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News



United Methodist Student Day

United Methodist Student Day will be recognized by churches across the connection on Sunday November 25. Thanks to the generosity of United Methodists, students attending UM-related and other accredited colleges and universities can receive scholarships and loans. For more information and worship resources, visit www.umcsgiving.org or www.gahied.com.



Children's Home Needs Prayers, Financial Contributions

Bev Cochran, Director of the North Georgia United Methodist Children's Home, has written a letter to pastors regarding the fire that destroyed Leigh Cottage on the Decatur campus November 1. He explains that the two most pressing needs are prayers and financial contributions. [Read the letter in "Latest News" at www.ngumc.org](http://www.ngumc.org)



Congratulations: Quest Church in Martinez Charters

Sunday, October 28, some 266 people gathered to celebrate the journey that has taken Quest Church in Martinez from an idea, to a church plant, to being chartered and officially recognized as a United Methodist Church of the North Georgia Conference. On Charter Sunday the church accepted 146 people into membership, 48 who joined on profession of faith and 15 of whom were baptized. [Read more in "Latest News" at www.ngumc.org](http://www.ngumc.org).



Conference Journals Shipping Now

The 2007 Journals are being shipped now. There are a few copies still available of the two-volume set. Call 678-533-1446 for availability before sending order to: North Georgia Conference, Conference Treasurer, PO Box 102417, Atlanta, GA 30368-2417. Payment of \$40 must accompany order along with name, full address (no po box). The digital CD version can be ordered online for \$20 each at www.ngumc.org/resources/journal. Send editorial questions to: Conference Secretary at donnannw@mindspring.com.



Camp Glisson Summer Pool Project Update

Camp Glisson has received more than \$195,000 – 63% of the project goal – toward the replacement of its 38-year-old swimming pool! The staff would like to thank all who have supported this project. Glisson would love to have campers swimming in the new pool next summer and will decide this month whether or not construction can begin in time to have the pool ready for 2008. If you'd like to learn more about the pool project, please visit www.campglisson.org.

Young Adult Ministries Survey

Churches: To better serve you in your ministry to young adults, we'd like to hear from you! Take a few moments to complete this survey from the Young Adult Task Force. To begin, just go to www.umcyoungadults.org.



HealthFlex Participants: Open Enrollment ends November 30

HealthFlex participants, November 30 is the last day of Open Enrollment time. Set up your FSAs and add or remove eligible family members from your plan. And if you haven't taken your annual online health assessment or had your yearly wellness exam, now's the time! For an end of the year checklist, visit "Latest News" at www.ngumc.org.

Psst ... Spread The Word About our Credit Union

Help spread the word about the Georgia Florida United Methodist Federal Credit Union and you'll receive an additional bonus. Now until December 31, you'll receive a \$10 deposit in your credit union savings account for referring a new member to us. Just think how appreciative they'll be when you introduce them to the credit union and all of our affordable financial services! Visit the Credit Union website for details.

Run Wild at the Fifth Annual MUST Gobble Jog

For the fifth straight year, MUST Ministries will host its annual Gobble Jog to raise money for people living in homelessness and poverty. The jog is Thanksgiving Day starting in the downtown Marietta square and will feature a 5K and 10K run, or a 1K run and a Tot Trot for kids five and under.

Registration is open to everyone: runners, walkers, children and adults. For more information, visit www.mustministries.com.



Mission Opportunites

Events and Meetings



Charles Wesley Exhibit in Pitts Theological Library

Pitts Theology Library at Candler School of Theology is hosting an exhibit titled "Singing Faith: A Tercentenary Celebration of Charles Wesley" from **November 1 until December 31**. This commemoration of Wesley's contributions to the early Methodist movement and hymnody is being held in the Durham Reading Room and includes materials from the Pitts Theology Library Archives and Special Collections and Emory University's Manuscript, Archives and Rare Book Library, and will include poetic and prose writings, Wesley family portraits and documents from the early years of Methodism.

Refugee Resettlement Benefit Concert

A Broadway Benefit for RRISA (Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Services of Atlanta) will be held **Tuesday, November 20** at Oglethorpe University's Conant Center for the Performing Arts. For more information, visit the "Outreach" section of the [Connectional Ministries](http://www.ngumc.org) page at www.ngumc.org. To place ticket orders, call 404.622.2235 ext. 232 or go to www.rrisa.org.

Retiree Christmas Luncheon

Conference retirees, spouses and surviving spouses are invited to the Retiree Christmas Luncheon **Tuesday, December 11**, at 11:30 a.m at [Dunwoody UMC](http://www.ngumc.org). If you have not done so, please make reservations by calling 678-533-1391 or e-mailing valb@ngumc.org.

Limited Scholarships Available for Multi-cultural Event

The Southeastern Jurisdiction and Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center are pleased to present an "Transforming Lives by Embracing God's Diversity," **December 13-15** at Lake Junaluska. This innovative conference is designed to inspire and equip you to build a more diverse congregation. In an effort to promote and encourage maximum participation of the North Georgia Annual Conference, the Ethnic Local Church Concerns Committee is offering a limited number of partial scholarships for participants attending this event. The scholarships are open to lay and clergy. Registration information and schedule details are available at www.lakejunaluska.com/events. Participants must register directly with Lake Junaluska prior to receiving a scholarship.

NGUMC Young Adult Night at the Atlanta Thrashers

Saturday, December 29, is North Georgia Conference Young Adult Night at the Thrashers vs. Bruins game at 7 p. m. Tickets range between \$22.25 and \$37.25. (value of the tickets range between \$29 and \$74.) All tickets include a



free food voucher. Order your tickets now at www.umcyoungadults.org.

Congress on Evangelism

The 2008 Congress on Evangelism will be held in Savannah **January 2-5** at the Savannah Convention Center. This year's theme, "Spirit of Faith Come Down," will honor Charles Wesley's birth and will be one of the largest United Methodist gatherings to focus on the historic recollection of this brother in Christ. For more information or to register, visit www.congressonevangelism.com/.

UMC Youth Night at the Atlanta Hawks

UMC Youth Night at the Atlanta Hawks is **Friday, January 11** at 7:30 p.m. Join other youth from around the conference at Philips Arena as the Hawks take on the Washington Wizards. Discounted tickets are priced between \$37.25 and \$22.25. With each ticket purchased, you get a coupon for a free Chick Fil A sandwich. For more information go to www.umcyouth.org.

Young Clergy to Gather at Lake Junaluska

The SEJ/GBCS Young Clergy Forum will be held **January 30** at Lake Junaluska. Register at SEJ Young Clergy or www.umc-gbcs.org/sejyoungclergy08, then register for a room through Lake Junaluska Lodging Reservations at 800.222.4930. The registration fee is only \$50 per young clergy. One continuing education credit will be awarded for full participants. Questions? Contact Rev. Clayton Childers at cchilders@umc-gbcs.org or 202-488-5642.

Peace Conference

The 2008 Peace Conference, set for **January 31 - February 2**, will be held at Lake Junaluska and will provide a great opportunity of dialogue on finding the church's voice in a violent world. The conference will be led by some of the best minds in the church today including: Dr. Peter Storey, former Methodist Bishop in South Africa, Dr. Jan Love, Dean of Candler School of Theology, Bishop Ken Carder, former bishop and current professor at Duke Divinity School and Jim Winkler, General Secretary, General Board of Church and Society. The goal of the conference is to encourage participants to be advocates for peace, justice and to be the reconcilers that Christ wants us to be in our communities. For more information, visit www.lakejunaluska.com/Peace.aspx.

Is God Calling Me?

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said "Here am I, send me!" The Board of Ordained Ministry is sponsoring a retreat for high school juniors through age 20 who want to better

understand God's call for their lives. It's a weekend full of powerful worship, an exciting and festive atmosphere, small group relationships, with a diverse group of pastors and church leaders, representatives from seminaries, hang out time, and a deeper understanding of God's divine and distinct plan for your life! Join us February 1-3 at Simpsonwood Conference and Retreat Center. The event cost is \$79 and you can [register online](#). Please contact Joe McKechnie at 706.367.8294 or jmckechnie1@aol.com with questions or for information on limited scholarships.

Day of Love and Justice at the Georgia State Capitol

"Stop the Cycle of Poverty NOW! Creating a new legacy for the next generation" will be the theme for the fourth annual Day of Love and Justice at the State Capitol Building in Atlanta **February 11**. South Georgia Bishop Mike Watson and North Georgia Bishop Lindsey Davis will be the chaplains for the day of the senate and the house respectively. The focus of the day is to learn about and get involved in the legislative process concerning issues of love and justice, primarily with how this relates to children growing up in poverty. All Georgia United Methodists are encouraged to be a part of the day.

Resources

Print the Prayer Calendar

The December Prayer Calendar "Prayers for a Silent Night" is available download in a PDF format at www.ngumc.org under the "Resources" tab. Print it for yourself, for your Sunday school class, or for church-wide distribution. Or include the link in your church newsletter or on your website.

World AIDS Day Information and Resources

UMCOR and the Health and Welfare Unit of Global Ministries are offering excellent online educational resources and news articles geared to World AIDS Day, which is always on December 1. These materials feature the United Methodist Global AIDS Fund, established by the 2004 General Conference. Conference communicators, Christian educators, and church leaders will find a variety of useful resources at www.umcor.org.

New Contemporary Music and Worship ListServ

Ruach is the Hebrew word for wind, spirit, or breath. It can literally mean the breath of God. *Ruach* is also the name of a new interactive listserv sponsored by The General Board of Discipleship. *Ruach's* purpose is to foster discussion, debate, research, exchange of information, and networking around issues of contemporary music and worship. *Ruach* is designed for musicians, directors, singers, composers,





pastors, worship planners, leaders, publishers, and students. The list is intended for and funded by The United Methodist Church but membership is open to all without charge. Visit www.gbod.org to register.

Tweens Live! From Cokesbury

Cokesbury has launched a website, www.tweenslive.com, just for the kids between children and teens. It features cool facts, a weekly poll, links to what's cool in Christian music and more.

News (and Events, Mission Opportunities, and Resources) You Can Use

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