

The Asbury Connection

Asbury United Methodist Church

Making Disciples for the Transformation of the World by *Loving God, Growing Together, Reaching Out*



Acts 4:30 "While you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

The theme for the 2019 Holston Annual Conference was "Healing Hands." As we gathered at Lake Junaluska, it was apparent that we all needed some of that healing touch. The last year has been a difficult one, and the future promises to be at least as painful.

We kicked off on Pentecost Sunday and got started with a wonderful worship service in which we shared communion with one another. During this service, we covenanted to focus on our mission of making disciples as we work our way through the business of Holy Conferencing. This year, we were electing delegates for the 2020 General and Jurisdictional Conferences. As we began the work of electing delegates, it seemed to me that the last year and the called General conference in St. Louis had taken its toll on us.

In Bishop Taylor's state of the conference address, she acknowledged the difficulty we had been surrounded by this year. However she was also able to point out many ministries that had been fruitful this year. Del Holley's laity address echoed many of the Bishop's concerns and called us to remain in covenant relationship with one another as we continue to pray for God's guidance moving forward. The Rev. Kim Goddard, the leader of the Holston Conference delegation to General conference, acknowledged the pain and hurt that had been experienced by people on both sides of the approval of the Traditional plan. She reminded us that we had been praying for more than a year for God's will to be done, and encouraged us to "let it sit."

As we discussed the Traditional plan, there was a strong desire for Holston to make a statement regarding its adoption. After much discussion, in which the original motion was amended, we passed the following Resolution:

Holston Conference Commitment to Being in Ministry Together

Whereas the Special Session of the General Conference of the United Methodist Church, convened in February 2019 adopted the Traditional Plan as its way forward, Whereas, United Methodist of Holston Annual Conference remain divided in our response to the General Conference decision, and thus the Body of Christ as a whole suffered; Whereas, LGBTQAI+ persons have been excluded from full inclusion and welcome in our churches and our ministries; Therefore, we the members of Holston Conference commit ourselves to the worldwide United Methodist Church, all its peoples, and all its ministries. Therefore, we commit ourselves to welcome and affirm LGBTQAI+ persons in the churches of Holston, knowing them as persons of God's sacred worth. Therefore, Be it Resolved that as the Holston Annual Conference we commit ourselves to join hands as one, united through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness as we work together toward God's hope for the people of Holston and grieve for the harm caused to the body of Christ and its witness in the world.

I hope you will join me in continuing to pray for the Holston Annual Conference and the United Methodist Church as we move forward continuing to seek God's will in ministry and discipleship.

In His Service, Jerry

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July Birthdays

Tyler Detroyer 7/1 Austin Loven 7/4 James Montgomery 7/5 Rad Clanton 7/6 Gray Hull 7/8 Ann Smith 7/8 Rebecca Uhls 7/9 Ava Jo Holmes 7/10 Mary Brooks 7/12 Jane Brown 7/12 Alisa Crawford 7/14 Jim Sterling 7/14 Caroline Tvardy 7/14 Ashley Duckworth 7/16 Kim Bowers 7/17 Brook Loggins 7/17 Olivia Bradford 7/20 Donald Hyde 7/22 Shelby Sullivan 7/22 Jake Broyles 7/23 Shannon Johnson 7/23 Frank Jennings 7/24 Ron Boshart 7/28 Blakely Crum 7/28 Meghan Johnson 7/28 Joe McInturff 7/29 Howard Slagle 7/30

From the Restoration Depot Chairperson, John Cash

We were not able to find suitable space by the time we needed to move out of the warehouse, so we are not able to function in the same capacity right now. We are still reviewing and trying to determine how our mission will be transformed.

Since we only had a small group of volunteers and had to move on a rainy day, we were a bit hampered, but what a blessing it was that we met Pastor Steve Nordegren of U-Turn for Christ Tennessee (whose store is on AJ Hwy just East of Summer St. exit). A volunteer who dropped her daughter off to help pack realized we had a huge task ahead of us for one day. She contacted Pastor Nordegren of U-Turn for Christ, and he gathered volunteers from their mission, brought their box truck to the warehouse, and took everything we had left in the warehouse. We know these items will be used for their mission and were thankful that we could be a part of it. Boxes that we already packed and loaded in our U-haul (and planned to take to Locust Springs Thrift Store), Pastor Nordegren gracefully accepted.

Habitat for Humanity's ReStore manager was interested in the larger furniture items, and they came by earlier in the week to get them. They could not use any of the smaller household items. Calvary Chapel volunteers from its Mountain Visions Ministries came in over several days and took many of the items, including items we had planned to take to the landfill. Locust Springs Thrift Store would have taken mostly everything but had no volunteers that could help or unload at that time.

As we cleared and cleaned the heavy wooden shelves and brought them to the front of the warehouse, we realized we were not going to be able to load and take them to Joe Wagoneer's hardware, which was graciously offered to us by Doug Debusk of Andrew Johnson Bank. With limited volunteers at the time, the decision was made to leave the wooden racks in the warehouse. The new warehouse owner said he would be able to use them, however, if we wanted to let him know soon.

On the weekend prior to the move, we were able to provide a larger number of furnishings to a fire victim family referred by the Food Bank and another family of 6 referred by Habitat for Humanity. They were extremely grateful for how timely it was! It continues to show how important Restoration Depot is to families in Greene County.

As our mission plans change, we will keep the congregation informed of those decisions.

Thank You John Cash



Greeneville, TN

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Lay Member's Reflections on the 2019 Holston Annual Conference

The Holston Annual Conference was held from June 9th through June 12th at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. The Conference theme this year was "Healing Hands". The theme was an invitation to love and walk with those around us on their journey toward healing and wholeness. This included healing the pain caused by the adoption of the Traditional Plan at the Special Session of the General Conference, knowledge about the addiction to drugs (especially opioids), and our worldwide mission activities.

Rev. Kim Goddard presented a sermon that appealed to the Conference members to make a covenant to "focus on the Church's mission and to work together amidst current disagreements. Bishop Taylor's State of the Church Address had a similar focus. She stated, "Despite disagreements between members, the Church can still work together to love people".

On Monday, Mr. Tim Hilton presented a talk on "The Addictive Brain". He talked about pain in a person's life as the stimulus to the use of a drug. He explained how drug use leads to chemical and physical changes in the brain which leads to addiction. Monday evening Stephanie Struter presented a briefing on "Opioid Addiction". She discussed the magnitude of the problem across our Conference area. She stated that faith communities are needed to work with other groups to address the epidemic in multiple ways.

Tuesday evening was devoted to a celebration of our Conference's accomplishments since the last Annual Conference. Nancy Chinzvede, director of Lahe Anesu in Zimbabwe, spoke on the impact our support has made in Zimbabwe. Results of the "Hands-On Mission Project" were announced. School kits, health kits, food buckets, and medical supplies were sent to Liberia and Zimbabwe. Kits donated totaled 9,042 which far exceeded the goal. Local church donations to fight the opioid crisis were offered and totaled \$129,733.

Six clergies and six lay delegates to 2020 Jurisdictional and to the 2020 General Conference were elected. Eight United Methodist Churches in our Conference were closed due to declining membership. Also, Hiwassee College was closed after 170 years due to low enrollment resulting in an unsustainable economic situation.

Three resolutions were passed. The first two resolutions were "Every Barrier Down: Toward Full Embrace of All Women in Church and Society" and "Black Methodist for Church Renewal". The third resolution "Holston Conference Commitment in Being in Ministry Together" dealt with the division in the United Methodist Church resulting from the passage of the Traditional Plan at the Special Session of the General Conference. The resolution affirmed that LGBTQAI+ people were welcomed in our churches and that we grieve over the harm that was caused to the body of Christ and its witness in the world. Bishop Taylor had previously affirmed that she would uphold the provisions of the Traditional Plan.

Five individuals were ordained as elders and eight provisional elders were commissioned. Finally, the new church assignments were released. Rev. Jones will bless us with his ministry for another year.

Details about the Annual Conference can be found at holston.org/about/annual-conference including the full Book of Reports and Conference highlights. Contact me if you have questions or comments.

Shelby Sullivan

Asbury UMC member to the 2019 Holston Annual Conference

July Anniversaries

Rad & Barbara Clanton 7/11 Ken & Tee Earl 7/12 Jim & Dinah Seip 7/26 Lennie & Terri Lawson 7/29

Congregational Care

From ACEC Board of Directors, Chairperson Brook Loggins

Dear ACEC Families,

We would like to share with you that Kate Spratt will be leaving ACEC to pursue a Master's Degree in Library Science. Her last day at ACEC will be July 31, 2019. Kate has greatly enjoyed getting to know each and every one of the ACEC families.

We are happy to announce that Chassidy Inscore has agreed to accept the Director of ACEC position. Chassidy has been with ACEC for seven years, and she has a degree in Early Childhood Education. During her time at ACEC, Chassidy has forged strong relationships with the staff as a lead teacher, mentor, and Associate Director. Her professionalism, creativity, work ethic, and vision will bring continued success to the center. Chassidy understands the current and changing needs of each classroom and those of ACEC as a whole. We are excited to work with her in this new capacity. Chassidy's first day as Director will be July 1, 2019.

Connie Lane has accepted the position of Lead Teacher in Classroom 1A. Connie has been with ACEC for eleven years and has earned the trust of our families and staff. Connie provides excellent care to the infants in her classroom and we are so happy to see her move into this new role. Cathy Harvey will continue to work with Connie in Classroom 1A to provide a seamless transition. Cathy has been with the center for thirteen years and is a wonderful part of the ACEC team.

Chassidy and Sharon will be working with Kate over the next month to ensure a smooth transition. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely, Brook Loggins ACEC Board Chair



Living at Home

- Minnie Anderson
- Betty Fletcher
- Buck Mathes
- Barbara Lawson
- Louise Love
- Felty & Jean Masengill
- Jessie Wilburn

Living at Morning Pointe

- Billie Collette
- Homer & Marjorie
 Davenport
- Winifred Kuper

Living at Brookdale

Mel Mauck

Living at Signature

Tedo Southerland

Living at Laughlin Health Care

Janice Moore

Living at John Reed

• Pat Garrett



Change for Children

Beginning in August, we will bring back our Change for Children Collection. This will be done on the first Sunday of each month by our Children at the end of each worship service.

The funds collected will be split between Holston Conference Change for Children Fund and Isaiah 117-Greene County.

Please remember to bring in your extra change on these Sundays!

Summer Painting Class

July 28th 3:00 PM Cost \$25 RSVP to church office by July 24th



Isaiah 117-Greene County is gaining momentum. Land has been donated to downtown Greeneville for construction of the Isaiah 117-Greene County House. Three local contractors are working together to get this house built Lynn Pitt Construction, Seaton Construction, and Idell Construction. Together, these contractors are working to get materials and services donated for Isaiah 117 construction. It will take around \$200,000 to build the Isaiah 117 house. To date, \$120,000 in materials and services have been donated. The above noted contractors are reaching out to get services and materials donated to help with the cost of building the Isaiah 117 House. Those wishing to donate either may contact one of the above listed contractors. Kim Gass has recently been named Chairman of the Isaiah 117-Greene County Board, and Theresa Whaley has been named Treasurer of Isaiah 117-Greene. Please continue to pray for this ministry in Greene County.

Children's Ministries Happenings

VBS HELP NEEDED

Currently looking for volunteers to help with each age group. Please let Mrs. Kim know where you would like to be plugged in to help.

Decorating will start July 11th at 10 am.

Explore where God's power can take you!



To Mars and Beyond! July 14th-18th Open to children ages 4yr – 11yr Registration starting June 24th

JULY 14th-17th: Snack Suppers5:30-6 pmJULY 14th-17th: VBS Programming6-8:30 pmJULY 18th: Closing Celebration*6 pm*Asbury will provide hamburgers/hotdogsFamilies are asked to bring a side dish or dessert

VBS Mission will be raising funds for Isaiah 117 House-Greene County

We will finish off our Mars Exploration with a trip to Bays Mountain Planetarium on Sunday, July 21st. More information provided at VBS.

VBS Wish List to help offset VBS costs.....

Space Themed Items Neon Spray Paint Plastic Table Cloths-any color Cheap Paper Plates Baby Wipes Craft Sticks Card Stock-black, blue, white White Foam Poster Board Spray Foam Frisbees Permanent Markers-multi colored Foam Board from Lowe's Rolls of Black Plastic Christmas Lights-white Craft Paint-yellow, blue, green, orange, brown, black Paint Smocks Color Duct Tape Glue Poster Board-white, orange, green, blue, yellow Wax Paper Hula Hoops Kids Plastic Swimming Pool Cotton Swabs

If you wish to donate any of the needed items, please leave them in the church office. Thank you in advance for your support.

Asbury Children's Ministries

Year End Trip to Pirate's Voyage























2019 Mission Trip





























































Wednesday Night Meal Schedule

Please consider hosting a meal for your class/ group as a fundraiser meal.

Please contact Mrs. Judy or Susan in the office if you would like to be added to the 2019-2020 calendar.

If you would like to volunteer for our meal outreach program to delivery meals to Asbury Homebound, please contact Mrs. Judy.

2019 Leadership

Church council: Chairperson Lee Duckworth Secretary Susan Bowers Pastor Rev. Jerry Jones Director of Family Ministries Kim Brown Director of **Traditional Music Cindy Sams Director of Contemporary** Jonathan Ervin Worship Lay Leader Buddy Yonz Lay Leader TBD Lay Member to AC Susan Cash Lay Member to AC Shelby Sullivan Lay Member to AC-Alternate Children's Council Rep Kathy Adorante Senior Adult Rep **Dinah Seip** UMW Rep Debby Hendrix ACEC Chairperson **Brook Loggins** Mission Team Jonathan Ervin/ Rob Brown Chairperson Trustees Chairperson Rad Clanton/ Randy Loggins Staff-Parish George Tvardy Chairperson Finance Chairperson Rodney Bell

Finance Committee:

Chairperson Rodney Bell Ivy Leonard/Bobby Wells Treasurer Financial Secretary Susan Bowers Trustees Chairperson TBD Staff-Parish Chairperson George Tvardy Stewardship Chair Bob Leonard Lay Leader TBD Leadership Team Lee Duckworth Chairperson Lay Member to AC Shelby Sullivan

At-Large

Year 3	Michelle Loven
Year 3	Shane Hite
Year 2	Bill Brown
Year 2	Barbara Clanton
Year 1	Brian Allen
Year 1	Maynard Austin

Leadership Development/Nominating:

Year 3	Mary Perry				
Year 3	Marge Saulsbury				
Year 3	Barbara Serral				
Year 2	Debby Hendrix				
Year 2	Frank Holzschuh				
Year 2	Ben Brooks				
Year 1	Phyllis Stansfield				
Year 1	Bettye Ann Bewley				
Year 1	Dawn Wright				
Ex-Officio-Lay Leader Buddy Yonz					
Chairperson Rev. Jerry Jones					

Staff-Parish Relations Committee:

Year 3 Doug Debusk Year 3 Tee Earl Year 3 Joy McGuffin **Carolyn Ricker** Year 2 Frieda Wright Year 2 George Tvardy* Year 2 Year 1 Lori Duckworth Year 1 Dale Landers Year 1 Sandra Fox Lay Member to AC Susan Cash Ex-Officio-Lay Leader Buddy Yonz

Trustees:

Rad Clanton co-chair Year 3 Year 3 Leslie Allen Year 3 Randy Loggins co-chair Year 3 Jerry Moore Year 2 Steve Shore Year 2 Brandon Hull Year 2 Suzanne Wagner Year 1 Dave Wright Year 1 Phyllis Bible Year 1 Alice Russell Ex-Officio Rev. Jerry Jones Ex-Officio Ex-Officio Keith Cornwell

ACEC Board of Directors:

Year 3	Terri Lawson
Year 3	Terry Rymer
Year 3	Leslie Staggs
Year 2	Brook Loggins
Year 2	Don Stansfield
Year 2	Abby Lawson
Year 1	Brenda Ottinger
Year 1	Janie Laws
Year 1	Holly McGaw
At Large	Lynette Hill
Ex-Officio	Kim Brown
Ex-Officio	Rev. Jerry Jones

Family Ministries:

Adult Ministries Coordinator: Susan Holzschuh **Benevolence Team** Chairperson: Joe McInturff Boy Scouts Representative: Art Masker Camping Advocates: Emily & Scott Whitaker Children in Poverty Chairperson: Linda Kershaw Evangelism Chairperson: Steve Shore Fellowship Coordinator: Judy Kennon Historian: Carolyn Gregg Holston Home Ambassador: TBD Nurture Ministries Chairperson: Bettye Hayes/Marge Saulsbury Older Adult Ministries: Dinah Seip Sunday School Superintendent: Jerry Moore Restoration Depot Chairperson: John Cash Witness Ministry Chairperson: David Andrew

Wood Cutting Ministry: David Andrew

July

2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	7P-Troop 94	3P-Benevolence-LB 5:30P-SPRC-DC	8A-Van Dreal SG-DC 10A-Prayer Shawl Ministry-PSR 5:30P-Asbury Youth 6:30P-Choir Practice	Office Closed	Office Closed	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8A-Chapel Worship 9A-Sunday School for all ages 10:00A-Traditional-ST 11A-Contemporary-FH 4P-Our Father's Place-CH 6:30PM—Financial Peace	7P-Troop 94	3P-Benevolence-LB 5:30P-Trustees Meeting-DC	10A-Prayer Shawl Ministry-PSR 5:30P-Asbury Youth 6:30P-Choir Practice	9A—PEP Club		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31			
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Abbreviation Key

Boots Bewley-BB Chapel-CH Choir Room-CR Disciple Classroom-DC D&H Brown Classroom-DH Fellowship Hall-FH John Wesley Class–JWC LaRue Classroom-LR Library-LB Parlor-PL Prayer Shawl Room-PSR

Rev. Jones' Study-RJS Sanctuary-ST Sisters By Grace-SG Youth Room-YR

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00AM—Chapel Worship—CH 9:00AM—Sunday School Classes 10:00AM—Traditional Worship—ST 11:00AM—Contemporary Worship—FH

Wednesday Night Schedule

3:30PM—Homework Club 4:30PM—Children's Activities 5:30PM—Wednesday Night Meal 5:45PM—Handbell Practice 6:00PM—UMYF 6:30PM—Small Groups & Choir Practice

SUNDAY GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

9A Nursery, Preschool & K-5th Gradein Children's Dept. (under Sanctuary)9A Youth in Youth Room9A Men's Life Group-PSR

1st Floor Education Building

9A D&H Brown (mixed gender, 50-70s)
9A Disciple (mixed gender, mixed age)
9A Sisters by Grace (females, mixed age)
9A LaRue (mixed gender, mixed ages)

2nd Floor Education Building

9A Seekers (mixed gender, 30-50s)-Parlor9A Choir (mixed gender, mixed age)

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