

THE CHALLENGER

Kingsport District UMC

August - September 2012

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“The Best is Yet to Come!”

David Graves, District Superintendent

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DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Sunday, August 26

4:00 p.m.

Surgoinsville First UMC

621 Old Stage Rd.

Surgoinsville, TN 37873

Everyone is welcome to attend!

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE KINGSPORT DISTRICT

As the balloting for bishops in the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference has ended, I want to thank the people of Holston for your prayers, financial support, and encouragement these last 10 months. The voting dynamics of an Episcopal election are like none other, and five wonderful persons whom I have come to know and enjoy were elected yesterday and today in the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

As I look back, I feel I gave it my best to the very end. I have no regrets of how I ran the journey with integrity and trust in the system. Nancy and I have felt so loved and appreciated during this process. I have met hundreds of people and developed new relationships that enrich my life. It is relationships, not elections, that define us, so in Christ the best is always yet to come.

The Holston Conference is a wonderful place to live and do ministry. Now I look forward to returning to the Kingsport District and continuing my work as district superintendent. I am ready to work alongside my colleagues on the cabinet and with Holston's new bishop. Regardless of my appointment in the church, it must always be about winning people to Christ, seeing people others do not see, transforming lives and changing the world.

Words cannot express my gratitude to the people of the Holston Conference.

David Graves



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Agenda will include Buffalo Mountain update, voting on 2013 district budget, electing members of district committees & boards, electing 2013 members-at-large to annual conference, Rethink Team Witness, Covenant with South Sudan – Logobero UMC.

Who Can Vote:

Local Church: Lay Leader; Treasurer; Chairs of Admin. Board, Finance, PPR; Presidents of UMW, UMM, UMY; lay member to annual conference.

Ministers: Pastors under appointment, retired ministers residing in the Kingsport District

District Officers: Lay Leader, Treasurer, Presidents of UMM, UMW, Youth Coordinator, Admin.

Assistant, 2012 District Lay Members-at-large to Annual Conference

BUFFALO MOUNTAIN CAMP UPDATE

Go to www.buffalomountaincamp.org for updates, to donate money & to volunteer.

#1 NEED: Money

For the last three Sundays it was asked that offerings be taken for Buffalo Mountain Camp. Bring offerings to the District Conference on Sunday, August 26, or send them directly to Buffalo Mountain Camp. 241 Buffalo Mountain Camp Rd., Jonesborough, TN 37659. In memo line put Advance Special number: #472.

#2 NEED: Cleaning Buckets

Bring buckets to the District Office by Wednesday, August 29, at noon. If it will be later, please contact the district office. Include \$1.50/bucket in a separate envelope. One check from the church written to the Kingsport District is preferred.

From UMCOR site: <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/getconnected/supplies/flood-bucket/>

Cleaning Bucket Kit Items

Value: \$55 per bucket.

- **5-gallon bucket with resealable lid**
Buckets from fast food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned.
Do not use buckets that have stored chemicals such as paint or pool cleaner.
Advertisements on the outside are acceptable
- **liquid laundry detergent**
(two 25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottles only)
- **liquid household cleaner**
12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water
no spray cleaners
- **dish soap**
16-28 oz. bottle, any brand
- **1 can air freshner**
aerosol or pump
- **1 insect repellent spray**
6 - 14 oz. aerosol spay pump with protective cover
- **1 handheld scrub brush**
plastic or wooden handle
no toilet-bowl brushes
no kitchen or dish brushes
- **18 cleaning wipes**
handi wipes or reusable wipes
no terry cleaning towels
remove from packaging
- **7 sponges**
no cellulose sponges due to mold issue
- **5 scouring pads**
remove from wrapper
no Brillo, SOS pads or any kind that will rust

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Cleaning Buckets continued

- **50 clothespins**
remove from packaging
- **clothesline**
two 50ft. or one 100ft.
cotton or plastic
- **24-roll heavy duty trash bags**
30 - 45 gallon size
remove from the box
- **5 dust masks**
- **2 pair disposable kitchen gloves**
rubber or latex
remove from packaging
- **1 pair work gloves**
leather palm necessary

Assembling Directions

Place all liquid items in the bucket first. Place remaining items in the bucket fitting them around and between the liquid items. Sponges, scouring pads, clothespins and trash bags can be separated in order to fit all of the items in the bucket. Ensure the lid is closed securely.

Important Notes

- All items must be new except for the actual bucket and lid.
- All cleaning agents must be liquid and in plastic containers. No powders please.
- If you cannot find the requested size of a liquid item, use a smaller size. Including larger sizes of any item will prevent the lid from sealing.
- If all of the items on the list are not included, please put a label on the bucket indicating what has been omitted.
- Cleaning buckets are only used within the United States. They are not opened to verify the contents unless there is indication some items have been omitted.

Shipping Kits

1. Complete 2 packing lists-one for your records and one to put on the shipping box.
2. Paste the shipping label / packing list on the outside of each box you send. The shipping list helps the depot to quickly process kits.
3. **Processing & Shipping Costs:** Please enclose an envelope containing \$1.50/bucket. One check from the church is preferable. Write check to Kingsport District.

District Disaster Response Coordinator, Bill Campbell
423-323-8516, wdc5609@charter.net

HAPPENINGS IN THE DISTRICT

Chalybeate Springs UMC will celebrate **Homecoming** on September 9, 2012. Rev. Richard McKee will bring the sermon at the service that will begin at 10:30 A.M. Dinner will be served at noon--not on the ground--in the Fellowship Hall! Chalybeate Springs UMC was founded in 1845, making this year 167 years of service to God. (7592 Upper Possum Creek Rd. Gate City, VA 24251)

First Broad Street UMC: Cherokee Woodcutting Work Camp, November 3-9. If interested contact Danny Howe at 384-1817 or DHowe@fbsumc.org

Glen Alpine: (3200 Glen Alpine Rd. Kingsport, TN 37660)

Prayer Shawl Ministry at Glen Alpine

Glen Alpine UMC has a group of women who meet to knit, crochet, and sew various items for local charities. What began as a small group of ladies with a goal of knitting prayer shawls for the local Women's Cancer Center, has now grown into a group of 20 or more knitting, crocheting and sewing prayer shawls, chemo hats, neck pillows, heart pillows, scarves, mittens, house shoes, lap robes, rag quilts, fleece blankets, baby hats and blankets. These items have been shared with local charities, hospitals, nursing homes, individuals, and Jubilee Project in Hancock County. And it is a great opportunity for Christian fellowship.

Beginning September 20, this group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Glen Alpine. We invite others to join us in this ministry. If you are not able to join us on Thursday afternoons, you are welcome to work on projects at home. For more information about this ministry, contact Coordinator Carolyn Bailey [349-6265] or Fay Davis in the church office [349-7831].

Old-Fashioned Homecoming

Glen Alpine UMC will have an "old-fashioned" Homecoming on Sunday, September 9. Members are encouraged to dress in older fashioned clothing or casual dress. Appalachian Trail will be our guests, providing bluegrass gospel music for our morning service. Service will begin at 10:45am, with dinner-on-the-ground following the service. Weather-permitting, the morning service and noon meal will be held outside. All are welcome.

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"CELEBRATING 100 YEARS IN MINISTRY"

McFerrin UMC

(117 Mountain View Rd. Church Hill, TN 37642)

WORSHIP SERVICE

September 23

3:00 p.m.

Rev. David Graves, District Superintendent, Speaker
McFerrin Choir, McFerrin Youth, McFerrin Kids

Reception Following

Community Celebration with local churches invited

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Rock Springs UMC LAST Fish Fry of the season: Rock Springs will have their Last Fish Fry of 2012 on Saturday, September 22 from 5-7 p.m. Hope to see everyone there!

Salem UMC invites everyone to **JOY service** every Sunday at 1:30 with Dayspring Band leading worship. Complimentary lunch is served at 12:30 every Sunday.
(Salem UMC: 230 Boozey Creek Rd. Blountville, TN 37617)

MORE HAPPENINGS IN THE DISTRICT

Valley Parish Fall Revival

"You shall be my witnesses" -Acts 1:8

October 11, 12, 13 at 7:00pm

in The Flame at Okolona UMC

(5124 Stanley Valley Rd, Church Hill, TN)

Vermont UMC: (1817 Bloomingdale Pike, Kingsport, TN 37660)

September 23, 6 p.m., The annual Bloomingdale area "**Choir Fest.**" Choirs from numerous area churches will be participating. Everyone invited.

October 7, 7 p.m., a gospel concert with the local group "**Law and Grace,**" made up of Sherriff Anderson and members of his deputies. Everyone invited.

October 14 at 10:45 a.m., Homecoming. The guest Preacher will be the Rev. Spurgeon McCartt. A covered-dish luncheon will follow. Everyone is invited.

Praising in the Park - Back to School Celebration & Youth event: Natural Tunnel State Park Amphitheater, Sunday, August 26, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. with Jason Roe, Evangelist & music by Spirit & Friends. Sponsored by Gate City UUMC Youth for more information call 276-386-7083.

Job Opportunities

Church Hill First UMC is looking for a part-time Music Director. Must be familiar with multiple styles of Worship music. If interested, please contact Pastor Sam Johnson @ (423) 357-7473 for details..

Ketron Memorial UMC seeks a part-time pianist. Please email resume and cover letter to kmumc@embarqmail.com or mail to the attention SPRC at 301 Virgil Avenue, Kingsport, TN 37665.

P-T Keyboardist at Rogersville First for Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. This would be an excellent second income opportunity for someone. Please send resumes to 110 Colonial Rogersville, TN 37857 or call 423-272-7311.

LAY SPEAKER (SERVANT) ADVANCED TRAINING

FRUITS OF AN ENGAGED SPIRITUAL LEADER

Friday, October 5: 6-9 p.m.

Saturday, October 6: 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. (lunch provided)

David Graves, District Superintendent will be one of our leaders.

Place & Cost to be determined.

More information to come very soon!

ETSU WESLEY FOUNDATION BBQ & AUCTION

September 22

12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

(1100 Seminole Dr. Johnson City 37601 (929-2121)

Adults: \$10; Students: \$5

MISSIONS

Hands-On Mission Project 2013

Holston Annual Conference

Liberia – Helen Roberts-Evans

School Kits

Kingsport District • Goal 400

- 1 12” ruler
- 2 boxes of chalk
- 1 compass (for math)
- 1 protractor
- 1 10 pack pencils*
- 1 pack erasers*
- 1 10 pack pens (blue or black)
- 1 small dictionary (new or used)
- 1 small Bible (new or used)
- 3 spiral notebooks (70 ct.) college ruled (or regular)
- 1 medium or large poncho (NO emergency ponchos) (Please do not buy \$1-\$2 cheap ponchos.)
- 1 small backpack**

* Novelty packs with pencils, erasers & sharpeners are acceptable.)

**Pack all items in the backpack. If interested in buying backpacks in bulk at a reduced cost please contact the district mission coordinators or the district office.

Money

- A \$5.00 donation for packing and shipping is to accompany each kit.
- Each church should write one check to Kingsport District.
- Place check in an envelope with name of church, number of kits & total enclosed.
- Please keep check separate from kits, by giving envelope to the “treasurer” when you drop kits off.

Drop-off (No kits will be accepted after these dates.)

Drop-Off Days, time & place TBD.

(Trucks will be loaded on Friday, June 7 in case anybody wants to help with this.)

Volunteers Needed To: (Contact Eloise Ellis or Lonnie Broughton if you can volunteer.)

- Check the kits
- Pack boxes
- Load trucks
- “Treasurer” is needed to collect correct amount of money from each church, record amount & calculate a final total.

For Questions & to Volunteer Please Contact:

Eloise Ellis, District Mission Coordinator, at 782-7919

Or Lonnie Broughton, Coordinator-in-Training at 288-6647 or broughtlbj@aol.com.

CONSIDER THESE MISSION SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

Consider these 5 Star Status contributions. Others can be found in the Advance Special 4 page brochure. Contribute \$25 in each of the 4 Advance Special categories for 5 Star status plus paying the conference tithe.

Imagine No Malaria: Advance Special #3021190 or #560 (International)

Asbury Place: Advance Special #091 (Conference)

Hope for Today – A World Ministry in India – Peter Peieria: Advance Special #490 (Conference)

KCMC (Kingsport Community Ministry Center)

Write check to KCMC & mail to P.O. Box 1288, Kingsport, TN 37662

For Missionary Support: Make check to Holston Conference.

Mail to Holston Conference, ATTN: Anne Travis, P.O. Box 850, Alcoa, TN 37701

Fred & Libby Dearing: #719

Steve & Diantha Hodges: #683

Sudan Orphanage Support: Make check to Holston Conference Foundation, memo line Sudan Orphanage. Send it to Holston Conference Foundation, ATTN: Anne Travis, P.O. Box 900, Alcoa, TN 37701-0237.

CHILDREN

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING: Does your church need a safe sanctuary training for children's workers? If so, please contact the district office.

CONFERENCE CHILDREN & FAMILY DIRECTOR

Gaye King, 865-293-4139, gayeking@holston.org

Please contact Gaye if you have questions about children's ministries or if you need programming ideas.

Would you like to get updates from the conference on children's ministries?

Here's how to do it: Go to Holston.org – the children's page – there is a place on the left of the page for you to sign up. You have to sign up voluntarily for the emails from the conference.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CALENDAR

Please contact Carol Alley, District UMW President, if you have any questions about the following events. If your church would like to start a UMW unit, Carol will be happy to assist in that endeavor. Carol Alley, 423-357-3619, carolalley@hotmail.com

EVENTS CALENDAR

The District events are highlighted.

September 15-16--Holston Conference UMW Annual Meeting and District Officers' Training--Lake Junaluska
November 3, 2012--Kingsport District UMW Annual Meeting and Local Officers' Training--Mountain View UMC--10:00 A.M.

THIS & THAT Kingsport District Fellowship Scholarship Donations:

Donations may be made at anytime of the year. Write check to "Kingsport District UM Fellowship".

Mail to John Powers, Treasurer, 439 Cypress St., Mt. Carmel, TN 37645.

If you have further questions please contact John Powers at johnpowers2@juno.com or 423-357-8891 or 423-335-5697.

**WORKSHOPS, CYBER POLICY,
FLASH MOBS
FESTIVAL OF GIFTS & TALENTS**

1.) YOUTH WORKER 101 WORKSHOP (Part 1)

Our rescheduled youth workers meeting will be a **Youth Worker 101** workshop on **September 30, 2-4 p.m., Colonial Heights UMC (631 Lebanon Rd. Kingsport, TN 37663)**. This workshop will include a class in **Social Media and a Youth Worker Workshop**. Lunch will be provided. Please **RSVP to Josh Russell by Friday, September 7th.**

2.) DO YOU HAVE A CYBER POLICY????

If your church does **NOT** have a **Cyber Policy** as a part of their **Safe Sanctuary Policy**, it is **immediate and required** by the Conference that you do so. **Please have these added by November 4th and send me a copy as soon as these are finished.**

3.) FLASH MOB ANYBODY????

If you have ever wanted to be part of a **FLASH MOB**, please contact Josh Russell immediately.

4.) FESTIVAL OF GIFTS & TALENTS

Festival of Gifts and Talents will be held on **October 21st** from **3-5 p.m.** at **Wheeler UMC (2376 Hwy 75 Blountville, TN 37617 – at airport)**. If you are interested in participating, please email Josh at coloneljkkrussell@gmail.com by **Friday, September 21st.**

5.) SOCIAL MEDIA & YOUTH MINISTRY 101 WORKSHOP (Part 2)

Safe Sanctuary Training for all youth workers will be **Sunday, October 28, 2-4 p.m., First Broad Street UMC (100 E. Church Circle, Kingsport, TN 37660)**

6.) THANK YOU! to all those who helped and participated in the **Summer Jesus Jam**. We are working to making this an annual event and next year to be larger. If you would like to be part of this, please **join our Youth Council.**

Joshua K. Russell,
Kingsport District Youth Coordinator,
coloneljkkrussell@gmail.com
423-328-6392 (call or text)

Conference Youth Director

Laura Lambert
lauralambert@holston.org / 865-293-4151

OLDER ADULTS

ROOTS & SHOOTS

FALL EVENT



Thursday, October 11, 2012

11:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Colonial Heights UMC

\$11/person

**Celebrate the Beginning of Autumn
With Great Music, Great Food,
&
Inspirational Words from our New Bishop,
Rev. Mary Virginia Taylor
&
our District Superintendent,
Rev. David Graves**

With an expectation of at least 200 wonderful seniors attending, you had better get your reservation in early!

For the amazing cost of only \$11 per person, come and enjoy a scrumptious meal (BJ's Catering), plenty of music, and you might just learn something from our inspirational speaker after lunch, Bishop Taylor.

The mission focus is the Shepherd Center in Kingsport. A voluntary \$1 donation can be placed in the baskets on the tables.

Your church will have the opportunity to win a prize for most attendees as well as several other special door prizes.

Register by giving your \$11/person to the Roots & Shoots Coordinator at your church or mail your name & church to the district office (P.O. Box 894, Kingsport, TN 37662).

We look forward to seeing old friends & to making new friends!

KINGSPORT DISTRICT CALENDAR

August

- 26 **District Conference, Surgoinville First, 4 p.m.**
- 27 Rethink Team, 6:30 p.m., District Office
- 27 Kingsport Fellowship, 6 p.m., Pactolus
- 29 **Deadline for ordering Conference materials through the district office.**
- 29 **All cleaning buckets should be at the district office by noon**

September

- 3 Labor Day – office closed
- 6 Board of Laity, 6:30 p.m., District Office
- 9 Service of Celebration & Reception for Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor
Concord UMC, 3 p.m.
- 17 Pastors meeting, Hermon/Surgoinville First
- 20-21 HCSA (Holston Conference Secretarial Asso.) Conference
- 22 Wesley Foundation at ETSU – Auction & BBQ 12:30 – 4:00
- 23 Charge Conferences begin
- 24 Kingsport Fellowship, 6 pm, Church Hill First
- 30 Youth Worker 101, 2-4 p.m.

October

- 5-6 Lay Servant (Speaker) Training
- 11 Roots & Shoots Fall Event, 10-2, Colonial Heights UMC
- 16 Clergy Gathering
- 21 District Youth – Festival of Gifts & Talents, 3-5 pm, Wheeler UMC
- 22 Pastors Meeting, Salem/Grange Hall
- 22 Kingsport Fellowship, 6 p.m., Clouds Bend
- 27 Lay Leader & Pastor Breakfast, Crossroads UMC, Golden Corral is catering

November

- 3 District UMW Annual meeting & Training, Mountain View, 10 a.m.
- 4 Day Light Savings time begins
- 11 PPR Committees meeting, 3-5 pm, Mt. Carmel UMC
- 19 Pastors' Meeting: St. Mark/Crossroads
- 21-23 Office Closed for Thanksgiving break
- 26 Kingsport Fellowship, 6 p.m., Community

December

- 10 Pastors Christmas Banquet, 6 p.m., First Broad St.
- 24-Jan 2 Office Closed for Christmas & New Year's

January 2013

- 14 Pastors' Meeting, Mafair/Surgoinville First
- 16-17 Year End Reports due
- 21 Office Closed for Martin Luther King Day

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHEDULE

August 31 - September 3 Family Vacation

September 4 Speak at 10th Anniversary of Manna Kitchen at First Rogersville

September 9 Service of Celebration for Bishop Taylor at Concord UMC

September 10 Called Charge Conference at First Broad Street

September 11-12 Cabinet Meetings

September 16 11 a.m. Preach at Holly Springs
4 p.m. Rogersville Parish Rethink Team meeting at Ebbing and Flowing

September 17 Pastor's meetings

September 23 3 p.m. McFerrin 100th Anniversary-preaching
7 p.m. Charge Conference at Logan's Chapel

September 30 Charge Conferences

All weekday evenings through December 10th are taken with either Charge Conferences, meetings or other scheduled events.

Only open Sunday mornings through the rest of 2012 are November 11, December 9 and 16.

PASTORS' INFORMATION

District Minister's Dues: The dues are 50 cents per \$1,000 of your salary, plus \$1, which helps to subsidize district pastor's events, pay for notes and follow-ups to sickness or deaths, District Christmas gifts and the August picnic to welcome new pastors and their families. Please make check payable to Kingsport District & give or mail to Susan at the District office. P.O. Box 894, Kingsport, TN 37662. (Cash is accepted also.)

PASTORS' MEETINGS & GATHERINGS FOR 2012 - 2013

2012

Sunday, August 26 District Conference, Surgoinsville First UMC, 4 p.m.

Monday, September 17 Pastors' Meeting Hermon/ Surgoinsville First

Tuesday, October 16 Clergy Gathering – TBD

Monday, October 22 Pastors' Meeting Morning: Salem/ Grange Hall

Monday, November 19 Pastors' Meeting Morning: St. Mark/ Crossroads

Monday, December 10 Christmas Banquet, 6 p.m., First Broad St.
No charge, but reservations needed. Child care available.

2013

Monday, January 14 Pastors' Meeting Morning: Mafair/ Surgoinsville First – turn in year end reports

Wed & Thursday, January 16 – 17 Year End reports to be turned in at District Office

Monday, March 18 Pastors' Meeting Morning: Emory/Grange Hall

April 15 Pastors' Meeting Morning: McFerrin/Crossroads

May 20 Pastors' Meeting Morning: St. Luke/ Surgoinsville First