2019 Annual Conference Session | Columbus, GA | June 2-5

Monday, June 3, 2019
8:30 AM  Business Session
11:00 AM  Golden Anniversary/Retiree Recognition
12:00 PM  Lunch
1:00 PM  Gathering of Family & Friends of Deceased Servants, St. Luke UMC
2:00 PM  Memorial Service, St. Luke UMC
3:30 PM  Business Session
5:45 PM  Methodist Home Barbecue, St. Luke UMC
7:30 PM  Ordination/Commissioning Service, St. Luke UMC
8:45 PM  Ordination/Commissioning Reception, St. Luke UMC

What is Annual Conference?
Each year—traditionally in June for the South Georgia Conference—all clergy members and an equal number of lay members selected from the local churches attend their conference’s Annual Conference session and meet together to worship, fellowship and conduct the business of the conference, which may last 3-5 days. During these sessions, members of the conference hear reports of past and ongoing work; adopt future goals, programs and budgets; ordain clergy members as deacons and elders; and elect delegates to Jurisdictional and General Conferences (every 4 years). The bishop presides over these meetings.

Robert Beckum, Senior Pastor
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April 7, 2019  

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP 

Prelude .............................. “Ciacona in D minor” .........................Johann Pachelbel

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

*Hymn............................. “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”.............Number 126

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

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer ..................................................Rev. Dr. Cindy Cox Garrard

Choral Prayer Response                                                (11:00 a.m.)........... “Danish Amen” .........................................anon.

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............................. “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” ..................Number 298

*Offertory Prayer..............................................................Rev. Beckum

*The Written Word......................................................John 12:1-8 ( p.100, NT in pew Bible)

The Peace

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love. The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you. (All exchange signs and words of God’s peace.)

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

The Sharing of Bread and Cup

*Hymn............................. “More Love to Thee, O Christ” .........................Number 453

*The Benediction

Choral Benediction Response (11:00 a.m.) ..... “Sixfold Amen”.....................Marc Boensel

Postlude (Ken Bailey)........... “If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee” ..........Improvisation

Acolytes (11:00 a.m.): Hannah Grace Mayfield and Grace Walker.

Standing as able.  

*** quick means “living”; catholic means “universal”
WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER - April 10
Program: Rev. Beckum

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The serving line is open until 6:30 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.

Menu: Fried chicken, hot wings, teriyaki wings, butter beans, macaroni and cheese, salad and rolls.

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Adults ($7.00) _______ Children ($3.00) _______ Daytime Phone: ____________________________

Email: ________________________________________________________________

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WORSHIP IN SPANISH: 12:20 p.m. worship in Turner Chapel, Rev. Dr. Ivelisse Quiñones, preaching. “A los pobres siempre los tendréis” Juan 12:1-8.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of George M. McCluskey, Jr. and in honor of Frances McCluskey’s 90th Birthday by their family.

CRADLE ROLL: Mr. and Mrs. David (Kathy) McMillen announce the birth of a daughter, Evelyn Grace McMillen, born April 1, 2019, Columbus, GA. A rose has been placed in the chancel area in her honor.


IN MEMORIAM
Mrs. Louanne Powell Merrell
April 2, 2019

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: To Mr. and Mrs. Mike (Claudia) Ritch in the death of her father, Mr. Alfred W. Schmitt, March 29, 2019, Columbus, GA.

ST. LUKE FREE SPIRITS
April Luncheon featuring The Solid Rock Quartet
with Rev. Norman Dunlap
Rev. Mark Sassser
Ken Bailey • Gary Holloway
Note: This is different than the booklet schedule.
Monday, April 22, 2019
Cost $10
For reservations, contact Kym at 706-327-4343 or email kym@stlukeum.com

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Circle 1: April 8, 11:00 a.m. (Respite)
Circle 2: April 9, 10:00 a.m. (Main Building)
Circle 3: April 9, 10:00 a.m. (Turner Chapel)
Circle 9: April 9, 10:30 a.m. (Room 110, Main Building)

Music Box
Dr. Marc F. Boensel, Director of Music Ministries, mboensel@stlukeum.com
There is a place for you and your family in the Music Ministry. Whether you sing, play orchestral instruments, or your children do, please consider finding your place in the Music Ministry. Serving the church through music helps preach the gospel and reach the lost.

Please mark your calendars for the following musical events:
• May 10, 7:00 p.m., Keyboards for Kenya in the Ministry Center, Naomi’s Village Benefit Concert.
• October 13, 4:00 p.m., Great Afternoon of Methodist Singing in the sanctuary.

Today’s Choir Anthem (sung during communion at 11:00 a.m.): “Arise, my soul, arise, shake off thy guilty fears. The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears. Before the throne my surety stands, my name is written on his hands. Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary. They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me, ‘Forgive them, O forgive, they cry, nor let that ransomed sinner die.’ My God is reconciled, his voice I hear, he owns his child, I can no longer fear, with confidence I now draw nigh and ‘Abba, father’ cry. Arise, my soul, arise!”

Keyboards for Kenya
with Voices of the Valley
May 10, 2019
7:00 p.m.
St. Luke Ministry Center
301 11th St., Columbus, GA 31901
A concert to benefit Naomi’s Village
with special guest Bob and Julie Mendonsa
For more information call 706-327-4343
CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

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 its competition night on April 7th! We will have a dance competition and play capture the flag and KICKBALL! Festivities are from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Ministry Center! Bring $4.00 for dinner.

ST. LUKE EASTER EGG HUNT

Come join us for our Easter Celebration at Wednesday Night Supper, April 17th, 5pm – 7pm in the Ministry Center
- dinner opens early at 5pm, adults $7 and children $3 -

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 2 • ST. LUKE TURNER CHAPEL
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Please sign up for a 30 minute slot by contacting Kym Harden at 706-327-4343 or kym@stlukeum.com. St. Luke staff will be present in the chapel throughout the day as prayer resources and will be happy to pray with you or for you. There will also be printed material available. If you would like to submit a prayer request for the National Day of Prayer, please email maggie@stlukeum.com.

11 DAY EASTERN EUROPE & OBERAMMERGAU
Passion Play 2020
June 13 – 24
Printed material is now available! Please contact Kym for details 706-327-4343 or kym@stlukeum.com.

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS DURING SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE: JUNE 2-5
Greeters, Parking Lot Attendants, and Information Hosts are needed! Please contact Susan Lawhorne, sclawhorne@gmail.com, Doris Reid, dorishreid@gmail.com, or Kym at the church office (706-327-4343) to sign-up for a morning, afternoon, or evening shift on one or more of these days. On Monday, June 3, several events will be at St. Luke, so we need many hands on deck that day.

St. Luke Summer 2019
REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
Camps for children ages 3 - 14 will be held on the St. Luke Campus during the weeks of:
June 10-14 and June 17-21
For a complete listing of camps click: https://payit.nelnet.net/form/0DJC2jD0
To register your child for St. Luke Summer: https://payit.nelnet.net/form/0DJC2jD0
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@stlukeum.com.

UMCOR: In memory of Mrs. Erin Knight by Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Newman.
Samaritan Fund: In memory of Mr. Mark Mathis and Dr. Bill Arthur by Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Register.
Music Scholarship Fund: In memory of Mr. Mark Mathis by Mr. and Mrs. Doug Harvey.
Music Fund: In memory of Mrs. Gladys Plant by Mrs. Annette Pollock. In memory of Mr. Mark Mathis by the Chancel Choir.
S.A.W Ministry: In honor of Mr. Mitch Watts and Mr. Oscar Tuff by Drs. Clifton and Christine Ruehl.
Youth Fund: In memory of Mrs. Erin Knight by Mrs. Cheryl Ivey.
Christie Garden Fund: In memory of Mr. Robert Kemp by Dr. and Mrs. Champ Baker.
Keyboards for Kenya Fund: In honor of Mrs. Marjorie Newman on her birthday by Rev. and Mrs. Mike McAfee.

HOLY COMMUNION
All persons who confess Christ as their Savior, regardless of age or denomination, are invited to share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please come forward by the center aisle at the invitation of the ushers and stand or kneel in prayer at the chancel rail for as long as you like, then cup your hands to indicate your readiness to receive the Sacrament. After you have partaken of the cup, you may remain in prayer or return to your seat by means of the side aisle. Those who wish to receive Holy Communion in their seats should so indicate to an usher or pastor. Gluten-free bread is available. The offering plates at the head of the center aisle are to receive gifts for the Samaritan Fund, our emergency financial outreach ministry. Please give generously as God gives you the ability.

Respite Care
“Caring for loved ones and caregivers”
Diane Hett, Director of Respite Ministry, 706-256-3117, dhett@stlukeum.com
April is National Volunteer Month
St Luke Respite Care Ministry depends on volunteers to show the love of Christ to people in our community. If you can smile, listen, and show compassion, you are qualified to be a Respite Care volunteer. There is no commitment; you can help once a month, once a week, or whenever it works for you. Please call and schedule a time to visit us. Respite Care is a great way to serve Christ through serving others.

The Corner
Jonathan and Lisa Moore, Directors of Student Ministries, jmoore@stlukeum.com
Spring Break is over and we are excited to ”Break” into Summer!

If you are 6th Grade to 12th Grade Login to www.thecornerstudents.com and register for Souled Out Summer today! Souled Out is our Summer Beach Camp in Panama City Beach, FL. and it is the biggest, most exciting, life-changing week of the year! The Dates this year are June 3-7th! The cost is $325 and it includes 10 meals, 4 nights stay, T-shirt, Materials, Conference, and transportation! This year's theme is "Fearless!" Sign up by May 1st while spots are available! We are filling up fast so don't wait!

Senior Sunday! If you are a graduating Senior go to the website now and fill out our Senior Sunday form! We want to celebrate this momentous accomplishment with you and your family! You are a blessing to us and we want to bless you during this special time of your life!

Synthesis: This world needs more leaders. The opportunity is here, the avenue is available! Synthesis is an opportunity to live into the leadership potential that God has placed on your life. If you sense God wants you to be proactive in your faith and in the ministry of The Corner then go to the website and fill out your application today! We believe God does extraordinary things through ordinary people who are willing to be available and used by Him! We Want You to live into your calling to serve and Grow in Christ. The retreat is in August and applications are due by May 1st! This is a deeply spiritual, intensely motivating retreat that God touches every year!

Interns begin the first week in June! Get ready for The Best Summer Ever!