

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.'"

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Something for Everyone

August: On Tuesday, August 6, we will travel to Crossville to eat at Cumberland State Park Restaurant and then on the Playhouse where we will enjoy *The King and I*. The cost for the meal is \$12.08 and the cost for the play is \$24 for a total of \$36.08/person or \$72.16/couple. We will leave the church at 10:45 AM and return around 6:30 PM. **Reservations must be made and paid for by Sunday, July 28th.** Make your reservations with Charlotte at 745-1915 or the church office at 745-1560.

September Change of Date: The September "Rocky Top Tennessee" in Wattenbarger Hall has been rescheduled for September 10. Please mark this change on your calendar.



TIME TO GET STARTED!

Lord's Hour Offering

It's that time of year to start thinking about our annual Lord's Hour Offering. We are asked to give our first hour's wage each week, starting in July, as a special offering to be received on August 25. This special offering will be directed to the General Budget. Please prayerfully consider this special offering and give as God leads you.

Congratulations!!!

Our own Addison Haggart was 3rd runner-up for the 52nd Annual McMinn County Distinguished Young Women's program. She also received the John Miller Practice Award.

Addison is an active member of our church. She is involved in our youth program and volunteers her time each Sunday in the church nursery.

She is the daughter of Kim Miller and Chuck Haggart. The proud grandparents are S.L. and Sylvia Johnson. She will be a senior

at McMinn County High School this fall. She plans to attend Tennessee Wesleyan and major in the medical field. We wish Addison all the best as she works to fulfill her dreams.



Holston Conference Report

By: Becky Jaquish

Thank you for allowing me to represent Allen Memorial at Holston Annual Conference. Lake Junaluska is a beautiful, peaceful place to worship and to conduct the business of Holston.

There was no controversy regarding the reports presented to the delegates, and even the 2014 budget passed with no questions asked! The Finance committee had worked diligently and prayerfully to be good stewards of our gifts.

The report of each District's collection of kits (health, school, etc.) was read and the total dollar value was over \$250,000! Many Districts exceeded their goal for number of kits, some giving twice the number. Cleveland District barely met the goal. Hopefully we can remedy that next year!

There were two Conference highlights for me. The first was the announcement on Monday evening that Holston Conference raised \$1,133,250 for Imagine No Malaria, exceeding our goal! The response in the auditorium was like a winning touchdown in Neyland Stadium. Together we saved more than 113,000 lives, and at the candlelight service of celebration we were told that the candle each of us held represented 151 lives!

The second highlight was being present to experience the Ordination of our own Jake Herron. His radiant smile as he received the designation of Elder reflected his love of our Lord and his eager anticipation for the ministry ahead.

The main point of the speaker's messages was that as Christians we are not called to sit, to stand or to stay. We are called to "GO!"

The weather was perfect (after Sunday night!), the lake beautiful, the music wonderful and the messages uplifting and challenging. Altogether this Conference was Holston at its best!

Imagine No Malaria

"God can do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine.....Ephesians 3:20"

\$10 saves a life.

The Holston Conference has extended this campaign through the end of the year. To overcome malaria, we must stand together, united, in the name of Jesus Christ.



Please continue to give as God leads you. Mark your check "Imagine No Malaria."

Thank you for your generous support of this project. Our church has saved 313 lives and Holston Annual Conference has collected \$1,135,250 to date.



Our next Body and Soul will be on August 14th hosted by Kim & Sarah Beth Rymer, Joyce Grubb and Carlene Kuykendall. Watch the bulletin for more information.



LET'S GO EXPLORING

Some of you will remember when people were running out to buy Metal Detectors so they could search the beach, mountains, parks and backyards for treasures. A lot of can tabs were found.

Trinkets were also a prize. There were folks who did find some real finds worth a lot of money, but most didn't.

The UMC has a program called "Exploration." It is a 3-day event for young adults 18-26 to hear, discern, and respond to God's call to ordained ministry and to explore their gifts for service as a deacon or elder in the UMC.

I would like for us to get together and Explore what ministries we have in the church, what is strong and what could be strengthened, and what new ministries we might explore. I will announce a date and time soon. I hope we will have several people to come and let's share our ideas and Explore where God might be leading us.

Joe

The **Holston Conference** met at Lake Junaluska in North Carolina June 9-12.

Attending were Becky Jaquish as our church lay member and Abby Bryant representing the Conference youth. Abby helped serve communion several times. She did a great job.

The clergy and lay members met separately on Sunday afternoon for their annual sessions. Sunday night was the opening worship service with Holy Communion. Monday through Wednesday were business sessions with worship and communion in the evenings.

The Imagine No Malaria had a goal of \$1 million to save 100,000 lives. Our church has been generous in saving so far 313 lives. As serving on the Task Force for INM we were not confident that goal would be reached by Annual Conference so we agreed to continue the project though the rest of the year. It was announced at Annual Conference that the total received to date was \$1,135,250 or 113,525 lives. Praise to God for what has been done. We are still going to continue the project through the end of the year so you still have time to give if you haven't or to give more. We want to see Malaria eradicated in Africa as it has been in America.

On Wednesday morning of Annual Conference the Ordination service was held. Jake Heron was ordained as an elder. The last portion of Annual Conference is always the setting of the appointments for the new year. I am glad to say that I was appointed to serve at Allen Memorial for another year.

(Reported by Pastor Joe)

One Call Tell All—Our church has a new communication system. In the future, you will receive messages reminding you of church events, prayer requests, committee meetings, etc. We hope you enjoy this system.



This month we have chosen **Amy Windt** as our **Volunteer of the Month**. Amy is relatively new to our church. However, she did not waste any time getting involved in as many activities as possible. She teaches a children's Sunday School class of 5th and 6th graders. This is a very important age and Amy takes seriously the challenge to make the class interesting so the students will want to attend.

She is Chairperson of the **Family Ministry Team**. She and her team work to provide opportunities for families to grow together in faith and to share fun and fellowship with our church family and our community. These include church picnics, family meals after worship and mission opportunities geared to families. Recently the team sponsored a family meal where "family pets" were honored. Check out the bulletin board in the Sunday School wing to see pictures of Allen pets. Donations were collected for the Humane Society here in our community. The Pope Street Clean-Up project attracted people from age 80 to age 4. The team is always looking for ways to include the family in the activities of the church. If you have ideas, just give Amy a call.

Amy is active in work of the **United Methodist Women**. She currently serves as the treasurer for this group. United Methodist Women support projects related to women, children and youth in the United States and in more than 100 countries around the world. Amy is proud to be associated with this group and is working to encourage other young women in our congregation to give it a try.

Amy is a member of the **Church Council** where she joins with other leaders of the church to handle the business and plan a program of nurture, outreach and witness for the local congregation.

Amy is married to Nathan. She is a busy mother of two young children—Ethan and Emma. She is currently attending Lee University. She is a very artistic person and hopes to share her talents in the classroom soon.

Amy helps out with all the programs related to our children including VBS and Super Sunday for Kids. She has a willing spirit and a loving heart. She is always ready to do anything she can to further the Kingdom of God. Be sure to tell Amy how much you appreciate all she does in our church.



In these days of home and cell phones, computers, and other means of communication that we are accustomed to, we expect things to always be working

when needed.

However, sometimes that is not the case. Phone lines get broken, cell phones cannot reach signals in certain areas, and we have to deal with the dreaded uncharged battery. Any one of these problems can cause us sheer frustration.

Isn't it awesome our prayers to God are received instantly. Isaiah 65:24 tells us these comforting words. "Before they **call** I will answer: while they are still speaking I will hear."

Praying for someone opens our hearts to God's love.

Remember your sheep and give thanks. (Eva Oakes)

Weekly Recurring Events

Monday
6:00 PM Junior Girl Scouts

Wednesday
6:15 PM Prayer Ministries
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice

Sunday
10:00 PM Sunday School
11:00 PM Worship
4:30 PM Youth

Monthly Recurring Events

Sunday
8:30: 1st Sunday—Men’s Group in WH
5:00: 1st & 3rd Sunday—Super Sunday for Kids
4:00: 3rd Sunday—Rejoicing Spirits at Cedar Springs

Tuesday
1st Tuesday—Something for Everyone—Check bulletin

Thursday
7:00: 1st Thursday—McMinn Ministries at Cooke Center

Saturday
12:00 Noon: 2nd Saturday —UMW



“UNDIE SUNDAY”

We have designated August 25th as McMinn United Methodist Ministries -“Undie Sunday” to collect new girls and boys underwear, socks, and toothpaste.

The socks and underwear are for K-8th graders and will be distributed through the Jubilee Project in Sneedville, TN which is one of the poorest areas in our state. You can bring your items beginning now through August 25th. Please leave all items in the side vestibule. See Becky Jaquish for more information

Altar Flower Schedule

July 7..... Brent & Mari Harbin
July 14..... C.J. Beckett
July 21..... Marjorie Guffey
July 28..... Mattie Sue Hutsell

United Methodist Women to Meet



The ladies will meet on Saturday, July 13th, at 12 noon in Wattenbarger Hall for a salad luncheon and meeting. Jo Ann Littleton, Eva Oakes & Deborah Richards will be the hostesses and Susan

Jackson will have the program. Please bring a salad to share for lunch. All the women in the church are invited to come and be a part of the work of the United Methodist Women.

Men’s Breakfast: All the men of the church are invited to come for breakfast and devotions on Sunday, July 7th, at 8:30 AM. This is a great opportunity for fellowship in the church.

The Chancel Choir will not meet during the month of July. Rehearsals will resume in mid-August.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

“I will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and do all in my power to strengthen its ministry by my prayers, my presence, my gifts, my service, and my witness.”

Our Presence

	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>
(YTD) 2013 (Average)	54	154
(YTD) 2012 (Average)	70	172
(MTD) Average for May 2013	57	156

Our Gifts

YTD (May 2012)	87,780.65
YTD (May 2013)	79,719.08
May 2013	14,614.44
Sunday School Outreach	48.08
Youth Fund	1,134.00
Nursery	30.00
Future Fund (includes fundraisers)	260.00
Structural Repair Fund	1,503.74
Bus Fund	25.00
Men’s Club	50.00
Something for Everyone	25.00
VBS Refreshments	125.00
Abby Bryant Mission Trip	25.00

Our Prayers

Our Country, our Leaders and our Troops
Our Pastor, Rev. Joe Black
Our District Superintendent, Rev. Joe Green
Our Bishop, Rev. Mary Virginia Taylor
Our Missionaries, both at home and overseas

Remember to Pray for Your Sheep!

Polly Anderson	George Lunsford
Nancy Barton	Gary Mason
Kelly Bean	The Glenn Mason Family
Chris Beaton	Jerry McLemore
Darren Beckett	Leroy McLemore
Shealeigh Brewer	Jim Neil
Linda Brown	Russell Roberts
Kathy Cawfield	Charles Seargent
Kathy & Milford Clark	Mildred Smith
Grace Coleman	Nell Smith
John & Pam Cooley	Marie Sparkman
Ingrid Cooley	Roy Thomas
Bruce Delmas	Jim & Verdine Thompson
Linda Dennis	Jim Toomey
David Freeman	Rev. Bruce Vincent
Steve Garren	Millard & Mildred Vincent
Jim Gottage	Rev. Carl Ware
Carol Hope	Rev. Ogle Wattenbarger
Lacey Hunter	Phil Wallace
Mike Jackson	Joe Wilburn
Erica Johnson	
Richard Kyker	
Chase Littleton	

Our Service

Christians are called by Scripture to engage in acts of service that demonstrates God’s love and living faith. The biblical writer James exhorts us, “What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds?” Ministry is service to God and to other people in his name.” How are you serving God this month?

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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



Our Youth
Any youth 6th—
12th grade is invited
to participate in our
Youth Group. Our
meetings begin on
Sunday afternoons
at 4:30.

The Youth Thank You


The youth had a very successful yard sale. They cleared over \$2,500. This would not have been possible without your help. A big thank you to all who helped with the yard sale in any way. The funds will help with the youth mission trip and other activities.

There will be no regular Sunday youth meetings in July. Enjoy your summer!



Our Kids
Super Sunday for
Kids is for children
ages 3—5th grade.
Our meetings are
on the 1st & 3rd
Sundays at
5:00.

Meetings will start again in the fall.
See you then!

**Bible Question for July:** Who planted a vineyard, got drunk, and lay uncovered in his tent?
Correct answer for June: Philip
Acts 8:35: "Then Philip opened his mouth, ...and preached Jesus to him."
First Person(s) to correctly answer last month's question: Mildred Vincent

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