

HOLSTON EVENTS & DATES

AUGUST

27: 'In Search of Security,' conference-wide forum led by Bishop Ken Carder, Concord UMC, Knoxville, Tenn.

SEPTEMBER

Open House Month
8: Beginning of 'A Gathering of Saints: Ministers' Day Apart,' every second Thursday of the month, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Hiwassee College, Madisonville, Tenn.
10: Camp Lookout Benefit Golf Tournament, Bear Trace, Chattanooga, Tenn.
11: Christian Education Sunday
12: Clergywomen's Dialogue, First White Pine UMC, White Pine, Tenn.
17-18: Holston Conference United Methodist Women's Annual Meeting
23-25: Youth Pilgrimage on the Appalachian Trail
24-25: The Gathering, Native American Ministries, Tellico Plains, Tenn.
26-27: Wesley & Ethics seminar, Tennessee Wesleyan College, Athens, Tenn.
30: Redwine Grant applications due

OCTOBER

2: World Communion Sunday
4: Preaching in the 21st Century seminar with Bishop James Swanson, Emory & Henry College, Emory, Va.
9: Children's Sabbath
10-16: 'Fully Alive' Clergy Sabbath Experiences (in nine locations)
16: Laity Sunday
16: 'Soul Feast,' Upper Room Ministries, Knoxville, Tenn.
14-16: F.U.E.L. Sabbath Retreat for youth workers, Gatlinburg, Tenn.
30: Holston Home Fifth Sunday Offering

NOVEMBER

6-8: Clergywomen's Retreat, Buffalo Mountain Camp, Jonesborough, Tenn.
13: Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday
24: Thanksgiving
27: United Methodist Student Day
27: First Sunday of Advent

JANUARY

15: Human Relations Day
13-15: Resurrection, Gatlinburg, Tenn.
20-22: Resurrection, Gatlinburg, Tenn.
20-22: Divine Rhythm, Pigeon Forge, Tenn.
23-1: Holy Land Tour, sponsored by Wesley Leadership Institute

FEBRUARY

20-23: Ministers' Convocation, Lake Junaluska, N.C.

MARCH

3-4: March Forth for Children training for children's ministry workers, Knoxville, Tenn.
11: United Methodist Men's "Day With the Bishop," Chattanooga, Tenn.
23-25: Ministers' Wives Retreat, Pigeon Forge, Tenn.
26-28: Jubilation retreat for older adults, Gatlinburg, Tenn.

For more information on these events, visit <http://upcoming.holston.org>. For corrections or additions, e-mail thecall@holston.org or call Annette Bender at (865) 690-4080.

Russian seminary appeal:
Holston aims for \$50,000

Holston churches are asked to consider a contribution of 45 cents per member to raise a total \$50,000 for the Russian Theological Seminary of Moscow, Bishop James Swanson's office recently announced.

In an effort to help the Russian seminary overcome a financial crisis, Holston will join other United Methodist conferences by taking special offerings between now and Sept. 30. The emergency fundraising campaign is in response to an appeal by Hans Vaxby, Bishop of Eurasia, at a recent Council of Bishops meeting.

The 2004 General Conference eliminated funding for theological schools in the former Soviet bloc countries, and a remodeling project at the Russian seminary was complicated by the corruption of a former contractor, according to Vaxby. The school is attempting to raise \$350,000 to overcome the financial challenges and complete the remodeling project.

"The Holston Annual Conference has always been a conference that has responded to the genuine needs expressed to them – not only here within the United States, but across the world," Bishop James Swanson said recently, referring to the special offering. "And I know that Holston will do this again."

Between now and the end of September, churches may choose to have collection boxes available for parishioners to fill with loose change, Holston leaders said. Church treasurers should send one check to the conference office by Sept. 30. Make checks payable to "Holston Conference Treasurer" and mark



Holston will join other United Methodist conferences in raising money for the Russian Seminary in Moscow.

the memo line, "RUMTS Appeal." Mail checks to Holston Conference, P.O. Box 32939, Knoxville, TN 37930-2939.

A brochure with complete details about the "Emergency Appeal for Russia United Methodist Theological Seminary" is available for downloading at <http://missions.holston.org> or by calling the conference office toll-free at (866) 690-4080. ■

Calendar of events



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Wesley Foundations: Welcome events

Holston's five Wesley Foundations are welcoming students back for the school year. If you know of United Methodist students attending the following colleges, tell them about these first-of-the-year events. (These are only a few of the many activities planned. Contact the directors for more information.)

• University of Virginia's College at Wise: Community Service Project, Aug. 27, 10 a.m. Contact: Beth Gibson at (276) 328-6826 or bgibson@uvawise.edu.

• Radford University: Cookout and Drive-In Movie. Aug. 27, 4 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation. Contact: Martee Buchanan at (540) 639-4415 or mtbuchan@radford.edu.

• East Tennessee State University: Open House with food and music. Aug. 28, 6 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation. Contact: Jerry Everley at (423) 929-2121.

• University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Contact: David Jackson at wesleyfoundation@bellsouth.net or (865) 522-2728.

• University of Tennessee, Chattanooga: Night Out at the Rib and Loin followed by Sir Gooney's. Aug. 26, 6 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation. Contact: Keith Moore at (423) 266-3691 or Keith_Moore@wesleyutc.com.

Family Systems training

The Holston Conference Pastoral Counseling Center will be offering two continuing education and training programs this fall.

"Family Systems I" focuses on training and supervision in pastoral care and counseling of individuals, couples and families. Organizational meeting: Aug. 30, 11 a.m., Inskip UMC in Knoxville, Tenn. "Family Systems II" focuses on advanced training and supervision in family systems pastoral care. Organizational meeting: Aug. 30, 1 p.m., Inskip UMC. For more information, contact Gary Mauldin at (865) 805-9781 or garymauldin@comcast.net.

Young adult opportunities

• Holston Conference now has a listserv for persons interested in Young Adult Ministries. To receive e-mails about upcoming events, resources, and news related to young adult ministry in Holston, send an e-mail to hcyoungadults@gmail.com.

• The Conference Young Adult Ministry Team has announced a young adult mission trip scheduled for Aug. 5-12, 2006. The team will travel to Charleston, S.C., to work with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). For more information, e-mail connectionalministries@holston.org.

Worship resources for Sept. 11

Sept. 11 falls on a Sunday this year, four years after terrorist attacks struck New York City and Washington, D.C. The General Board of Discipleship offers resources for congregations remembering 9/11 during worship next month. Go to <http://www.gbod.org/> and click on "Remembering 9/11." ■