

*So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:20)*

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! I come before you as a fellow *Ambassador of Christ*. In a time period of economic uncertainty and brewing social debates, we have been blessed with the opportunity to carry the life changing Gospel message throughout the Oak Ridge District and beyond. It is my prayer that the Lord will order your steps in His word and keep you safe within His care.

Peace,

*Adam*

## Oak Ridge District Conference

Sunday, September 20, 2009, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

First UMC, Oak Ridge

### District At-Large Nominations

Delegates for 2010 Annual Conference will be elected on Sunday, Sept. 20th at our District Conference at First UMC, OR. Nominations are to be sent to the District Office no later than September 9th. Please include the nominee's name, address, phone, email, and a paragraph explaining why this person should represent the Oak Ridge District at the 2010 Annual Conference.

### District Conference Voting Members

- Pastors
- Local Church Lay Leaders
- UMW President
- Local Church Treasurer
- UMM President
- Administrative Council/Board Chairpersons
- UMYF President
- Lay Members to Annual Conference, Local Church
- Oak Ridge District At-Large Members to 2009 Holston Annual Conference

## DISTRICT NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL

The Oak Ridge District Newsletter will be sent via email to everyone that we have current email addresses on file. Please help us in this effort to save the district postage money. If you would still like to receive a hard copy of the newsletter, please contact the District Office to be taken off the email list.

<i>Birthdays &amp; Anniversaries</i>	
<b>September 2009</b>	
1-Henry & Betty Lenoir (A)	15-Charles & Rachel Dawn (A)
2-Larry Trotter (B)	16-Kay Liles (B)
3-Larry & Brenda Poole (A)	16-Ray Penn (B)
4-Jack Sills (B)	17-Ginny Rowlett (B)
6-Michael Charles (B)	18-Charles & Jeannie Mattson (A)
7-Bill Mooney (B)	18-Joyce Mullens (B)
12-Gregg & Missy Bostick (A)	19-Joe Davis (B)
13-John & Linda Justice (A)	20-Robert Dreyer (B)
13-John Mays (B)	21-Lisa Stone (B)
14-Gary Fox (B)	23-Larry & Lynn Trotter (A)
14-Henry Lenoir (B)	25-James & Suzanne Titcombe (A)
14-Charlotte McKee (B)	27-William Kilday (B)
15-Jake Beeler (B)	30-Charles & Kay Liles (A)

## Joys and Concerns

Our prayers and congrats are offered for:

- ✦ Rev. Keith Hampson, who was awarded the Union County High School Teacher of the year.

Our prayers and sympathy are offered for:

- ✦ The family of Tana Slater, upon the death of her mother, Tommie Olsson, who passed away on April 26, 2009.
- ✦ The family of Walter E. Smalley, who passed away on May 8, 2009.
- ✦ Rev. Gary Atwater and family, upon the death of his mother, Thressa Atwater, who passed away on August 21, 2009.

### CALENDAR ORDER TIME

**Download order form:** <http://holston.org/calendar>

**Order Deadline:** October 5, 2009

Orders received on or before October 5 will be available for pick up in the district office by October 19

### JOURNALS - Different Ordering system this year

The conference will be mailing out order forms for Journals. The church will pay the conference directly and then the Journals will be mailed to the church. The District will no longer take orders for Journals.

### Holston Methodist Credit Union

- Membership in Holston Methodist Federal Credit Union supports Holston Conference Missions.
- Members of all United Methodist Churches in the Holston Conference are eligible for membership.
- Holston Methodist Federal Credit Union offers FREE Direct Deposit and FREE Automatic Deduction of Church Tithes.
- Add Holston Methodist Federal Credit Union to your weekly church newsletters.
- By using your Holston Methodist FCU Visa and/or MasterCard you save 25% on purchases at Cokesbury Bookstores. (Exclusions may apply-see store for details)

## Oak Ridge District

## Clergy Meeting Schedule

2009	
<b>District Wide Clergy Meeting</b> First UMC, Oak Ridge 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	
<b>September 10</b>	<b>October</b> <i>(No Meeting)</i>
<b>November 12</b>	<b>December 10</b>
2010	
<b>January 14</b>	<b>February</b> <i>(No Meeting)</i>
<b>March 11</b>	<b>April 8</b>
<b>May 13</b>	<b>June</b> <i>(No Meeting)</i>

**NESEI: Hello friends and fans of NESEI -**

**World Bank report received**

The World Bank just completed their annual assessment of NESEI. Here are two of my favorite statements from the inspector's findings in Sudan:

*The partnership between the government-run public schools and NESEI has "given NESEI an unusual degree of credibility and effectiveness in the larger Yei community." "...students benefit from NESEI in terms of school basic needs such as, sanitary pad programs, medication from the NESEI founded clinic at the school, food from the NESEI farm as well as agricultural training and other activities such as the mobile health clinic program, health education, and radio debates."*

**More news from staff and students**

UNICEF has invested in NESEI enrichment programs. An award of \$10,000 has been given to advance our GEM Club activities. (Girls Education Movement)

- The students are completing second term exams and will have a holiday break beginning August 31. Third term classes resume on Monday, September 21.
- Our new reusable sanitary pad sewing project is generating great enthusiasm in the schools and community. It provides a solution to student absenteeism, improves hygiene, and provides small business experience for the girls. (\$250 purchases a treadle sewing machine for the girls to increase pad production.)
- NESEI is happy to be a part of Senator Bill Frist's "Global Health Coalition." To learn more about the coalition, visit [www.hopethroughhealinghands.org](http://www.hopethroughhealinghands.org).

I am grateful to many kind residents in Wisconsin, Illinois, North Dakota, Vermont, South Carolina, and Tennessee for their gracious hospitality this summer. Furthermore, thank you to the individuals, congregations, women's groups, and civic organizations who have given contributions inclusive of human resources, project services, and financial gifts for the benefit of young women in Sudan. "*Shukran*" = *Thank You!*



Best,  
Anita



Knoxville, Tennessee



**PAUMCS**  
April 7-10, 2011

**PAUMCS**

I wanted to let the district know about a wonderful opportunity we have coming up in April 2011. Holston Conference Chapter of PAUMCS will be hosting the National Conference of the Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries (PAUMCS) here in Maryville. This organization was established in 1982 and continues to provide a supportive base for continuing education and professional growth for church secretaries and other administrative staff. We will meet for worship and workshops April 7-10, 2011 under the theme Blossoming In God's Love at the Airport Hilton Hotel. Pastors and SPRC committees, I would like to ask you to encourage your secretaries and administrative staff to attend this wonderful event. For more information call Barbara Hall at 865-482-3209 or Cheryl Thompson at 865-982-1427.

***The Reference Companion to The United Methodist Hymnal and The Faith We Sing,***

Do you ever need to find just the right hymn for a worship service you are leading or to find a special hymn when you can only remember the first line and not the title? If so you [and your Conference worship leaders] might be interested in the newly released *The Reference Companion to The United Methodist Hymnal and The Faith We Sing*, which includes over 90 indexes to *The United Methodist Hymnal and The Faith We Sing*. The indexes range from hymns as service music by category, to non-English hymns, to women composers, to contemporary songs, to hymns from classical compositions. For more information or to order call 800.972.0433 or go to [http://www.upperroom.org/bookstore/description.asp?item\\_id=645327](http://www.upperroom.org/bookstore/description.asp?item_id=645327) Also available is *Songs of Grace: New Hymns for God and Neighbor* by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette with fine new words and a listing of hymn tunes to use in singing them at [http://www.upperroom.org/bookstore/description.asp?item\\_id=645326](http://www.upperroom.org/bookstore/description.asp?item_id=645326)

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER 2009

## OCTOBER 2009

<b>Mon 7</b>	<b>Labor Day</b> (District Office Closed)
<b>Sat 12 - Mon 14</b>	<b>East Anderson County Camp Mtg</b> (Anderson County Fairgrounds)
<b>Mon 14 - Tues 15</b>	<b>CABINET MEETING</b>
<b>Fri 18 - Sun 20</b>	<b>Native American Gathering</b> (Tellico Plains, TN)

<b>Tues 13</b>	<b>Clergy Gathering</b>  (Colonial Heights UMC, Kingsport, TN) (10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)
<b>Wed 14 - Thurs 15</b>	<b>CABINET MEETING</b>
<b>Sun 18</b>	<b>Laity Sunday</b>

### East Anderson County Camp Meeting

The Wesleyan tradition churches of East Anderson County would like to invite everyone to our annual camp meeting on September 12-14 at 7:00 p.m. Services will be held at the Ed Underwood Pavilion of the Anderson County Fairgrounds. Saturday features the Cokesbury UMC Praise band "Find the One" with Rev. Ronnie Collins as Youth Evangelist from Hillsville, VA. Sunday features the combined choirs of all the participating churches with Rev. George Morris, co-author of the Faith Sharing New Testament, bringing the message. Monday, Rev. Morris returns with the support of the "Five Star Jubilee" Southern Gospel Group. All are welcome and invited to come and receive what we believe will be a wonderful blessing.



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