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January 2022

Starting Afresh

The new year affords us, at least, a symbolic new beginning for living. Most of us want new beginnings in our lives because they keep life from becoming stale and mundane. New beginnings bring a freshness to our lives.

Many people make New Year's resolutions to try at having a new beginning. We want to get more exercise, improve our devotional life, to eat better, etc. Many of these we do not keep. Part of the problem is it takes 40 days to start a new behavior or to extinguish an old behavior. This is the pattern if we do it on our own. What we need is a peer support group to help with our behavioral change. We need accountability partners and cheer leaders; people who will, lovingly, remind us of our goals and help us to celebrate when we attain them.

Jesus had twelve disciples who walked closely with him. He taught them, challenged them, corrected them, gave them a new vision. They kept one another accountable and kept the new vision, The Kingdom of God alive, with the presence of the Holy Spirit of course.

John Wesley began a ministry of reform in the Church of England. His desire was to help the church to be what the church was supposed to be; a place where people came to know God, grew in their faith and where their lives were changed. The people called Methodists were not to start a new church but to give life to an institution that was far from faithful to its calling.

I invite you in this new year to refresh your calling, re-engage with your ideals, rediscover your passion for ministry and be the best you, you can be as you allow the grace of God to reform you. We owe this to the one who gave his all for us.

Stephen B. Grantham
Northeast District Superintendent

Thank You

Sheri and I would like to say a heartfelt word of thanks to all the clergy and family members for coming to the District Christmas party, sharing in fellowship with each other and enjoying both a great meal and wonderful entertainment. We are also grateful for the wonderful Christmas gift you gave us. It will come in handy soon.

Appreciatively,
Stephen and Sheri Grantham



Important Dates to Remember

January 12 th	Altamaha Cluster @ Lyons FUMC @ 10:00 am
January 13 th	Pointer Cluster @ Millen UMC @ 10:00 am
January 13 th	Sweet Onion Cluster @ Vidalia FUMC @ 11:00 am
January 17 th	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
January 24 th	Crossroads Cluster @ Swainsboro FUMC @ 11:00 am
January 25 th	Fruitful Cluster @ Claxton UMC @ 9:30 am



Bishop Graves: A look forward into 2022



Bishop David Graves does not know what 2022 holds, but one thing he knows for certain: God is faithful.

“I don’t know what 2022 is going to bring to us. It could be challenging in many ways,” he said in [a new video](#). “There have been many years (in history) that have been challenging, but God’s faithfulness has always been there, and God’s faithfulness will be with us. And I want us to lean into that.”

As he looks forward to the new year, Bishop Graves acknowledges the difficulties of the previous two years but encourages South Georgia United Methodists to continue doing what they do so well: building relationships, loving people, and being the Church.

“We’re called to be the church,” he said. Having just celebrated Advent and Christmas and the hope, love, and peace that has come, “that’s what our world needs now in the midst of whatever is coming forward.” [Read more](#)

Virtual Clergy Time Apart

Bishop Graves is inviting clergy from both the South Georgia Conf. and the AL-WF Conf. to join him for a time apart via Zoom on Feb. 15 from 10-noon EST. See the information here: <https://www.sgaumc.org/advconnmindetail/save-the-date-virtual-clergy-day-apart-set-for-feb-15-15835935>. AL-WF is handling registration for the event.

The Zoom logo, consisting of the word "zoom" in a bold, blue, lowercase sans-serif font.

Important Information for Clergy

Appointment Making Process Related Information

Each year the Cabinet utilizes online tools to help facilitate the appointment making process. The forms below are used to populate these tools and ensure accurate information is used as the Cabinet discusses clergy appointments. Your help in completing these forms in a timely manner is appreciated.

Appointment Preference: Report to the Bishop and Cabinet

Form sent by: January 4, 2022, | Deadline to return: February 1, 2022

No later than **January 4**, the District Office will mail to each clergyperson a form entitled "Report to the Bishop and Cabinet" where information relative to the appointment process for 2022 will be recorded. The District Office will also mail a similar report to each SPRC chairperson that solicits similar information. Each party is to sign the other's form after it is completed prior to returning to the District Office. Please remember, the deadline to return forms to the District Office is Monday, **February 1**.

Appointment Information Review

Review form made available: January 19, 2022, | Deadline to complete review: January 26, 2022

Clergy Serving a Local Church: www.sgaumc.org/dashboard

Clergy Serving in an Extension Ministry Position: www.sgaumc.org/emdashboard

In order to provide one last snapshot for clergy to review their information prior to the printing of the "Master Move Book," clergy will be asked to login to their dashboard (links above) between **January 19 and January 26**. There is nothing to complete; it is simply a one-page sheet to review. If there are any changes that need to be made clergy will need to contact their District Office. There are five sections to review:

- Charge Membership Information for 2021 (pulled from the December Discipleship Report)
- Charge Apportionment Information for 2021 (pulled from the Administrative Services Office)
- Appointment Information as of 7/1/2021 (pulled from the Conference Database)
- Compensation Information for 2022 (pulled from the Clergy Compensation Form)
- Sexual Ethics Workshop Last Attended (pulled from the Conference Database)

Again, if there are any changes that need to be made, please contact your District Office. Please note that the Charge Membership and Apportionment Information will be blank for Extension Ministers. The deadline to review this form, and to request changes to be made, is **January 26**.

Cabinet Appointment Making Dates

The Appointive Cabinet will be doing the work of appointment making on the following dates. Consultation is a year-round process, and District Superintendents will continue consultations with Pastors and SPRC as needed throughout the appointment making process.

- February 10-11, 2022 (Appointment Making Meeting)
- February 23-24, 2022 (Appointment Making Meeting)
- March 14-16, 2022 (Appointment Making Meeting)

- March 21-22, 2022 (Clergy and SPR Committees will begin to be informed of the appointments affecting them. They will be notified when they can share the information with the congregation. Once the congregation has been informed, the information can be shared with others. Please note: Because changes sometimes occur after the projection of an appointment, the only public release of the appointments will be at the conclusion of the 2022 Annual Conference Session.)
- April 21, 2022 (Review)

Orientation for Moving Pastors

Bishop Graves and the Appointive Cabinet will host a workshop for full-time moving clergy at a date to be scheduled later. Superintendents will release the location and time for this event in the spring. Please remember that this is a mandatory meeting for all moving pastors.

Preaching Schedule & Moving Day

In an effort to encourage clergy to take a Sabbath break, the Bishop and Appointive Cabinet invite all clergy, especially those who are projected to move to a new appointment, to observe the following:

Preach in Local Churches as Scheduled – June 5, 2022

For Clergy moving to a new appointment, you are encouraged to make this your final preaching Sunday in your current appointment.

Pulpit Supply Sunday – June 12, 2022

Clergy are encouraged to coordinate with their SPRC to have retired clergy or lay supply fill the pulpit to preach this Sunday. All clergy are invited to participate in this Sabbath break but clergy on the projected move list are strongly encouraged to do so.

Moving Day – June 15, 2022

Annual Conference Session Information

Annual Conference Meeting Dates

The 2022 session of the South Georgia Annual Conference is set for **June 5-8** at the Columbus Convention Center, during which Bishop Graves will fix the appointments for 2022-2023.

Annual Conference Materials

All Annual Conference materials for the 2022 session will be placed on the conference and district websites to download and print or save to an electronic device prior to Annual Conference. *The Book of Recommendations* will also be available to order at a minimal cost through lulu.com. All clergy for whom we have an email address will receive a notification when Annual Conference materials are available. If an email address was entered during Charge Conference season for the lay member to Annual Conference from your church that person will receive an email as well. However, clergy are requested to check with the church's lay member of Annual Conference to make sure they receive all the Annual Conference materials. Information will also be included in the district newsletter and conference communications.

Apportionments

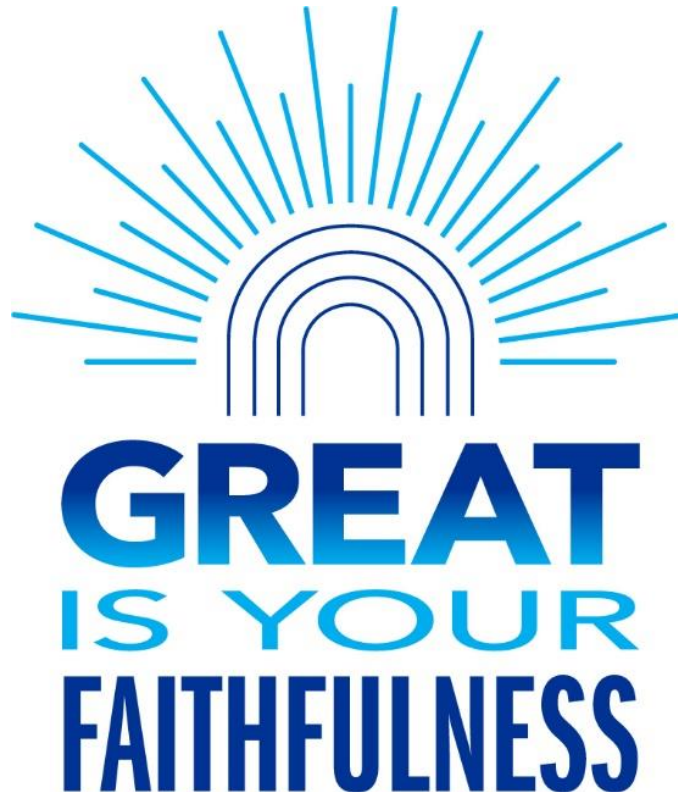
Thank you for your continued faithfulness in giving to the mission and ministry of The South Georgia Conference and The United Methodist Church. The final day to make payments on your local church's 2021 apportionments is **January 7, 2022**. Payments must be turned into the Administrative Services Office by this date. As a reminder, there are electronic means available in which to pay apportionments. Also, the 2022 "Budget At a Glance," which explains the various apportionments, is available at www.sgaumc.org/conferencebudget.

Statistical Tables Information

The Statistical Tables will launch on **January 20, 2022**, and must be completed by **March 9, 2022**. Statistical tables will be filled out through the Ezra website (ezra.gcfa.org/login.aspx). Login information will be emailed to the pastor and treasurer/financial secretary in early January.

Great is Your Faithfulness

The theme for the 2022 Annual Conference Session





2nd Jodi Atkinson
4th Mark Miller
7th Vette Rountree
7th Jerry Sharpe
8th Michelle Reaves
12th Mary Kennison
17th Delona Watkins
22nd Wendy Sirmons
31st Paris Brannen
31st Jean Griffin

16th Mike & Carol Collins
21st Jerry & Barbara Sharpe

Cares, Concerns and Praises

Rev. Robert Poston – Black Creek UMC
Mr. Eddie Tyson – District Trustee Chair
Rev. Ricky Varnell – LifeSpring UMC
Jackie Varnell – wife of Rev. Ricky Varnell
Tracey Varnell – Daughter of Rev. Ricky Varnell
Rev. Brian Durden – Ruth's Chapel/Ailey UMC
Joni Durden – wife of Rev. Brian Durden
Rev. Janet Odegard – New Hope/Hubert UMC
Brenda France – wife of Rev. Fesse France
Rev. Ros Parker and Family – Harden's Chapel UMC
Rev. Rene' Enlund – Girard Charge UMC
Rev. Fred Maddox – Retired
Patsy Blalock – wife of retired Rev. David Blalock
Rev. Chad Watkins & family – Wrens – Passing of his father – Mr. Donnie Watkins
Kerri Shoemaker – wife of Rev. Chris Shoemaker
John Drake – Millan UMC



RETREAT REGISTRATION

Registration is \$15.00

IT CAN BE PAID ONLINE OR BY MAIL TO:

South Georgia Conference
2022 Clergy Spouses Retreat
P.O. Box 7227
Macon, GA 31209

REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 18, 2022

☐ Check here if first time attending.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____
Church: _____
District: _____

Register online (preferred) or download a registration form at:
<https://www.sgaumc.org/clergyspouses>

HOUSING REGISTRATION

Epworth by the Sea, Attn.: Tiffany Flavell
100 Arthur J. Moore Drive, St. Simons Island, GA 31522

Rates are per person, based on the number of adults staying in the room together, and include lodging for 2 nights and 6 meals (Friday supper-Sunday lunch).

BUILDING	1 ADULT PER ROOM	2 ADULTS PER ROOM
Pitts/Booth	<input type="checkbox"/> \$285.32	<input type="checkbox"/> \$182.62 - Each
Roberson Inn	<input type="checkbox"/> \$308.58	<input type="checkbox"/> \$201.24 - Each
Turner Lodge	<input type="checkbox"/> \$341.14	<input type="checkbox"/> \$226.82 - Each

Any individual cancellation after February 18, 2022 will result in a forfeiture of \$50 per person.
Any individual cancellation after March 4, 2022 will forfeit the first night's charge.
Any individual cancellation after March 11, 2022 will forfeit the full charges per person.

Make checks payable to Epworth by the Sea.

FULL PAYMENT DUE TO EPWORTH BY FEBRUARY 18, 2022

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Roommate: _____
Credit Card# _____
Exp. Date: _____ Auth Code: _____
Signature: _____

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South Georgia

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STEERING COMMITTEE

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Northeast District Rep. Alt. - Kerri Shoemaker
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Northwest District Rep. - Laura Haygood
Northwest District Rep. Alt. - Katie Alexander
South Central D.S. Spouse - Scott Lewis
South Central District Rep. - Timmy Hauser
South Central District Rep. Alt. - Jacki Beasley
Southwest D.S. Spouse Alt. - Ruth Masciarelli
Southwest District Rep. - Connie Barnhardt
Southwest District Rep. Alt. - Angela Johnson

2022 CLERGY SPOUSES RETREAT

God's peace

God's calm

MARCH 18-20, 2022
EPWORTH-BY-THE-SEA

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

ROMANS 15:13



Author, speaker and radio personality, **Joyce Ashley**, is passionate about sharing the joy of the Lord with anyone who will listen! She believes that God has gifted her with this season of life to intentionally spread the "good news of great joy!"

"When you hear Joyce speak, it's as if each word is about to burst forth in a melody of joy!" writes BJ Funk of Central United Methodist Church, Fitzgerald, GA. This describes the passionate, bundle of joyful energy named Joyce Ashley. A retired educator, she says she loves this stage of life as she is on a mission to share a 'double portion' of the joy of the Lord at every opportunity... thus, her ministry is called "JoyJoy Ministries."

Joyce has a daily radio program on several South Georgia & North Florida radio stations called "JOY JUICE" in which she shares brief devotional messages about how to "rejoice always". She has written three devotional books on joy, as well as a children's book. She is the chair of the annual 'Outrageous & Contagious Women's Conference' planning team. Joyce delights in studying the Word of God with others and tasting the different flavors of "Joy Juice" found throughout Scripture.

She and her husband, Patrick, have been married for 49 years and live in Wray, GA. They are parents of three married children and seven grandjoys. Her heart's desire is to encourage others to allow "the joy of the Lord to be their strength" (Nehemiah 8:10)...regardless of their circumstances.

SCHEDULE

Friday

3:30-5:00 pm Welcome & Registration (Nalls)
5:30-7:00 pm Dinner (Blasingame Dining Room)
7:30-8:00 pm Music/Welcoming/Announcements/
Icebreaker (Nalls)
8:00-9:00 pm Speaker Joyce Ashley Session 1 (Nalls)

Saturday

7:00-9:00 am Breakfast (Blasingame Dining Room)
9:00-10:00 am Business Session (Nalls)
10:15-10:45 am Music/Announcements (Nalls)
10:45 am-12:00 pm Speaker Joyce Ashley Session 2 (Nalls)
12:00-12:30 pm District Pictures (Nalls)
12:30-1:00 pm Lunch (Blasingame Dining Room)

AFTERNOON

5:30-7:00 pm Free Time
7:15-until Dinner (Blasingame Dining Room)
Game Night (Nalls)
**Bring your favorite game
8:00 pm Silent Auction Bidding Closes (Nalls)
8:30 pm Live Auction (Nalls)

Sunday

7:00-9:00 am Breakfast (Blasingame Dining Room)
9:00-9:00 am 2023 Steering Committee
Breakfast Meeting (Jinks Garden Dining Room)
10:30-11:30 am Communion & Memorial Service (Lovely Lane Chapel)
11:45 am-1:00 pm Lunch (Blasingame Dining Room)

AVAILABLE ACTIVITIES

Relaxation

Pamper Yourself

Complimentary Facial, Hand, & Lip Treatment
1:30 p.m. - Nalls Auditorium

Abstract Art

1:30 p.m. - Nalls Auditorium

Class fee of \$25 covers everything you need to complete your masterpiece. Ute kleeman Sportschuetz is an abstract artist that will be teaching our class. Contact Ginny Rac at racginnny@gmail.com or (912) 507-4534, if you are interested.

Annual Arts & Craft Market Postell Park

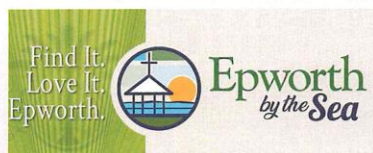
Shopping in Redfern Village & St. Simons Pier Village

Arthur J. Moore Methodist Museum

Ropes Course at Epworth \$50 per person (must have at least ten sign-up)

SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION

Silent Auction bidding will begin during the Friday evening activities and will conclude Saturday evening. A live auction will follow. There will be a variety of items available—something for everyone.



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

THEME "Becoming Mentors of Our Faith to the Next Generation"

Friday, April 22, 2022

4:00-7:00 pm Registration
 5:30-6:45pm Dinner and Fellowship
 7:00-9:00 pm Worship in Jones Auditorium
 Song Service led by Goshen Travelers
 Testimony and Devotion
 Scripture and Prayer
 8:15 pm Message- Bishop James E. Swanson, Sr.
 UMC Mississippi Area
 9:00 pm Small Groups- Prayer-Fellowship-Dis
 cussions

Saturday Morning, April 23, 2022

7:00am Worship in Lovely Lane Chapel
 7:45-8:45am Breakfast and Fellowship
 9:00-11:00am Worship in Jones Auditorium
 Song Service- led by Goshen Travelers
 Testimony and Devotion
 Scripture and Prayer
 Mission Report
 10:15am Message- Bishop James E. Swanson,
 Sr. UMC Mississippi Area
 11:30am Lunch and Fellowship (Check Out of
 Rooms)

Saturday Afternoon, April 23, 2022

1:00-1:45pm South Georgia Conference Annual
 UMM Business Meeting
 Reports from Districts
 Election of Officers
 1:45-2:45pm Worship in Jones Auditorium
 Song Service- Goshen Travelers
 Message- Bishop James E. Swanson, Sr.
 UMC Mississippi Area
 Communion Service
 Sending Forth and Benediction
 3:00pm Depart for home
 Note: No Saturday evening program
 so you can return home for your local
 church services on Sunday

**Note: Commuters are welcome to attend
 and may pay the \$25 fee at registration.
 Please pay for any meals at the front
 desk before entering the serving line.**



The Goshen Travelers

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Room Reservation Form

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Day Phone _____ Email _____
 Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

No. Of Adults in Room _____

Roommate's Name _____

Roommates other than family, please fill out separate forms & mail together.
**Online Reservations available at www.epworthbythesea.org/events
 with credit card payment.**

Full payment due with individual reservation.

When using paper reservation form, please send check payable to Epworth By The Sea or we can charge full amount to MasterCard/Visa/Discover.

Card Type/No. _____

Expiration Date _____

Amount enclosed by check or credit card _____

ROOM RATES PER PERSON, based on number of adults staying in the room
 together, and includes lodging for 1 night, 3 meals and taxes.

Pitts/Booth: _____ \$142.66 Per Person staying single
 _____ \$91.31 Per Person staying double

Robertson: _____ \$154.29 Per Person staying single
 _____ \$100.62 Per Person staying double

Turner: _____ \$170.57 Per Person staying single
 _____ \$113.41 Per Person staying double

Youth Cabin: _____ \$58.99 Per Person, per night

Cancellation Policy: If you cancel your registration on or before 4:00pm,
 Friday, March 25, 2022, you will receive a full refund. If cancellation is
 made after 4:00pm, Friday, March 25, 2022, the cancellation penalty is
 \$40.00 per person. Cancellations after April 8, 2022 will result in
 forfeiture of entire per person charge. Unexpected early departures will
 be charged for total nights reserved.

We request roommates complete separate forms, and mail form in
 together (couples may send in one form).

Online Reservations available at:

www.epworthbythesea.org/events

Check in 4:00 pm / Check out 11:30 am

Epworth By The Sea

P.O. Box 20407, St. Simons Island, GA 31522

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Email Questions to: epworth@epworthbythesea.org

Make Check payable to
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 229-395-3641
**Note: Commuters are welcome to
 attend and may pay the \$25 fee at
 registration. Please pay for any meals
 at the front desk before entering the
 serving line.**

UMM Retreat Registration Fee \$25.00

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 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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2022 Dates for Lay Ministries (LSM and CLM)

The 2022 dates for Lay Ministries - [Lay Servant Training](#) and [Certified Lay Ministry](#) - have been posted on the [conference website](#). The time is right for churches to take advantage of these leadership development opportunities.

More than ever, we need well trained leaders in our local churches. For more information, contact Anne Bosarge, Associate Director, Office of Congregational Development, at anne@thechapelministries.com or 912-262-1331.

GOLDEN CROSS FUND

The Golden Cross Fund is a ministry that reaches out in love to the laity in our Annual Conference who are experiencing financial difficulty due to excessive medical expenses. Through Golden Cross, United Methodists care for members of our local churches in time of emotional stress and financial need. If you or someone you know is struggling with medical bills, please refer them to the Gold Cross Fund.

For more info, go to <https://www.sgaumc.org/golden-cross-fund>.

Licensing School

The Office of Methodist Studies, the South Georgia Annual Conference, and the North Georgia Annual Conference work together to provide one educational program for the licensing of all certified candidates for ministry. The Division of Ordained Ministry, an entity of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, dictates the curriculum for licensing by providing guidelines based on competence in skills of ministry.

For further information, contact Amy Walker via email at awalke8@emory.edu or call [404.727.4587](tel:404.727.4587).

Pastors Due for Sexual Ethics Workshop **Before Annual Conference 2022**

David Boggs	Steve Brown	Faye Burgamy
David Donnan	Rene' Enlund	Tammy Fincher
Carroll Gay	Chris Holt	Clay Loadman
Perry Medley	Ros Parker	Steve Posey
Jerry Sharpe	Steve Sirmons	Jeane Sturdivant
Ricky Varnell	Tommy Veal	

Everyone on the lists will get emails from the Conference in August with the pre-video dates and the dates and locations for the 2.5-hour discussions. This information is scheduled for February, and April.

For more information <https://www.sgaumc.org/sexualethicsworkshops>.

Georgia United Methodist Foundation Newsletter

Check out the latest news at www.gumf.org.

Sign up at www.gumf.org/stay-connected to have the latest news delivered right to your inbox.

To learn more about GUMF's faith-based financial solutions for investing, lending, training, and planned giving, please contact 770-449-6726 or 478-256-7130 (South Georgia) or info@gumf.org.



Epworth By The Sea

Epworth is Re-Opening in January 2022

Whether you are looking for a spring vacation, a retreat meeting, or the perfect place to escape for a quiet weekend, Epworth by the Sea is back and better than ever. Book your Island getaway now.

Our Group and Individual Reservations Department is ready to assist you! Please call Reservations to begin planning your 2022 retreat: 912-638-8688.

St. Simons Island Storytelling Festival

February 18 – 20, 2022

Live and IN PERSON!!!

Relive past times and celebrate the best of humanity in the joy-filled space of story. You will laugh, you will cry, and you will discover how very alive you can feel!

[read more](#)

Visit their [website](#) for more information and registration.

Confirmation Retreat: Join the Journey

March 4-6, 2022

Since 2002, the South Georgia Conference has sponsored an annual Confirmation Retreat at Epworth By The Sea for students in the fifth grade and above. This event provides churches of all sizes an opportunity to connect with others through worship, study, and fellowship.

[More Information](#)

United Methodist Men Retreat

April 22 – 23, 2022

<https://www.sgaumc.org/umm>

Join us for Youth Worker Winter Retreat **Jan. 20-21, 2022**



Full-time and part-time youth workers at South Georgia Conference UMC churches are invited to our [Youth Worker Winter Retreat](#), set for Jan. 20-21, 2022, at [Little Ocmulgee State Park](#) in Helena. [More information](#) | [Register](#)

New Clinical Pastoral Education class begins **Jan. 13, 2022**

Clinical Pastoral Education/Training is designed to provide theological and professional education utilizing the clinical method of learning in diverse contexts of ministry. This course of study is a community-based educational process located in the indigenous community of the ministry. All efforts are made to tailor the learning experience to fit the special needs of the specific context where ministry is done. CPE is education for ministry at the graduate theological level, and credit can be applied to ongoing theological education with specific seminaries and graduate schools for clergy, laity, and professionals in the care-giving professions.

This course of study is a 20-week journey with Dr. John A. Walker serving as the course supervisor. It is offered through Magnolia Manor Senior Living Community where Dr. Walker serves as Vice President for Spiritual Care. This course is currently operating under a hybrid model whereby the interns are required to attend three in person classes while the other seventeen are completed via Zoom. Please see [this brochure](#) for more information or contact Dr. Walker directly at 229-815-69.

Mental Health Benefits

Derek McAleer sent out an email about Mental Health benefits ([view email](#)). As a reminder:

- o Any conference staff can call on Deborah any time. She also has a network of behavioral health professionals to whom she can refer you.
- o Clergy, covered family members, and lay conference staff who are enrolled in HealthFlex also have options in the Behavioral Health portion of their insurance. HealthFlex has upgraded behavioral health, so that they now pay benefits for behavioral health at the same rate they pay for physical health needs (or better). To find behavioral health professionals in network in your area, [login to your Benefits Access account here](#). Click on "Health", then "Medical and Behavioral Health." That will take you to BCBS of Illinois, our insurance provider. Once there, click on "Doctors and Hospitals", then go through the steps to locate mental health professionals in your area.
- o Clergy, clergy spouses/family members and lay conference staff who are on HealthFlex also have free sessions through the [Employee Assistance Program \(EAP\)](#). Whether or not you are covered by HealthFlex, you and/or each of your in-household family members have access to eight free sessions per year. Get a [helpful pdf sheet here](#).

Disaster Response updates

We have been overwhelmed with the generosity of South Georgia United Methodists who have put together flood buckets, hygiene kits, cleaning kits, and school kits. Right now, we are at capacity in our storage facilities as are the depot warehouses where we normally deliver our supplies. At this time, we are not able to receive any buckets or kits. We will communicate as soon as we are ready to receive more.

In the meantime, we encourage you to [give to UMCOR through their "Materials Resources" fund](#). We are better together. Great is God's faithfulness!

Unto the Least of His Leadership Conference

Where – White Bluff UMC

11911 White Bluff Road

Savannah GA 31419

When - January 25 & 26, 2022

Who - For anyone who wants to Dream Again

Why - To meet with other dreamers and to explore your possibilities?

Theme - Dream Again

January 25 & 26, 2022

Schedule

Tuesday, January 25th

8:00 – 8:30 AM Fellowship with one another

8:30 – 9:00 AM Morning Worship - Rev. Scott Cates

9:15 - 10:30 AM Work Shop I

The Art of Dreaming – Rev. Josh Gale

10:30 - 11:45 AM Workshop II

Using Technology To Help Build Your Dream - Rev. Jessica Blackwood

Lunch 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM Workshop III

Mission Benefits in Dreams - Rev. Jimbo Dominey

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Question and Answer session –

Rev. Bobby Gale and the Dream Panel

4:30 PM - 7:00 PM Free Time

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Evening Worship - Music, Rev. Scott Cates
Evening Message - Dream Again with Rev. Phillip Short

8:30 PM - Social Time & Adjourn

Wednesday, January 26th

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM Fellowship with one another

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM – Devotion - Rev. Scott Cates

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Workshop IV

Redemptive Dreams – Rev. Brandon Passmore

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Workshop V

Dreaming Big Dreams - Rev. Bobby Gale

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM Evaluation and Sending forth

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and the results
WILL BE BIG!