

The Allen Memorial Messenger

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'"

Isaiah 52:7 NRSV

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Annual Conference 2012

On Sunday, Rebecca Garren and I served communion for the worship service. I stood right next to the band and speakers up front, so I had to scream, 'THE BLOOD OF CHRIST SHED FOR YOU', in order for them to hear me. The youth sat up front for that service, because President Taylor Downey was giving her report for CCYM.

Monday night, we had elections for CCYM Servant Leadership Team.

President: Emily Ballard, Morristown

Vice-President: Abby Bryant, Cleveland

YSF Chair: Jake Nunn, Wytheville

Chaplain: Hannah Gamble, Knoxville

Secretary: Samantha Boring, Oak Ridge

Tuesday afternoon, we handed out ice-cream at greeting and fellowship time with Bishop Swanson. We also put labels on water bottles to advertise Rez Kids, which is a new event that will happen in 2013 after Resurrection for kids and their families to attend.

Wednesday, we handed out the Rez Kids water bottles during the break. We listened to Bishop Swanson give his last sermon, and then we handed out 2012 Fixing of Appointments Books to everyone.

All through the week we sold eyeglass microfiber cloths to collect money for YSF (Youth Service Fund) which is money raised by youth, distributed by youth, for youth. We also sat through all the sessions and represented the Holston Youth. Every night we would have time to socialize and get to know everybody. Then we would have devotions. At the end of the week we were all like a family and couldn't wait for next year to see everybody again.

I had a great time at Annual Conference.

Respectfully submitted by Abby Bryant



The Men's Group will meet on Sunday, July 1st, at 8:00 AM in Wattenbarger Hall for breakfast and devotions. Please join us!

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will meet on Saturday, July 14, at 12 noon in Wattenbarger Hall for a light lunch and a program. Becky Jaquish will be the hostess and Susan Jackson will have the program.

After the meeting, we will continue to work on our Greeting Card Project. If you have any "gently used" greeting cards, please bring them to the meeting. All the ladies of the church are urged to take advantage of this time for fellowship and spiritual growth.



Youth in Mission (Conference Trip)

This summer I will be embarking on a mission trip to Nassau, Bahamas, with three other youth from the Holston Conference and youth from the Western North Carolina and North Georgia Conferences. We will fly from Atlanta to the Bahamas on July 8 and return on July 14. While we are there, we will be doing a variety of minor home and church repairs as well as participating in a sports camp for the children led by New York Giants' player, Chris Canty. You can find out more about Mission Academy at their website www.themissionacademy.com and click on Camp Nassau link. I am looking forward to my first out-of-the-country mission trip. I have never been on a mission trip where I haven't been changed by God in some way. I ask for your prayers for the whole team, travel mercies, for God's love to be shown through us by our service, and the Gospel to be shared to non-believers.

(Your Friend, Abby Bryant)

Lord's Hour Offering

It is time for our annual Lord's Hour Offering. The Lord's Hour offering works in this way: throughout the summer months, we are asked to give our first hour's wage of each week as a special offering to be received on Sunday, August 26. This special offering may be designated for the General Budget or the Future Fund. We ask that you prayerfully consider this special offering. Please give as you are able.



HOLSTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE

I want to personally thank those who attended the Holston Annual Conference: Dan Herron as our church Lay Member, Abby Bryant and Rebecca Garren as members of the District and Conference youth, and Becky Jaquish, Susan Jackson and Jo Ann Littleton as members-at-large of the Cleveland District.

This Annual Conference was filled with wonderful worship and preaching. The celebration of the 8 years for our Bishop, James Swanson and his family highlighted the conference. He has served this conference well and led us spiritually. We pray God's blessings on him as he moves to another conference. We pray for the person God will choose to be our Episcopal leader beginning this fall. The conference ended on Wednesday with the assigning of pastors and the Sending Forth. (Joe)



The Chancel Choir will not meet in July. If you would be willing to help with "Special Music", please contact Nathan Windt at 513-460-3121 or the church office at 745-1560.



We have just entered our second year of ministry together as pastor and congregation. I have felt very welcomed by the people of Allen Memorial. We have experienced together birth and death. We have celebrated in the marriages of several young couples. We have ministered together in the community at Grace and Mercy Center and Rejoicing Spirits as well as some community worship services. Truly God has blessed the church and God has blessed me.

We remembered together the birth of our Lord Jesus at Christmas. We grieved at the death of Christ on the cross and rejoiced over His resurrection on Easter Sunday. These events through the grace of God have brought us into relationship with God through the salvation God provided for us.

While we have accomplished much in this past year, we cannot stop after looking at what has been done. We realize that we are called into ministry together and I am looking forward to the coming year as we work together to accomplish things for the Kingdom.

I want to personally thank all those who serve in worship, in planning, on committees, in specialized ministries in the church and in caring for those who were sick and those who grieved. There is no way I can possibly know what all everyone has done. But, what matters is that God knows what you have done and what you have given of yourself through your ministry gifts and love.

We have been called by the conference to a Call to Action. We need to look at and remember the stories of the church in its history. Many of you have shared your stories with me. We also need to realize that we are called to be a Vital Congregation - making a difference in our church, community and across the world. We cannot just look at the past and what we have done. We still have a calling to be the church of Jesus Christ where we are. How can we make a difference? How can we reach out even more to our community? What can we together do for the call of Christ?

Thank you for the privilege of serving with you. Let us join in prayer for God's blessing and the leadership of the Holy Spirit as we continue to serve our Lord where we are.

Joe



Holston Annual Conference Report By: Dan Herron

Thank you for allowing me to be your delegate to Annual Conference this year. The "Called to Action" theme of this conference was "What Does it Mean." We blessed and celebrated the largest ever collection (Hands-On-Mission Kits) for Zimbabwe and Liberia.

There were two special appeals at annual conference. The first was for victims of Agent Orange in Vietnam. Conference-wide funds collected amounted to \$78,681. The second appeal was for mosquito nets. Malaria is killing a child under age 5 every 60 seconds. Four years ago, it was one child every 30 seconds. We can praise God that the number has been cut in half. Holston Conference passed a resolution of commitment to raising \$1,000,000 this year which represents 100,000 lives.

A budget of 9.55 million for 2013 was approved. The budget is based on 2011 receipts of tithe-based apportionments from local churches. The budget consists of 6 categories considered to be drivers of "vital congregations."

Many churches have been very successful with the "Called to Action" plan. One small church was about to close and now has 60 in attendance. Many churches of all sizes are growing again. Churches are encouraged to use "missional imagination" to create programs which appeal to many different groups of people.

Something for Everyone

August Trip: On August 7, we will travel to Crossville to see *Backwards in High Heels*, *The Ginger Rogers Musical*. We will have lunch at the Cumberland State Park Restaurant. We will leave the church at 11:45 AM and return around 7:15 PM.

Mark Your Calendar: On Tuesday, November 6th, we will travel to Pigeon Forge to enjoy the **Country Tonight Christmas Show**. We will have lunch at the Huck Finn Restaurant before attending the show which starts at 3:00 PM. The cost for the show is \$17.50 per person. Watch the bulletin for more details soon.

Prayer Shepherds/What a Privilege!

Summer is such a busy time! Our sheep are out and about with vacations and activities with the children. Shepherds be much in prayer for your sheep. Take time to pray for your busy sheep during the summer months!

The disciples said "We will devote ourselves to prayer, and to the ministry of the word." Acts 6:4RSV

Remember to pray for your sheep!

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July Calendar

Sunday, July 1

- 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Family Life Meeting
- 12:00 PM Worship Committee
- 4:00 PM Church Directory Meeting

Monday, July 2

- 6:00 PM Junior Girl Scouts

Thursday, July 5

- 7:00 PM McMinn Ministries

Sunday, July 8

- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Morning Worship
Youth Delegate
/Abby Bryant
-leaves on mission trip
- 4:00 PM Grace & Mercy
Service/Cooke Center

Monday, July 9

- 6:00 PM Junior Girl Scouts

Saturday, July 14

- 12:00 PM UMW/
Wattenbarger Hall

Sunday, July 15

- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Family Life
Covered Dish
Dinner after Church
- 4:00 PM Rejoicing Spirits

Monday, July 16

- 6:00 PM Junior Girl Scouts

Sunday, July 22

- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service

Monday, July 23

- 6:00 PM Junior Girl Scouts

Sunday, July 29

- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service

Monday, July 30

- 6:00 PM Junior Girl Scouts



JULY BIRTHDAY'S

1. Paul Dugan, Tom Huth, Robert Thomas
2. Brandy Giltneane, Beverly Bartola
3. Jeff Grubb
4. Debbie Stewart
6. Emily G. Wade, James Dake
8. Megan Monteen
9. Sam Guffey, Ronnie Allen, Maddisen Hashe
10. Laura Moss Fulbright
12. Beau Harbin, Sam Sparkman, Michelle Baker, Josh Johnson
13. Lee Hashe
14. Kelly Monteen, Andrew Huth, Nathan Ervin, Jeremy Wade
15. Roger Cooley, Dan Tydingco, Elizabeth Coleman,
16. Mark Jaquish, Rick Seaton, Kario McFarland,
19. Debby Hannah, Lorelai Ziegler, Nathan Windt
20. Amanda Buckner, Isaiah Russell
21. Chris Skidmore
22. Carol Russell
23. Alex Hughes
24. Ingrid Cooley, Renee Trotter, Ryan Hoppe
25. Ashley Davidson Ziegler
26. Martha Penney, Loren Hashe
27. Tonya Arsenault
28. Pam Hutsell, Jackie Melton
29. Brandon Hashe, Michael Jackson, Frank Rymer
30. Beth Harbin Bulow

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

3. Jake & Laura Herron
9. Monte & Bridgett Raper
10. David & Kathy Cawlfild
25. Jim & Sue McQuain
29. Charles & Charlotte Newman
31. Mike & Debbie Stewart



The Rejoicing Spirits service will be held Sunday afternoon, July 15 at 4:00 in the afternoon.

The meeting will be at the Cedar Springs United Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome to attend this special service.

McMinn Ministries Meeting

McMinn Ministries will have the regular monthly meeting on Thursday, July 5 at 7:00 P.M.

McMinn United Methodist Ministries-

Please see the *bulletin board in the side vestibule for all the news, updates and outreaches that are happening through the McMinn Ministries at the Cooke Ministry Center on 714 Walter Street.*

Friday Night Singing

A different group or singer is scheduled for the month of July for the Friday Night Singing at the Cooke Center. Everyone is welcome to attend these great services.

Worship Service Flower Schedule For July



July 1: Tom & Kim Huth

July 8: Brent & Mari Harbin

July 15: Gene Farris

July 22: Ingrid Cooley

July 29: Susan Jackson

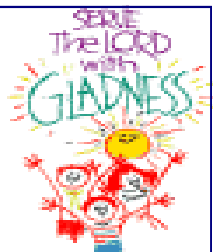


Thank you Eva Oakes for decorating the table in the Sunday School wing each season. This is the first thing visitors see who are coming

upstairs to the church office. If you haven't checked this out, please do so. We have so many people who do special works in our church, a big "Thank You!" to everyone!

Proverbs 17:22

A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit saps a person's strength.
Be Glad!



June Stewardship Report

As United Methodists and members of this congregation, we are called to participate in the life of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.

<i>We Worship By Our Prayers</i>	<i>We Worship By Our Presence</i>
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Connie Allen	Tammy Lowry
Stacy Alexander	Glenn Mason
Barbara Ball	Charles Newman
Chris Beaton	Jim Neil
Evelyn Black	Kylie Overton
John Boggess	Martha Penney
Lee Brown	Theda Poplin
Linda Brown	Tom Reese
Bonnie Burmood	Amberly Richards
Kandi Burnette	Chris Russell Family
Kathy Clark	Bud Smidt
Milford Clark	Mildred Smith
John & Pam Cooley	Nell Smith
JW Cross	Phyllis Stieb
Nell Gambill	Roy & Anita Thomas
Steve Garren	David Stephenson
J. R. Griggs	Virginia Stephenson
Joe Henry	Rev. Bruce Vincent
Carol Hope	Mildred Vincent
Holder Family	Millard Vincent
Mike Jackson	Brenda Walker
Andy Jeffreys	Gladys Wallace
Steve King & Family	Renay Wattenbarger
Raymond Latham	Nancy White
Wesley Lewis	Sandy Yielding

Average Sunday School Attendance.....	55
Average Worship Attendance.....	161
Avg. SS Attendance for YTD 2012.....	67
Avg. Worship Attendance for YTD 2012.....	170
Avg. SS Attendance for YTD 2011.....	72
Avg. Worship Attendance for YTD 2011.....	184



Our Gifts and Tithes

We Worship With

Received for Operating Budget/June	15,534.51
Received for 2012 YTD.....	101,315.16
Received for 2011 YTD.....	111,026.95

Special Giving

Sunday School Outreach	49.00
Native American Sunday.....	77.00
Bus Fund	50.00
Future Fund	627.00
Youth Fund	5.00
Father's Day	1,500.00
VBS/Mosquito Nets.....	108.00
VBS Refreshments	5.00
UMCOR/Agent Orange	5.00
Men's Club.....	100.00
Food Pantry	5.00

Pray for our nation, community, our leaders,
 Pray for our Pastor and for each other.
 Pray for God's vision for our church.
 Pray for our Bishop, James Swanson and our
 District Superintendent, Joe Green
 Pray for those who need salvation.
 Pray for Steve & Diantha Hodges in Sudan.
 Pray for our Sunday Worship Services.
 Pray for renewal in our



Jesussaid unto them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." —Mark 12:13-17
 Look in you checkbook to see how well you are doing. Are your priorities in order?
 We need to make sure that we give to God the things that are His.



Brandon Carter, Tyler Cooley, Taylor Creasman, Michael Dyer, Josh Goforth, Josh Gary, Taylor Gray,

Brent Greer, Eric Greisenhour, Brandon Hashe, Lee Hashe, Daniel Hickey, Derek Hickey, Anderson Jaramillo, Robinson Jaramillo, Tim Lammers, Wesley Levy, Wayne McKenzie, Tyler Moore, Will Nation, Thomas Pelham, Adam Randle, Alex Randle, Zach Roberts, Brittany Rupert, Bobby Smith, Brent Stephens.

We Worship By Our Witness

The Christian needs to walk in peace, so no matter what happens they will be able to bear witness to a watching world.
 Author: Henry Blackaby

We Worship By Our Service

Serving God is not an option for a Christian. We are all called to serve. Our calling is not the same as other folk's calling. God has given to each of us spiritual gifts (yes each of us). Those spiritual gifts are not for our pleasure or spiritual edification. They are given to be used in the work of God. We also have others gifts (hobbies, talents, etc) that we can use to serve God be serving others. Let's give our full worship to God as we serve in gladness.

Any youth 6th—12th grade is invited to participate in our Youth Group. Come join in the Youth activities!



YOUTH YARD SALE Thank You!

The Youth Yard Sale was a great success. Thank you to everyone who donated items to sale. Also, thank you to all the Youth and adults who worked before, during and after the yard sale to raise funds for the Allen Youth Activities.

There will be no regular Sunday Youth meetings in July. Lela will contact the Youth for special activities.



Congratulations to our own Abby Bryant who was elected Vice-President of the Holston Conference Council on Youth Ministries. We wish Abby much success in all her Christian endeavors.

Congratulations to our Pastor, Joe Black, who received the #2 spot for Best Pastor in the Daily Post Athenian's Best of the Best for McMinn County. Our church also received the #2 spot for Best Church in McMinn County.



The **Family Life Committee** is sponsoring a Covered Dish Luncheon on Sunday, July 15, following the morning worship service. This is the time of the year when gardens are at the very best. Please plan to share a covered dish or two from your harvest. The church will provide the bread and drinks. Everyone is welcome!



Each year at this time, we like to recognize those in our church family who have received awards or special recognitions. Here are the ones that have been submitted to the church office so far. If you have others, please send them to us and we will print them in next month's newsletter.

-Austin Meadows who attends McMinn County High School won the Tennessee State Quiz Bowl. Austin and the rest of the team traveled to Kansas City for National Quiz Bowl in June. Austin is the son of Jason and Deborah Richards and the grandson of JoAnn Littleton.

-Brooklyn Hurst received a medal for consistently achieving A/B Honor Roll during this school year. Brooklyn is on the Girls Golf Team at Riceville Elementary. She is the daughter of Rick and Lisa Mays.

-Matt Mays received the P.E. Award this year. He plays basketball and is on the Golf Team at Riceville Elementary. Matt is the son of Rick and Lisa Mays.

-Drew Mays is a member of McMinn County High School Golf Team and has already signed to attend Tennessee Wesleyan College after graduation. Drew is the son of Rick and Lisa Mays.

Body and Soul

Body & Soul is taking the summer off!

Our next Body & Soul Fellowship will be on Wednesday, August 15, at 6:00 PM.

Joyce Grubb, Kim Rymer, and Sara-Beth Rymer will be our hosts for the meal.

Body & Soul is a wonderful time of fellowship, serving a low-cost meal for your family, along with a short devotion or program.

Make plans to attend our next Body & Soul in August.



KNOW THE WAY

Thomas said to Jesus, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" (John 14:5, NIV).

Directions: To read Jesus' reply, shade in the letters that contain an asterisk (*) and write them in order on the blanks below.

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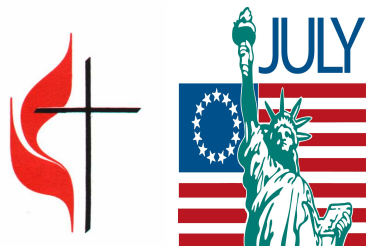
Jes ___ ans ___ d, " ___ the ___
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___ 14:6, NIV

Answer: Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6, NIV

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Return Service Requested

Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Morning Worship 11:00 AM
 Youth - Sunday 4:30 PM
 Prayer Ministries - Wednesday 6:15 PM
 Adult Choir Practice- Wednesday 7:00 PM



Editor's Note: The first person to call the church office with the correct answer will have their name published in next month's newsletter.

Question for July: How many days and nights did Jonah spend in the abdomen of a whale?

Correct answer for June: What is the longest Psalm?
 Psalm 119

First Persons To Correctly Answer this month's Question: Elizabeth Coleman, Mildred Vincent

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