



# The VINE

*The newsletter of Soddy United Methodist Church*



## NEWS TO KNOW!



The response to the sermon series “It’s Hip To Be Square” (about human sexuality and our Wesleyan theology) that we did in July was well received. It generated many good questions, several of which revolved around the Holston Conference delegation to the called General Conference in February 2019.

*Our district has announced that there will be an open discussion on October 21st, from 3:30 – 5:00 PM, at Christ United Methodist Church regarding the called General Conference. It will be led by the delegates from the Holston Conference.* All are welcome and encouraged to attend if you have questions about the Council of Bishop’s report, the three plans for our denomination, or if you have specific questions for the delegates themselves.



As part of the restructuring of the districts in our conference, pastors in similar geographic areas are required to meet regularly for ministry collaboration, support and accountability. Soddy UMC is part of the **North River Mission Network** which also includes Brooks, Burks, Daisy, Sale Creek, Grace, Fairview, Hixson, Hurst, Red Bank, Signal Crest, Signal Mountain, St. Luke,, St. Marks, and White Oak United Methodist Churches. **This year our Charge**

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*From Pastor Todd, continued*

Conference will be held jointly on Sunday, November 4th at Hixson UMC. Charge Conference begins at 3:00 PM and all are welcome to attend.



September is upon us! Marthas & Marys Bible study resumes on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM and all ladies are invited to participate. Pastor Todd's Bible study on the book of Judges begins September 4th at 6:30 PM. Regular Wednesday evening activities – fellowship dinner, choir practice and youth – resume on September 5th.



**The Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominations) will meet on Monday, September 10th, at 6:30 PM.** Members of the committee are: *Becky Stulce, Donna Graham, Joseph Hendrix, Jimmie Lou Mulkey, Nancy Woodall, Vivian Parrott, Carla Anderson, Gena Bain, Serena Wood, and Kathy Jones.*

**The Pastor Parish Relations Committee will meet on Monday, September 17th, at 6:30 PM.** Members are *Mitch Weber, Chuck Nelson, Arnie Stulce, Shirley Adams, Charles Bain, Carl McLaughlin, Jean Wortham, Cindy Cunnyngham, Angie Carson, and Kathy Jones.*

# JUDGES

# BIBLE STUDY

**Begins Tuesday,  
September 4th, at 6:30 PM!**

**We'll cover the first half of the book this fall and the second half in the spring of 2019. *Everyone is invited for a wild, weird, unpredictable ride with the Judges of Israel!***

**IBZAN  
GIDEON  
DEBORAH  
EHUD  
SHAMGAR  
TOLA**



**JEPHTHAH  
ELON  
SAMSON  
ABDON  
OTHNIEL  
JAIR**

## September Birthdays

- 2 Bailey Nelson
- 8 Roger Graham  
Brandi Powell
- 11 John Bramlett
- 13 Samara Jolly  
Emily Gallaher
- 16 Marcy Woodall
- 17 Victor Rogers
- 19 Michael Musgrave
- 21 Patrick Mulkey
- 25 Trish Jordan
- 27 Cindy Cunnyingham



## September Anniversaries

- 1 Carlos & Barbara Wilson
- 3 Mike & Carla Anderson
- 16 Mitch & Suzie Weber
- 20 Carl & Carole McLaughlin
- 21 Frank & Jimmie Lou Mulkey



## October Birthdays

- 7 Katie Wood
- 10 Kelsey Jones
- 11 Sylvia Williams
- 12 Doug Yeatts  
Barbara Hendren
- 15 Jessica Lyon  
Thomas Hendren  
Barbara Musgrave
- 18 Scott Musgrave
- 22 Kathryn Mullins  
Gideon Musgrave
- 25 Rachel Musgrave
- 30 Janet Pelfrey  
Gena Bain

## October Anniversaries

- 7 Mike & Stephanie Parrott
- 20 Roger & Donna Graham
- 21 Todd & Felicia Kingrea



# WE NEED DONATIONS FOR THE FALL FESTIVAL PLEASE BRING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS...

- 1 PRIZES for Bingo—small, yard-sale type items
- 2 CAKES and BAKED GOODS—for the cake walk
- 3 2-LITRE BOTTLES OF SODA
- 4 BAGS OF INDIVIDUALLY-WRAPPED CANDY
- 5 TREAT BAGS



## Days Gone By

by Claudia Inwood

Ice cold Orange Crush at the corner store,  
Peppermint sticks, Mary Janes, and so much more.  
On special days, ice cream sundaes with real whipped cream on top.  
I could go on forever, but where then will I stop?

Playing in the lawn sprinkler, with bare feet on the grass.  
Hopping with bursts of laughter, wishing summer will never pass.

Off to church on Sundays, all spruced up nice and cleans.  
Then off to Grandmas for supper—  
fried chicken, corn bread, and collard greens.

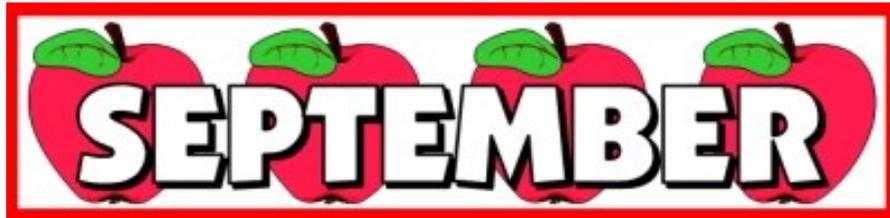
Summer was so easy going then,  
Neighbors sitting on the front porch.  
Outside to catch the evening breeze  
With the snapping of the screen door

Suddenly all becomes so very still,  
No noise, but the crickets hum.  
The children all asleep to dream sweet dreams,  
of more great summers yet to come.



*The UMW has had a busy summer. We had the Spiritual Enrichment at Lake Junaluska, District Social Action Event at Ooltewah, Mission U at Lenoir City, and Conference Social Action at Keith UMC. We have the Conference Annual Meeting in Kingsport coming up in September. We also have our last Cleveland District Annual Meeting at Dayton UMC on November 3rd. We had our monthly meeting August 16th. Willela Douthat came and presented a program, and welcomed Soddy UMW to the new Scenic South District, which is effective on January 1, 2019. I would like to invite all of the women of Soddy United Methodist to join us on the third Thursday of every month.*





<b>Sunday, September 2nd</b>	<i>"Choosing The Unexpected, Unlikely And Ordinary"</i>
<b>Monday, September 3rd.....</b>	<b>LABOR DAY</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 4th</b>	Marthas & Marys Bible study resumes; Girl Scout Troop #40430; <b>JUDGES</b> Bible study
<b>Wednesday, September 5th</b>	Fellowship dinner resumes; choir practice & youth gathering resumes
<b>Sunday, September 9th</b>	<i>"A Psalm For The Depressed"</i> <b>SCENIC SOUTH DISTRICT CONFERENCE</b>
<b>Monday, September 10th</b>	Committee on Lay Leadership meeting
<b>Tuesday, September 11th</b>	Marthas & Marys Bible study; Girl Scout Troop #40430; <b>JUDGES</b> Bible study
<b>Wednesday, September 12th</b>	Fellowship dinner; choir practice; youth
<b>Sunday, September 16th</b>	<i>"The Frog, The Mountain, And The Cross"</i>
<b>Monday, September 17th</b>	<b>Pastor Parish Relations Committee meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 18th</b>	Marthas & Marys Bible study; AARP meeting; Girl Scout Troop #40430; <b>JUDGES</b> Bible study
<b>Wednesday, September 19th</b>	Fellowship dinner; choir practice; youth
<b>Thursday, September 20th</b>	United Methodist Women
<b>Sunday, September 23rd</b>	<i>"We Are Different Indeed!"</i>
<b>Tuesday, September 25th</b>	Marthas & Marys Bible study; Girl Scout Troop #40430; <b>JUDGES</b> Bible study
<b>Wednesday, September 26th</b>	Fellowship dinner; choir practice; youth
<b>Sunday, September 30th</b>	<b>children &amp; youth sunday</b>



**Tuesday, October 2nd**

Marthas & Marys Bible study; Girl Scout Troop #40430; **JUGGES** Bible study

**Wednesday, October 3rd**

Fellowship dinner; choir; youth

**Sunday, October 7th**

*"You Are What You Eat"*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

**Tuesday, October 9th**

Marthas & Marys Bible study; Girl Scout Troop #40430; **JUGGES** Bible study

**Wednesday, October 10th**

Fellowship dinner; choir; youth

**Sunday, October 14th**

*"The Source Of Life"*

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD meeting

**Tuesday, October 16th**

Marthas & Marys Bible study; AARP Meeting; Girl Scout Troop #40430; **JUGGES** Bible study

**OCTOBER 16th - 22nd**

**Pastor Todd will be out of town**

**Wednesday, October 17th**

Fellowship dinner, choir, youth

**Thursday, October 18th**

United Methodist Women

**Sunday, October 21st**

**GUEST SPEAKER**

**Tuesday, October 23rd**

Marthas & Marys Bible study; Girl Scout Troop #40430; **JUGGES** Bible study

**Wednesday, October 24th**

**FALL FESTIVAL**

**Sunday, October 28th**

*"Occult Obstacles"*

**Tuesday, October 30th**

Marthas & Marys Bible study; Girl Scout Troop #40430; **JUGGES** Bible study

**Wednesday, October 31st**

**HALLOWEEN**

