



## Circuit Rider Dispatch



Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church Foundation, Inc.

### Spring Brings Growth to Markets and the Foundation

Spring has arrived and Easter approaches! We are thankful for the flowers and the promise of a new beginning. During this high season of hope we in the Foundation are thankful for Brenda Mills' return to the office and look forward to her continued recovery. We also welcome Sharon Watson, Chief Accountant to our staff. Sharon is a member of Cokesbury UMC in Knoxville and brings very impressive skills and education (B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Tennessee and two masters degrees in Economics from UT & Clemson)

We have also recently seen very positive action in the financial markets that have washed away the January and February declines and set the S&P500 and other market indexes above the year-end values. Indeed it seems that spring has sprung in the market as well.

*1 Corinthians 3:10-11 says, "By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each should be careful how he builds. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ."*

The Holston Conference Foundation stands by our long-term positive view and commitment to low cost and diversification as core philosophies for our investment success. Our Foundation's foundation is strong and we hope that you will let us know how we might be of service through investments, planned giving, grants and other areas of our financial and stewardship ministry.



Sharon Watson

#### CURRENT GIFTS

[Click here](#) to receive a brochure about Current Gifts.



#### SAVVY LIVING

##### How to Save on Prescription Eyeglasses

What tips can you recommend for finding affordable prescription eyeglasses? I used to have vision insurance through my work, but lost it when I turned 65, retired, and signed up for Medicare. [Read More](#)

#### PERSONAL PLANNER

##### Gifts with Life Income

Many friends of charity have acquired appreciated property over time. A great way to use this appreciated property is for a charitable gift. [Read More](#)

#### YOUR PLAN

##### Eudow & Maybelle Hamm

Eudow Hamm was a quiet and gentle man with a love of God and life. [Read More](#)

## WASHINGTON NEWS

### **IRS Warns of New Phone Tax Scam**

In IR-2016-40 the IRS warned about a new phone tax scam. The tax scammers will call victims and explain that they are just verifying their tax return information. [Read More](#)

## FINANCES

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**CDs and Mortgages** - Interest Rates Continue Upward Trend [Read More](#)

### **Margaret Loving and Redwine Grant Deadline Extended**

**Applications to the Margaret Loving Trust and the John B. Redwine Fund for Strategic Ministries have been extended until April 30, 2016.**

**Margaret Loving's legacy to senior ministries across the Conference at the local church level has been an extraordinary example of how one person's legacy can affect the lives of so many. (Loving grants usually range between \$1,000 to \$5,000.)**

**John B. Redwine's fund strategically targets ministries in development that have an impact for the betterment of people in the Holston Conference for the kingdom consistent with the principals of the United Methodist Church. (Redwine grants are limited to \$2,500.)**

**Applications for Loving Trust, Redwine Fund, and other grant options can be found by clicking [here](#).**



**Pastors Manny Elswick and Anthony Grills of Main Street UMC, Tazewell District, accepting a check from Paul Bowman of the Holston Foundation from the Margaret Loving Trust for "Meeting the Loneliness" program.**

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