

HOLLAND'S CONNECTOR

January 2019

RICH'S RITINGS ***JANUARY 2019***

Every year most of us start off the New Year with "resolutions." We make a list of things we want to do, such as lose weight, exercise more, take a trip to a certain location we have always dreamed about, etc. As you prepare your list for 2019, I have something else for you to ponder and maybe add to your list:

God won't ask what kind of car you drove, but He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.

God won't ask the square footage of your house or church, but He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home and invited to your church.

God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, but He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.

God won't ask what your highest salary was, but He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.

God won't ask what your job title was, but He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.

God won't ask how many friends you had, but He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.

God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, but He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.

God won't ask about the color of your skin, but He'll ask about the content of your character.

So as we begin 2019, may we remember always that we are followers of Jesus, and may our lips, lives, and New Year resolutions reflect that in each and every day! Amen? Amen!!!

Happy New Year and Agape,

Rev. Rich



Family Promise of Wake County Coming to Holland's January 27 - February 3

Holland's will be hosting Family Promise of Wake County each evening and overnight during the week of **January 27**. This is your chance to do meaningful mission work right in your own church building. Listed below are ways in which you can be of help during our host week:

- Be the evening host (bring your children with you)...what a great way to teach your children that while our circumstances may be different, underneath we are all the same.
- Be the overnight host and bring a friend...you will get to spend some time together in a way that is impacting lives beyond your own.
- Prepare breakfast or dinner for the group.
- Drive the van...you're home in time to get ready for work in the morning, and home in time for dinner in the afternoon.
- Check the sign-up board for other volunteer opportunities! The sign-up board will be located in the narthex soon!

Because people like you step forward to help, children experiencing homelessness are safe while their parents work to rebuild their lives.

If you have questions, please contact our Holland's UMC Volunteer Coordinator, Joey Neal, at 919-480-3908 or joeayneal44@gmail.com.

Eternal God!

Grant us gratitude enough to look backward and be thankful; courage enough to look forward and be hopeful; faith enough to look upward and be humble; kindness enough to look outward and be helpful. Amen.

2019 ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flower Sign Up: Dates are now available for 2019 altar flowers. Do you have a loved one, birthday or anniversary you would like remembered? Donating altar flowers is a lovely way to do this. Please schedule your Sunday at the sign-up sheet located at the bulletin board outside the office.



THE YOUNG AT HEARTS



Happy New Year from the Young at Heart seniors! We will meet at Captain Stanley's Restaurant on Thursday, **January 17** at 11:30 am. See you there!

*Blessings,
Judy Best, Paulette Hackney and Jan Koot*

"THE WAY FORWARD"

Questions & Answers

About General Conference 2019

Speaker: Tim Russell, Assistant to the Bishop

Sunday, January 27, 2019

6:00 pm at Holland's

The Reverend Tim Russell, Assistant to the Bishop will be at Holland's on Sunday evening, **January 27** at 6:00 to talk about and answer questions concerning the upcoming General Conference entitled, "The Way Forward." Tim will share with us where we are as a Conference and as United Methodists as we prepare for the called General Conference.

CUB SCOUT PACK 10

PANCAKE SUPPER

Cub Scout Pack 10 will host their annual pancake supper on Tuesday, **January 29** from 5:00 - 8:00 pm.



KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

Our next Kairos Prison Ministry weekend will be **February 6-9** (Wednesday through Saturday) at Central Prison in Raleigh. Kairos is a prison oriented evangelical program based on The Emmaus Walk. Prison residents listen to inspirational talks, have discussion sessions, work on group posters and enjoy good home-cooked food brought into the prison by Kairos team members. In an effort to raise awareness of Kairos at Central Prison, all residents get a dozen homemade cookies. In order for this cookie ministry to happen, each team member must contribute cookies for the Kairos weekend. Holland's bakers please bake as many cookies as you can and bring them to church on Sunday, **February 3** and place on the altar for prayer. Guidelines for baking the cookies will be available soon in the narthex. In addition to baking cookies, please sign the prayer chain sheets as they are circulated at church in late January and pray for a successful weekend.

BLOOD DRIVE

Please mark your calendars for the next blood drive at Holland's scheduled for **February 25**, 12:00 - 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

Wednesday Night Live Schedule

5:45 pm **WNL SUPPER**

Meals and activities will resume on January 9, 2019
Fellowship Hall 142, 148

Contact: Donna Hayes, donnahayes@bellsouth.net

6:15 pm **THE GLORY BELLS**

Johnny Russell Room 108

Contact: Betty Bowes, betty@hollandsumc.org

6:15 pm **NURSERY** (if needed)

Birth - 3 years old

Rooms 104 and 105

Contact: Kathy Feola, kathy@hollandsumc.org

6:30 pm **BYGRACE PRAISE BAND**

Sanctuary 130

Contact: Lisa Treadaway, lisa@hollandsumc.org

SONGBIRDS CHOIR

Ages: 3 yr. old - Kindergarten

MUSIC MAKERS CHOIR

Ages: 1st - 5th Graders

6:30 pm in the Choir Room

Contact: Donna Burnette, daburnette22@gmail.com

7:30 pm **CHANCEL CHOIR**

Choir Room 140

Contact: Angela Stephenson, angela@hollandsumc.org

7:30 pm **PRAYER WORKS**

Prayer Room 200

Contact: Bill and Lynn Singletary





Thank You!

HAND-IN-HAND MINISTRY

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS!

Words of Appreciation from Vance Families
The Angel Tree gift pick up went smoothly. All the families were overcome with joy by the generosity of the members of Holland's Church.

Here are some words of thanks from each of the families:

Family 1: We greatly appreciate your support for our family. We are truly grateful and feel extremely blessed. We hope all of you have a joyful holiday and God Bless.

Family 2: We would like to thank all of you for your support this Christmas. Our family has had many struggles this year and your help is allowing my children to have a Merry Christmas. God Bless you all.

Family 3: Thank you very much for blessing my family. You have helped my girls have joy this Christmas. Praise Jesus and bless all of you.

Family 4: Thank you for your help. My girls and I have been through a lot the last two years and it's a relief to have help. It brings joy to me that my girls will have a Merry Christmas. We are very appreciative of your generosity.

Family 5: Our family feels blessed by your support this Christmas. I am a single mother who works hard but can't always provide for my children and your help is greatly appreciated. You have brought joy to my family and we hope all your families also have a joyful holiday season.

Family 6: Thank you very much for helping my family. I was hurt at work a few months ago and I'm still going through the process of getting back on my feet. You are helping me bring joy to my children. Merry Christmas to all of you.



Family 7: God Bless all of you. Your help this Christmas is very much needed and will be greatly appreciated. My family prays that your families have a joyful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Family 8: My family would like to thank all of you. You are blessing my family with a wonderful Christmas. We will pray that all of you have a Merry Christmas.

Family 9: You have brought great joy to my family. We just moved here a few months ago and we are still struggling. I hope to get a job soon and greatly appreciate you supporting my son this Christmas.

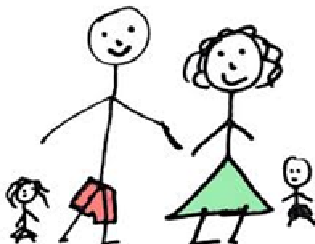
Family 10: Thank you so much for helping my child this Christmas. We are a hardworking family but have dealt with a few setbacks this year. Your help is bringing us joy to end a very difficult year. God Bless all of you.

Family 11: We greatly appreciate your support. My boys are my joy and it's hard when I can't provide for them. You have allowed me to give them a nice Christmas. You have warmed our family's hearts. Merry Christmas.

Family 12: Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Our family greatly appreciates your help and support. Your help will put smiles on my children's faces. We bless you all.

Family 13: Thank you for helping my children this Christmas. My children work hard at school and love God. We needed your help this year because we have had some difficulties. We will pray that all of you have a Merry Christmas.

Family 14: I would like to thank you all for your help. Being a parent is not easy and to have people wanting to help my children is a blessing. I am grateful for your generosity and wish all of you a Merry Christmas.



ASP 2019 Summer Youth Trips

Holland's UMC will be preparing and fundraising for a team of approximately (28) volunteers to serve the week of **06/16 to 06/22** in Wise Co. VA and another team of approximately (28) volunteers to serve the week of **07/14 to 07/20** in either Rutherford Co. NC or in TN. Look for upcoming events this spring for ways you can help support our teams both spiritually and financially. Upcoming events to be announced in Sunday bulletins. There are openings for each trip and we have the ability to add volunteers. If interested, please contact Bill Band at bband@mckimcreed.com or Laura Hoffman at laurahoffman723@gmail.com

FOOD BANK

Reminder, Holland's UMC regularly scheduled monthly work dates are the **2nd Thursday of each month**. We meet at the church parking lot at 8:15 a.m. and caravan up to the food bank warehouse, where we work from 9:00 am to noon. There is no monthly commitment, no heavy lifting, just come and work when you can. We have a lot of fun working with others as the hands and body of Christ. If interested in joining us, please contact Bill Band at bband@mckimcreed.com

SAMARITAN'S PANTRY

Proceeds of this church-wide ministry are donated to Garner Area Ministry. By donating the "item of the month" you are able to help provide food to our LOCAL families in need. The Samaritan's Pantry is located in the hallway near the church office. For more information, please contact Sandra Irving, 203.240.3628. January "item" of the month: *Soup, Chili and Crackers*.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 1: New Year's Day
January 6: Epiphany
January 23: Confirmation Class Begins
January 9: WNL Resumes
January 21 - Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
January 27 - February 3: Family Promise of Wake County



HOLLAND'S MISSION STATEMENT:

*We are a caring
community that invites
and equips people to
follow Jesus.*