

***Pastor Todd's  
Forget-Me-Nots and Such***

**Church Council Votes to Start the Affiliation/  
Disaffiliation Process**

At a special called church council meeting held on Thursday, August 18, 2022 the council voted unanimously to approve a proposal from the Next Step Committee to officially start the Affiliation/Disaffiliation process. The Holston Annual Conference has established the process for churches to leave prior to December 31, 2023 and retain their assets and property. By starting the affiliation/disaffiliation process our ministry can move forward in our discernment and determine where God is calling us to be in the future.

We are asked to be in a 90 day period of discernment and then after the 90 days we have requested a church conference with the district superintendent to hold a church vote to consider either staying in the United Methodist Church or leaving the denomination. During this 90 day period the Next Step Committee will help lead our congregation through additional discernment. Details will soon follow on the process for people to voice their opinions of support of opposition and a way to share joys or concerns.

David Duggan is the chairperson of the Next Step Committee and he or I would be happy to discuss the issues around affiliation/disaffiliation with any of you. I want to thank the committees involved and those who have spent many hours and days walking our ministry through this process. As the official process of discernment starts, please join the church family in prayer for God's guidance as we seek ministry focus into the future.

Blessings, Pastor Todd.

**Welcome New Members**

We will be receiving new members on Sunday, September 4th during the morning worship service. If anyone wishes to join our church please speak to Pastor Todd as soon as possible. It is always a joy to welcome new members into our fellowship. We have several families who will be joining on that Sunday and we welcome all others.

**Preaching Schedule for Pastor Todd:**

Please add these worship opportunities to your schedule:

Pastor Todd will be preaching Sunday Night on **September 11th** at RIO Townsend for the quarterly Awake21 Worship Gathering. The service will feature the Mass Choir and the newly formed Awake21 Children's choir. The service will start at 6:00 p.m. More info will follow.

Pastor Todd will be preaching on Tuesday, **September 13th** at the 2022 National Campground Revival in Greenback, TN. The service starts at 7:00 p.m. BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIR. More information will follow.

**NOTE:** Sunday @ Six will NOT meet on Sunday, September 4th for Labor Day Weekend and will NOT meet on September 11th so everyone can join the Awake21 Service at RIO Townsend.



**IMPACT Student Ministries,** Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Thank you for your extreme generosity in helping buy supplies to give away to the freshmen at Maryville College. We were able to give to between 115 and 125 freshmen Sunday Night.

**This Week**

Wednesday - Wednesday Night IMPACT (5:30 - 7:15 p.m.)

Saturday - Rock the Smokies

Sunday - Sunday School (10:30 a.m.) Sunday Night IMPACT ((5:30 - 7:15 p.m.)

**World Changers** World Changer's Choir will meet at 5:00 on August 24, 2022 to prepare to sing in the morning service on Sunday, August 28! The following week, Mrs. Debbie and the kiddos will begin learning the music for the Children's Christmas Musical.

Join us for Family Game Night. We will have board games, active games, snacks, and LOTS OF FUN!!!!

Time: 6:00 to 7:30

Where: In the Gym

Date: Friday, August 26, 2022

**Families,** I am going to be putting into place, a solid registration process. I will be asking you to complete updated information and medical forms for your children. It is my plan to create a check in/out process to assure every child's safety while they are in our care. Chris and I will also be having a session for the wonderful volunteers that we have to make sure we are all in compliance with the Safe Sanctuary Procedures. More information will be coming in the next few weeks.

Thank you, Mrs. Lisa

# 1st Talk

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Newsletter

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## Memorials & Honorariums

Given to Bill Bailey Scholarship  
In Memory of Charlotta Stewart  
By: David & Kari Duggan

Given to Building Fund  
In Memory of Steve Widner  
By: David & Darunee Lawson



**Mark your calendar**, Wednesday September 7th at 5:30 is the next Wonderful Wednesday dinner. RSVP to the church office @ 865-982-5551 by Friday September 2nd. INVITE someone to join us. Invite a church family member you haven't seen recently. Invite a neighbor you haven't visited with in a while.

Dean Harper will be our BBQ master for an end of summer cookout with BBQ, Beans, Potato Salad, Coleslaw and Desserts. We will have a basket for you to donate what you can to cover our costs, and any profits will go towards the new bus fund. Join us for Food, Fun, and Fellowship! See you there!!!



**The Wellness Ministry**, led by Darunee Lawson, will meet Tuesday, August 30th, from 1:45-3:15 in the Green Room. The group will be making and sampling healthy, easy muffin recipes! Sign up sheet outside church office.

## Photo Directory Portrait Appointments

Sign up for your family portrait today! Go to our church website <http://www.alcoafumc.com> to find the link to make an appointment. All appointments are on a first-come, first-serve basis, so make your appointment today. We need everyone to participate to help make this directory complete. We will have people available after service on Sunday 28th to assist those who need help making a reservation.

**Nova Class** will begin meeting Sunday, September 4 at 8:30 am, before church. Discussion will begin promptly at 8:30. If you have any Questions please call Judy Humphrey at 865-789-9443

## Music Notes from Beth: 🎵🎵🎵🎵

Did you know it takes a lot of planning for a worship service blending traditional and contemporary music? It is my job to aide everyone in the sanctuary to have the same opportunity to praise God musically and liturgically. As a Worship Coordinator, I'm aware that one group will prefer 'their favorite' kind of music over a genre someone else prefers. It's my job to make sure all worshipers have equal opportunity to offer their praises to God. There is a lot of preparation before you enter the sanctuary for a worship service. As I plan each service, it is my prayer and my responsibility to assist you in having a true worship experience...then the rest is up to you. The reason we gather each Sunday is to praise and worship the Lord together. Our musicians are grateful for every opportunity to worship with our church family. Thank you for worshipping with us! See you Sunday morning!

**NEW FALL BIBLE STUDY, God of Covenant-** a Study of Genesis chapters 12-50 by Jen Wilken will meet on Wednesday morning from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Nova Classroom. The 10 week workbook and DVD study begins on September 7 and runs through November 9 and is facilitated by Juanita Cowles.

The study will walk through the studies of the fathers of our faith - Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph. Verse by verse we understand how every story points to Christ. We will trace the themes of covenant, resurrection, redemption and hope. And will grow in our understanding of who God is. All are welcome to this study. Workbooks will be handed out at the first meeting. Please contact Juanita Cowles at 865-712-3262 by phone or text, or email to [Juanita.cowles@gmail.com](mailto:Juanita.cowles@gmail.com) to sign up. Your registration for the class will let us know how many study guides to order.