Report on the Special Session of General Conference of The United Methodist Church  
February 23-26

I am sure you have heard news reports concerning the Called Session of The United Methodist General Conference in St. Louis. The four-day gathering concluded on Tuesday, and the 864 clergy and lay delegates passed an amended Traditional Plan 438 to 384. They then voted to ask the Judicial Council, the highest court in the denomination, to review the constitutionality of the approved legislation. Acknowledging that not everyone feels the same about the decisions that were made, Bishop Lawson Bryan urged South Georgia United Methodists to treat one another like family, with love.

So what happened? First, what did not happen? The United Methodist Church DID NOT enact a new and excluding position concerning the LGBT community. The General Conference DID vote to approve The Traditional Plan, from among the options presented by the Commission on the Way Forward. In doing so, the Conference reaffirmed the position of The United Methodist Church concerning the definition of Christian marriage and qualifications for ordained ministry that have been articulated since 1972 and that have been reviewed and approved by 13 General Conferences over the past 47 years. So, nothing in the church’s stand changed.

“We continue to teach and believe that all persons are persons of sacred worth and we welcome all to receive the ministry of Jesus. Human sexuality is a topic on which people of faith have differing views,” said Bishop Ken Carter, president of the Council of Bishops, after the conference ended. “Despite our differences, we will continue to work together to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world and share God’s love with all people.”

And we will continue to be the same faithful St. Luke that we have been, seeking to love and welcome all people regardless of race, age, gender, social position or sexual orientation. All are welcome and I hope to see you this Sunday.

Post-General Conference Information Session  
March 9, 2019  1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center

Robert Beckum, Senior Pastor  
rbeckum@stlukeum.com
March 3, 2019  
Transfiguration Sunday

The 11:00 a.m. service is streamed at www.stlukeum.com and broadcast at WLTC 103.7 Lite FM  
Rebroadcast on WTVM Channel 9 at 10:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Color: White

Prelude........................................... “Gloria and Fanfare” ............................................William Mathias

Welcome and Opening Prayer........................................................................................................Rev. Robert Beckum

*Hymn............................................. “When Morning Gilds the Skies” ..................................Number 185

*The Affirmation of Faith ........................... “The Apostles’ Creed” ................................Number 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick*** and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic*** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Gloria Patri (Glory be to the Father).................................................................Number 70

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. 
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end, Amen, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer (pg. 895).................................................................Rev. Dr. Cindy Cox Garrard

Choral Prayer Response (11:00 a.m.) ..........................................................Carl Wiltse

Children’s Sermon..........................................................................................Miss Hope Sims

After the 11:00 a.m. Children’s Sermon, children who are in Kindergarten-5th grade are invited to go to Corner Kids for a time of extended worship. Parents pick them up in Stockwell Hall when this service is completed.

*Hymn.................................................. “Let Us Break Bread Together” ................................Number 618

*Offertory Prayer.............................................(8:30 a.m.) Rev. Beckum (11:00 a.m.) Rev. Brett Maddocks

Offertory (8:30 a.m.) ..................................... “Children of the Heavenly Father” ....................arr. Diane Bish

Anthem (11:00 a.m., Chancel Choir)............................................................................Tom Fettke

*The Dedication of Offerings.......................... “The Doxology” .....................................Number 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.


The Spoken Word..........................“WHERE IT IS GOOD TO BE” ............................Rev. Robert Beckum

The Invitation and Confession  
Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another:  
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with out whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

The Peace  
Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love. The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

(The exchange signs and words of God’s peace.)

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving...............................................................Page 23; Hymnal

The Sharing of Bread and Cup

*Hymn.................................................. “Be Thou My Vision” ..................................Number 451

*The Benediction

Choral Benediction Response (11:00 a.m.) .......... “Sevenfold Amen” ................................................................Peter Lutkin

Postlude.................................................. “When Morning Gilds the Skies” .........................Improvisation

*Standing as able. ** Music Box *** quick means “living”; catholic means “universal”
OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, March 3
8:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service (MIN)
9:30 a.m. Meet and Greet (Parlor, Main)
9:45 a.m. Sunday School/Youth Sunday School Assembly (The Corner, MIN)
10:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School (The Corner, MIN)/College Small Group (College House)
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main).Broadcast over WLTC 103.7 Lite FM and at www.stlukeum.com beginning at 11:00 a.m.
12 Noon St. Luke Hospitality Luncheon (LD, MIN)
12:20 p.m. Worship in Spanish (Chapel, Main)
1-4:00 p.m. Hispanic Sunday School Classes and Fellowship (Stockwell Hall, Main)
4:30 p.m. Extreme Kids (MIN)
5:00 p.m. St. Luke Academy (LD, MIN)
5:00 p.m. The serving line is open until 6:30 p.m.
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Please make or cancel reservations using the form below, by e-mailing jwidener@stlukeum.com, or by calling 706-256-1017 before noon on Monday.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER - March 6
Program: Ash Wednesday Service 6:45 p.m. (Sanctuary)
Pre-recorded broadcast of worship service on WTVM Channel 9.
11:30 a.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9.

Monday, March 4
12:00 p.m. St. Luke Parent Association Meeting (Meeting Room, MIN)
6:30 p.m. Monday Night Women’s Bible Study (Meeting Room, MIN)

Tuesday, March 5
7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study (SD, MIN)

Wednesday, March 6
7:00 a.m. RFTS All Pro Dad’s (Corner Youth Room)
8:35 a.m. SLS 4th-8th Chapel (Sanctuary, Main)
9:10 a.m. SLS K-3rd Chapel (Sanctuary, Main)
9:45 a.m. Sunday School/Youth Sunday School Assembly (The Corner, MIN)
10:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School (The Corner, MIN)/College Small Group (College House)
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
10:30 a.m. Preschool/ELC Chapel (Sanctuary, Main)
11:30 a.m. Community Steam Luncheon (LD, MIN)
Kiwanis Luncheon (SD, MIN)/Lions Board Meeting (Meeting Rm. MIN)
3:00 p.m. Children’s Choir (Ministry Center)
5th Grade Jr. Girl Scouts (Commons Area)
5:00 p.m. The Talk (Kids Corner Rm., MIN)
5:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER (MIN)
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts Meeting (Stockwell Hall)
6:45 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service (Sanctuary)
8:00 p.m. College House (1030 Second Ave.)
8:10 p.m. Hispanic Praise Team Rehearsal (Chapel)

Thursday, March 7
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
11:30 a.m. Thursday Women’s Bible Study (Turner Chapel)
Exchange Club (LD, MIN)
6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Banquet (Stockwell Hall, Main)

Friday, March 8
8:00 a.m. Pastoral Institute Meeting (SD, MIN)
8:30 a.m. RFTS Board Retreat (Meeting Rm., MIN)

Saturday, March 9
7:30 a.m. Open Door Walk Classic (Woodruff Park)
7:00 p.m. SLS Dance (LD, MIN)
Main (Church Sanctuary), MIN (Ministry Center). Contact the Ministry Center for information about renting or reserving rooms, 706-256-1017.

Menu: Fried chicken, teriyaki glazed salmon, mixed vegetables, rice with sundried apricots, rolls and salad.

Name:
Adults ($7.00)  Children ($3.00)
Daytime Phone:
Email:

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Dear Friends,
There is a place for you and your family in St. Luke's Music Ministry. Whether you sing, play orchestral instruments, or your children do, please consider finding your place in the Music Ministry.

Please mark your calendars for the following:
- March 28, 7 p.m., Ft. Benning Army Band Concert, Sanctuary
- March 31, 4 p.m., St Luke Chamber Players, Mozart Gran Partita, Sanctuary
- May 10, 7 p.m., Keyboards for Kenya, Ministry Center

Today’s Anthem: “When I gaze into the night sky, and see the works of your fingers; the moon and stars suspended in space, O what is man that you are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor, and have made him a little lower than the angels, you have put him in charge of all creation; the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. But what is man that you are mindful of him? O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly, and so would we. Alleluia!”

WORSHIP IN SPANISH: 12:20 p.m. worship in Turner Chapel, Rev. Dr. Ivelisse Quiñones preaching, Llamado—“Encontrando nuestro propio brillo” Éxodo 34:29-35.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE (THE NINE): 9:00 a.m., Ministry Center, Rev. Robert Beckum preaching.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God and in honor of Sally Adams on her 15th birthday by her grandmother, Mrs. Sally Adams.

OPEN FLOWER DATES: March 10, 24 and 31. Please contact Maggie Roberson at maggie@stlukeum.com to reserve a date.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: To Mrs. Loraine Stewart in the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Betty S. Hurdle, February 19, 2019, Macon, GA. To Mr. and Mrs. Dave (Cilla Shaw) Watson and family in the death of her nephew, Col. William Shaw III, February 20, 2019, Apollo Beach, FL. Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey (Angela) Wells and family in the death of his father, February 21, 2019.

CRADLE ROLL: Mr. and Mrs. Mitch (Jennifer) Ladson announce the birth of a daughter, Cecelia Margaret Ladson, February 24, 2019, Columbus, GA. A rose has been placed in the chancel area in her honor.

NEW MEMBERS: We welcome into the St. Luke family of faith Gary and Jane Bayer. They come by transfer from another denomination. Jane is the daughter of our own Mrs. Gladys Pitts.

Music Box

St. Luke Academy Presents
The Scripture Way of Salvation:
“The Life and Theology of John Wesley for Today”
We are looking at the life and theology of one of the most impactful Christians in history. We are studying who John Wesley was, what he believed, and how he ignited a movement that literally impacted the world for Christ. If you have ever wanted to know who John Wesley was, what it means to be a Methodist/Wesleyan, and how John Wesley continues to impact St. Luke today, please join us.

Sunday Nights from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. (LD, Ministry Center)
January 13-April 14, 2019
No cost. Contact Rev. Brett Maddocks, bmaddocks@stlukeum.com, for more information.
Hope Sims, Director of Children’s Ministries, hsims@stlukeum.com - www.cornerkidz.com

CORNER KIDZ (9:00 a.m.) welcomes K-5th grade students. Children will be escorted upstairs to the Corner Kidz Room beside the gymnasium. Parents need to pick up children from upstairs immediately after the service.

CORNER KIDZ (11:00 a.m.) welcomes K-5th grade students. Children will be escorted to Stockwell Hall. Please pick up your child in Stockwell Hall after the service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is held in the main church building. Our greeters will help you and your child find their Sunday School class. Parents need to drop off their child at 10:00 a.m., and pick up their child promptly by 10:50 a.m., as many of our teachers attend the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

EXTREME KIDZ is having a Competition Night on March 3rd! It will be full of sports competitions, dance offs, and KICKBALL! Festivities from 5:00- 7:00 p.m. in the Ministry Center! Bring $4.00 for dinner.

“HOSPITALITY AT ST. LUKE – Our Hospitality Team is meeting today for a luncheon to learn more about the vision of hospitality at St. Luke. If you enjoy making people feel welcome, greeting guests and sharing the love of Christ through a smile and a warm hello; if you think you might like to be a part of our parking team, helping to welcome guests from the moment they arrive on campus; if you’d like to use your creative gifts to help decorate the welcome area and coffee tables, we would love to have you join our growing team! Contact Kristie Griffin at kgriffin@stlukeum.com for more details.”

-DirecCare-

“Caring for loved ones and caregivers”
Diane Hett, Director of Respite Ministry, 706-256-3117, dhett@stlukeum.com

Thank you to the St Luke Preschool Four Year Olds! They delighted all at Respite Care with their handmade Valentines, fun songs, and hugs.
ABIDING GIFTS

If you wish to honor or remember someone, please attach to your check the name of that person and the address to which you wish the acknowledgement sent and mail or bring to the church office. Contact maggie@stlukesum.com.

General Fund: In memory of Mr. Clyde Burton Hewitt, Jr. by Mrs. Geralyn Roller.
Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mr. Robert Kemp by Ms. Virginia Bacon and Ms. Katherine W. Johnson. In memory of Dr. Bill Arthur by Mr. Gary M. Arthur and Mrs. Joan Dickson. In memory of Mrs. Erin Knight and Mr. Robert Kemp by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pound and family.
Youth Fund: In memory of Mrs. Erin Knight by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hall and the St. Luke School Faculty and Staff.
Respite Care: In memory of Mr. Robert Kemp by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Huff.
Confirmation Fund: In memory of Mrs. Joan Dickson.
Food Pantry: In memory of Mrs. Vicki Corradino by Mr. and Mrs. Mike McCollum.

Confirmation Sunday
March 17th: Confirmation Sunday Service and Dinner
4:00 p.m. in the Ministry Center

OPEN DOOR CLASSIC
Saturday, March 9, 2019
Time: Fun Run and 5k runner registration
opens at 7:30 a.m.
at Woodruff Park (not Big Dog)
Walker Registration: 8:00 a.m. • Fun Run starts at 8:30 a.m.
5K Run starts: 9:00 a.m., Walk starting immediately after runners leave.
Register online at: www.odch.org
(scroll down and click Open Door Classic logo)
Call 706-323-5518 for more information.
All proceeds benefit the ministries of Open Door Community House

THE CORNER
Jonathan and Lisa Moore, Directors of Student Ministries, jmoore@stlukesum.com

Souled Out One
March 10, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

A night of worship for the WHOLE FAMILY
Jonathan and Lisa Moore’s band “Moore”s CD release of their new album, “Covered”, as well as “Following You”, the single! Brad and Lisa will also be debuting their new song and a world-renowned speaker and Souled Out favorite Lee McBride, in a celebration of 20 years of Souled Out conferences. Come support Souled Out! Tickets $10 pre-order by calling 706-256-1017 or come by the St. Luke Ministry Center. Tickets are $15 at the door. Come join the whole city and surrounding areas for a night of worship and fun! Can’t wait to see you for this Souled Out One Night Experience! For more information about anything student ministry related, please go to www.thecornerstudents.com.