

Mark 16:15 “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”

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Pastor's Corner

As we approach the dog days of summer, I want us to think about something that God laid on my heart for the Adrian Campmeeting. In Luke 9:58, Jesus tells us that “foxes have holes and birds of the air have nest, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” If I were writing a contemporary version of this scripture, I might add that dogs have porches. I do not know much about a foxhole or a bird-nest, but I do have some experience with dogs. From my experience, all dogs love porches. In fact, some love them too much. Put a dog bed on the porch, and some dogs become so lazy and complacent that they do not care if they ever move again. They lie down in one spot and sleep all day. They won't move to play fetch. They won't move to go for a walk. They might not even blink an eye, much less bark, to alert their owner to the presence of stranger. We make it easy for the dog to do everything on the porch. We feed them on the porch. We let them sleep on the porch. We even have made ways for them to use the potty on the porch.

Sometimes in life we act too much like these dogs as Christians. We stay on the porch because we have become too complacent. I have been a UGA fan since I was in diapers. My parents have pictures of me dressed in my UGA gear to prove it. When I was about eight, I was given a t-shirt with a picture of the Georgia mascot Uga. He is standing in the yard, looking tough, lean, and muscular. In the background was a house with a porch. On the porch were some of the sorriest looking dogs I have ever seen. Some fat and lazy, some weak and scrawny, others just plain pitiful. The shirt had the following caption: “If you can't run with THE BIG DAWG, stay on the porch.”

Who is our big dog as Christians? The title of BIG DOG should be reserved for Jesus Christ. Too many times we stay on the porch because we do not want to run with the big dog. We do not want to run with Christ. We do not want to follow Christ. We have heard the excuses. Perhaps we have made the excuses. “Following you is too hard. I'm too busy. Not now Jesus, I've got a few things in life I want to do first before I get serious about serving you. I am too comfortable with my life. I am scared that I am not good enough to do what you are calling me to do.” Christ is trying to tell us something in

this text. If we are going to run with Him, we have put our excuses aside and be willing to get off the porch.

Jesus is calling us off of our porches. What is your porch? Every time you feel the heat during the dog days of summer, think about this question. Your porch is whatever it is that keeps you from following Jesus. The good news is that Jesus gives us the grace we need to get off the porch and follow him. Do not let complacency or fear or anything else keep you from following Christ. God's grace is sufficient to overcome anything that tries to hold us back from serving Christ. Pray for that grace to strengthen you to follow Christ wherever he is leading you. Make a decision to get off the porch.

In Christ,
Pastor Jeff

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### *Expect an Eating and Spiritual Experience*

The eating experience will be the result of planning and preparation by proven culinary artist at Tennille United Methodist Church.

The spiritual experience is the result of the competent leaders and teachers within our Sunday School.

The attendees of our Sunday School have grown spiritually through the teaching and exaltation of our teachers. We thank God for their dedication and commitment and wish to relate our spiritual growth to others. On Sunday Evening, September 19 @ 6:30 pm, all are invited to this “Fellowship Dinner Experience”.

Expect to hear more about this dinner in Sunday School, Church Services, and the network.

Lay leader

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Happy July Birthdays!

Harry Gilbert –	Beryl Spry – 5
Margaret S. Alexander – 6	Jerry Knight – 9
Linda Deem – 17	Jerry Chapman – 20
Clint Smith – 28	Hill Thomas – 29
E. Allen Smith – 30	Will Smith – 31

United Methodist Women

Three of our UMW Members and their families have just returned from School of Missions at Epworth-by-the-Sea. Patsy Blount, Deana, Deidra and Katheryn Dalrymple; Leona, Rhonie and Betty Rogers enjoyed 4 days at Epworth. Deidra and Katheryn enjoyed the youth and children activities while Patsy, Deana and Leona enjoyed the Spiritual Growth Study — For the Love of God — a study of the Epistles of John and the Mission Study – Joy to the World – Mission in the Age of Global Christianity.

For the Love of God focuses on the Epistles as God's Word to us today, with the emphasis on loving all humanity, as well as on revealing who among us are false teachers. Calling the readers to love and joy, the letters are as relevant today as they were when they were written, as they tell us of "the emphasis on the grounding of the Gospel in the very nature of God, from the very beginning of all things." And that "God took on human form...to share our human life.... And this is the prelude to the possibility of our nearness to God." First John tells us that having fellowship with God cannot be separated from having fellowship with one another.

Joy to the World explores how mission and evangelism flow from joyous gratitude for the Good News of Jesus Christ. For United Methodists, Christian mission is a response to God's presence in Jesus Christ, who came into the world with a message of forgiveness, joy, and hope for all of God's creation. Christians carry this message wherever they go. They are living witnesses to the belief in Emmanuel—"God with us." In God's name, Christians go into the world to share the Good News. The book explores the theology of mission and evangelism in the twenty-first century context of Christianity as a worldwide religion. It sets the biblical and historical context for the reality that Christianity is now the largest world religion, comprising roughly one-third of the population. It also covers history of mission structure and women's mission work over the past century and continues with Methodist history and United Methodist understandings of mission and evangelism.

Rev. Steve McVay was the study leader for the study For the Love of God. Rev. McVay has been a study leader in approximately 40 conference and regional Schools of Mission since 1984. A graduate of Western Kentucky University, Steve was an administrative social worker when he experienced a renewed call to pastoral ministry in 1978. Steve, with his wife Shirley, has served United Methodist congregations in western Kentucky and has held a variety of leadership positions on both the district and conference levels.

Dr. Sandi Hortman was the study leader for Joy to the World. Sandi is a member of St. Luke UMC in Columbus where she has taught children's Sunday School and has worked with the Administrative Board, the Respite Care Ministry, and the chancel choir. A

former professor of marketing at Columbus State University, Sandi received a call to lay ministry in 2004 and was commissioned a UMC Deaconess in 2007. She serves as a chaplain and counselor at Open Door Community House in Columbus, a national institution of the UMC.

UMW Upcoming Events

Aug 7, 2010: Social Issues Workshop; Porterfield UMC, Albany, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Aug 22, 2010: Election of 2011 Officers, Tennille UMW, following morning worship

Sept 18, 2010: District Annual Meeting, Sandersville, UMC, 10:00 a.m.; Guest Speaker, Gloria Morgan, Past President of So. GA. UMW

Oct 16, 2010: South GA Conference UMW Annual Meeting, Pine Forest UMC, Dublin 10:00 a.m. Guest Speaker, Harriet Olsen, Deputy General Secretary Women's Division

Nov 6, 2010: Dublin District Prayer Brunch; Tennille UMC, 10:00 a.m.

WACO Cancer Support Group

The WACO Cancer Support Group was organized three months ago at the request of an individual who lives in Washington County experiencing cancer. Our initial meeting consisted of five individuals and within the three months has increased to between seven and ten participants each meeting. We meet the third Thursday of each month in our church's W.B. Smith Building at 6:00p.m. ALL individuals and caregivers are welcome.

Individuals have shared very personal aspects of their experience living with cancer. It has been heart warming to see the support, faith and caring among those participating. An understanding that everything shared remains confidential among group members provides the context within which members can relax and share only what they choose to share.

Our discussions have revealed that many emotions and experiences living with cancer are similar to those whose lives are touched by any chronic illness. A thread that has emerged shows that FAITH is the foundation that has guided all through their journey and continues to guide them in their daily lives.

An anonymous writer wrote:

"What cancer cannot do...

It cannot invade the soul, suppress memories, kill friendship, destroy peace, conquer the spirit, shatter

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hope, cripple love, corrode faith, steal eternal life, silence courage.”

As with many chronic illnesses, treatments, medications, financial issues, community resources available, home care, and transportation are relevant to those whose lives are touched by cancer. Emotions may range from anger, despair... the stages Dr. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross describes as components of the grief process.

Participants assist each other by sharing and learning that many of our group have/are experiencing the same or similar feelings or questions. From the moment the physician tells them they have cancer to the challenging treatments and diagnostic tests, knowing that others have “been there” may provide the support and strength for a person to meet these challenges and to strengthen their faith. Since cancer, as well as all chronic illnesses, involve the family as well as the person, it is important that caregivers also join the group.

Our August meeting will be held on Thursday, August 19, 2010 at 6:00p.m. in the W.B. Smith Building. Our guest speaker will be a representative from Hospice of Central Georgia. We invite ALL who would like to learn more about Hospice to come to our meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns,

Margie

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Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has gotten off to a good start. We have several of our women working on shawls which are in various stages of completion. We have had a total of 19 Prayer Shawls blessed with 17 presented to someone. Two Prayer Shawls were given to Dr. Dwight Irons to be blessed by him and presented to two of his church members in the Scott Nursing Home in Johnson Co. Hopefully, we will soon have several more ready to be blessed. It is such a blessing for us to create something that will bring comfort to someone in their time of need. If you or someone you know would like to be comforted with a prayer shawl, please contact Leona Rogers: email - rhonie@washemc.net , phone (478) 552-7838; or Rev. Jeff Cook: email – tumc@tennilleumc.org , phone (478) 552-7811.

Worship Calendar for Tennille United Methodist

August

August is Campmeeting Month at Tennille UMC

Get ready for Campmeeting Days every Sunday in August. Dress casually and come ready to sing your favorite campmeeting songs. If you have any special requests, let Pastor Jeff know. We also have two very special services planned for this month.

Sunday, August 8 at 11:00 a.m. - Susie Canafax, a United Methodist missionary, will speak at our 11:00 a.m. worship service. Susie will talk to us about her experience as a missionary and the work of UMCOR (The United Methodist Committee on Relief). Susie Canafax’s biography is attached below.



Sunday, August 29th at 6:00 p.m. - Make plans to attend a 5th Sunday Service at our church on Sunday, August 29 at 6:00 p.m. Several United Methodist churches throughout the area will be invited to join us in this service. We hope that this will help us to develop stronger relationships with nearby Methodist churches that will strengthen the ministries of each church. Following the service we will have a time of food and fellowship.

September

Sunday, September 12 at 11:00 a.m. - Dr. Charles Adams, Superintendent of Epworth by the Sea, will be preach at our Sunday morning worship service. Plan to come to learn more about the wonderful ministries that Epworth has to offer to the South Georgia Conference.

Sunday, September 12 at 4:00 p.m. at Pine Forest UMC in Dublin – Bishop James King will have a Bishop’s Hour for all of the churches of the Dublin District. This will be a time of teaching and worship in which we are encouraged and strengthened in our ministries. Make plans to attend this service and prepare to be blessed by the passion and love for our Savior that is so evident in Bishop King.

Do not miss Susie Canafax- United Methodist Missionary- August 8 at 11:00 a.m. worship



Susie (Virginia Sue) Canafax is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church. In the Spring of 2010 she began service as Mission Interpreter in Residence (MIIR) in the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

From 2003 to 2009 Susie served in the Office of Missionary Newsletters and Biographies based in Atlanta, GA. She was coordinator of the Missionary Wellness Program from 2000 to 2002. Susie has also served the missionary community as a part of the training team for new missionaries.

Susie served as the nurse at Hillcrest School in Jos, Nigeria, from 1995-1999. She was responsible for the health care of students, faculty and Nigerian staff at the ecumenical school, and related to children from ages 7-18 as well as adults.

Commenting on her past service and current position, Susie shares, "I have the opportunity to be in contact with much of the United Methodist mission community, and I am blessed to be able to facilitate their mission vocation. The United Methodist Church supports missionaries serving world-wide in amazing programs, and their stories need to be heard."

Susie became interested in pursuing mission as a career after taking part in many mission activities through her local church, as well as a work team trip to Chile. "I felt God was encouraging me to move out of my comfort zone of practicing nursing in my own culture and to take my skills and knowledge to share with those of other cultures," she reflects.

A native of central Texas, Susie attended Texas Wesleyan College (now University) in Fort Worth, TX, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education. She then pursued her interest in the health sciences by earning a degree in nursing from Grayson County College in Denison, TX. Susie is a Registered Nurse and worked in the Emergency Department and ICU. She also worked in home health, as a campus nurse for Texas Wesleyan, and served three years in the United States Air Force.

Susie is a member of First United Methodist Church in Hurst, TX, in the Central Texas Annual Conference, and an associate member of St. Mark UMC in Atlanta, GA. She is the daughter of the Rev. Dr. Wilson Canafax, retired United Methodist clergy, and the late Mrs. Bernice H. Canafax.

Ministry Opportunities

August

Sunday nights at 6:00 p.m. – The Gathering, a ministry for young adults, meets in the social hall. On August 29, the young adults will meet with the 5th Sunday worship service.

Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. through August 25 – Join us for our study on The Holy Spirit in the Wesleyan Heritage. This is a great study. You do not want to miss this opportunity.

Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. - The Wesley Walkers, TUMC's walking groups, will meet on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. at the hospital track and at 7:00 p.m. at the New Birth Church track on Zeta Rd. in Tennille.

Monday, August 9 at 4:00 p.m. – The Annie Lou Hodges UMW Circle will meet in the W.B. Smith Building. Selwyn May is the hostess for this month's meeting.

Wednesday, August 11 at 3:30 p.m. – The Bread of Life Ministry will meet to prepare and distribute meals and the love of Christ to people of God in need throughout our community.

Saturday, August 14 at 9:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Pathways to a Healthy Church, a training event for clergy and laity, will be held at Trinity UMC in Warner Robins. The annual Pathways to a Healthy Church event is designed to equip local churches with practical, quality training that will help you fulfill the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ. This training will offer over 40 workshops and 6 all day workshops designed to help congregations become more healthy. It is the prayer of the Connectional Ministries Council that those who attend this day of training will be stimulated with new ideas that will work in their ministry setting, recommitted to their role as spiritual leaders, and empowered to go forth to offer vision-driven leadership. Bishop James King will be leading a beginning session for all participants.

Let's take a group from Tennille to take advantage of this opportunity. Sign up by August 6 using the form found in the narthex or online at <http://www.sgaumc.org/events/detail/1562>. We will meet at the church at 8:00 to leave for Warner Robins.

Thursday, August 19 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – The Cancer Support Group of WACO will meet in the W.B. Smith Building.

Sunday, August 22 after morning worship – The Tennille UMW will meet to elect 2011 officers.

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Monday, September 13 at 4:00 p.m. - The Annie Lou Hodges UMW Circle will meet in the W.B. Smith Building. Shirley Nicholson will be the hostess.

Wednesday, September 15 at 10:30 a.m. – The Erin Holder Smith Circle will meet at the home of Marjorie Johnson.

Thursday, September 16 from 6:00- 7:00 p.m. - The Cancer Support Group of WACO will meet in the W.B. Smith Building.

Saturday, September 18 at 10:00 a.m. – The District Annual Meeting of the United Methodist Women will be held at Sandersville UMC.

Sunday, September 19 at 6:30 p.m. – Make plans to attend a Fellowship Dinner in the W.B. Smith Building followed by a program led by the Adult Sunday School classes of our church.

•Doris Patrick's New Address- 590 Tommy Lee Fuller Dr., Loganville, Ga. 30052. Her phone number is 770-466-8433.

•Martha Taylor's address while in Charlotte is 1401 Ferncliff Rd. Charlotte, N.C. 28211. Her phone is 704-366-4328.

Happy August Birthdays!

R. W. Wommack, III – 1	Gloria Ingram – 2
Lee Cook – 5	Mary Marshall – 7
Elsie Marchman – 7	Irene Summerlin - 9
Helen Chapman – 12	E. K. May – 12
Daniel May – 16	Anne Bazemore – 18
Faye McMaster – 20	J. W. Rhodes, Jr. – 21
Charles Nicholson – 22	Debby May – 22
Dan Moye – 29	Chris Alexander- 29
Jason Smith – 30	

Children's Carnival



Our Children's Carnival, **Eight Flags Over Tennille UMC**, was a great success. We served over 50 children and parents from our church and community through this effort. Thank you to everyone who participated by giving your time, cooking, working a booth, driving the train, donating supplies, decorating, planning, and supporting this ministry through your gifts and your prayers. Fun was had by all. Together, we are making a difference for Christ in Tennille!

Flowers

August

1 – Mrs. Paul Thiele
8 – Mrs. Paul Thiele
15 – Mr. and Mrs. Ron Deem
22 – Erin Holder Smith Circle
29 – Catherine Orr

September

5- Loretha Thiele
12- Open'
19- Paula McMaster
26- Allen and Selwyn May

October

3- Mr. and Mrs. Dan Moye and Mr. and Mrs. Billy McMaster
10- E.K. and Debby May
17—Martha Taylor
24- Allen and Selwyn May

November

7- Margie Johnson
14- Doris Patrick
21- Skip and Betty Wommack
28- Loretha Thiele

December

Lucy Nell Smith, Margaret Alexander, and Ben Ouzts

Tennille United Methodist Church Financial Report June 30, 2010

Conference and District Apportionments	2010 Budget	Paid to Date		
World Service Fund	1,361.00	680.50	Other	Paid to Date
Conference Benevolences	1,144.00	572.00	Magnolia Manor	286.00
Congregational Development	1,124.00	562.00	Ronald McBrayer Fund	175.00
Clergy Support	2,234.00	1,117.00	UMCOR #418325 (Haiti)	595.00
Pre-1982 Pension & MPP	1,566.00	783.00	Larry Gibbons Family	500.00
Comprehensive Protection Plan	742.00	371.00	Gideons International	285.00
Health Flex (retired clergy)	1,100.00	550.00		
Health Flex (disabled clergy)	204.00	102.00		
Administrative Expenses	1,051.00	525.50		
State Cooperative Fund	42.00	21.00		
Christian Higher Education	822.00	411.00		
SEJ Mission and Ministry	118.00	59.00		
Africa University Fund	42.00	21.00		
Black College Fund	186.00	93.00		
General Administration Fund	148.00	74.00		
General Church Episcopal Fund	374.00	187.00		
Inter-denominational Co-op Fund	36.00	18.00		
Ministerial Education Fund	466.00	233.00		
Dublin District Parsonage Fund	400.00	200.00		
Dublin Dist. Operational & Program Fund	667.00	333.50		
SEJ Dam Restoration Fund		14.17		
Buildings and Grounds				
Church and Parsonage Maintenance	3,500.00	847.91		
Insurance	3,368.00			
Utilities	8,000.00	4,530.49		
Yard	4,000.00	1,530.00		
Termite Control	600.00	371.00		
Parsonage Improvements	2,500.00			
Operational Expenses			Month of June	
Janitorial Service	2,500.00	1,000.00	Contributions	7,529.00
Janitorial Supplies	50.00	46.73	Disbursements	9,135.78
Office Supplies	1,200.00	561.66		
Social Hall Supplies	200.00	49.93		
Annual Conference Expense	500.00			
Musical Instrument Maintenance	600.00	325.00	Check Book	
Miscellaneous	1,200.00	936.16	Balance as of 12/31/09	12,139.35
Contingency/Reserve	1,500.00	750.00	Deposits:	
Program and Ministry			Pledges	56,291.00
Prayer Ministry	150.00		Basket	1,136.75
Family Ministry (Includes SS Expenditures)	1,650.00	886.24	Disbursements	53,765.27
Nursery	2,100.00	1,010.00		
Worship	300.00		Balance as of 06/30/10	15,801.83
Music	3,000.00	1,459.00		
Missions	1,000.00	490.00	Golden Savings Balance	5,450.12
Hospitality (Evangelism)	500.00	90.00		
Media Ministry (Internet/Newsletter/Radio)	5,200.00	2,854.91		
Ministerial Support				
Salary	41,500.00	20,749.98		
Ministerial Pension Plan	6,665.00	3,332.16		
HealthFlex (Blue Cross/Blue Shield)	8,592.00	4,296.00		
Pastor's Exp. Acct.(incl. CEU & Annual Conf.)	3,650.00	720.43		
Total	117,852.00	53,765.27		

PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayer concerns are kept on the list for one month unless otherwise requested.

TUMC Church Family-Long Term

Dennard Miller
Elsie Marchman
Betty Smith
Helen Chapman
Louise Cook
Buddy Ouzts
Frances Marshall
Tom Mingleorff

Gloria Ingram
Lee and Ann Cook
Mary Eva Rowley
Anne Bazemore
Harry Gilbert
Margaret Northington
Ronald McBrayer
J.W. Rhodes, Sr.



TUMC Church Family- Short Term

Joan Smith
Patsy Blount
Austin Guthrie
Rhonie Rogers

Ron Deem
Thomas Smith
Martha Taylor
Ramus Freeman

Extended Family and Community

Eunious Etheridge
Noah Burgamy
Reba Barlow
Polly Gladin
Jim Dunn
Seree Hendricks
Ernie Lord
Josey Ratley
Judy Garner
Al Holloway
Darren Hall
Charlene Kay
Alfred Williams
Bett Bender
Stephanie Hicks
Holmes family
Iris Britt

Dot and Frank Ergenzinger
Bob Barnhart
Justin Cramer
Douglas Chambers
Sheila Avant
Scott Fuss
Jonathan Smith
Steve Hancock
Amy Alexander
Tommy Rountree
Betty Humphrey
Mimi Rogers family
Kevin Johnson family
Joan Futch
Mary Beth Rogers
Hut Avant
Joel Jones
Stephen Brinkman

Happy Anniversary !!!



July

Scott and Holly Smith – 6

Danny and Carole Garner- 27

August

Dr. Kenneth and Harriette Towe – 3

Jerry and Mary Knight – 10

Chris and Margaret Alexander- 8

Charles and Shirley Nicholson – 17

September

Derek and Beryl Spry – 8

Jon and Gloria Ingram – 17

Among many other agenda items during the four-day event, conference members:

- learned more about The Advance and covenant relationships with missionaries from Ms. Rachael Barnett from The General Board of Global Ministries.
- were greeted by Mr. Charlie Coleman, an ambassador for the Black College Fund, who expressed appreciation for the support The United Methodist Church and the South Georgia Conference gives him and the 16,000 students through the Black College Fund.
- heard John Wesley moments by Rev. Dave Hanson throughout conference in which these concise and powerful mini-sermons reminded attendees of our Wesleyan roots.
- had the opportunity to spend time at the Georgia Agrirama for a time of food, fun, and fellowship. Agrirama is Georgia's Museum of Agriculture and Living History Museum.
- approved a \$12.4 million budget for mission and ministry for the next year.

A complete appointment book as well as full coverage of Annual Conference may be found at www.sgaumc.org.



Bishop King challenged South Georgia United Methodists to "be faithful; be encouraged. Sow the Word of God."

South Georgia Annual Conference Session

June 6-9, 2010

Tifton, Georgia



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2010 South Georgia Annual Conference Session

Fellowship, worship, Bible study and celebration marked the 2010 South Georgia Annual Conference session, held June 6-9 at the University of Georgia Tifton Campus Conference Center in Tifton, Ga. Bishop James R. King, Jr., episcopal leader of the South Georgia area, presided over his second Annual Conference session in South Georgia.

Meeting under the theme of "Sowing the Word," this year's Annual Conference session allowed the nearly 1,200 attendees several opportunities to open the scriptures and share in the richness of God's Word. Woven throughout the conference were testimonies that encouraged and exhorted members to sow the Word of God into their lives and into the lives of others.

In his sermon, "soWhat?" Bishop King proclaimed that clergy and laity are to sow the Word of God to a world that is aching to hear the words of Life.

"Positive persistence pays," he said. "Growing God's kingdom – sowing seeds – does not just happen; it's not automatic. Every seed you sow will not bear fruit. But the ones that fall on a spiritually mature heart will. Be faithful; be encouraged. Sow the word of God."

Special Offering: United Methodist Committee on Relief

Prior to this year's conference, congregations were encouraged to take up a special offering to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Together South Georgia United Methodists had the privilege of making a significant difference, collecting over \$43,000. The money will be sent to UMCOR, undesignated, so that it can be used to provide immediate assistance and urgently needed resources while other financial gifts and supplies are gathered. It was also announced that as of May 1 the people of the South Georgia Conference have given \$494,398.72 to UMCOR for relief and recovery in Haiti. "Thank you, South Georgia, for opening your hearts and giving more than a half a million dollars to UMCOR in the last few months," said Bishop King. "This is one more way we are partnering together to grow a more Christlike world."

A Healthier Me: Body, Mind & Soul

On Tuesday morning, clergy and laity engaged in "A Healthier Me: Mind, Body & Soul," an intentional time that encouraged people to take care of themselves and to live a healthier lifestyle. Nearly 40 people gathered at the ABAC track to run or walk while others did aerobic exercise and body prayer/yoga at the conference center. Countless people lingered at their hotel to rest a little longer or to work out in the exercise room. Others spent the morning in an intentional time of prayer and devotion. Nearly 100 people attended workshops focusing on Sabbath, "scream-free" living, healthy eating, physical and spiritual health, and wellness.

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Worship Leadership

Along with Bishop King, worship leadership was provided by Rev. Jim Cowart in the Sunday Night Service, Bishop Richard Looney in the Ordination Service, Rev. C. Dick Reese in the Memorial Service and Bishop Richard Wilke in the Bible studies.

Service of Ordination

During a Service of Ordination June 7 six people were ordained as members in full connection:

Barry Shane Giddens
Thad Gregory Harvey
Matthew J. Hearn

Billy Lee Kimbrel
Jonathan Daniel Smith
David Ray Wood

Service of Commissioning

Seven clergy entering into a probationary relationship with the conference were commissioned, six as elders and one as deacon (Stacey Harwell), on June 7. Whit Kirkland was recognized as an associate member of the annual conference. Those being commissioned were:

Carrie H. Austin
Thomas W. Carruth
Tony Gary Crosby
R. Jason Dillard

John Arthur Fugh, Jr.
Stacey Irene Harwell
Whit Kirkland
Daniel Underwood

Retirement Recognition

Sixteen retired clergy were recognized and given an opportunity to speak to the conference on June 8. Twenty-one pastors were recognized for serving fifty years in ministry. Those retiring were:

Donna Ashworth
Gary Carter
Edwin Chase
J. Randall Daniell
Paul Dupree
James Ford
Jimmy Gilbert
Marvin Goodman

Isaac Moon
Richard Newton
C. Dick Reese
Ron Register
William Reincheld
William Strickland
Charles Whatley
Mark Zeitlin

Service of Remembrance

Thirty clergy and clergy spouses who died in the past year were remembered during a Memorial Service on Tuesday. Rev. Dick Reese was the preacher for the service and in honoring the deceased, said, "They heard the call, they have served faithfully, and God has called them home."



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