

# MEADOWVIEW MESSENGER

## Meadowview United Methodist Church

Where Christian Caring Comes to Life

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### *The Pastor's Pondering:*

#### **“Grow in Hope”**

“My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus’ blood and His righteousness”. Hebrew 11- *For faith is the evidence of things hope for but not seen.*

What is hope and how do you grow in it? First, hope is a feeling of expectation and wanting for a certain thing to happen. This is what the dictionary states hope to be.

I think it is safe to say in our world today, most of us hope and want a world much greater than the one we see. I can say for myself I hope for a world full of love, truth, people with hearts to serve others and a generation behind me that appreciates life and others.

Hope is hard sometimes when we are bombarded by so much negativity in our world. I mainly keep it light and happy.

Let us ponder how we can spread hope in life by growing in hope ourselves. This world needs hope now more than ever. Have you ever felt hopeless? Possibly you have had an experience in your life where you felt out of control of life’s circumstances? Loss of loved ones, illness, job loss, infertility, negative world affairs, goals not met, the pandemic, the virus, all kind of sickness...the list can go on and on regarding the types of events that can cause one to lose hope. For me I can say I have had my fair share of hope-challenged days and times in my life. My loss of hope is often triggered by hardships out of my control.

Picture a rainbow that is fading. Sometimes that’s how faint hope feels and when it fades there goes our joy. That fading rainbow has been me sometimes, I hate to admit, simply overwhelmed with bad news. At times it seems daily we are consumed by another story, another loss, another threat that steals what hope we have. Hope for the future and humanity has been challenged around the world not only now but through the history of mankind.

I have been pondering for days how to separate myself from the negativity of the environment the world offers at times. Do I run away, stay to myself, avoid social gathering (hard to do in my profession)?

Then I realized something simple and obvious but it helped me. Hardships and trials WILL come...BUT hope is what offers ENDURANCE in the moment. Hope in hard times is often our saving grace.

Growing in hope is something I am determined to do as a resilient often intense and passionate woman of God. Hope is our tool to heal our own hearts. See, I believe hope deferred makes the heart sick. Friends, we need to hope to persevere, overcome and grow as humans and humanity.

If we put action toward the very thing we hope for IT BECOMES REAL!

Expectation and wanting something better are not complete without the ACTION that drives that HOPE! As I write this I am realizing I have power in my hope. It is one thing I do have control of. When I put into action the thing I CAN DO to make this life, this world, that person’s heart better, I get to make a positive difference. I hope. *“My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and His righteousness”. “For I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”*

That is my hope. My hope is in Jesus Christ. I sometimes feel hopeless and helpless but I remember who died for me on the cross and I perk right up.

For now, my hope is that actions unified in love can make a positive impact in our world. I want to focus on the uplifting power of a hope driven by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Let us put hope in action! Let us be the “doers”, the “peace makers”, the “kindness spreaders”. Let us be HOPE personified in the Love of God that is through Christ Jesus.

What is the final hope about which Amos wrote? “Behold, the days are coming ...” God says. I will raise, repair, rebuild, and restore. What a day that will be! Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus. Amen.

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**Holston Annual Conference will be Hybrid this year**

**The new Annual Conference Schedule is as follows:**

- Virtual Clergy Session: Zoom Webinar - June 8 @ 2:00 pm
- Virtual Annual Conference: Zoom Webinar - June 12 @ 1:00 pm
- Memorial Service: First Broad Street UMC - August 27 @ 3:00 pm
- Ordination Service: First Broad Street UMC - August 27 @ 7:00 pm
- In-Person Annual Conference: Meadowview Conference & Resort Center (Kingsport, TN), August 28 from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Please visit [ac.holston.org](http://ac.holston.org) to see how Annual Conference will be conducted this year. On the site you will find the following information:

- [Pre-Conference Briefing Video](#)
- [Member Resource Guide](#) (the go to guide explaining all of the AC details)
- [Annual Conference Registration](#)
- [2021 Book of Reports](#)
- [Schedule of Events](#)

Please take time to watch the pre-conference briefing video and read through the Member Resource Guide. Both items will help you understand the processes that will be taking place over the next three and a half months. After watching the video and reading the guide, please go ahead and pre-register for our Annual Conference. Registration is now open & will close on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 11:59 pm.

**From Jane Taylor, DS of Clinch Mountain District:**

Beginning September 1, 2021, Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett will take over the episcopal duties for Holston in addition to her role as bishop of the North Alabama Conference. This will not combine the conferences. We will simply be sharing a bishop. Our beloved Holston Conference will remain proudly Holston Conference as we continue doing God’s work in Southwest Virginia, East Tennessee and the northern-most tip of Georgia.

Obviously, Bishop Wallace-Padgett will have many decisions to make on how to best do the day-to-day work of supervising both conferences. Our connectional system will help there as well. Holston has an excellent staff that has worked with Bishop Taylor and will help our new bishop as well.

Please join me in giving thanks for the service Bishop Taylor has given us as she prepared to retire, and for Bishop Wallace-Padgett as she prepares to take on new responsibilities. Please, please, please continue lifting me up in prayer, and all our pastors, each of our churches and all the people of Holston and Clinch Mountain District. And don’t forget our conference staff and leadership. Your prayers matter.

Thank you for taking time to let me share this news with you. If you have questions, please share them with me.

Yours in Christ, Jane Taylor [janetaylor@holston.org](mailto:janetaylor@holston.org)

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**Choir Director for Shady Grove:** Part-time, salaried position, music knowledge required.

**Responsibilities:** planning weekly choir practices, selecting hymns, providing musical leadership for all musical events in the church, working closely with pastor in coordinating and planning special musical events, such as Easter, Christmas. Contact Sandra Stephon@ [Sandra.martin74@yahoo.com](mailto:Sandra.martin74@yahoo.com) SPPR Chair.

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**Altar Flowers** - anyone interested in supplying altar flowers on a Sunday, please see Patsy Henegar.

**Altar Flowers**

Jan: Patsy Henegar (628-7321)	Jul: Denise Sadler-Chapman (780-4414)
Feb: Janice Cornett (698-9956)	Aug: Cherie Henderson (698-8535)
Mar: Margaret Carter (628-6948)	Sep: Anita Taylor (944-5565)
Apr:	Oct: Susan Pennington (944-3146)
May: Mary McFarlane (356—5385)	Nov: Susan Hayter (944-4509)
Jun: Kathy McKinney (944-3613)	Dec: Wayne Rector has flowers for Sunday before Christmas (need someone until poinsettias appear)

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June 3, 2021

My Dear Holston friends,

I write to say thank you for welcoming this stranger from North Georgia. You have loved, embraced, and nurtured me as I came among you at the age of 23. You became my new family, and I am indebted to each of you. You have given me opportunities to see the amazing ministry of our wonderful United Methodist Church in many different parts of the world. In 1975, I never could have imagined the incredible journey that would unfold.

I met Rusty Taylor at Candler School of Theology in January of 1973, we fell in love, got engaged in February, and we married each other at Decatur First United Methodist Church on June 9, 1973. I left behind the wonderful

Church which had loved and nurtured me since Kindergarten. I transferred my membership to the Rising Fawn United Methodist Church where my new husband was the appointed pastor. Each weekend we commuted from Atlanta to the Rising Fawn Circuit. My heart is full and my eyes are teary as I think about the incredible people over these 48 years who have blessed our lives in the Holston Conference. People I would never have met if not for Rusty.

My cup has overflowed as I have been humbled and honored to serve for seventeen years as a member of the Council of Bishops and to get to know such committed servants of the church. Since my election in 2004, God has blessed me to serve two great annual conferences. We have so many dear friends in the South Carolina Annual Conference from our eight years there. I am thankful that for the last nine years you have welcomed me back home to Holston. It has been a true blessing to have had the privilege of serving with such wonderful conference staffs. No matter where they are, God's people are good people.

As I ponder the past and look back, I find that it is often easier to see God's hand at work. As many of you already know, I have decided to retire as of September 1, 2021. I am looking forward to this next chapter in my life to see where God is leading. Bishop Deborah Wallace-Padgett will serve both the North Alabama and the Holston Conferences. I am confident that you will love and embrace her as you have loved and embraced me.

Remembering that God's love, mercy, and grace is always more than sufficient for all our needs,

Dindy Taylor

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**Prayer Concerns for Our Church Family**

Lynn Baggett; Wade Blevins; Peggy Bolling; Mack Boyd; Judy Briscoe; Dale Carter; Margaret Carter; Haley Charlton; Joanna Dennstaedt; Rev. Doyle's daughter; Judith Faris; Trish Foster; Diane Mash Jones; Wanda Kealey; Adeline Littleton; Linda Martin; Christine Puttock; William & Doris Quintana; Susan Rasnick; Wayne Rector; Tony Smith; David Swiney; Peggy Vaughan; Sandra Warmoth; Jeremy Weaver; Skeeter Yeatts; Donnie Mutter (kidney failure); Wendell Smith, Elizabeth Gray

***Remember our service men and women wherever they serve***

*\*If you need to add someone to the prayer list or are ready to have someone taken off, please contact Annette Sumrell at shadygrove\_umc@yahoo.com or 276-206-3243 (call or text)*

**Normal (repeating) schedule:**

Sunday: Worship @ 9:30 a.m. – Facebook live

Sunday: Worship @ 10:30 a.m. (-11:15)

~~Sunday School @ 10:45 a.m.~~

~~Sunday: Choir practice @ 9:00 a.m.~~

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**Sunday Worship services**

We have been back to face-to-face services at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary of the church since Feb. 21, 2021. Pastor Barbara is still presenting a message on Facebook “live” **each Sunday morning at 9:30** for those who are unable to attend.

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**Tithes & Offerings:**

Don't forget that the church is still dependent on the tithes & offerings of its members during this pandemic. Keep sending those to: Meadowview UMC, P.O. Box 255, Meadowview, VA 24361

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**Activities Temporarily Suspended:**

- Half Century outings
- Older Adult outings

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**Bible Study:**

Bible study has restarted as of Wednesday: May 05, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. @Shady Grove for both churches. We will continue to wear masks and observe social distancing while in the Fellowship Hall. We invite all who wish to join, to join us.

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**Clinch Mountain Mission Kits:** Thanks to all who contributed to Mission Kits: Shady Grove and Meadowview together had 20 kits.

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