



## Circuit Rider Dispatch



Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church Foundation, Inc.

***"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.'"***

Tucked up in a mountain hollow in Bishop, VA is a small church with a very big heart. Alexander United Methodist Church, a part of the Bishop Charge in the Tazewell District, serves the people of an old mining camp community. Built by an Italian stonemason in the 1940's from stone mined from the area, the church has weathered floods, economic downturns, and the harsh reality of living in the rural southwest Virginia area.

***"...For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink..."***

With the leadership of Rev. Neal Hammons, who is serving in his first appointment, the Alexander UMC congregation are making a big difference in the lives of many of the poor and underserved. Over 200 meals a month are provided through their Bread of Life program where volunteers serve meals weekly at the church as well as send home food for children to eat on the weekends. With many residents in the area not able to walk to the church during inclement weather (most of the recipients do not have vehicles) Alexander UMC will be delivering meals to them in their homes.



Paul Bowman presenting Rev. Neal Hammons a \$5,000 grant in support of the Bread of Life program.

***"...I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me..."***

Bread of Life is an excellent example of how creating an endowment through the Foundation can directly impact so many lives in perpetuity. Vital, life-impacting ministries like Alexander UMC's outreach to the poor are supported by donors who will probably never visit the people impacted by their generosity. For that reason Rev. Hammons and his congregation wish to say "thank you" to those who are leaving a legacy.

***"...I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'***

The Foundation's grant committee distributed over \$825,000 in grants and scholarships last year. If you have a desire to make an impact in the kingdom of heaven in the future through a gift from your estate plan (or even a current gift) through the creation of an endowment please contact us by clicking [here](#) or by calling 865-690-8124.

***"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:34-36, 40.***



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#### SAVVY LIVING

### Choosing a Hospice Care Program

Can you offer any information on hospice care, how to choose a good provider and whether Medicare covers it? My grandmother has terminal cancer and wants to die at home, if possible. [Read More](#)

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#### WASHINGTON NEWS

### IRS Warnings During Peak Filing Season

Each year, the IRS publishes its "Dirty Dozen" list of tax scams. This week, the IRS warned taxpayers to avoid "phishing scams" and not to falsify income or make frivolous arguments. [Read More](#)

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## REMINDER-GRANT SUBMISSION DEADLINE

### Mission and programming grants

The Holston Conference Foundation stewards nearly 200 special-purpose endowments and scholarships established by individuals, families, and friends interested in supporting specific ministries, churches, and institutions. These funds are governed by documents put in place by the Donors. We are also called to steward many endowments, scholarships, and estate gifts where our Grants Committee is charged with overseeing a selection process, reviewing applications or evaluating priority needs named by the Donors.



**Programming Grants** ([click here for application](#))

**Mission Grants** ([click here for application](#))

We encourage you to apply for your church or ministry. TYPICAL GRANT AWARDS RANGE FROM \$500-\$2,500.

Applications **must be received by March 31** and can be mailed to:

Holston Conference Foundation, P.O. Box 900, Alcoa, TN 37701

For more information please [click here](#) to send an email or call 865-690-8124.

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