1 bag dried beans (2lb)
1 box Splenda/Sucralose (50 ct. or less)	1 Bag Rice (2 lb)
1 bottle cooking oil (48 oz. or less)	1 box, butter flavor grits
1 box quick/instant oats (18 oz. or less)	1 Corn meal (4-5 lb)
1 box powdered milk (10oz. or less)	



Your buckets need to be delivered to Fairview UMC, 2508 Old Niles Ferry Road, Maryville, TN 37803: **Wednesday, June 5, 2019, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**
(do not deliver early)



Spread the Word: Holston Foundation Scholarships

Because of the generosity of donors, the Holston Foundation offers scholarships to both higher education and seminary students. The Foundation is honored to award these scholarships annually.

Do you know a higher education or seminary student who could benefit? Help us spread the word about scholarships in your church! All applications must be received by Friday, May 31.

[Higher Education Scholarship Application](#)

Learn more about each scholarship [here](#).

[Seminary Scholarship Application](#)

Learn more about each scholarship [here](#).

Are you considering giving the gift of education to others? Contact [Paul Bowman](#) to discuss how you can give a scholarship today.

Smoky Mtn. Ministers

Just a note of thanks to all that are current with minister's dues!

Barbara Clark	Betty Furches	Susan Groseclose
Ginger Isom	Charles Ledger	David Lord
Charles Maynard	Curtis McKee	Mickey Rainwater
Laura Razor	Rex Rogers	Al Shaver
Magan Stubblefield	Ken Tucker	Charles Wedner
Kristie Banes	Amy Cook	Timothy Hankins
Jeff Lambert	Anna Lee	Catherine Nance
Ann Robins	Danny Treadway	Robert Haskins
Stuart Albee	Fred Heard	Ken Lambert
Alta Raper	Melissa Smith	Nancy Twigg
Steve Yeane	Brian Inman	Parker Benson
Patricia Chaput	Buzz Trexler	

You may send dues to: Ken Tucker, 3357 Line Springs Rd., Sevierville, Tennessee 37862

Blessings

Ken

What's Happening in "The Woods"!



Summer Camp Registration is OPEN!

One-week sessions are running for all ages June 2nd – July 19th. To register visit our website at www.campwesleywoods.com/summer-camp. If you would like someone to speak to your church concerning Camp Wesley Woods please call (865) 448-2246.

