



May 13, 2026

Bi-monthly
Issue

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Looking forward to seeing everyone at worship on Sundays at 10:45 am with Sunday school at 9:45 am.

The regular office hours are Mondays to Thursdays, 9 AM to 2 PM.

The church office will be closed Wednesday, May 20th thru Monday, May 25th for Memorial Day weekend.

Upcoming Events

Evening Gathering with Our New Pastor, Rev. Carmel Day

Tuesday, May 19 at 6:00 PM

Our entire congregation & staff are invited to a special evening of welcome and conversation as we get to know our new pastor, **Rev. Carmel Day**.

The evening will begin with a facilitated time of shared questions. For the first 45 minutes, a facilitator will invite those attending to offer questions about the church and about Pastor Carmel. These questions will be gathered on a flip chart and then taken to Carmel, who will be in a nearby room preparing thoughtful responses.

While she reviews the questions, we'll enjoy dessert and fellowship together.

In the second part of the gathering, Pastor Carmel will return to share her responses. This time of open conversation is designed to help us learn more about one another, discover shared values, and begin shaping our hopes for the future of our church.

We hope you'll join us for this meaningful step in welcoming Pastor Carmel into our church family.

The United Methodist Men

The men will be meeting on
Wednesday May 27th at 6:30 pm for
their monthly meeting.

Ladies Night Out

Next ladies' night out will be May 28
at Fireside BBQ and Cheesecake.
Please contact Janice if you plan to
attend.

Time to Update the Church Directory

As we prepare to welcome our new pastor and continue growing as a church family, we want to ensure our directory is accurate and up to date.

On Sundays through May, you'll find a directory update insert in the bulletin or on the table outside the office. Please take a moment to complete it and return it to the church office. Your updated information helps us stay connected and care for one another.



🍴 Meals Made with Love 🍴

FREE Homemade Meals at Colonial Heights UMC! Join us every **Wednesday evening from 5:00–6:00 PM** for a delicious, homemade meal—prepared with love and served with a smile.

Tonight, Wednesday, May 13th, our meal is a Meatloaf Dinner with a juicy slice of meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, lima beans and lemon pudding with blueberries.

🍲 Upcoming Feed the Hungry Meals 🍲

- Wednesday, May 20 is Loaded Baked Potato
- Wednesday, May 27 is Hamburger Dinner
- Wednesday, June 3 is Ham & Cheese Sandwich
- Wednesday, June 10 is Shredded BBQ Chicken Tacos
- Wednesday, June 17 is Meatball Subs

🛒 2026 Red Wagon Needs 🛒

This month of May we are focusing on: **Juice**

Please place your donations in the **Red Wagon**. Your generosity helps us care for our community in meaningful ways—thank you for giving! ❤️

Dogwood Elementary Food Bags

Presently we are donating 110+ food bags each week to Dogwood Elementary. Thank you to our volunteers who assemble and our volunteers who deliver these bags.

Next week will be out last for this school year. Please keep these children in your prayers.

Help Needed:

Grocery Bag Donations for Our Feed the Hungry Meals & Dogwood's Backpack Program are still needed and appreciated.

Pastors Message



Where is....?



Around our house the standing joke / question is, “Where is ...?” and no matter what *it* is we laugh and say, “It’s in a box someplace.” We have successfully moved all of Doug’s things to our new house in Soddy-Daisy, and we are working on my stuff here at the parsonage, and some things are in Soddy-Daisy and some things are on a U-Haul going down today, and much more will be picked up by the movers on Monday, and many things won’t make the trip with us but will find a new home. We are a living metaphor for the Kingdom of God, in that it is the “already but not yet”. The Kingdom is already here (per Jesus) but it is not fulfilled yet. We are already paying a mortgage and utilities and even have some stuff there, we are already at Soddy-Daisy, but not fully there yet.

It's a bit confusing sometimes when we hear that the Kingdom of God is here and now, it is "already, but not yet." I think it's easier to understand when we think of it in terms of our own spiritual lives as Christians. We are a "Christian" when we accept Christ as our Savior but we are not completely Christ-like. John Wesley called this "going onto perfection". For most of us, we won't love completely like Jesus does, this side of Heaven. We can also be described as "already, but not yet".

So how is your journey to perfection going? Some day's we are on top of the mountain, we feel close to God, our hearts are right with self and neighbor, loving seems to come easy. Other days, well we look like the picture above, all our spiritual boxes come tumbling down and we stumble and fall. The good news is, God never gives up on us, God keeps giving us grace and strength for our journey, until we are fully home or the Kingdom comes on earth as it is in Heaven.

Back to packing. I pray you have a great day and you know your "Where is..." is in Jesus.

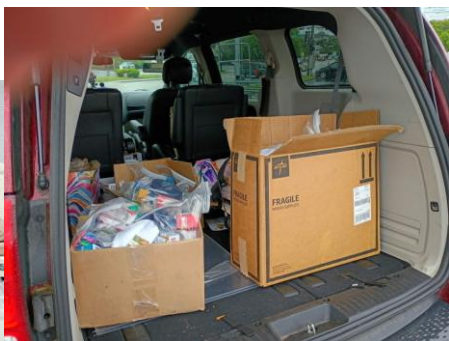
Shalom

Rhonda

"I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. (Phillippians 3:12-14, NLT)

Hands on Missions

Last week we delivered 30 Health kits in support of the 2026 Smoky Mountain District goal for the conference Hands on Mission project. We appreciate everyone's donations and time in assembling & delivering these kits.



Communications
Holston Conference
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Annual Conference

The Holston Annual Conference will take place **May 31 – June 3, 2026**, at the **Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center.**



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Prayer and Praise



If you have an update—or if someone needs to be added to or removed from the prayer list—please let the church office know.

Prayers

Charlotte Cain, Hubert Styles, Family of Mike Lawson, Al & Brenda Horn, Don & Carolyn Albert, Mike & Jean LaForest, Barbara Haven, Beverly White (Henderlight's neighbor), Julia Dyker, Blanche Clifton, Bob Williams, Carol Porcher, Chuck & Glenna Reynolds, Jean Fornwalt (David Eilart's mom), Sonny & Judy Henderlight, Charles Hamby, Ken Porch, Brian Harding, Lorenda Wolfe (Brenda's sister), Marty Elmer, Sharon Eilart (David's sister), Phill & Lis Henry, Regina "Gail" Royston (Brenda Horn's cousin), Karen Ballard Motzer (Laura Brake's Friend) Lis Henry's Daughter, Jennifer Holley, Val Johnson

Cancer Treatment

Brian & Jean Reagan, Lisa Greer, Faye Stafford, Rev. Rhonda Hobbs, Denise Fitzpatrick, Bobbie Bernard, Phil Johnson (friend of Dyker's), Ron Cross (friend of the Dyker's), Tillery and the Phillips family, Nancy La Rocco's granddaughter, David Eilart's cousin, John (Julie's Friend)

Nursing, Retirement & Assisted Living

Wanda Ketron, Hubert Styles (Ben Atchley Veterans Home) & Ann COX

Military

Gabe Green (Lis Henry's nephew)

