



**Monday Morning in North Georgia**

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**SHARING WEEKLY NEWS WITH NORTH GEORGIA METHODIST**



**Good Things in Small Packages**

Picture in your mind a small membership church near you. It is probably not far away. The majority of churches in North Georgia do have fewer than 200 on roll. It might be a new congregation just underway. It could represent a historic shrine that has blessed people for centuries. Its people may consist of family -- immediate and extended (i.e., everybody's "kin" somehow). There is a genuine and anticipated way of caring for one another and for dealing (or not dealing) with conflict. Even the patterns of decision-making may seem strange to the outsider but perfectly logical to the local participant. Satisfaction with the current condition may rule on some days, but a realistic look to the

future will gather the clouds of despair on occasion.

If any of the above seems familiar to your situation, you are invited to a one-day workshop on the small membership church. Jim Griffith of Griffith Coaching ([www.griffithcoaching.com](http://www.griffithcoaching.com)) will be at the United Methodist Center on Saturday, April 9, to make presentations and have conversations with pastors and laity. Teams from churches are invited to work together in discerning the current condition of their faith communities and agreeing on some possibilities for the future. Along the way, some of the issues helping and impeding progress will be discussed.

The Office of Church Development is signaling the Conference's desire to help our congregations, large and small. Healthy local units are critical to the Conference's ability to carry on ministry here and around the world. To register for the event, go to [www.ngumc.org](http://www.ngumc.org) and click on "Workshop for Pastors and Laity on Small Membership Churches." More information is available by calling 678-533-1384. Don't delay -- the registration deadline is March 15!!

Ed Tomlinson



**This Week's Calendar Event**

- **March 7**  
Rome Carrollton District Clergy Me - Cedartown Church
- **March 7**  
New Church Leadership Academy - United Methodist Center - 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
- **March 8**  
Atlanta Decatur Oxford District Committee on Ordained Ministry - Church - 9:00 AM
- **March 8**  
Atlanta Marietta District Clergy Me - Mountain View Church - 11:00 AM
- **March 9**  
Church Development Exec. Commi Meeting - United Methodist Center 10:00 AM
- **March 10**  
Housing and Homeless Council Me - Decatur First - 10:00 AM
- **March 10**  
Committee on Existing Church Development - United Methodist C - 9:30 AM
- **March 11 - 13**  
United Methodist Youth Spiritual Li Retreat - Camp Glisson
- **March 12**  
Augusta District Basic Lay Speaking Training - Wesley Church, Evans - AM
- **March 13**  
Board of Ordained Ministry Meeting Simpsonwood Conference and Reti Center - 6:00 PM

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**Lectionary and Bible Reading**

**Daily Bible Reading**

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**Lectionary Scriptures** NIV Sunday, March, 13 - 5th Sunday of Lent - C Purple

**Scripture Readings**

- [Psalm 130](#)
- [Ezekiel 37: 1-14](#)
- [Romans 8: 6-11](#)



**Prayer Calendar**

The Conference Information Office is now publishing a monthly prayer calendar. This calendar may be accessed by going to [ngumc.org](http://ngumc.org) and clicking on "daily prayer". This new resource is downloadable and can be printed for insert in your church bulletins.

