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Gratitude and Encouragement on Two Fronts

The Bishop's Award for Excellence in Ecumenism and Interreligious Concerns is presented annually to local churches that excel in building bridges with churches of other denominations and

communities of different faiths. Recognition is given to those who promote understanding concerning numerous other faiths and foster cooperation and reconciliation between the various expressions of Christianity. The desire is to report the creative and effective ministries which are being done and to inspire and encourage others to join the effort. More information and an application are found by going to www.ngumc.org.



Every day we hear news of blood shortages across Georgia. To help give the gift of life to those who are facing surgery or are involved in accidents or need transfusions for a variety of reasons, a goal of 1000 pints of blood between January 5 and 22 has been set. A word of gratitude is in order to the over 200 persons

who responded in the first four days of the campaign. The largest number of drives are occurring this week with collections at the following locations (usually from 3 to 8 p.m.):

Monday, January 12

- Leland Church
- Locust Grove Church
- Villa Rica First Church
- Cumming First Church
- Dahlonega First Church

Tuesday, January 13

- Rome First Church

Wednesday, January 14

- Duluth First Church

Thursday, January 15

- Chamblee First Church
- Wesley Foundation, University of Georgia

Friday, January 16

- St. Andrews, Marietta
- St. Paul, Marietta

Sunday, January 18

- Fayetteville First

While all the Red Cross Donation Centers will schedule your donation of blood, the Gainesville District has designated January 12 to 16 as United Methodist Days at the Center at 311 Jesse Jewell Parkway in Gainesville. (**Click here to see the times and locations of other Red Cross Centers and be sure to tell them you are from the United Methodist Church.**)

With a little effort, we will reach our goal, witness to the value we place on human lives, and give hope to those who desperately need it.

Calendar Highlights

- ◆ **January 12**
Chapel Services at United Methodist Center - Doug Sasser, preaching - 11:30 /
- ◆ **January 12**
New Church Leadership Academy - Providence UMC 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
- ◆ **January 13**
APCM Steering Committee - United Methodist Center, Bishop's Conference Room 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- ◆ **January 15**
Atlanta Roswell District PM/Event - Simpsonwood Conference and Retreat Center - 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
- ◆ **January 17**
Chain Saw Training for Disaster Relief Teams - Simpsonwood Conference at Retreat Center - 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- ◆ **January 18**
Atlanta Marietta and Atlanta Decatur Oxford Districts Financial Workshop - Marietta First UMC, Room 256 in Discipleship Center - 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

◆ [Complete Calendar](#)

Retired Spouses and Clergy Birthdays

- ◆ **January 12**
William Byrd
Ding Lau
Dan Maxey
- ◆ **January 13**
Kenny Fuller
- ◆ **January 15**
Diana Busby
Erah Maxine Hamm
Winnie Hoover
Lillian O'Bryant
Jackie Smith
- ◆ **January 17**
Inez L. Fears
- ◆ **January 18**
Doris Melear
- ◆ **January 19**
Dean Kring
Betty Jane O'Neil
- ◆ **January 20**
Thomas Fowler
Ed Nelson

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Bible and Scripture

Daily Bible Reading

Click [here](#) for readings that take you through the entire Bible in a Year.

Lectionary Scriptures NI

Sunday, Jan. 18, 04
2nd Sunday after Epiphany
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- ◆ [Psalm 36: 5-10](#)
- ◆ [Isaiah 62: 1-5](#)
- ◆ [1 Cor 12: 1-11](#)
- ◆ [John 2: 1-11](#)

Baptism of the Lord

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