Columbus District Ministers’ Meeting
May 17, 2013, 10:00 a.m. —12:30 p.m.
Lunch will be served at noon
St. Peter United Methodist Church
6507 Moon Road, Columbus
All ministers under appointment are expected to attend.

South Georgia Annual Conference
June 2-4, 2013
Macon Centreplex
Macon, GA
Please see page 4 for more information about the 2013 South Georgia Annual Conference.

MAY

BIRTHDAYS
2-Carol Cox
2-Linda-Gail Thompson
6-Reggie Williams
9-Donna Harper
11-Becky MacMinn
12-Bill Willis
13-Rick Dunbar
15-Dan Smith
21-Paula Sasser
24-Robert Beckum
28-Patty Tucker
29-Marsha Emery
30-Margaret Curtis

ANNIVERSARIES
7-Paula and Mark Sasser
16-Becky and Brian Litch
16-Jackie and Don Wolfgang
19-Brenda and Jimmy Ford
29-Lisa and John Fugh
District News

District Cares and Concerns

Please continue to pray for Sandi and Bill Hortman and Mike and Mildred McAfee.

Mailing Address for Mildred and Mike McAfee
IMT@Medical Center
8181 Fannin Street
Apartment 814
Houston, TX 77054

Connecting High School Seniors to UM Ministries on College campuses

Go to http://gahied.co/StudentForm.html and enter the names of your church’s graduating seniors, their contact info, and the colleges they plan to attend. The Commission will send this info to Wesley Foundation Directors and UM Chaplains of the designated schools. Your students will be contacted prior to arriving on the college campus and will have students and directors there who are expecting them. Having someone who is already getting to know them will make a great difference when our freshmen face the newness of college life!

Clergy Families’ Graduates

Please send to the district office the name of your immediate family’s graduate, the school from which they are graduating and their plans for the near future. We would like to share their accomplishments with the district in our next newsletter. Please send info to gailgrantham@aol.com.

E-mail addresses

Buddy Cooper
edwincooper52@gmail.com
Office and Gail Grantham
gailgrantham@aol.com

Conference News

S3 Applications Available Online

S3 is a collaborative, small group, action learning experience for clergy. Participants develop and implement a two-year long small group learning experience focused on three areas: Sabbath, Study, and Service. S3 groups are self-selected and self-directed: participants choose the members of their group and develop their group’s S3 learning project (with direction from the S3 project committee). The deadline for submitting applications is July 1, 2013. If a group is selected to participate in the S3 program, participants will be invited to Epworth By The Sea for an orientation retreat in September. Approved groups will receive funding through the South Georgia Order of the Elders S3 program, which will provide $500 per person, per year, for the two years of the group’s learning process, to be used according to the approved learning experience. Detailed information and an application can be found online. Contact Dr. John Stephens at john@wesleyssi.org or 912-634-1412 with questions. April 30, 2013 The Link

“Learning Together for the Transformation of the World”

Mission U
(formerly known as the School of Christian Mission)
July 18-21, EBTS
There is also a youth component of Mission U. Go to conference website, sgaumc.com for more information.

Evelyn Laycock to Host . . .

Bible Study Series
“Beginning . . . and Beginning Again: Studies in Genesis and Acts”

Epworth By The Sea
October 13-16
Preachers: Bishop Will Willimon and Reverend Gina Campbell
Bible Study Teacher: Dr. J. Ellsworth Kalas
www.epworthbythesca.org or call 912-638-8688
Springtime By The Sea
God Bless America
An event for Older Adults
May 20-23, 2013
Epworth By The Sea

•“Faith of our Fathers” music by the JOY choir, Perry, GA United Methodist Church
•“A View of the Civil War” by a reenactor: Soldier, 26th Georgia Volunteer Infantry
•“Muskets and Mini Balls:” War of 1812 and Civil War by Buddy Sullivan, historian
•Tours of Naval Station Mayport; Fort Frederica; Ships of the Sea & Mighty Eighth Air Force Museums

www.epworthbythesea.org, or call 912-638-8688

Summer Camps

Bible studies, worship, sharing among friends, Fun activities

2013 Summer Camps

Mid High Camps
Mid-High 1: June 10-14
Mid-High 2: June 17-21

For those entering 6th - 9th grades
Cost: $250

Elementary Camps
Elementary Camp 1: June 24-June 28
Elementary Camp 2: July 8-12
Elementary Camp 3: July 15-19

Epworth By The Sea, St. Simons Island
For those entering 4th-6th grades
Cost: $250

Camping Contact Information:
C.J.Harp, Camp Director
Anne Packard, Camp Registrar
Allison Lindsey, Assoc. Dir., Connectional Min.

Questions? Contact: Anne Packard, Registrar
Office of Connectional Ministries
P. O. Box 20408, St. Simons Island, GA 31522

Give a Gift to Open Door

A gift to Open Door for Mother’s Day in honor or memory of any special woman in your life shows your love for her and helps a woman in need also feel loved and encouraged. Your gift will be acknowledged by mail to your loved one, as well.

—Open Door Community House, Inc.

Circles in Columbus
Training based on Bridges Out of Poverty by Ruby Payne
May 11, 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Open Door Community House

Magnolia Manor Sunday
May 12, 2013
Magnolia Manor is a ministry of the United Methodist Church and serves older adults of all faiths throughout South Georgia. South Georgia United Methodists are asked to take up a special offering.

Armed Forces Week
May 11-19, 2013

May is
Mental Health Awareness Month
The United Methodist General Board of Church and Society and Global Ministries have created a new resource for local congregations to observe Mental Health Awareness Month in May. The bulletin inserts, “Faith & Mental Health-Creating Caring & Sharing Communities” is available free as a download at umc-gbcs.org/resources-websites.
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Visit [www.sgaumc.org/ac2013](http://www.sgaumc.org/ac2013) to see a tentative Annual Conference agenda, hotel list, option to go paperless, and more

● Make your hotel reservations now.

● Those who would like to go paperless this year and download all of the pre-conference materials instead of having them mailed can go to [www.sgaumc.org/paperless](http://www.sgaumc.org/paperless) and fill out the form by April 2. An email will be sent to the email address provided on the form once the Book of Recommendations is available.

● Live Streaming of all worship services and business sessions can be viewed live online at [www.sgaumc.org](http://www.sgaumc.org).

● The special offering will go to support Stop Hunger Now (Advance #982795). It is an international hunger relief agency that is driven by a vision of a world without hunger and a mission to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-saving aid to the world’s most vulnerable and by creating a global commitment to mobilize the necessary resources.

● Mission Emphasis

  • On Monday during the lunch break, there will be a mobile meal packaging session. It is a Stop Hunger Now program that provides volunteers the opportunity to package dehydrated, high protein, and highly nutritious meals that are used in crisis situations and in school feeding programs for schools and orphanages in developing countries around the world. For more info and to sign up to participate go to [www.sgaumc.org/stophungernow](http://www.sgaumc.org/stophungernow) by May 17.

  • On Tuesday morning several conference agencies will have collection boxes on the main plenary floor. They have selected items that will help them in their day-to-day operations. From the list below, choose one or several items and help fill up their boxes.

    Magnolia Manor: DVDS: Classics, I Love Lucy, Andy Griffith, Carol Burnett, Historical DVDS, Musicals, Holiday Programs.

    Methodist Children’s Home: Deodorant Bar Soap and Facial Soap

    Open Door Community House: Toiletries

    Vasti: School Supplies (no crayons)

    Wesley Community Center: Hypoallergenic/unscented baby wipes

    Wesley Glen: Toothbrushes and Toothpaste

  • Mission Youth 2013: A youth mission emphasis component is being planned in the Macon Area in conjunction with the Annual Conference Session. If you are interested in participating, please contact Allison Lindsey at allison@sgaumc.com.

● Childcare will be available for children, infant through 11 years, for all worship and business sessions, at Vineville UMC. Contact Reese McCurry at children@vinevillemethodist.org or 478-745-3331 for more info and to register. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

● If there has been a change in the lay member representing your local church/charge, please contact Cathy Crawford, 888-266-7642 or cathy@sgaumc.com.

● The 2013 South Georgia Ministers’ Spouses’ annual luncheon will be Monday June 3, 12:00 NOON at the Macon Centreplex. Reservations are due May 10, 2013. Nursery is provided at no charge Monday only from 11:30 am - 2:00 pm. Go to the conference website to register.

● Duke Divinity Alumni Breakfast - June 4, 7:00 a.m. School alumni and friends. RSVP by May 31 to Rev. Aimee Baxter (aimee@stmkarkumc.com) or 706-327-3376
SOUTH GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
2013 APPOINTMENT MAKING SCHEDULE

In November 2012, each District Superintendent will include this schedule in his/her District Newsletter or in other mailing to inform all Clergy and Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chairs of the appointment process time-line for 2013. This communication will be transmitted on behalf of Bishop James R. King, Jr.

1. Report to the Bishop and Cabinet Form (to be completed by the Pastor and the PPRC)

On Thursday, January 3, 2013, the District Office will mail to each clergyperson a Report to the Bishop and Cabinet Form upon which information relative to the appointment process for 2013-2014 will be recorded. Also, on Thursday, January 3, 2013, the District Office will mail to each Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chairperson a Report of the Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations Committee Form. This form solicits information from this committee relative to the appointment of a Pastor for 2013-2014.

District Superintendents will be scheduling consultation conversations with all clergy and all Pastor-Parish Relations Committees. Conversations are desired with each clergy under appointment and each Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, regardless of whether a change in appointment is anticipated.

2. Cabinet Information Form (To be completed by all appointed clergy.)

By Friday, January 11, 2013, the Cabinet Information Form will be available on-line at the South Georgia Conference website (www.sgaumc.org). Clergy serving local churches will access the form using the same local church login and password as you did during the Charge Conference season. Extension Clergy should have an individualized user-name and password. If you cannot locate your login information, please contact your District Superintendent. This form contains information that will be used to compile the Master List by which pastoral appointments will be made in June 2013. All clergy should complete the form by Friday, February 1, 2013.

It is critically important for all clergy and SPR Committees to submit all their forms by the February 1, 2013, deadline. The Appointive Cabinet will be working this information soon thereafter. Your assistance in submitting all information is appreciated.

3. Meeting Schedule

The Appointive Cabinet will meet on Monday, February 18, 2013 (2:00 p.m.) Through Thursday, February 21, 2013, at Epworth By The Sea to begin the appointment-making process. Consultations with the District Superintendent will continue following this meeting in relation to all Pastors and Pastor/Staff Relations Committees.

The Cabinet will meet on these additional dates:
- Monday-Tuesday, February 25-26, 2013
- Monday-Tuesday, March 18-19, 2013
- Monday-Tuesday, April 1-2, 2013
- Monday-Wednesday, March 26-28, 2013
- Monday-Wednesday, April 9-11, 2013

District Superintendent will continue consultations with Pastors and Pastor/Staff Relations Committees following these meetings, as needed.
4. Projected Appointments

Appointment making is an intensive process involving consultation, prayer, discernment, collaboration and more prayer. Clergy and laity at the local church level join Bishop King and the Appointive Cabinet in this complex work most intensely during the initial phase of consultation (see number 1 above). Ultimately, the Bishop and District Superintendents seek to prayerfully discern the anointed pastor for each appointment. Once a decision to make a change in pastoral appointment is made, the clergyperson and Pastor-Parish Chairperson are notified of the projected appointment. Following time for the announcement to be made in the local church, the projected appointments will be posted on the Conference website (www.sgaumc.org). These appointments are considered firm projections, still subject to change, until the Bishop finalizes them at the Annual Conference Session.

5. Annual Conference Session

The South Georgia Conference will meet June 2-4, 2013, in Macon, during which Bishop King will fix these appointments for 2012-2013. Moving Day will be Wednesday, June 12, 2013.