

Goals, annual conference returns to Lake Junaluska, and more!

Since January, the Administrative Board has meet each month to discuss who we are as a church, where we find ourselves these days, trends within the church, and our congregational strengths. We've also brainstormed ideas for goals for the future.

At its June business meeting, the board will look at some of the goals to decide—with the Holy Spirit's guidance and blessing—which ones we want to pursue going forward. I plan to do a sermon on Sunday, June 12 titled "In The Not-Too-Distant Future," in which we'll talk about goals and what we can do as a church to achieve those goals.

Our monthly meetings have generated a lot of great thoughts, ideas, perspectives, and possibilities. *I'd like to thank the board for its continued commitment to the leadership of the congregation. We're blessed with big-hearted servants, and I appreciate their participation in this process.*

For the first time since 2019, Holston Conference will gather at *continued*

From Pastor Todd, continued

Lake Junaluska, North Carolina for annual conference. The past two years have seen us conduct conference business via Zoom and in a hybrid Zoom/in-person format due to the pandemic. This year, delegates from Holston's 850 churches in North Georgia, Tennessee, and southwest Virginia will get the chance to return to Lake Junaluska for business, worship, and fellowship.

Annual conference will be held June 5-8. The laity session and clergy session will take place on Sunday afternoon. The memorial service will be on Monday, June 6. I'll be attending and Cindy Cunnyngham will serve as the lay delegate representing the church. On Sunday, June 5 (Pentecost Sunday), Kathy Jones will speak and lead worship in my absence.

The Scenic South district will once again be collecting home buckets for Zimbabwe for our annual "hands-on mission kit" project. You can find a full list of items and instructions on page 4. **The deadline to return all kits to the church is Sunday, May 22.**

Lastly, I'm glad to announce that I've been reappointed to Soddy UMC for another year. After multiple meetings of the Pastor Parish Relations Committee earlier this year, conversations with the district superintendent, and a roller coaster of emotions, I'll be returning for my ninth year with this amazing congregation. I'd like to express my deepest appreciation and love to the Pastor Parish Relations Committee members (*Art McDonald [chair], Kathy Jones* [Lay Leader], Becky Stulce, Mitch Weber, Kathryn Mullins, Steve Wortham, Roger Graham, and Serena Wood) for helping to make this happen.

Pastor Anthony's new church in Accra, Ghana is planning to buy some land on which to build (see photo right). <u>Pastor Todd will be accepting</u> <u>private donations over the</u> <u>next few weeks for anyone</u> <u>who'd like to help</u>. All monies will be wired directly to Pastor Anthony. Checks should be made payable to Todd Kingrea; cash is fine as well.



May Birthdays

- 7 Ray Woodall
- 8 Karen Yeatts
- 9 Mike Parrott
- 11 Steve Wortham
- 12 Carson Wood
- 13 Marion Wood Wagner
- 20 Evelyn Caldwell
- 21 Britany Posey
- 24 Annaliese Mullins Aiden Mullins

- 25 Donna Graham
 - Charles Bain

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Rebecca Musgrave



May Anniversaries

- 23 Tripp & Kathryn Mullins
- 27 Matt & Jessica Lyon

June Birthdays

- 4 Jim Mulkey
- 8 Melvin McMahen
- 9 Sid Parrott
- 11 Becky Stulce Hannah Musgrave Kathy Vinyard
- 12 Marti Hendrix Bennett Hendrix
- 14 Ron Reahard
- 15 Marie Musgrave
- 17 Carl McLaughlin
- 24 Matthew Kingrea

- Matt Lyon
- Kellsea Hendrix

June Anniversaries

- Charles & Gena Bain
- 6 Arnie & Becky Stulce
 - Doug & Karen Yeatts
- 17 Jeff & Karen Ward
- 24 Vic & Sharon Rogers

UKRHINE RELIEF

UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief) is on the ground in the Ukraine, providing help and hope to the citizens of that nation as they endure the warring aggression of Vladimir Putin and Russia. If you'd like to make a donation to UMCOR for this work, make a check payable to Soddy UMC and *include ADVANCE #982450—UKRAINE on the memo line*. One hundred percent of all donations go to Ukrainian relief.

2022 HOLSTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE HANDS-ON MISSION PROJECT SCENIC SOUTH DISTRICT

HOME BUCKETS FOR ZIMBABWE

- 1 roll of paper towels
- **1 spray deodorant** (7 oz. or less)
- 1 bottle of shampoo (15 oz. or less)
- 1 bottle of dish liquid (25 oz. or less)
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer (10 oz. or less)
- 1 bottle liquid toilet cleaner (24 oz. or less)
- 1 bottle antibacterial hand soap (10 oz. or less)
- 1 laundry detergent (liquid OR powder, 40 loads or less)

PACK ALL ITEMS IN A NEW 5-GALLON BUCKET WITH LID.



NOTE: A \$5.00 donation for packing and shipping is to accompany each kit.











Sunday, May 1st "When Critics Come Calling, Part 2" HANDS-ON MISSION KIT BUCKETS AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP

Tuesday, May 3rd

Marthas & Marys Bible study

Administrative Board meeting

This is not a business meeting. We'll be brainstorming and discussing potential goals for the church. Everyone is welcome and invited to participate.

Wednesday, May 4th

Sunday, May 8th

Tuesday, May 10th

Wednesday, May 11th

Sunday, May 15th

Tuesday, May 17th

Wednesday, May 18

Thursday, May 19th

Sunday, May 22nd

Tuesday, May 24th

Wednesday, May 25th

Sunday, May 29th

Monday, May 30th

Tuesday, May 31st

PQTLJCK DINNER

Choir practice

Mother's Day

"Love Is Spelled T-I-M-E"

Marthas & Marys Bible study

Choir practice

"And As They Went..." Healing service

Marthas & Marys Bible study

Choir practice

United Methodist Women

2nd "I Am Coming To Your House" ALL HANDS-ON MISSION KIT BUCKETS DUE



Marthas & Marys Bible study

Choir practice

"Lord, If Only You Had Been Here..."

MEMORIAL DAY

Marthas & Marys Bible study



Wednesday, June 1st

Sunday, June 5th

June 5th - 8th

Sunday, June 12th

Sunday, June 19th

Sunday, June 26th

POTLUCK DINNER

CHARTERS GUEST SPEAKER: Kathy Jones

HOLSTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE

"In The Not-Too-Distant Future" Administrative Board (business) meeting

FATHER'S DAY "Father Of The Bride"

SERMON SERIES THE MAN WHO WOULD BE KING *"The Faith That Topples Giants"*

