



 The North Georgia Conference
of The United Methodist Church

DISTRICT 8 **SouthWest**

Butts, Coweta, Fayette, Harris, Heard,
Jasper, Lamar, Meriwether, Monroe, Pike,
Spalding, Troup and Upson Counties

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SouthWest District Lending a Hand.....

The SouthWest District met the needs in their communities in inspiring ways for Thanksgiving.

- At least 480 families were provided meals, gift cards and/or groceries
- Over 1300 individuals received some kind of food assistance
- Financial gifts and canned goods were donated by churches to food pantries in Greenville, LaGrange, Griffin, West Point, Newnan, and Monroe County
- Thousands of dollars were given to many local agencies including Feeding the Valley, a Ronald McDonald House, God's Bread Basket, and I-58 Missions.



While it is impossible to share the stories of every church from whom we've heard here is a sample of your love in action. Over 550 people were served a meal on Thanksgiving day from the Forsyth UMC. Peachtree City UMC helped feed 50 homeless men for a week at the Atlanta Central Night Shelter. Smith UMC in Newnan provided meals to over 30 shut-ins and other homebound people. Mt. Zion, Smarr is already in the Christmas spirit and sent 58 boxes to Operation Christmas Child and provided Christmas gifts for 20 children through the public school system. And Keeney Memorial in West Point provided 6 families with boxes of food and Kroger gift cards. Thank you for being Christ to those in need.

"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.
Matthew 25:40

SouthWest District Ministers' Meeting

Thursday, January 7, 2021, 7:00pm
via Zoom

All appointed pastors are expected to participate and will receive the Zoom invitation the first week of January for this important meeting.

End of Year Reports

It's that time of year – time to begin working on End of Year Reports, which will be due at the end of January. Don't wait until the last minute! You can print blank copies of the reports **NOW** from the Conference website and begin gathering your information. Rev. Skip Mitchell is the District Statistician for the SouthWest District. He will be assisted this year by a team of 7 additional pastors. We will be sending out specific information in the coming weeks, so be on the lookout. If you have questions now, feel free to contact Skip (skip.mitchell@ngumc.net) or the District Office. There will be an End of Year Report Workshop in early January, via Zoom. Check the district website soon for details.

Educational Opportunities

Webinar Series: Interrupting the School to Prison Pipeline

December 5

The United Methodist Women of the North Georgia Conference and Project Transformation North Georgia invite you to a virtual three-part series on Interrupting the School to Prison Pipeline. In each 1-hour session, you'll hear from panelists about how our faith calls us to act. The sessions are:

- * Saturday, November 14, 2020: Faith Calls Us to Do Justice and Love Mercy!
- * Saturday, December 5, 2020: What Role Could PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports) Play in Interrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline?
- * Saturday, January 16, 2021: Becoming an Advocate for Change

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Mission Insite Training

December 15

The North Georgia Conference is offering Mission Insite training sessions for local churches. MissionInsite is a demographics program that provides churches with instant access to community information. The session will be held via Zoom on December 15 from 10 am to noon.

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CLERGYEDUCATION

Continuing Education for Church Leaders

clergyeducation.com

Recorded classes are available and there are new classes that will be available in January led by Dr. Quincy Brown, Bishop Sharma Lewis, Will Cantrell and more.

Glisson Registration for Summer 2021

Open Now (For United Methodists)

Glisson registration began Nov 16 for members of United Methodist churches and Dec 1 for everyone. Find the schedule and links to register at <http://glisson.org/>.

ATTENTION LOCAL PASTORS

Your Clergy Evaluation Forms are due in the District Office by **Friday, January 29, 2021**.

Forms were emailed to you with other Set Up meeting information and are also available on the Reports Due page of the District Website.

All Local Pastors will meet with DCOM in February (11 or 23). Detailed schedules will be emailed to all local pastors in the next couple of weeks.



Happy Birthday to the following pastors celebrating birthdays in December:

15 – Russ Nuss

18 – Keith Harris

21 – Arianna Eberle

29 – Dale Fuller

30 – Frank Dean



*Merry Christmas from
Susan & Denise
in the SouthWest District Office.
We wish for all of you a joyous
Christmas season!*