



**Sunday, April 29, 2018**

**Dear Friends,**

As many of you know, news was shared regarding upcoming changes to our Providence Pastoral Leadership on Sunday, April 29. We want to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to have access to the communication on our website <http://providenceumc.org/> and in Providence This Week. Feel free to contact me with questions at [bobjames50@gmail.com](mailto:bobjames50@gmail.com).

In the Methodist Church, the Bishop decides when it is the right time to re-assign pastors and where they should be assigned.



Accordingly, Bishop Leeland has re-assigned our Rev. Dave Melton to serve as Senior Pastor of First UMC in Lenoir, NC beginning the first week in July.

Bishop Leeland has assigned Rev. Randy Harry as our new Senior Pastor. Rev. Harry has been serving on the Bishop's Cabinet the past three years as District Superintendent of the Smoky Mountain District in Western NC. His first day here will be July 3 and his first day in the pulpit will be July 15.





In addition, Bishop Leeland has assigned the Rev. Cole Altizer as our new Associate Pastor. Cole comes from Brevard where he has been serving Methodist churches in Brevard and Rosman, NC. One of his major responsibilities on our staff will be to work with our NET Service, including preaching there most Sundays. He will also work with us in the area of Evangelism across all of our congregation. His first day here will be July 3, and his first day in the pulpit will be July 15.

Additional information will be shared in the near future. I know we all want to celebrate Dave Melton's ministry here at Providence, and to thank him for all he has meant to us these last three years. The Staff Parish Relations Committee will be planning a reception for this purpose in June. More information will be communicated about this as we finalize details.

Please join me as we offer thanks and well wishes to Dave in his new appointment and give a warm "Welcome" to Randy and Cole, and heartfelt prayers for all!

Sincerely,

Bob James  
Staff Parish Relations Committee-Chair