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Dear Munsey Family,

Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is pleased to share the 2022 projected pastoral appointments with you. These projected appointments are the culmination of prayerful conversations with our District Superintendent Rev. Lauri Jo Cranford, as well as an in-person meeting with Holston Conference Bishop Wallace-Padgett. SPRC would like to thank the Holston Conference Cabinet for their prayerful discernment of Munsey Church during this appointment process.



SPRC is pleased to announce the projected Senior Pastor appointment of Rev. Dr. Kip Laxson. Rev. Laxson is a native of Athens, Alabama and a graduate of Vanderbilt University School of Divinity as well as the Episcopal School of Theology at the University of the South where he received his Doctor of Ministry degree. He has pastored five congregations in the North Alabama Conference, has served as a District Superintendent, and is a nationwide consultant for church growth and revitalization. Kip and his wife, Tamra (Tami) McKenzie-Laxson are celebrating their thirty-sixth year of marriage. They have two adult children, both married, and one grandchild.

Rev. Laxson has been in pastoral ministry for over thirty years in the North Alabama Conference and most recently was Senior Pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church in Birmingham before he took a renewal leave of absence. SPRC has had the opportunity to meet Rev. Laxson digitally through Zoom where we were able to discuss his leadership style, learn about his personal growth and revitalization through these last few months during his leave, and hear his passion for leading people to Christ through his role as Pastor. SPRC is VERY excited for the opportunity to welcome Rev. Laxson to the Holston Conference and to Munsey.

SPRC is also pleased to announce the projected Associate Pastor appointment of Rev. Beth Sullivan. Rev. Sullivan is currently serving as an associate pastor at Burks United Methodist Church in Hixson, TN and has been a pastor in the Holston Conference for 10 years. She received her undergraduate degree from UT Chattanooga and her Master of Divinity from Candler School of Theology.



Personally, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Rev. Fairbanks who has guided Munsey for the past nine months through transition and has been a blessing to the Munsey congregation. I know that he will continue to guide us through these next three months until the new appointments begin. We anticipate Rev. Laxson to join us the last weekend in June and Rev. Sullivan to join us in early July.

Sincerely,

Jeff Clements  
Munsey SPRC Chair