



Volume 10 Issue 7

July 2009

The Chimes



Holston Annual Conference occurred last week at Lake Junaluska. It is a time of gathering, greeting, fellowship, reports, celebrations, worship, ministry, and a powerful reminder of our connection throughout our conference and denomination. We heard reports on ministries throughout the conference, lives being touched and changed for Christ, and of several opportunities to get even more involved. We worshipped with amazing and inspiring preachers who sent us forth to look for new ways in which to breathe life and love and mission into our church. And at the end of our time together, we were blessed and sent forth by our bishop, Bishop James Swanson, to return to our congregations and to teach, encourage, love and motivate all of our congregations to “Offer Them Christ.”

One speaker who particularly spoke to me was the Reverend Adam Hamilton. He serves as a pastor for the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, KS. He has a profound love for the UM Church and wishes to see it thrive and grow and reach people for Christ. He fears that many churches are declining because we have lost our vision and our witness. He asked some tough questions, and encouraged the pastors and lay members present to look at our leadership and find the areas we need to grow. He invited us to be perpetual students – always seeking ways to learn and grow in our abilities and strengths.

He also asked us some tough questions that I want us to ponder as a congregation. I believe they are important to who we are as a church. I invite you to prayerfully consider the following:

- What is the most important aspect of ministry for our church?
- What does Jesus want to do in and through this church?

These aren't questions that I can answer by myself. These are questions we need to pray about individually and together and see where Christ is leading us. Our conference theme is to “Offer Them Christ.” Offer to whom? How? What would that look like for this congregation?

I am excited!! I am excited about what Christ is doing through us and in us, and excited to see where we go from here. I feel blessed to be returning as your pastor for another year, and am thankful for each and every one of you. I pray that the Holy Spirit continue to guide and strengthen us as we being another year in service together.

Blessings,
Lauri Jo

Disciple Bible Study

We are starting Disciple Bible Study in the fall!! If you are interested in either Disciple 1 or Disciple 2 (Jesus and the Gospels) please sign up in the office or with Lauri Jo. Those who sign up will meet to set the day and time for the group.

Please remember that you must have Disciple 1 in order to take Disciple 2. It is a wonderful study!!

Please call (543-3505) or email (revlj@embarqmail.com) Lauri Jo if you would like more information.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women enjoyed a very interesting program at their June meeting. Angie Odom of the Abortion Alternatives & Women's Center spoke on the many community programs conducted by the Center, specifically the summer lunch program. Lunch is provided for children who live in the housing projects and various other apartments in the city. During the summer months when school is not in session these children would not have lunch each day without this program. Area churches are assigned one day a week to prepare sandwiches, our day being Monday. The Center is excited about acquiring a building on Arney Hill which they have painted, refurbished and turned into an activities center for the children. It is called The Tree House.

Mark you calendar -- July 23-25 Holston Conference School of Christian Mission, Oak Ridge
August 1 Johnson City District Retreat, Sulphur Springs UMC.

Speaker: Bishop Swanson

Music Leader: Judith Robertson

Special Music: Men of Praise from Gray UMC

August 22, Focus on Child Abuse, Bearden UMC, Knoxville

Three new officers are needed to serve on the Johnson City District Team starting next year. The offices are Vice President, Communications Coordinator, and Secretary of Program Resources. If you are willing to volunteer for one of these positions, please let Phyllis Lovette know.

Kathy Smith of Second Harvest Food Bank will be speaking at our July 9th meeting.

Are you all still collecting your Campbell's labels? Did you know that Red Bird Mission got their bus? It took over one million labels! So keep saving. Don't forget about A.R.M., the Operation Christmas Child items, and donate your books for our August Book Sale!

David and Natalie Hibbard

Hello!

Last summer a producer for the television show "All Over the World" made the long trek to Tarakan to highlight the ministry of MAF in Kalimantan. In February the show aired on a Christian television network in the U.S. We feel the show accurately captures the heart of our ministry here, and we wanted to share it with you.

As you watch, we hope you'll be encouraged and reminded of how God has used you, through your gifts and prayers, to support the ministry of MAF and touch the lives of many Indonesians. We couldn't do it without you!

David and Natalie

If you would like to watch the DVD, you may check it out of our library. The DVD is currently located on our "new book" shelf.

COKESBURY

CAMPMEETING MONTH

During the month of July the Chancel Choir will be performing some of your favorite gospel songs during worship. We hope these songs will bring back wonderful memories as we worship together.

A NOTE OF THANKS...

Thank you everyone for our lovely bridal shower, all the gifts, and warm wishes that we were given?

Thanks!

Genine & Doug Canter



THE RUNABOUTS (ADULT MINISTRIES)

The Runabouts will play BUNCO on July 27th at 1:00 PM in the church fellowship hall.

We will treat the month of July as our vacation month and will not schedule any activities as a group during this month. We hope all will look ahead to our next scheduled trip in early August.

Our August activities will begin with a trip to Banner Elk, NC. We will be attending the play "Guys and Dolls" at Lees McRae College on Sunday, August 2nd at 2:00 PM. We will have a sign up sheet posted on the board outside the fellowship hall. The timing of this play will mean that we'll need to leave immediately after our church service on this date. We'll plan to eat lunch somewhere in the Banner Elk area prior to the play.

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Sarah Laws



DIRECTORY PICTURES

If your picture appeared in the "Those Not Available For Pictures" section of the new directory and you would like your picture back, please come by the Church Office to pick up your picture. If you are unable to come to the office and would like your picture mailed to you, please give Robin a call; 423-543-3505.

RAIN...RAIN...RAINBOW!!!!

Without all the rain we had recently, this beautiful picture could not have been possible. Reminding us of how beautiful our world can be....God is Awesome.

Bart Webb captured this awesome reminder of God's presence in our every day lives.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

If you are interested in receiving college Scholarship Funds for the Fall, you may pick up an application in the church office or download your application from the main page of the church website. www.elizfumc.com. Deadline for completed applications will be July 15th.

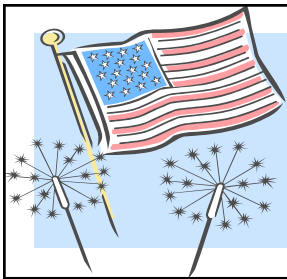
Qualifications for Applicants:

1. Be full-time candidate in an accredited University, College, Junior College, or a Vocational Technical School.
2. Be an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Elizabethton, TN.
3. Be able to give evidence of Christian character and maturity.
4. Maintain a scholarly record (students must have a "C" average or better).
5. Be required to return verification of expenditures to FUMC Scholarship Committee.

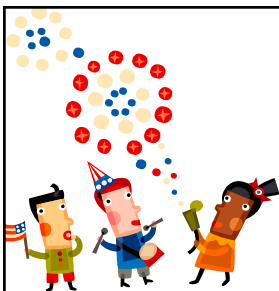


July Coolagers

2009



Have a
fun &
Safe
July 4th!



Activity Schedule

Thurs, July 2: Noah Day (9:00-12:00)

Tues, July 7: King David Day (9:00-12:00)

Thurs, July 9: Baby/Boy Jesus (9:00-12:00)

Tues, July 14: Miracles of Jesus day (9:00-12:00)

Thurs, July 16: Warrior's Path State Park (9:00-2:30)
Bring: Sack lunch/drinks,
bathing suit, towel

Tues, July 21: Apostle Paul Day (9:00-12:00)

Thurs, July 23: I Know my Bible Day (9:00-12:00)

Tues, July 28: Sharable Parables Day (9:00-12:00)

Thurs, July 30: Game Day and McDonald's (9:00-12:00)
Bring: \$5.00 for lunch



JULY UMY NEWS

Youth activities



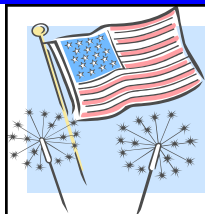
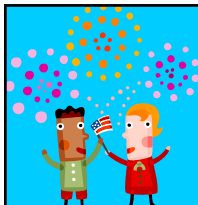
Wed, July 1: Crazy Olympics
Time: 1:00-4:00 pm

July 6-10: Holston Conference
Youth Assembly
Times to leave and return to church TBA

Wed, July 15: Hungry Mother State
Park Lake outing
Time: 8:30-3:30
Cost: \$3.00
Needed: Swim stuff, sack lunch/drink
money for snack shop

Wed, July 22: Great Race 2 Day
Time: 1:00-4:30

Wed, July 29: TBA
Date & Event may change due to
so many youth conflicts on this
date.



July Acolytes

July 5: Karter & Chelsea

July 12: Briana & Katie

July 19: Hannah & Sophie

July 26: Savannah & Emily

You asked for it...
you got it!

The lake outing originally planned For Sat, July 18 has been changed to Wed, July 15th . Since so many of you wanted to go back to Hungry Mother State Park in VA. this will be the big day. Hope you enjoy it.

Thanks!

A special thanks to the youth that were able to help with VBS this year. You all did a great job!!

MEMORIALS GIVEN TO:**MUSIC MINISTRY**

Arline Hardwick by Katherine LaPorte
Richard Lovette, Sr. by Elizabeth Goss Conover
Pam Johnson by Richard and Norma Tetrick
Richard Lovette, Sr. by Daryl and Vangie Poe
Christine Justis by Daryl and Vangie Poe

MEMORY GARDEN

Arline Hardwick by Pat Beall
Pam Johnson by Pat Beall

MISSIONS

J.C. McClellan (Father's Day) by Bill & Mary McClellan

GENERAL BUDGET

June Harrill, on her birthday and wedding anniversary
by Frank Harrill

Jack Crumley (Father's Day) by Nancy Crumley

HONORARIUMS GIVEN TO:**GENERAL BUDGET**

Wesley and Jennifer Bradley, in honor of their marriage by Billie and Peggy Southerland

PARENT'S DAY

Many Americans are unaware that our nation has a new day of commemoration called Parents' Day. This is good news for America's parents and families.

In 1994 President Bill Clinton signed into law the resolution unanimously adopted by the U. S. Congress establishing the fourth Sunday of every July as Parents' Day, a perennial day of commemoration similar to Mother's Day and Father's Day. According to the Congressional Resolution, Parents' Day is established for "recognizing, uplifting, and supporting the role of parents in the rearing of children."

The establishment of Parents' Day was the result of a bipartisan, multiracial and interfaith coalition of religious, civic and elected leaders who recognized the need to promote responsible parenting in our society and to uplift ideal parental role models, especially for our nation's children.

The National Parents' Day Council does not envision Parents' Day to be yet "another" day to honor parents, but rather a day when parents honor their children and the God-centered family ideal by rededicating themselves to manifest the highest standard of unconditional true love.

The establishment of Parents' Day affords a wonderful opportunity to honor exemplary parents and to encourage families everywhere to invest in our most precious resource – our children.

This year the church will honor parents on July 26th. We will be accepting honorariums and memorials for mothers and fathers. The money will be split and donations made to The Shepherd's Inn and ARM. A special insert will be in the bulletins on the 26th listing the memorials/honorariums.



"You shall each revere
your mother and father"
Leviticus 19:3, NRSV

Parent's Day

July 26, 2009

Donations can now be made in honor or in memory of our parents. The donations will be given to The Shepherd's Inn, a local shelter for abused women and their children and A.R.M. Please use this form for your gifts and drop in offering plate:

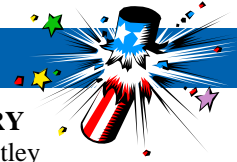
Amount given: \$ _____ (minimum of \$5.00 per person)

Given by: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

**Deadline
July 21st**



	USHERS	SOUND	VIDEO	ACOLYTES	NURSERY
5 th	Team 4	Wesley Bradley	Rachel Hulshult	Karter & Chelsea	Margo Bentley
12 th	Team 5	Wesley Bradley	Sage Geagley	Briana & Katie	Ashley Blevins
19 st	Team 6	Wesley Bradley	JD Livingston	Hannah & Sophie	Genine Canter
26 th	Team 1	Wesley Bradley	Doug Hulshult	Savannah & Emily	Merry Schaff



Filler Items
for
Shoebboxes
Flip Flops
(remember they must fit in a shoebox)

*Mark your Calendar

*Coolager and Youth Activities are not included in this schedule, please refer to pages 4 and 5 or the group newsletters for you schedule.

Happy Birthday to....

Catherine Armstrong	1 st
Erin Bradley-Weatherford	1 st
Jean Madgett	1 st
Alice Sharp	2 nd
Jackson Blevins	11 th
Eula Harrison	14 th
Greg Powers	18 th
Laura Holland	19 th
Jason Blevins	19 th
Carroll Boone	19 th
Emily Schubert	20 th
Bailey Gwinn	21 st
David LaPorte	21 st
Brent McCann	21 st
George Simmons	21 st
Lewis Bowers	24 th
Kathleen Bowers	26 th
Don Cooper	26 th
Martha Epperson	29 th
Marlo LaPorte	29 th
Doug Hulshult	31 st

Please note during the month of July Wednesday Night Bible Study and Chancel Choir Practice will not be held.

Contemporary Worship Services will resume August 16th.

2nd Worship Committee Meeting - 7:00 pm in Conference Room

3rd All Church Offices Closed for the Observance of July 4th

9th UMW Meeting - 1:00 pm

15th Student Scholarship Application Deadline

19th Knitting Ministry - 4:00 - 6:00 pm in Church Parlor

20th Newsletter Deadline

21st Deadline for Parent's Day memorials/honorariums

26th Parent's Day

27th The Runabouts - BUNCO in the Fellowship Hall 1:00 pm

Financial Summary for Administrative Council Meeting, June 14, 2009

Treasurer's Report - General Budget Fund

As of: **May 31, 2009**

Total Income - Year to Date \$149,134.28

Total Disbursements - Year to Date \$136,269.86

Year to Date Net Income \$12,864.42

Total Income for Month: \$30,136.10

Total Expenses for Month: \$28,214.26

Monthly Net Income \$1,921.84



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STATED MEETINGS

Weekly

	<u>Sunday</u>
Morning Worship	9:55 a.m.
Children's Church	
Fellowship Time	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:20 a.m.
United Methodist Youth	6:00—8:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Coolagers	3:15—4:45 p.m.
Mid Week Adult Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	8:00 p.m.

Monthly

Administrative Council	2nd Sunday, 7:00 p.m.
Trustees	2nd Sunday, 6:00 p.m.
Worship Committee	1st Thursday, 11:00a.m.
United Methodist Women	
	2nd Thursday, 1:00 p.m.
Circle #6	3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.