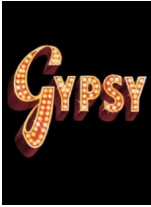


The Allen Memorial Messenger

"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

On **Tuesday, August 12**, we will travel to Crossville to eat at Cumberland State Park Restaurant and then on to the Playhouse where we will enjoy *Gypsy*. This story of the ultimate stage mother has reigned as one of the greatest American musicals for more than 50 years. Join Mama Rose and her daughters June and Louise as they journey across the country during the 20's.....a time when Vaudeville was dying and Burlesque was born. The cost for the meal is \$12.38 and the cost for the play is \$24 for a total of \$36.38 per person or \$72.76 per couple. We will leave the church at 10:30 AM and return around 6:30 PM. **Reservations must be made and paid for by Sunday, August 3rd.** Make your reservations with Charlotte or the church office.

Holston Conference Report– By: Melissa Smith

The 2014 Holston Annual Conference was held at Lake Junaluska, NC, from June 8-11. While this was a time when the "business" of the Conference was done, there was much to celebrate!

-2,000 people representing 887 churches were in attendance. Membership in the Holston Conference currently stands at 164,481.

-Times of inspiring worship, Holy Communion, and a lot of reports about ministry throughout Holston.

-10,152 meals were packaged and \$3,725 collected for the Stop Hunger Now hands-on project.

-So many Hands-On Mission kits were collected from the 12 districts that a 4th shipping container had to be ordered. These items were valued at \$194,198.

-Holy time of celebrating those who were ordained and commissioned for ministry.

-Celebrations of retirement, Memorial service for clergy and spouses who have died within the past year, and wonderfully diverse music led by various groups throughout Holston Conference.

-The 2015 Conference budget of \$10.46 million was approved. This is a 2% increase over 2014.

-Amazing missions celebration where we lost electricity but there was no shortage of Holy Spirit power.

-Annual Conference ended with the Bishop finalizing the Pastoral Appointments for the next year. As expected, I was appointed as your "non-interim" pastor.

Holston Annual Conference 2014 was a celebration in too many ways to mention. It's always great to be reminded of the importance of our connection with other clergy and laity and renew the commitment to be in ministry together. I feel so privileged to be appointed as the pastor of Allen Memorial. I look forward to our time of ministry together and pray that God will continue to be present among us.



It's time for our annual Lord's Hour Offerings. We are asked to give our first hour's wage each week, starting in July, as a special offering to be received on August 24. This special offering will be directed to the Youth Fund to help fund their 2015 trip to Orlando, Florida, to attend the national United Methodist Youth Gathering, June 24-28. This is a great opportunity for our youth. Please be generous with your offerings.

Pray for Your Sheep



Have you heard a child say something that absolutely leaves you speechless?

This happened to me recently when friends with their five children visited us from eastern North Carolina.

We had gone out to dinner together and Benjamin who had turned 7 years old in February offered to say a table grace without hesitation. Expecting a child's prayer, I couldn't believe what I heard. His prayer surpassed everything I could have imagined.

This was his first time to see this area of the USA, and he honored God in thanks for the majestic mountains, awesome waterfalls, glorious beauty of all the flowers, the people who made pizza and much more.

I can only believe God surely has great plans for Ben, and it is true, "Out of the mouth of babes comes pearls of wisdom."

Remember your sheep in love and prayers.

Blessings, Eva



Church Receives Ministry Grant From Holston Conference Foundation

The church received a grant from the Holston Foundation for \$5,000. This money will be used to start a District-Wide Youth Worship service. A committee has been selected to help make decisions about how to use this money. Stay tuned for more information soon!



Pastor's Corner

It's almost officially summer and that means that there are family vacation adventures, relaxing around the pool, catching up on summer reading, or doing whatever you can to stay out of the heat. Regardless of how you choose to spend your summer, I want to highlight some of the ways that we are celebrating summer at Allen Memorial UMC:

-Worship in July and August will look different and be a little more of a casual feel. We will be hearing music from people outside and inside our church, jumping in to some different sermon topics, and will even throw in some movie/TV clips. When you are in town, we encourage you to be in worship with us. You won't want to miss out!

-Becky C. will be visiting AMUMC on July 6. Becky just graduated from Asbury Seminary but also has been an international missionary for several years where she taught English as a second language. She will present a program about her missionary work at 10:00 in the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to attend and learn more about her work.

-The month of August will be our traditional month of Camp Meeting worship services, but August 10 will be an extra-special time of worship and celebration. Mark your calendars for our Allen Memorial Homecoming worship service. Jeff Wright, former pastor at AMUMC, will be preaching and all former pastors will be invited back to be with us. We will conclude the day with "dinner on the grounds" after church. It will be a day you won't want to miss!

-The final thing that I would like to highlight would be some upcoming "Meet with Melissa" groups that will be held throughout the summer. I will be meeting with various small groups within the church and scheduling numerous times for anyone in the congregation to come and meet with me in a small group setting. The purpose is two-fold—to get to know more of the congregation members in a smaller setting and to hear from you about the church and the ministries that we are involved in. More information will be coming, but I look forward to having these times with you!

Melissa

Sermons on CD



The Men's Club sponsors a ministry of recording the worship service each week. If you miss a Sunday or would like to take a CD to a shut-in, please contact Dan Herron, Jared Wright or Tom Huth.



Spotlight on the Staff Church Organist

Charlotte Vincent Newman began in the music ministry in her teen years. She started out playing the piano for Sunday School opening assembly and served as substitute organist.

In 1973, Charlotte became the full time Church Organist at Allen Memorial UMC.

Growing up here at Allen Memorial UMC, Charlotte began to attend the ladies meetings with her mother when the UMW was called WSCS. She has been involved with our UMW since that time, serving as an officer locally as President and Treasurer and on the district level as Treasurer and in Public Relations.

Charlotte began teaching in Sunday School at a young age. She taught both Junior High and Youth classes and for the last several years has taught the Friendship Class.

From 1973-1981 and from 2011 to the present, she has served as the financial Treasurer.

As Adult Ministries Coordinator since 2005, Charlotte plans fun and exciting trips for the Something for Everyone group.

Charlotte also volunteers in the our church office! She and her loving husband Charles are busy in our church wherever there is a need!

The Newman's have 2 children: Vince Newman and Laura Boyden and 4 grandchildren: Brock and McCall Newman and Anna and Cole Boyden.

Charlotte has many interests including reading, cooking, traveling, music and the grandchildren! Tell Charlotte when you see her that you appreciate her efforts for our church!

Family Night Out Offered

On July 13 and July 20, the pastor will be using the Disney movies "**The Lion King**" and "**Frozen**" as part of her sermon.

The congregation is invited to view these movies for free in the Youth Hall on Saturday, **July 12**, and Saturday, **July 19**.

Popcorn and drinks will be provided to give that "movie theatre" feel.

This is a great opportunity for a family evening of fun with your church family. Mark your calendar now and invite your friends to come with you.



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: Selected Sundays —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

Special Events and Meetings:

July 6-10—Youth Mission Trip to Sneedville, Leave after church and return around 2 PM on Thursday

12—UMW , 12 noon in WH
Movie, The Lion King, 6:00 in Youth Hall

13—Men’s Breakfast, 8:30 in WH

19—Movie, Frozen, 6:00 PM in Youth Hall

Altar Flower Schedule

July 6 Vaughn and Jane Jeffreys
July 13 Tom and Kim Huth
July 20 Marjorie Guffey
July 27 Susan Jackson

United Methodist Women



The ladies will meet on Saturday, **June 12**, at 12 noon for lunch and a program. Marjorie Guffey is the hostess and Susan Jackson will present the program.



Our next Body and Soul will be on August 13th hosted by our Super Sunday for Kids. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend to support our children and their leaders. More information will be available soon

Men’s Breakfast—July 13th—8:30 AM in Wattenbarger Hall.

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

| | SS | Worship |
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| (YTD) 2014 (Average) | 51 | 160 |
| (YTD) 2013 (Average) | 54 | 154 |
| (MTD) Average for May 2014 | 58 | 171 |

Our Gifts

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| YTD (May 2013) | 79,719.08 |
| YTD (May 2014) | 87,945.55 |
| May 2014 | 16,575.86 |
| Sunday School Outreach | 57.30 |
| Youth | 185.00 |
| VBS | 260.00 |
| Future Fund | 90.00 |
| Structural Repair Fund (includes fundraisers) | 705.00 |
| Bus Fund | 165.00 |
| UMCOR #026 | 65.00 |
| Mother’s Day | 469.00 |
| Shipping | 10.00 |

Our Prayers

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

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Polly Anderson | Mike Jackson |
| Ann Barton | Raymond & Linda Latham |
| Chris Beaton | Diane MacElman |
| Larry Blackburn | Mike Ray |
| Joseph Carpenter | Jason Richards |
| Kathy Cawlfild | Myrtle Lee Roberts |
| John & Pam Cooley | Mildred Smith |
| Jim Crittendon | Mike Stewart |
| Ken Davidson | Roy Thomas |
| Dee Gamble | Millard & Mildred Vincent |
| Nell Gambill | |

Our Service

“Sir,” the man replied, “leave (the tree) alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it.” Luke 13:8

We are partners with God in the fruit-bearing business. Think about what you need to do to bear exceptional fruit in God’s kingdom.

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

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Our Youth

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

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



The Youth Thank You

The Youth would like to thank you for a very successful yard sale. Your donations and gifts made this possible. The sale added \$3,000 to the Youth Treasury which will be used to help fund mission trips and other projects. Your continued support helps make our Youth Ministry a vital part of the community.

**Allen Memorial Youth Mission Trip
 July 6—10, Sneedville, TN**

Our Youth along with their leaders will be leaving on Sunday, July 6, after church to travel to Sneedville and will return around 2:00 on Thursday, July 10.

The Youth will be conducting a Vacation Bible School for the children and doing odd jobs for the community.

Sneedville is located in Hancock County which is considered one of the poorest counties in East Tennessee. Jubilee Project is a United Methodist Mission Project which supports this community helping the people meet their spiritual, economic, social and physical needs.

Please pray for our Youth and their leaders that their time in this area will make a difference in the lives of the children and adults who live there.

Children’s Ministries

Super Sunday for Kids will not meet during the summer months. Meetings will begin again in the fall. Watch the newsletter and the bulletin for plans for the fall.

VBS—A Huge Success!!!

Weird Animals—Where Jesus’ Love is One of a Kind
 Average Attendance = 80



Bible Question for July: Who sought David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats?

Question for June: The manna of the Israelites was described as seed from what plant?

Exodus 16:31: “And the house of Israel called its name Manna. And it was like white coriander seed, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.”

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