South Georgia United Methodists Are Coming to Columbus
For Annual Conference June 2-5

From Arlington to Adrian, from Bainbridge to Buena Vista, from Claxton to Cusseta, from Donalsonville to Dublin, from Edison to Eastman, from Folkston to Fitzgerald, from Guyton to Georgetown, from Hahira to Hamilton, from Isle of Hope to Ideal, from Jesup to Jeffersonville, from Kingsland to Kathleen, from Ludowici to Leesburg, from Millen to Montezuma, from Nahunta to Nankipoo (everybody knows Nankipoo!), from Oak Park to Ocilla, from Pooler to Parrott, from Queensland (actually a real community in Ben Hill County) to Quitman, from Rincon to Reynolds, from Savannah to Shellman, from Tybee to Ty Ty, from Uvalda to Upatoi, from Valdosta to Vidette, from Waycross to Waverly Hall, (okay this whole thing breaks down with the X’s—no town or community in Georgia begins with an X) from Yonkers (between Empire and Chester) to Yoemans (a suburb of Parrott), from Zuta (not made up— it’s in Glynn County) to Zenith (in Crawford County), some 1300 delegates and their families will gather for the 2019 session of the South Georgia Annual Conference from Sunday June 2 to Wednesday June 5. It is our privilege to say in word and deed, “WELCOME TO COLUMBUS!”

Annual Conference is a great celebration of our covenant connection in the United Methodist Church. Delegates will consider many matters of importance to the ministry and mission of our churches and will elect delegates to the 2020 sessions of the General and Jurisdictional Conferences. While the sessions of Annual Conference will meet at the Convention and Trade Center, Monday, June 3, will be a busy day at St. Luke. On Monday, numerous banquets will take place at St. Luke, but we will also host the Conference Memorial Service at 2:00 and the Conference Ordination Service at 7:30 in the St. Luke sanctuary. I am so grateful for Dr. James Crosse, the chair of our local arrangements committee, our entire local committee and for the many St. Luke volunteers. No one does hospitality better than St. Luke, and I am very thankful for your willingness to extend that hospitality to many fellow United Methodists from across South Georgia.

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, dorish-reid@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, and we still need many hands on deck that day.
May 19, 2019

5th Sunday of Easter

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

**Prelude** (Handbell Choir)........... “This is My Father’s World” .................arr. Linda Lamb

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**.................................................Rev. Brett Maddocks

*Hymn............................................. “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” .................Number 384

*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.

**Anthem (11:00 a.m.).............. “Nearer, My God, To Thee” ..................arr. Dan Forrest

(Chancel Choir with Harmony Joung, cello)

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

**Choral Prayer Response (11:00 a.m.)........... “Alleluia, Amen” .................Carl Wiltse

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

After the 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............................................. “The Gift of Love” ....................................Number 408

**Offertory Prayer**.................................................................Rev. Dr. Cindy Cox Garrard

Offertory................................ “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” .....................arr. Ron Mallory

(Handbell Choir with Harmony Joung, cello)

*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 Written Word**.............................................Acts 11:1-18  (p. 122, NT in pew Bible)

The Spoken Word. ..............“GETTING OUT OF THE WAY” ..................Rev. Brett Maddocks

*Hymn............................................. “In Christ There is No East or West” .................Number 548

*The Benediction

**Choral Benediction Response (11:00 a.m.)........... “Sevenfold Amen” .................John Rutter

Postlude............................................ “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” .................Improvisation

**Standing as able. **See Music Box  *** quick means “living;” catholic means “universal,” or the global Church

Acolytes: (11:00 a.m.) Grace Walker and Hannah Grace Mayfield
OUR MISSION: To empower and equip individuals and families facing adversity to achieve emotional, relational and financial well-being.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER - May 22
Program: The Family Center, Todd Bennett
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.

Name: ________________________________________________

Adults ($7.00) ______ Children ($3.00) ______ Daytime Phone: _____________________________

Email: ________________________________________________

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HOW DO I JOIN THE CHURCH?

You may become a part of the St. Luke family of God in one of the following ways:

1. If you have never joined a church before, you may become a member by profession of faith in Jesus Christ and by being baptized. If you have already been baptized (as a child or as an adult) in a Christian Church, your baptism is recognized by St. Luke United Methodist Church. You will be asked to uphold St. Luke church with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

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WORSHIP IN SPANISH:

12:20 p.m. worship in chapel, Rev. Dr. Ivelisse Quiñones preaching “Como yo los he amado” Juan 13:31-25.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE (THE NINE):


ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Weezie Butler by Mr. and Mrs. Steve (Kent) Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Al (Betsy) Ramsay.

NARTHEX FLOWERS: The beautiful flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God on the occasion of the marriage of Sydni Harden and Miguel Acevedo.

OPEN FLOWER DATES: September 1 and 29. Please contact Maggie Roberson at maggie@stlukeum.com to reserve a date.

MUSIC BOX

Dr. Marc F. Boensel, Director of Music Ministries, mboensel@stlukeum.com

Would you like to know more about finding your place to serve the church through music? We would love to help you find your place in St. Luke’s Music Ministry. Contact Marc for more details, 706-256-2682 or mboensel@stlukeum.com.

Mark your calendars for the following:

- August 18, 2019, at 4pm in the Sanctuary for the St. Luke Chamber Players concert. This free concert will feature works by Arthur Byrd and Ludwig van Beethoven.
- October 13, 2019 at 4pm in the Sanctuary for a Great Afternoon of Methodist Singing, with members of area Methodist choirs singing ‘Great Anthems of the Faith.’

Today’s Anthem: See Hymnal #528

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR DR. BUDDY COOPER

our Northwest District Superintendent
Sunday, May 19 at St. Paul UMC
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

CELEBRATION TO HONOR HOPE SIMS

Join us for a special celebration to honor Hope Sims and her time as the Director of Children’s Ministry and to wish her well in her future endeavors. A reception will be held in Stockwell Hall during the Sunday School hour on May 19. Let’s celebrate Hope for the time she has served St. Luke and for what she has given to the children we care for. She will be missed!

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REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Camps for children ages 3 - 14 will be held on the St. Luke Campus during the weeks of:

- June 10-14
- June 17-21

For a complete listing of camps go to: https://payit.nelnet.net/form/0DJC2jD0

To register your child for St. Luke Summer:
https://payit.nelnet.net/form/0DJC2jD0

IF YOU ENJOY WORKING WITH CHILDREN, we need volunteers for Vacation Bible School. VBS will be July 15-19, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. There are various volunteer positions that need to be filled: teachers, crew leaders (guides), assistants and registration. Please contact Children’s Ministry at twilliams@stlukeum.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.

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ST. LUKE FREE SPIRITS MAY EVENT
Day trip to Lagrange, GA Hills and Dales Estate
Tuesday, May 28, 2019
Cost $37
includes box lunch, trasportation, a guided tour of the 30-room Georgia Italian villa, guided tour of the pre-Civil War gardens.
Reservations by May 22
Kym 706-327-4343, kym@stlukeum.com

OUR PHONE NUMBERS
Church Office, 706-327-4343 • Preschool, 706-327-4343
St. Luke School, 706-256-1301 • Early Learning Center, 706-322-2703
Ministry Center, 706-256-1017 • Respite Care Ministry, 706-256-3117

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 9
Reception for Cindy Cox Garrard and Ivelisse Quiñones
On Sunday June 9 we are asking all of our adult Sunday School Classes to join in a special convocation/reception during the Sunday School Hour 10:-10:45 in the St. Luke Ministry Center to celebrate the ministries of Rev. Dr. Cindy Cox Garrard and Rev. Dr. Ivelisse Quiñones. Cindy has served under appointment at St. Luke for thirty-two years and will retire at this session of Annual Conference. Ivelisse has served under appointment at St. Luke for thirteen years and will be reappointed to the Cuthbert United Methodist Church at this session of Annual Conference. We have much ministry to celebrate and much love to share with both of these wonderful St. Luke staff members, and I know you will want to be a part of this time of grace and gratitude.
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@stlukeum.com.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In honor of Miss Allene Mooney and in memory of Mrs. Vera Frances Allen Wise by Mr. Edward Wise.
Naomi’s Village: In honor of Dr. and Mrs. Lee McCluskey by Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Newman.
Keyboards for Kenya: In honor of Dr. and Mrs. Lee McCluskey by Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Newman. In honor of Miss Trinity McAfee by Rev. and Mrs. Mike McAfee.

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

Community Caregiver Support Group meets Monday, May 20, noon – 1:30 in the Respite Care Building, 1021 Third Avenue
Caregivers from the community come together to share their joys, frustrations, and challenges in a safe, caring environment. Family members and friends share their stories of caring for loved ones and experience the concern of others who can honestly say "We understand."

PHONE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
If you have 3-4 hours a month to volunteer and would like to be more involved at St. Luke, please consider being a phone volunteer. Kym Harden (kym@stlukeum.com) will train you!

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

Each Sunday Night Crosswalk and the Corner High School meet from 5-7 p.m.
Sign ups are going great! Spots are filling up fast! Come to the beach with us to Souled Out Summer for the BEST WEEK OF YOUR LIFE! God is so good and faithful! Middle and High School are going to Souled Out Summer from June 3 - June 7! Come be a part of the GREATEST GROUP OF STUDENTS ON THE PLANET! Sign up at www.thecornerstudents.com.
Crosswalk and The Corner High School Summer Interns have been selected and begin their summer ministry at Souled Out Summer! They are pumped to meet you and spend THE BEST SUMMER EVER with you!