



Circuit Rider Dispatch



Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church Foundation, Inc.

Imagine it's your birthday and no one wishes you "Happy Birthday."

Caring individuals at Ketron Memorial UMC in Kingsport saw the needs of low-income seniors in their community and decided to do something about it. They are giving of their time, energy and resources. Adding to their four decade history of providing relief to the poor and needy of the Lynne Garden neighborhood, the **BirthDay Club** was created to make sure all attendees know that they are special. Along with special birthday wishes to attendees whose birthday was that month, care packages of personal items such as Kleenex, lotion, razors and clothing are shared with God's love.

One of our greatest pleasures at the Holston Conference Foundation is presenting churches and ministries grant awards. Seeing United Methodist ministries having a direct impact on the underserved who are lonely, hungry or "the least of these" is an opportunity to remind others that they can make a lasting difference through their estate plans. Through the Margaret Loving Trust and many other dedicated funds established by individuals the Foundation helps meet the needs of others. In a sense, each year we also celebrate "the birthday" of a donor as we annually distribute funds from their legacy for others.



If you wish to discuss the possibilities of what your last will and testament can do please [contact us](#). And if we don't see you on your birthday this year, may it be a happy one!

PLAN YOUR ESTATE

Click here to receive a brochure about Wills and Bequests.

SAVVY LIVING

Who's Eligible for Social Security Survivor Benefits?

Who is eligible for Social Security survivor benefits? My ex-husband died last year at the age of 59, and I would like to find out if me, or my two kids - ages 13 and 16 - that we had together are eligible for anything. [Read More](#)

PERSONAL PLANNER

Helping Children Tomorrow

Parents and children often have a different perspective on saving and spending. Parents of retirement age today were born during the Great Depression or [Read More](#)

YOUR PLAN

Linda Bird Wright

The Rev. Linda Bird Wright has been through so much in the last two years, one would expect her to... [Read More](#)

WASHINGTON NEWS

How Tax Preparers Can Protect Taxpayers

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FINANCES

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FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIPS

DEADLINE JULY 15, 2016

Following God's call can be costly. Sacrificing potential income to serve as a minister or missionary alone is challenging and admirable; however, for many who attend seminary, tuition and fees can be prohibitive.

SEMINARIANS:

To combat the rising cost of seminary, donors have funded scholarships stewarded by the Holston Conference Foundation. If you have been accepted into seminary we encourage you to peruse funding options by [clicking here](#) or contact our office at 865-690-8124.

POTENTIAL DONORS:

If you have an interest in assisting a seminary student through the creation of a scholarship in your estate plan we want to hear from you. The Foundation meets regularly with individuals answering questions and drafting agreements. Our discussions and documentation is confidential.

We invite you to consider the possibilities of leaving a legacy that has eternal significance in the lives of others.

