

The Rome-Carrollton Newsletter

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District Superintendent

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!! Our district Strategic Mission Team has been working very hard to provide meaningful and exceptional workshops for our district. Please encourage your church members to attend the workshops that they are interested in. **“MOVING FORWARD WITH CARE”** will be held at **ROCKMART HIGH** on **MARCH 15, 2020** beginning at **2:00 pm**. The workshops that will be offered are:

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| End of Life Care | Domestic Violence | Safety in the Digital Age |
| Mental Health | Grief Share | Elder Care |
| Surviving Suicide | Soul Care | Beyond the Casserole |

The participant will be able to attend 2 of the workshops.



A fresh expression is a new form of church for those not connected to any church. They take shape outside of the walls of the church in places where our neighbors are already gathering. Fresh expressions in the North Georgia Conference are making new disciples and are passing on the traditions of our Wesleyan faith in new and creative ways. Fresh expressions are anchored to existing churches, connecting churches with people who would never enter the church building on a Sunday morning. They do not exist to get people to come to our church, but rather to form new faith communities in places where people are already gathering.

You are invited to a Roundtable event to help explore Fresh Expressions and the concept of it. We will meet to talk about how to reach new people for Jesus Christ. ***The ROCA Roundtable will take place at Kresge UMC on Saturday, March 28th from 8:30-12:30 pm***

The link for the North Georgia Roundtables is ...

please go here to register. www.freshexpressionsus.org/NorthGeorgiaRoundtables

Local Church Workshop

Ready to start a Fresh Expression and need help determining your next steps? Schedule a Local Church Workshop with NGA Cultivator and Pioneer Rev. Heather M. Jallad. Local Church Workshops typically include

Why the Church Needs Fresh Expressions.

Discover the current state of the North American Church and a new way to reach our communities.

How to Start a Fresh Expression of Church.

Learn five steps that any church community can take to experiment with new forms of Church.

Three Roles in a Mixed Economy Church.

Help your church members find their place in the Fresh Expressions approach to mission. Contact [Rev. Jallad](#) to schedule your workshop.

DISTRICT NEWS

UPCOMING DISTRICT MEETINGS

- Wednesday, March 11** ***ROCA Retired Clergy Lunch***
Petro's in Cedartown, GA 11:30 am
- Sunday, March 15** ***Moving Forward with Care***
Rockmart High 2:00 –5:00 pm
Choose 2 workshops to attend
- Saturday, March 28** ***Fresh Expressions RoundTable***
Kresge UMC 8:30-12:30 pm
Register at :
www.freshexpressionsus.org/NorthGeorgiaRoundtables
- Monday, March 30** ***District Clergy Meeting***
@ Murphy Harpst Children's Home
10:00 –11:30 am *Lunch will be served*
***For those who are not able to attend morning session
will meet at Metropolitan UMC @ 6:30 pm***
- Thursday, April 2** ***District UMW Banquet***
Douglasville First UMC
- Sunday, April 19** ***Town Hall Meeting with Bishop Sue***
Trinity at the Well 3:30 pm
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LaGrange College Get-Together
Thursday, March 12
Noon

Harvest Moon Café
234 Broad St, Rome, GA

Hosted by Martha Pirkle, Alumni and Community Relations, and Rebecca Roth Nicks, External Relations.

Please respond by March 9 to mpirkle@lagrange.edu or (706) 880-8244

Conference News

YOU'RE INVITED

TOWN HALL WITH BISHOP SUE

Clergy and laity are invited to attend a town hall meeting with Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson on the future of The United Methodist Church here in North Georgia and beyond. You are also invited to ask Bishop Sue questions ahead of the Town Hall meetings. You can submit your question at www.ngumc.org/questions.

Schedule

March 1 | [Atlanta-Roswell/Atlanta-Marietta](#) | Hillside UMC | 3 pm
March 8 | [Atlanta-College Park/Atlanta-Emory](#) | Peachtree Road UMC | 2 pm
March 22 | [Athens-Elberton/Atlanta Decatur-Oxford/Augusta](#) | Madison First UMC | 3 pm
March 29 | [Griffin/Lagrange](#) | Fayetteville First UMC | 3:30 pm
April 19 | [Northwest/Rome-Carrollton](#) | Trinity at the Well UMC | 3:30 pm

Delegation Listening Session Two

The North Georgia delegation to General and Jurisdictional Conference has scheduled two listening sessions to hear from North Georgia United Methodists. The first session was held Saturday, November 16, at Marietta First UMC. The second will be **Saturday, March 21, at Griffin First UMC**. (NOTE date change).

Clergy and laity of the North Georgia Conference are invited to address the delegation on topics related to the 2020 General Conference. Maximum length of presentations will be communicated to registrants prior to the session.

[Registration is now open](#) for the second session.

Local Pastors: New Process for Course of Study Scholarships

"Our MEF Committee and The Center for Clergy Excellence are eager to support our Local Pastors and want to help them with continuing to make COS affordable." —

Michelle Levan, Assistant Director of the Center for Clergy Excellence

North Georgia's Ministerial Education Fund Committee has created a new application process for Local Pastors to receive scholarship funding for Course of Study. Local pastors can find requirements, course expectations, oversight information, and the application at

<https://northga-reg.brtaapp.com/CourseofStudyMEFScholarship>

ROCA DISTRICT CALENDAR

WEEKLY BREAKFAST SCHEDULE

Tuesday – Carrollton Area @ Courthouse Cafe 8:30 am

4th Tuesday – Rome Area @ Landmark 12 noon

FEBRUARY

- 26 Ash Wednesday
- 27 District Strategic Mission Team @ Villa Rica First UMC 6:00 pm
- 27-29 Campus Crawl (*Higher Education Event*)
- 28-29 Leadership UMC Advanced

MARCH

- 5 Committee on Church location/Building 5:30 pm @ District Office
- 5 District Strategic Church Growth 6:30 pm @ District Office
- 8 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 11 ROCA Retired Clergy Luncheon @ Petro's in Cedartown 11:30 am
- 12 District Superintendency Mtg. @ District Office 6:30 pm
- 13-14 AL COS-Birmingham
- 15 **Moving Forward Workshop @ Rockmart High School 2:00-5:00 pm**
- 20-21 Leadership UMC Advanced
- 22 **UMCOR Special Offering**
- 23-25 Appointive Cabinet Meeting
- 27-28 Leadership UMC
- 28 Fresh Expressions at Kresge UMC 8:30am -12:30am
- 30 **District Clergy Meeting @ Murphy Harpst Children's Center 10:00 am**
- 30 **District Clergy Meeting @ Metropolitan UMC 6:30 pm**

APRIL

- 1-2 Cabinet Meeting
- 5 Appointments Announced
- 5 Palm Sunday
- 6-11 Holy Week
- 8 ROCA Retired Clergy Luncheon Place @ Petro's 11:30 am
- 12 Easter Day
- 13 District Off Closed for Easter
- 16 Carrollton Area Adm. Assistant's Lunch @ Olive Garden, Carrollton, GA 22
- 17-18 AL COS-Birmingham
- 17-18 Leadership UMC
- 19 Town Hall Meeting with Bishop Sue @ Trinity at the Well in Cartersville, GA @ 3:30 pm
- 20 District Bd. Of Laity @ District Office 7:00 pm
- 21 Conference Retirees Day Apart 9:30 am Lunch provided Place TBD
- 22 Rome Area Adm. Assistant Lunch @ District Office in Rome, GA
- 23 District Bd. Of Church Location/Building @ Rome First 5:30 pm
- 27 District Finance Mtg. @ District Office 6:00 pm
- 27 District Union (*Trustees*) Mtg. @ District Office 7:00 pm
- 28 District Strategic Growth Team Place TBA 10:00 am

MAY

- 2 National Day of Prayer
- 5-17 **2020 General Conference**
- 13 ROCA Retired Clergy Lunch Place TBD 11:30 am
- 10 **Mother's Day-Wesley Woods Special Offering**
- 25 Memorial Day – District Office Closed
- 28 **Pre-Conference Briefing @ Villa Rica First 6:30 pm**
- 31 **Day of Pentecost**

Center for Congregational Excellence

UPCOMING EVENTS



Leading into a Future without Fear, A Day with Rev. Matt Miofsky

Thursday, February 27th @ Marietta First UMC
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Join us for a one-day event featuring Rev. Matt Miofsky, pastor of The Gathering United Methodist Church in St. Louis, Missouri. Rev. Miofsky is also an author and contributing writer to several influential books on church leadership, congregational development and revitalization. This event will allow attendees to go deeper with him on his two latest books, *Let Go: Leaning Into the Future Without Fear* (Abingdon, May 2019), *8 Virtues of Rapidly Growing Churches* (Abingdon Books, October 2018).

Cost is \$10 per person, lunch is included.

[Click Here to Register](#)

This one-day workshop featuring David Fitch and J.R. Briggs will give you concrete methods for organizing your church to join God's mission in the world. Tickets include lunch and a copy of The book by David Fitch, "7 Practices for the Church on Mission".

[Register Today!](#)

7 PRACTICES FOR THE CHURCH ON MISSION

MARCH 5
9:00-3:30 PM



David Fitch



J.R. Briggs

Mount Pisgah United Methodist Church
2850 Old Alabama Road, Johns Creek, GA 30022



REGIONAL TRAINING EVENT:

March 21, 2020 | 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

at Neighborhood Church

1561 McLendon Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30307

[Click here for more information and to REGISTER.](#)