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## *Alive Together At The Table*

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### **Fulfillment**

This is the time of year when many people experience a sense of completion. Most of us graduated from high school during this time of year; a time when we were formally recognized as having fulfilled the necessary requirements to meet the world head on... or so we thought. Some of us thought *“meeting the world head on”* meant starting college the following September, which again was scheduled to conclude around this same time of the year four years later; others *met the world head on* by getting a job to continue building our blessed nation. Many weddings take place during the month of June, so for those who, like my wife and I, were married in June, this marked the completion our life in singleness. In a sense, life as we knew it concluded to make room for future blessings, as we headed down a new avenue to begin our lives together.

When we read scripture, we see many references to completion and fulfillment. The gospels often follow an event or attribute of Jesus Christ followed with the phrase, *“This was to fulfill what was said through the prophet...”*. Jesus Himself said, *“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”* As I read Jesus’ words, I feel a certain passion flowing from Him, as He accepts His role to be the fulfillment of God’s Love. Without His willingness of fulfillment, we could never experience the newness of Pentecost, as we did this year on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Israelites called the giving of the Law **“Pentecost”**, as it was presented to Moses on Mount Sinai in the form of a spoken gift for understanding God’s nature, from God’s own mouth (*Exodus 20*). They understood that as God spoke the Law, the whole world heard His voice at the same time. When Jesus came to earth, He came for the same reason, to tell the world about the deep love that

God has for each of us. When Jesus spoke, God's nature was revealed. Many people understand that Pentecost celebrates the birthday of the Church, as well as God's gift to us of His Holy Spirit. However, many have not yet considered the implications of God's continued revelation of Himself in Jesus Christ through Pentecost. In John 14:23-26, Jesus said, *"If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. All this*

*I have spoken while still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."*

As one chapter of Jesus' ministry closes, we see another open. As one ministry for us is fulfilled and complete, another begins. That is especially true for me this year as I complete my eighth year as your superintendent. I have enjoyed serving you, and I have felt a sense of fulfillment working beside you to make disciples for Jesus Christ. I will miss you; however, I am also excited to see what God has placed in front of me, both the challenges and the blessings, as we continue to remain faithful to His call to go and serve.

I wish to thank each of you for your participation in my life and ministry over the past eight years. You have allowed me to fulfill the calling God has placed in my spirit. I will remain profoundly grateful for you in the years ahead. As I go to Central United Methodist Church in Fitzgerald, GA, please know I will be taking each of you with me in spirit and experience. I am certain that we are more now than eight years ago because God allowed us to journey together during this chapter of service to Him. In the days that follow, allow God's love to be made full in you, as you too start a new chapter of service to Jesus Christ.

Blessings,  
Bro. Chris

## **Northeast District Set Up Meeting**

The Northeast District Set-Up Meeting is Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at Pittman Park UMC in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. This meeting is for clergy and spouses only this year. We will not have a meal.

Please RSVP by Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> to 912-871-3306 or  
[northeastdistrict@sgaumc.com](mailto:northeastdistrict@sgaumc.com).

## Bishop Graves to Provide Interim Episcopal Leadership for South Georgia Beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>

The Council of Bishops, in consultation with the Southeastern Jurisdiction (SEJ)



and the respective Annual Conference Committees on Episcopacy, on May 14 announced projected episcopal assignments. [Click here to read the published assignments.](#)

Upon Bishop Lawson Bryan’s retirement and during the interim – from September 1, 2021, until new bishops can be elected at the next Jurisdictional Conference, projected to be held fall 2022 – Bishop David Graves, current episcopal leader of the Alabama-West Florida Conference, will provide episcopal leadership to both the South Georgia and the Alabama-West Florida Conferences.

“Because I love both South Georgia and Alabama-West Florida, I am excited about this coverage plan,” Bishop Bryan said. “Bishop Graves is a colleague whom I respect and appreciate.” [Read more](#)



## Annual Conference Special Offering

### Special Offering: Golden Cross Fund

Each year, the South Georgia Annual Conference designates a special offering. While we are not yet meeting together in person, we still want to join together our hands and gifts to collectively support a ministry that brings us Alive Together at the Table. The South Georgia Conference has therefore designated the Golden Cross Fund as the 2021 Annual Conference Special Offering.

[Click here to learn more about this fund and ways to give.](#)

## Annual Conference Timeline

- June 1 - Clergy Session - 10 am **Online**
- June 1 - Retirement Recognition Service - 7 pm **Online**
- June 2 - Laity & clergy receive Annual Conference voting credentials by email
- June 3 - Memorial Service - 7 pm **Online**
- June 4 - Last day for any voting credential changes/additions
- June 6 - Service of Ordination with Commissioning - 5 pm **Online**
- June 7 - Annual Conference Session - 8:30 am **Online**

## Book of Recommendations & Reports now available

The [2021 Book of Recommendations and Reports](#) is now available for ordering and download. Business items for the 2021 Annual Conference session are contained in the *Book of Recommendations and Reports* (BOR). [Read more](#)

### QUESTIONS

For questions regarding the business of Annual Conference, please contact Meredyth Earnest, Conference Secretary, at [meredyth@sgaumc.com](mailto:meredyth@sgaumc.com).

For general inquiries, contact Kelly Roberson, Director of Communications, at [kelly@sgaumc.com](mailto:kelly@sgaumc.com).

### Social Media for the 2021 Annual Conference

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/sgaumc](https://www.facebook.com/sgaumc)

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/sgaumc](https://www.twitter.com/sgaumc) / #sgaumc

Instagram: [www.instagram.com/sgaumc](https://www.instagram.com/sgaumc)

## SEJ College of Bishops Calls for Special Session

(SEJ) The College of Bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church, in accordance with ¶1521 of the 2016 Book of Discipline, calls for a Special Session of the Jurisdictional Conference on July 21, 2021. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. EST and will be held virtually.

The purpose of the special session is to vote on a proposed resolution to unite the Memphis Annual Conference and the Tennessee Annual Conference into the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference.

Delegates will also receive a report from the Southeastern Jurisdiction on the pandemic response in the jurisdiction, the work of anti-racism across the jurisdiction, and the work of the jurisdiction moving forward into the next 18 months.

The 2020 SEJ Conference, originally scheduled for July 15-17, 2020, at Lake Junaluska, NC, has been postponed due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

The College of Bishops encourages all churches of the Southeastern Jurisdiction to be in prayer for the Church and the world during these challenging times.

15 Annual Conferences comprise the Southeastern Jurisdiction: Alabama-West Florida, Florida, Holston, Kentucky, Memphis, Mississippi, North Alabama, North Carolina, North Georgia, Red Bird Missionary, South Carolina, South Georgia, Tennessee, Virginia, and Western North Carolina.

The Secretary of the Jurisdiction will provide the necessary information for delegates to participate in the special session.

Guests will be able to watch the live stream at [www.sejumc.org](http://www.sejumc.org).

*Be Still*  
—  
& KNOW THAT I AM GOD  
*Psalm 46:10*

## New Appointments in the Northeast District

Rev. Tom Tidwell	Calvary (Swainsboro) UMC
Rev. Kevin Palmore	Cobbtown/Ebenezer (Emmanuel)
Rev. Jose Velasquez	Fairhaven/Habersham
Ms. Rene' Enlund	Girard Charge
Rev. David Donnan	Glennville UMC
Rev. Lee Pettis	Glenwood/Soperton/Landsburg
Mr. Ros Parker	Harden's Chapel UMC
Rev. Ed Chance	Keysville UMC
Rev. Tommy Veal	Lothair UMC
Rev. Dan Underwood	Louisville UMC
Rev. Chris Archambeault	Payne's Chapel/Portal/Oak Park
Rev. Dr. Jonathan Smith	Pittman Park Co-Pastor/Wesley Foundation
Rev. Steve Posey	Reidsville UMC
Rev. Bill Lee	Sharpe's Chapel UMC
Mr. Chris Holt	Stillmore UMC
Rev. Mark Miller	Twin City UMC
Rev. Mike Collins	Waldens UMC

Welcome to your new appointments in the Northeast District. Prayers for you and your family as you move into these new roles of ministry.



## **Georgia United Methodist Foundation Newsletter**

Check out the latest edition.

Sign up at [www.gumf.org/stay-connected](http://www.gumf.org/stay-connected) to have Growing Generosity delivered right to your inbox.

For more information, please contact GUMF at 770-449-6726, 877-220-5664 or [info@gumf.org](mailto:info@gumf.org)



### **SGA CONFERENCE GATHERING | October 9, 2021**

In addition to the June Annual Conference session, Bishop Lawson Bryan has set Saturday, October 9, 2021, Conference gathering. Our hope is that this gathering will take place in person at a conference-central location to be announced later. However, if it is not yet safe to do so, Bishop Bryan has asked that all members plan to gather electronically.



### **GEORGIA PASTORS' SCHOOL**

**Thursday, July 15, 2021**

We are excited to announce our Virtual One Day Pastor's School! The theme is "Pastoring for the Long Haul: What it Looks like for a Lifetime of Ministry."

Presenters will be: Steve Carter – "Working on Your Craft of Communication", Tyler Reagin – "Leading Things You Didn't Start", Jenni Catron – "Creating Healthy Cultures of Feedback", and Wayne Francis – "Leading Through Trying Cultural Times."

This event will be held Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 3 pm (with a break for lunch), via ZOOM (registration link to be posted soon). Fee will be \$35.00.

CEU information: .5 CEUs offered for reading a recommended book and writing a 2-page paper.

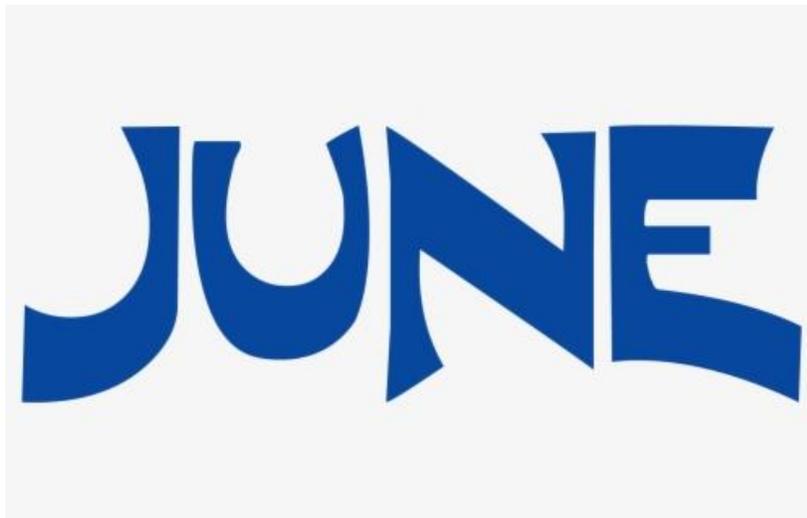
Please share and help spread the word!

Facebook – Georgia Pastors' School



1<sup>st</sup> Scott & Missy Brenton  
4<sup>th</sup> Monice Holloway  
5<sup>th</sup> Larry & Sunshine Bird  
7<sup>th</sup> Janet Odegaard  
12<sup>th</sup> David & Patsy Blalock  
14<sup>th</sup> Fred & Pat Maddox  
17<sup>th</sup> Charles Cravey  
18<sup>th</sup> John & Cyndee Drake  
20<sup>th</sup> Jimmy & Susan Cason  
21<sup>st</sup> Chris & Jane Ramsey  
23<sup>rd</sup> Kenneth & Jean Griffin  
26<sup>th</sup> Peter Vermeulen

3<sup>rd</sup> Jay Reppert  
4<sup>th</sup> Chris Ramsey  
6<sup>th</sup> Mike & Jill Lyons  
10<sup>th</sup> Janet & Jeffrey Odegaard  
12<sup>th</sup> Lee Way  
15<sup>th</sup> Mira Barrett  
17<sup>th</sup> Mary Griswell  
18<sup>th</sup> Martha Wells  
20<sup>th</sup> Pat Maddox  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sue Diebolt  
24<sup>th</sup> Jay & Mindy Williams  
30<sup>th</sup> Deborah Johnson



## **2021 Dates for Lay Ministries (LSM and CLM)**

The 2021 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](mailto:anne@thechapelministries.com) or 912-262-1331.



# JOB OPPORTUNITY

## **Administrative Assistant - Sylvania First UMC**

The First United Methodist Church in Sylvania, Georgia is seeking a qualified person to fill the position of Administrative Assistant.

Salary: Negotiable.

Hours: Approximately 32 hours per week

General Description of Position: Provides clerical & technical support for the pastoral, programmatic, administrative and membership needs of Sylvania First United Methodist Church, as well as being an integral part of the church's digital communication and facility coordination.

Education/Experience:

Minimum high school diploma or equivalent.

Education and/or experience in computers, digital communication, and audio-visual equipment and their applications desired.

Interested persons should submit a cover letter, resume and a list of references via email to:

Dorsia Atkinson, Jr.

Pastor, First United Methodist Church of Sylvania

Email: [preacherman.dorsia@gmail.com](mailto:preacherman.dorsia@gmail.com)

## **Full Time Director of Youth Ministries – Swainsboro First UMC**

Swainsboro First United Methodist Church is seeking a full-time Director of Youth Ministries. Swainsboro is a vibrant mid-sized church with a growing children's ministry and desires to extend this success into the youth and young adult age groups. This position would begin in June. Salary and benefits would be commensurate with education, experience, and position development. Interested applicants should submit a Cover Letter, Resume, and a list of references to the following email address: [funcswainsboro@gmail.com](mailto:funcswainsboro@gmail.com).

Contact: Rev. David Unkles at 478-237-7535 for more information

## DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

Pittman Park United Methodist Church in Statesboro, GA is seeking a part-time Director of Youth Ministry. This position is responsible for leading Pittman Park's youth program to provide a nurturing and encouraging atmosphere to support youth in our community in the growth of their spiritual lives and walk with Christ. The Youth Ministry serves youth 6th through 12th grade.

Typical responsibilities of the position include leading/coordinating weekly youth activities at Pittman Park on Sundays and Wednesday evenings; coordinate activities of adult volunteers; organize events and trips for the youth; provide opportunities for youth to put their faith into action through caring for others; maintain Safe Sanctuaries guidelines for all youth activities; promote the youth program by reaching out to youth not currently involved in the program and provide a welcoming environment; build relationships with youth and families; administer budget for youth ministry. The position reports to the Senior Pastor.

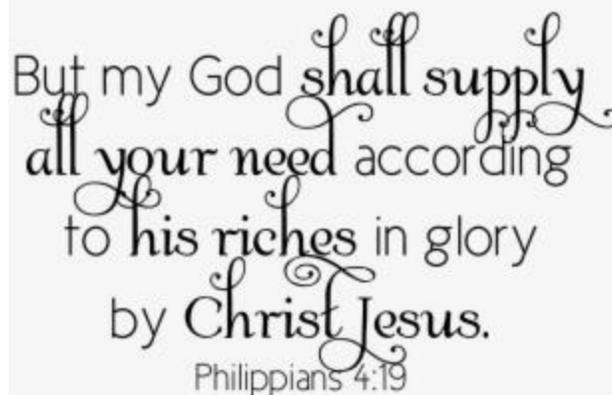
The ideal candidate is someone who is spiritually mature, self-motivated, knowledgeable of the Bible, and can connect easily with youth. Background in the United Methodist Church is preferable.

Send cover letter and resume to email or address below. Please include in cover letter a statement of why you feel you would be a good fit for this position. Complete job description available upon request. High school diploma required.

Email address: [ppumc@nctv.com](mailto:ppumc@nctv.com)

Attention: Mark Murphree

Church address: 1102 Fair Road, Statesboro, GA 30458



But my God shall supply  
all your need according  
to his riches in glory  
by Christ Jesus.  
Philippians 4:19

# Grants Available for Local Church Racial/Ethnic Ministries

## Nashville, Tennessee/Discipleship Ministries

Grants up to \$10,000 will be available this fall from Discipleship Ministries to strengthen leadership training, small groups, worship, stewardship, and spiritual formation in ethnic local United Methodist churches.

The application deadline for Racial Ethnic Local Church Concerns (RELCC) grants is Sept. 1.

“Discipleship Ministries is grateful to be able to serve The United Methodist Church by offering support to ethnic local churches and other entities that develop disciples and promote racial reconciliation,” said Naomi Hope Annandale, director of research and strategic evaluation at Discipleship Ministries. “We have been thrilled to learn about new ministries launched with previous RELCC grants that bring youth to Christ, support recent immigrants and strengthen parents, among other projects.”

RELCC grants are made available each year, with priority given to new programs. Funds are not provided for personnel, equipment, or ongoing building costs.

For more information, go to <https://bit.ly/3vSgb5G> or contact Annandale by phone at 615-340-1743 or by email at [nannandale@umcdiscipleship.org](mailto:nannandale@umcdiscipleship.org). Applicants must apply online at <https://ypm-umc.smapply.io> / and are encouraged to consult with Discipleship Ministries staff for guidance in preparing the application.

Applications must be for a ministry or project of a local United Methodist church or of the United Methodist connectional system.



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