

The Smoky Mountain District



# Messenger

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## Reminder of our 3/3@3:00 meeting!!

Sunday, March 3, at 3:00pm we invite the district churches to a time of worship and Holy Communion at Fairview United Methodist Church, 2508 Old Niles Ferry Road, Maryville, TN. In addition to worship, we will hear an official statement from our Holston Delegation.



## Pastors-CEU Update

Pastors, below is the link for the latest Continuing Education Update News:  
<https://www.robly.com/archive?id=e5076ddd66edf29182ba78b55c889064>

## Sexual Ethics Training

The Holston Annual Conference will be hosting a series of Sexual Ethics and Boundaries Seminars taught by United Methodist Pastor Dr. Karen McClintock. Dr. McClintock comes to us after conducting similar seminars in other annual conferences.

Please note the dates and locations below. You will receive 0.5 CEU's for attendance.

### ATTENDANCE AT ONE OF THESE TRAININGS IS MANDATORY.

- Tuesday, April 30 - Ootlewah UMC**  
9:30am-4:00pm
- Thursday, May 2 - First Farragut UMC**  
9:30am-4:00pm
- Saturday, May 4 - Colonial Heights UMC (Kingsport)**  
10:30am-5:00pm
- Monday, May 6 - State Street UMC (Bristol)**  
9:30am-4:00pm
- Wednesday, May 8 - St. Paul UMC (Wytheville)**  
9:30am-4:00pm

Online registration is available at:  
<https://holston.org/events/2019/apr/30/sexual-ethics-and-boundaries-seminar/>

## Friends of Latvia

The 2019 Friends of Latvia Meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania is only 3 months away! Friends of Latvia 2019 will be held April 26-28 at Mt. Lebanon UMC, home church of our long time Friends of Latvia member and supporter Mary Garber. The conference will begin at 8:30am on Friday, April 26, so travel on Thursday is recommended. Below is a link to the registration form. We hope many of you will be able to attend! The deadline to register is March 25, 2019.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/116B-wZANUg51vc\\_8X0Y3XwdBtk5Opn58/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/116B-wZANUg51vc_8X0Y3XwdBtk5Opn58/view?usp=sharing)

## Up-Coming Events

### March

- 3 Post General Conference meeting with Delegation Member at 3 p.m. at Fairview UMC
- 4-8 Appointment Cabinet (Appointment Making Week)

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### April

- 1 Deadline to order Print Copy of Annual Conference Book of Reports
- 19 Good Friday - District Office closed
- 20 *Easter*
- 29 Wesley Woods Golf Tournament



### May

- 6-8 Jubilation in Pigeon Forge, TN
- 12 *Mother's Day*
- 27 Memorial Day-District office closed

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

(Thru February 26, 2019—16.66%)

(\* Denotes 100% of 2019 District Ministries paid)

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|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| * Axley's Chapel Broadway | * Bethel (K) Cokesbury | * Bethel (L) Carpenters |
| * Cedar Bluff             | * Friendsville         | * Eden                  |
| * Fox Kodak               | * Logan's Chapel       | Green Meadow            |
| Maryville, First          | * Meadow               | Loudon                  |
| * Mountain View           | * New Hope             | * Middle Creek          |
| Peck's Memorial           | * Philadelphia         | * New Salem             |
| Pleasant Hill (K)         | * Pleasant Hill (R)    | Pigeon Forge, First     |
| Sevierville, First        | Seymour                | * Pleasant Hill         |
| St. Mark's (B)            | St. Paul               | * Shults Grove          |
| * Trentville              | Trinity                | Sycamore Tree           |
| * Union Grove (B)         | * Vonore               | Tuckaleechee            |
| * Webb's Creek            | * Williamson Chapel    | * Wears Valley          |

## Smoky Mountain District UMW - Susan Daffron-President

Anticipation, we've all experience it – the waiting, so excited we can hardly stand it. I experience that most every day as I care for my granddaughter. It can be anything from getting to play outside to playing dress up. She sometimes screams with delight as we have to do necessary tasks like tidying up from the last exciting thing to finishing lunch. The anticipation is filled with excitement and glee. As United Methodist Women, we have experienced anticipation as we awaited this special year, 2019. We are celebrating our 150th year as United Methodist Women on March 23, 2019. We have talked about it, started a Legacy Fund to ensure funding is available for the next 150 years and planned many celebrations for the year. The Smoky Mountain District United Methodist Women will celebrate this special day as we come together at the Cokesbury United Methodist Church North Campus for our Day Apart and UMW birthday party! Rev. Charles Maynard will share stories and we will celebrate with birthday cupcakes. Registration is \$10 will begin at 12:30 p.m. with the birthday celebration to follow at 1 p.m. Please mark your calendar and don't miss this special event!

The United Methodist Women's website gives the following history. United Methodist Women have grown from 8 women in 1869, to 800,000 members in 2019. In 1869, women were legally classified as "chattel, legally dead, non-persons." There was little service to women because of prejudice and limitations of cultural attitudes in the church and in society. United Methodist Women began when in 1869, when Mrs. William Butler and Mrs. Edwin Parker, wives of missionaries to India, were home on furlough. They spoke to a group of eight women in Boston. Mrs. Butler told about the desperate spiritual and physical needs of women in India. A male doctor could not treat women. Schooling for girls was almost non-existent. Single, trained and dedicated women were needed for medical and educational work. The women who were present called another meeting of women, wrote a constitution, and organized the Methodist Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (WFMS). By November 1869, the newly formed organization raised funds and sent Isabella Thoburn, an educator, and Dr. Clara Swain, a doctor, to India. Ms. Thoburn began a school with six young girls in Lucknow. This school expanded to include Isabella Thoburn College, the first women's college in Asia. Dr. Swain began her medical work, resulting in the establishment of the first women's hospital in Asia. Both of these institutions are still serving the people of India.

The United Methodist Church General Conference 2012 voted to make United Methodist Women's national policy-making body autonomous. The transition began Oct. 1, 2012. Harriett Jane Olson in her chief executive report at the organization's annual meeting in New York City, October 2013 reported, "Our work is not just about service, it's about worship, it's about standing up, stepping up making our voices heard," she said. "We try to help governments see the world the way we see the world because it will positively impact the lives of women, children and youth."

A lot of things have changed in 150 years, but one thing remains the same. United Methodist Women are still dedicated to improving lives of women, children and youth all over the world. There is still work to do and we will continue for the next 150 years and beyond to change the lives of those who live on the margins of society. Thank you, United Methodist Women, for making a difference!

### 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!*

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| 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)*

## SAVE THE DATE

Join us for a day apart on Saturday, March 23, 2019, to celebrate our 150 Anniversary as United Methodist Women. Registration at 12:30 p.m. program at 1:00 p.m. at Cokesbury UMC North Campus, 9915 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee. The Reverend Charles Maynard is our speaker for the day.

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### 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 Rasor	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

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

## *What's Happening in "The Woods"!*

### 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament Monday, April 29, 2019

Egwani Farms Golf Course

To register or for more information visit our website at  
[www.campwesleywoods.com/golf-tournament](http://www.campwesleywoods.com/golf-tournament).



### Summer Camp Registration is OPEN!

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

