

Our Presence:

Date	SS	9:00	10:55	Total
2/5	121	64	161	225
2/12	88	53	123	176

Our Service:**Sunday, February 19****Nursery**

Early Service Edie Buckner
 Sunday School Jo Ann Rockenstein
 Late Service LuJean Buckner

Acolytes

Early Service Kyle Ernst

Late Service

Gabriel Valk
 Austin Lisenby

Sound

Early Service Rob Hager
 Late Service Rob Hager
 Wed. Service Rob Hager

Projection

Early Service Charlie Outlaw
 Late Service David Copenhagen

Sunday, February 26**Nursery**

Early Service Liesl Wright
 Sunday School Linda Miller
 Late Service Madison Wright

Acolytes

Early Service Charlton Buckner
 Late Service Melanie Peace
 Tanner Holt

Sound System

Early Service Bruce Moore
 Late Service Bruce Moore
 Wed. Service Jeff Marshall

Projection

Early Service Jeff Taylor
 Late Service Matt Roberts

Our Gifts

2012 Annual Budget	\$438,000.00
Rec'd 2/5/12	\$ 10,262.47
Rec'd 2/12/12	\$ 6,422.58

Current Prayer Concerns:

- Family of Beverly Newsom
- Regan Throp Pierce – Karen Throp's daughter
- Patsy Rhoads

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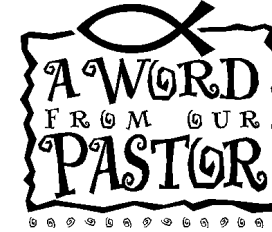
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The year 2012 will bring to Holston Conference a new bishop. Our current bishop, who has served us for the past eight years, James Swanson, is scheduled to leave our conference and lead another conference in the South East Jurisdiction of the UMC. In our church, bishops are limited to a maximum of two, 4 year terms (unless

there is a strong missional reason for a third), and almost always serve a conference different from the conference from which they were elected.

The office of bishop is a reminder to us that the United Methodist Church is a connectional church: our congregation of Mountain View is connected to all the other United Methodist Churches. Certainly we see this in the Kingsport District; we are also part of the Holston Conference (East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia), and the South East Jurisdiction (southeast of the US). It is at the meeting of Jurisdictional Conference (meets every four years at Lake Junaluska) that any new bishops are elected. Candidates for bishop are nominated from conferences, like our own David Graves, and must receive a majority of votes to be elected a bishop of the church. Once elected, a bishop holds that office for life, but must retire from active service by the age of 72.

Bishops ordain pastors and are the chief administrative and teaching officers of the church. They travel throughout the conference to which they are assigned, and also throughout the UMC in the US and the world. They represent to us the unity of the church and provide encouragement and leadership not only for the conference, but also for the pastors of the conference. Many bishops understand themselves as having an important role of being the pastor to the pastor. Certainly our own Bishop Swanson has inspired many of us at Annual Conference and in other settings with his powerful preaching.

It will be with genuine regret that I see Bishop Swanson go to another assignment. But I am thankful that we have benefitted from his leadership in Holston and that he will continue to be a leader of the church in another conference. And I am sure that our next bishop, who will take office September 1, will be equally a great leader for us.

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