

Sevierville First  
United Methodist Church  
214 Cedar Street  
Sevierville, TN 37862

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# THE MESSENGER

August 1, 2020

Saturday, July 11, 2020

**Baptism of  
John Daxton Yett**



**Chris, Cristi, Deaken, Sophianne  
& Daxton Yett**



**Holston United Methodist Home for Children  
August 30 Is Fifth Sunday!**

The churches in the Holston Annual Conference have, for many years, supported the ministry of Holston United Methodist home for children by receiving a special Fifth Sunday Offering. This provides a sure way to share in the responsibilities of providing care and compassion to children who look to the church at a time of crisis.

**Your generous gift on August 30 will make a difference.**



Church Phone Number: (865) 453-5754

Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



## CHURCH STAFF

**Pastor: Rev. Jeff Lambert**  
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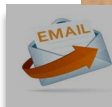
**Children/Education Director: Jeff McPeeks**  
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**Building and Grounds: Steven Ryan**

**Housekeeping: Mary Patterson and Jose Ponce**



Would you like to help us save printing and mailing costs and start receiving The Messenger via e-mail? Please contact Rhonda Stearley at [info@1stmethodist.com](mailto:info@1stmethodist.com) to be added to our list!

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**OUR STEWARDSHIP THROUGH GIVING**

**BUDGET 2020:** \$ 886,275.00

Balance January 1, 2020	90,104.75
Received 2020	382,754.71
Total	<u>472,859.46</u>
Expenses 2020	449,064.68
Balance	23,794.78

<b>BUILDING DEBT</b>	<b>225,000.00</b>
Balance Jan. 1, 2020:	40,820.65
Received 2020	90,985.79
Total Building Fund	<u>131,806.44</u>
Expenses	59,327.90
Balance	72,478.54

**I will be loyal to the United Methodist Church by my prayers, my presence, my gifts, my service and my witness.**

**Online Banking** If you are interested in online banking please stop by the church office and pick up a form. If you have any questions please contact Rhonda at the church office 453-5754.

**Online Giving** Giving made easy go to:

1stmethodist.com. All donations go to Sevierville First United Methodist Church.

or

Holston Conference Local Church Giving Form go to <http://holston.org/church offering>

**Prayer Concerns**

Martin McMahan	Loris Ogle	Joe Foisset
Cynthia Foisset	Lisa Melton	Barbara DiBenedetto
Yvonne Broyles	Brynlee Roy	Jan Lord
Imelda McVan	Doug Layman	Rodney Parsons
Deanna Elrod	Jeanne Rawlings	Andrew Spadafora
Evelyn Hass	Chad Huskey	Sylvia McCluney
Mary Alice Teague	Marilyn Uhrick	Ruth Robertson
Linda Wolff	Kevin Flannery	Gary Green
Jackson Igou	Leslie Pedersen	Kathy Gothard
Allen Wendt	Rev. Bill Akers	Richard Postlethwait
Willie Cate	John Parker	James "Eddie" Napier
Tina Farrar	Ron Free	Shirley Hatcher
Pete Ries		

All our Armed Forces Personnel Police, Fire Fighters, and Rescue Squad

**MEMORIAL & HONOR GIFTS**

**July 5-26, 2020**

Given to the Adult Choir in Memory of **Lola Moon**  
By Charles and Deb Beck

Given to Handbells in Memory of **John Barton, Jr.**  
By Charles and Deb Beck

Given to the Youth Fund in Honor of **Kenny Tucker**  
By Johnny and Mary Kate Guinn

Given to the Budget in Memory of **Ruby Zavona**  
**Donna Huffaker**  
**John Barton, Jr.**

By Ken and Susan Cheek

Given to the Budget in Memory of **Jan Grove**  
By Emily B. Kile

**ATTENDANCE FOR JUNE**

**July 5, 2020**

Worship: 103 Sunday School: 29

**July 12-26, 2020**

**No Church Service**

**Worship with us online at Sevierville FUMC Facebook.**

**Watch Sermons and Children's Church!**

**Sunday, August 23, 2020**  
**Is 4th Sunday School Missions**



On this Sunday the money that is given during the Sunday School hour is used for Mission Projects!

**Are You Anxious**

**Luke 12:22-31**

**22**And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat, nor about your body, what you shall put on. **23**For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. **24**Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! **25**And which of you by being anxious can add a cubit to his span of life?" **26**If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? **27**Consider the lilies, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. **28**But if God so clothes the grass which is alive in the field today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O men of little faith! **29**And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, not be of anxious mind. **30**For all the nations of the world seek these things; and your Father knows that you need them. **31**Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things shall be yours as well.

*From The Pastor's Desk*

**New Purchase**

We are excited to announce the purchase of the old Remax Building at 316 Parkway. The property adjoins our current property and gives the church additional valuable frontage along the Parkway. The transaction closed on July 23, 2020.

With church being closed since mid- March, I wanted to share with the congregation how this purchase evolved.

The Trustees were approached in early May by the owner who wanted to sell the property quickly. Although the property had been recently appraised for \$260,000, the owner offered it to the church for \$160,000 creating \$100,000 equity in the property. An appointed committee made up of Trustees completed a walk-through inspection of the property. The Trustees met on May 27 to discuss the offer and voted unanimously to purchase the property. The Trustees also agreed to borrow a total of \$225,000 which included extra capital to demolish the old Hispanic Church and Free Store both of which were liabilities for the church. Finally, the Trustees proposed to use the remainder of the loan money to renovate and improve the property at 316 Parkway for rental purposes. Any generated rental income will be applied toward the loan debt.

The Administrative Council met on June 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss the purchase as proposed by the Trustees. The vote to purchase the property was unanimous. Jason Gattis, District Superintendent, was notified and directed the church to hold a Charge Conference. At a Charge Conference only the Administrative Council members have a vote. The District Superintendent emailed the Administrative Council members who had until June 19 to vote by email. The vote was unanimous.

If you have not been by the church lately, the old church and Free Store are down. Our church is more visible from the street, and we will soon have extra parking. I have always been of the opinion that if property opens up next to the church it needs to be purchased if at all possible. We are still praying for the property behind the church. It would be a huge asset to us. Please be in prayer about that as well. May God grant us wisdom, favor, and vision for what our church campus needs to look like in the years to come. The more property we have, the more options we have for future expansion.

We would like to thank the Trustees for all of their hard work to help us expand our church campus.

God's Blessings,

*Pastor Jeff*

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**WESLEYAN WANDERERS -**

**All** Wesleyan Wanderers Trips have been canceled for 2020!