



Ash Wednesday

February 6, 2008

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Tossing truffles into the crowd? It must be Shane

In 2002, speaker Shane Claiborne dumped a pile of money on the Resurrection stage and invited youth to share it with the poor.

As speaker at this year's Divine Rhythm, what did Shane do this time?



How to live "the radical way"

We asked for feedback on the "radical" messages pondered by teens at Resurrection and young adults at Divine Rhythm. Here's a response from one of our Cleveland District pastors.





Kesurrection photo gallery

The numbers are in: 12,236 attended this year's Resurrection retreat in Gatlinburg, Tenn. Visit our photo gallery for digital highlights of the two-weekend event.



Reading List

Where are the young adults in the United Methodist Church? (And what kind of stuff are they reading?)



When the Giants beat the Patriots

While the rest of the country watched football or went to the polls, 214 pastors went to Lake Junaluska for a stewardship-themed Ministers' Convocation. The annual gathering had low attendance.



A different kind of Britne story

That's not "Britney," as in Los Angeles, but "Britne," as in Woodlawn, Va. She has blue eyes, hair that changes in color and style, and a love for God that inspired her pastor to tell others.

Conference Calendar

- **Feb. 22-24:** [Cross-Bearers](#) (for youth interested in faith-sharing)
- **Feb. 29:** Resolutions due for [Annual Conference](#)
- **March 2:** [One Great Hour of Sharing](#)
- **March 6-8:** [Ministers' Wives Retreat](#)
- **March 7:** Reservations due for special meals at [Annual Conference](#)
- **March 7-8:** [March Forth for Children](#) (children's ministry training)
- **March 8:** UMM Day With the Bishop (call 865-588-5763)
- **March 31:** [Clergywomen's Conversation](#)



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Holston.org Picks

- [Tax resources](#) from the treasurer's office
- Your family will thank you for this: Download a "Personal Information Record" [booklet](#) from the Foundation
- Going to [Annual Conference](#)? Be sure to get your paperwork done



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UMC.org Picks

- Need [resources](#) for Lent and Easter? Devotions, study guides, worship, and family time
- Raising red flags: United Methodist clergy and lay employees have higher incidences of stress-related diseases ([UMNS report](#))
- How to snag a youth director: With a YouTube ad? ([UMNS report](#))



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Opportunities



- Lift up evangelism heroes in Holston Conference: Nominate someone for the [Harry Denman Evangelism Award](#)
- Meet missionaries from all over the world, and from Holston, too: [Missions Celebration](#) at First Broad Street UMC, Feb. 22-24
- If you like this e-mail, then your congregation will, too. Tell church members to sign up for a free subscription at www.thecalltwo.holston.org.
- **The Jan. 30 edition** of *The Call 2* was canceled due to illness. We apologize for any inconvenience.



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