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Annual Conference Time

I love the story of the airplane passenger whose flight had been cancelled. His patience was gone, so he shoved his way to the front of the ticket line and angrily demanded a first class ticket on the next available flight. The ticket agent explained that he'd be happy to help, but the man would just have to wait in line like everybody else.

That was more than the man could stand, so he roared, "Young man! Do you have ANY IDEA WHO I AM?" The ticket agent calmly picked up his microphone and announced over the PA system, "Attention please. There's a gentleman at the ticket counter who doesn't know who he is - if anyone can identify him, please come to the counter!"

Annual Conference is a time for all the clergy and all the churches to check up on who we are, where we are, and where we're going. We'll all head down to the Classic Center in Athens next week to take care of the church's business. But more importantly, we'll sing together and pray together. We'll have great preaching and ordain a new group of preachers. We'll begin an initiative to take care of Central Conference retired pastors, men, and women who have served Christ faithfully, but who have no pensions and now live in abject poverty. We'll consider some amendments to our Constitution. We'll receive reports from all of the Ministry Boards and Agencies. We'll chart our course for 2010, and when we're through, the Holy Spirit (and the Bishop) will tell us who we are and where we are going.

Pray for us the week of June 15-18. Your delegates to North Georgia Annual Conference are:

Laity: Wynelle Butts, Jay & Jean Leslie, Jim Perkins, and Tom Sexton
Clergy: Debby Fox, Terry Walton, and Steve Winter

Blessings,

Dr. Steve Winter
Executive Pastor

*P.S. This week (June 15-19) is also Vacation Bible School.
Remember to pray for our VBS teachers, leaders, and participants.*

Worship Services

"A Humility to Be Proud Of"
Micah 6:6-8; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
8:30 a.m. Lakeside &
10:55 a.m. Sanctuary
Dr. Steve Winter

*Loving and Serving God as
We Love and Serve All People*

WHAT'S IN A NAME SERMON SERIES
"Holy Spirit: Companion"
Galatians 5:16-25
9:30 & 10:55 a.m. Living Waters
Rev. Wendy Cordova

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

ATTENDANCE 6/7/2009

8:30 a.m. Lakeside	406
9:30 a.m. Living Waters	41
10:55 a.m. Living Waters	104
10:55 a.m. Sanctuary	361
Worship Totals	912
Sunday School	529

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Narthex are to the glory of God and in honor and celebration of the wedding of **Brittini Parks and Chris Curtis.**

The flowers in the Sanctuary are to the glory of God and in loving memory of **William Hammond Johnson, Jr.**, given by Mrs. William Hammond Johnson, Jr.

CONGRATULATIONS

Lindsey Makenna Stokey was born on June 2, 2009. Proud parents are Jeffrey and Erin Stokey. A rosebud will be placed on the altar in her honor this Sunday.

CHURCH PLATES

The UMW is selling beautiful gold-rimmed porcelain plates with an etching of the church. They will be located at the MAC entrance on Sunday mornings during the month of June. Cost is \$30.

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

Wednesday, July 1
Snow Dogs
Dinner 5 - 6:15 p.m.
Showtime 6:30 p.m.

HOPE FOR AFRICA CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Tuesday, June 30
6 p.m. in the Reception Hall

These children travel to us from Humble Place United Methodist Church in Mukono, Uganda. This year they will sing at our Annual



Conference in Athens and in churches throughout our districts. Their purpose is to glorify God through music and to raise money for their mission efforts in Uganda. A love offering will be collected for this ministry. For more information visit <http://hopeforafricachildrenchoir.org>.

If you would like to help provide, cook, or serve dinner to the children's choir, please contact **Margaret Hopkins** at 678.513.1183.

SHOE COLLECTION FOR KIDS IN HONDURAS

June 7 - 14, 2009



The children of Orphanage Emmanuel are in need of shoes for ages 2 to 16. They need new or gently used shoes that are sturdy like tennis, running, or other hard-soled shoes.

Please place them in the collection bins which can be found in the Gathering Room or at the MAC entrance. Contact **Lynn Dickey** at 770.983.0695 if you have any questions.



MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY

June 14, 2009

Are you ready to make this your church home? Join with others who will commit to support GFUMC with their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. You may contact **Rev. Wendy Cordova** at 770.536.2341 if you have questions or would like to join.

If you are still unsure about church membership, you are invited to attend our next **Welcome & Connect Class**. This four-week class introduces you to GFUMC, its history, beliefs, and ministries, and will be offered beginning **Sunday, August 9**, at 9:45 a.m. in the GREAT Room.

ATTENTION YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12

Don't miss Summer JumpStart. We've moved our Tuesday morning breakfasts to lunch on Monday. We'll meet at Longstreet Café at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and then head somewhere for an afternoon activity.





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 15 - 19

8:45 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.

Kindergarten - 5th grades

Haven't signed up for our bayou blast? Don't worry, there is still time! Sign up on Sunday morning in the Gathering Room.



BRANSON TRIP

Two people have cancelled their reservations for the trip to Branson, September 21-27. Please call **Jane Lower** at 770-535-8418 if you are interested!

Prayer

Focus:

2009 Vacation Bible School Leaders, Teachers, & Participants



1ST PLACE CLASSIFIED ADS

NEW ITEMS RECENTLY LISTED!

Check them out at www.gfumc.com



The 1st Place Classified Ad listing is intended to help our congregation and visitors to our website, buy and/or sell items. Submit your items for sale online, or use the paper form available on the community bulletin board in the hallway across from the Library. Look for the blue ribbon on the website! Make www.gfumc.com your **first place** for classified advertising!

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

GADABOUTS

Wednesday, June 17

Chloe Holden will present a musical performance playing the harp.



LOW COUNTRY BOIL & CRYSTAL RIVER

BLUEGRASS GOSPEL BAND

Monday, June 22, 2009

6 - 7:30 p.m., Reception Hall



We have had a wonderful response to this event! Tickets for the low country boil have sold out. Additional seating will be provided if you would like to join us for the program only. A love offering will be collected for the band. Sponsored by Fifty Plus.

GFUMC TRAVELERS

The Biltmore at Christmas

November 18 - 19, 2009



Join us for a two-day, one-night trip to Asheville, North Carolina, to tour the Biltmore House for the candlelight tour of Christmas lights. Spend the night at the Grove Park Inn and see the national competition of gingerbread houses. Cost is \$339 per person which includes travel by deluxe motor coach, all meals, lodging, and tours. Contact **Jane Lower** at 770.535.8418 for additional information and to reserve your place. A deposit of \$100 is due by August 15. Balance due by October 1.



Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who went on the Youth Choir Tour to chaperone and take care of the details in making the trip a positive and meaningful experience for the youth. Once again, it was a successful mission trip as it had a powerful impact on everyone involved.

This Sunday, the Believers Band will be providing music at Lakeside before the service and during worship as they accompany the hymns. Come be a part of this exciting worship experience at 8:30 a.m.!

PRAYER PAGER MINISTRY



*Let these people know
that you are thinking of
and praying for them.*

Instructions for Prayer Pagers:
Pray! Dial the pager number of the
person for whom you have prayed.
You will hear 3 beeps.
Dial 111# and then hang up.

Diana Cindea

Lora Cooley's friend
770.201.0121

Margot Mickle
770.201.0320

Brad Morris

Lee Highsmith's friend
770.201.0626

Faye Shadburn

770.201.0429

Katie Tulin

1.800.225.3412

Prayer Pagers are available for you or a friend to use.
If you would like to receive a Prayer Pager, please
contact **Rev. Wendy Cordova** at 770.536.2341.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

WILDERNESS DAY CAMP

July 20 - 24, 2009
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



A camp for rising first through sixth grades designed to help children foster Christian friendships, grow spiritually as a witness for Christ in our world, and teach them responsibility for God's earth – a gift He entrusted to our care. Registrations are now being accepted!

Chiggers—For rising first and second grades. Activities include a mission day and trips to American Adventures, Cagle Dairy, Frances Meadows Aquatics Center, and tubing. Cost: \$109.

Crickets—For rising third and fourth grades. Activities include a mission day, an overnight at the Atlanta Zoo, and trips tubing and to Frances Meadows Aquatics Center. Cost: \$119.

Beetles—For rising fifth and sixth grades. Activities include a mission day, "Sleeping with the Sharks" at Ripley's Aquarium in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, and trips to Frances Meadows Aquatics Center and tubing. Cost: \$119.

Space is limited! Be sure to register early!

GFUMC WILL HONOR VETERANS



PATRIOTIC DAY

Sunday, June 28
4 - 7 p.m.

Patriotic Day is on the way! Come enjoy the flotilla, balloon run on the lake, kids' activities, recognition of veterans, and much more!

Food will be provided by **The Varsity** for a cost of \$5 per person. Snacks like cotton candy, snow cones, and watermelon will be free!

As part of Patriotic Day, we would like to honor all our veterans. Please call the Church Office or send an email to vbailey@gfumc.com to give us the name, rank, branch of service, and years of service (ex. 1994-present) of veterans who are affiliated with GFUMC. You do not have to be present to be recognized.

Bring cupcakes decorated with red, white, or blue icing to honor veterans who are homebound or in assisted living facilities. Please use blue icing to designate that the whole cupcake is sugar-free. Bring all cupcakes to the GFUMC Kitchen on the morning of Patriotic Day.



If you would like to volunteer to deliver cupcakes to veterans, please contact **Michele Bellue** or **Vicki Bailey** at 770.536.2341 or vbailey@gfumc.com. Vicki would like to have all cupcakes delivered on Monday, June 29.

There will be flotilla and balloon run sign-up sheets in the Gathering Room for the next two Sundays. Make sure you sign up for the fun!!!



GDS 2010
FUNraiser
Save the Date!
Monday,
October 5, 2009

DON'T JUST SIT - GET INVOLVED

You are invited to love and serve God as you love and serve people through ministry at GFUMC.

We are currently seeking people to participate in the following ministries:

- Church Pictorial Directory Team
- GDS 2010 – Website Coordinator & Registrar
- Greeters
- Hospitality Ministry
- Office Assistance Ministry
- Powerpoint Operators
- Sound Assistants
- Ushers
- Wednesday Night Suppers
- Welcome Pie Ministry Coordinator
- Welcome Pie Ministry Bakers

Are you interested? Do you want more information? Contact **Rev. Wendy Cordova** at 770.536.2341, ext. 135 or see the insert in this Sunday's bulletin.



Calendar

JUNE 14 - 21, 2009

SUNDAY - June 14

Membership Sunday

- 8:30 Lakeside Worship
- 9:30 Living Waters Praise & Worship
- 9:45 At the Master's Feet Combined Class
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 10:55 Living Waters Praise & Worship
- 10:55 Sanctuary Worship
- 5:00 The Harbor (Youth grades 6-12)
- 5:00 Personal Protection & Safety Class
- 7:00 MSL: Methodist Sports League (Youth)

WEDNESDAY - June 17

- 8:00 Fitness Club
- 11:00 Gadabouts
- 3:00 Bridge
- 6:00 Emmaus Prayer Group
- 6:00 Living Waters Bible Study
- 6:00 Refresh/Recharge
- 6:15 Accountability Group
- 6:15 PHASES Accountability Groups
- 7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:15 Living Waters Rehearsal

MONDAY - June 15

Vacation Bible School (continues through Friday)

- 8:00 Fitness Club
- 9:00 Emmaus Prayer Group
- 9:00 Methodist Men Cooking
- 10:15 AOA Aerobics
- 11:45 Emmaus Reunion Group
- 7:00 Troop 16 Scout Meeting

THURSDAY - June 18

- 8:00 Fitness Club
- 12:45 Aerobics
- 5:30 GDS 2010 - Golf Tournament Meeting
- 6:00 Fibromyalgia Support Group

FRIDAY - June 19

- 8:00 Fitness Club
- 10:15 AOA Aerobics
- 5:30 Kaye/Alexander Rehearsal

TUESDAY - June 16

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 Fitness Club
- 8:30 Intercessory Prayer Group
- 9:30 Believers Band Practice
- 11:00 Transforming Discipleship Bible Study
- 12:45 Aerobics
- 6:00 Believers Band Practice
- 6:30 Transforming Discipleship Bible Study
- 7:00 Compel - College Age Worship

SATURDAY - June 20

- 3:00 Kaye/Alexander Wedding

SUNDAY - June 21

Father's Day

- 8:30 Lakeside Worship
- 9:30 Living Waters Praise & Worship
- 9:45 At the Master's Feet Combined Class
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 10:55 Living Waters Praise & Worship
- 10:55 Sanctuary Worship

COMBINED ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



AT THE MASTER'S FEET: THE LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF JESUS

Sundays, 10 a.m., Adult Lobby

Come early for fellowship, coffee, and donuts at 9:45 a.m.

June 14

Seize the Day

Matthew 6:11, John 9

Jack Carrington

June 21

Doubting Thomases

John 20:24-31

Nancy Perkins

June 28

The Trouble with Forgiveness

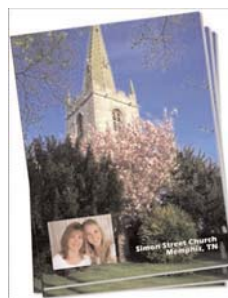
John 8:1-11, John 5:1-15

David Lee

This study will continue through July.

CELEBRATE!

We now know the names of **948** friends at GFUMC because that is the number of names tags that have been ordered! What better way to welcome everyone other than putting a name with a face!



Now that we are on our way to knowing one another's names by using name tags, we want to put faces with those names! Help us to have a complete church directory by signing up to have your picture made. Sign-ups will begin soon.

We are also looking for people to help with publicity, contacting our families, portrait appointment sign-ups, greeting our families during photography, and creative new design ideas.

If you are willing to learn more about any of these opportunities, please contact **Laura Haynes**, Communications Manager at 770.536.2341, ext. 137, or lhaynes@gfumc.com.

Contact Us

If you have an emergency after office hours, on the weekend, or over a holiday, and need to speak with a pastor, please call the Church Office at 770.536.2341. The voice mail recording gives you the option to select an emergency contact. Press "5" and follow the instructions. Thank you.

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You are not alone. Counseling can help and heal. Call 770.533.5702 for an appointment or for more information.

DEVOTION & PRAYER LINE

Call 678-343-2733 to hear a brief devotional and prayer from one of the pastors of GFUMC. Prayer requests are forwarded to the pastoral staff.



UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP SERVICES?

Listen to the radio broadcast of the 10:55 a.m. Traditional Worship Service on AM 1240 WGG.A.

LISTEN ONLINE!

Sermons are now available at www.gfumc.com/sermons.



LUNCHEON FOR SINGLES 40+

Sunday, June 21

12:30 - 2 p.m. at Ruby Tuesday

Are you single? Are you more than 40 years young? Join us for lunch at Ruby Tuesday at the Dawsonville Outlets. The phone number is 706.216.2333 should you need to call for directions or questions about the menu. Singles meet every third Sunday of the month for lunch at a local restaurant. Check out *The Guiding Light* newsletter for more information on our singles ministry or contact **Miriam Welling** at 770.535.9128.



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