



Sunday, **July 16 - Choir Camp Sunday**
 8:45 a.m. Lake Worship -
 Rev. Dr. Timothy Owings

9:30 a.m. Coffee and doughnuts in FH

10:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Monday, **July 17**
 9:30 a.m. Prayer Group

Sunday, **July 23**
 8:45 a.m. Lake Worship - Rev. Jim Hyder

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship

9:40 a.m. Coffee and doughnuts in FH

10:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Monday, **July 24**
 9:30 a.m. Prayer Group

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July 16– 29, 2017

Delegate Report, North Georgia Annual Conference

The 151st North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church was formally opened with worship, Bishop Hauptert-Johnson preaching.

The session began with singing, “And are We Yet Alive?,” the traditional opening hymn. The business of the conference consisted of reports from the boards that carry out the work of the United Methodist Church. In this conference, several amendments to the Book of Discipline and to the Standing Rules were also addressed. The vote here was approval of the proposed wording. Several contrary opinions were expressed on a couple of these during the discussion period. These addressed language on gender references in the Discipline and the scriptural usages which are pertinent to these phrases. The results of the voting will not be released until all Annual Conferences have completed their voting.

There were two sessions on Wednesday, followed by the Service of Ordination, Commissioning and Licensure. The morning session was the Laity Celebration and included reports by the Conference Board of Laity, UMW and UMM. One of the reports was from the Commission on a Way Forward. This commission is a very diverse group of members that are trying to build bridges and resolve conflict across some of the most contentious issues that face the church and to find a way to address this divide. It was heartening to learn of their work.

Reports on Connectional Ministries were presented. These included the United Methodist Committee on Scouting, which includes Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Campfire and Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

The Service of Ordination was held Wednesday evening. This was the first time in the 151 year history of the Conference that the Bishop conducting the Service of Ordination wore red pumps!

The Thursday morning session included reports on several programs, such as the Children’s Home and Wesley Woods. A missionary, sponsored by GBGM, was commissioned. The Standing Rule Committee read the proposed changes and the voting on them was conducted.

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Lake Speaker Schedule

For 53 years, we have offered inter-denominational lakeside services to the community at our Clarks Hill property. Come enjoy the lake worship and still make it back to the 11:00 a.m. service at St. John!

JULY

July 16 Rev. Dr. Timothy Owings, Retired Baptist Minister, Augusta

July 23 Rev. Jim Hyder, Liberty UMC, Hephzibah

July 30 Dr. Nesbit Dasher, Lay Speaker, St. John UMC, Augusta

AUGUST

August 6 Jeffrey Freehof, Lay Speaker, Wesley UMC, Evans

August 13 Charles Piercy, Lay Speaker, St. John UMC, Augusta

August 20 Rev. Robert Patton, Modoc Baptist Church, Modoc

August 27 Rev. Dr. Jody Alderman, St. John UMC, Augusta

Volunteers needed for setup and breakdown of the lake service. Please contact Curt Strickland. 706-726-4995.

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Return service requested

The closing worship was the service of Word and Table, with Olu Brown preaching. He gave a rousing exhortation that was inspiring and challenging.

Virtually all of the music was accompanied by praise bands and was loud. The few hymns that were led by the Organ or Piano resulted in very much better participation in the singing by those present.

I was impressed by the competence of the leadership of the Conference. It was a great experience.

Allen Smith
Lay Delegate

Worship Service
July 16, 2017

Sermon: Are We There Yet?
The story of Moses and the Exodus.

*Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112;
Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23*

Worship Service
July 23, 2017

Sermon: Don't Be A Weed Puller

*Sermon Scripture: Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43
Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Romans 8:12-25*



Our annual School Supply Drive for Heritage Academy is July 1 to August 15, 2017. Items may be left in the box outside the office by the Outreach bulletin board or given to Ginny Allen. Checks may be made out to Heritage Academy with "for supplies" written on the for line. Write "for Ginny Allen" on the envelope and put it in the mail slot outside the office. School supply sales

are starting in a few weeks. Heritage Academy can always use: Colored copier paper, Colored cardstock, Construction paper, Dry erase markers – all colors & sizes, Jumbo paper clips, Glue sticks, Ticonderoga brand pencils (sharpened), Red & black ball point pens, Yellow legal pads, Page protectors, File folders, Postage Stamps.

Our Prayers

Gary DeMore, Eve Richardson, The family of Bill Bohling, The family of Lansing Lee, Jr., Mary Galloway, Rich Bias, Phil and Jencie Hargrove, Shirley Bohling, Hildred Allard, The Hale House, New Bethlehem Community Center, The Stith Mead House, Military at home and deployed overseas, and the troubled corners of our world.

Sunday 11:00 a.m. only

Preaching	Choir Campers
Ushers	William Walker, Lead Usher; Russell Blanchard; Don Gordon; Suzanne Gordon; Colin G. Gordy; Phil Hargrove; Warren Spooner
Acolyte	Cooper Kight
Crucifer	Abby Kight
Offering Counters	Libby Hargrove and Clara Claussen
Sound Technician	Bobby James

Sunday

Preaching	The Reverend Dr. Jody Alderman
Liturgist	Allen Smith, 9 a.m. Dennis Hollins, 11 a.m.
Lay Reader	Allen Smith, 9 a.m. Mark Fissel, 11 a.m.
Ushers	Frank Fidler, 9 a.m. William Walker, Lead Usher; Russell Blanchard; Don Gordon; Suzanne Gordon; Colin G. Gordy; Phil Hargrove; Warren Spooner; 11 a.m.
Acolyte	Jack Kyzer
Crucifer	Anna Doster
Offering Counters	Anna Butler and Steve Hobbs
Sound Technicians	Rich Laschober, 9 a.m. Carol Capers, 11 a.m.

Sunday School is not just for kids!

Our children and youth are growing! It is exciting to be an important part of their Christian journey! And Sunday school is not just for them! Adult classes, either lectionary-focused, topical studies, or the *Adult Bible Study* curriculum, offer a chance for people to connect and grow in discipleship.

Have you felt a call to teach? Teachers and helpers at all age levels are needed. Teacher books are in an easy-to-lead format. Training is also available. So continue to be a student at the very least, but if you are interested in leading, please contact Nichole Kuehl.



HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

Budget: In memory of Bill Bohling by Frank & Eleanor Barbee; Clyde & Barbara Lester; Asset Advisor Corporation; and Tom & Carla Fitzpatrick.

Bless This House: In honor of Levings Laney by Tim & Carolyn Maund. In honor of Tim Maund's Birthday by Frances Altizer. In honor of Colin & Linda Gordy by Gerry & Betty Aldridge.

In memory of Lansing Lee, Jr. by Marquin C. Barrett; Jan & Ed Brown; Beatrice A. Dodd; Cherry Bekaert, LLP; Barbara & Robert Sweeney; Patricia S. Barrett; Philip & Jencie Hargrove; Sandy Lewis; Ruth Cooper; William & Linda Walker, Jr.; David M. Lewis; Thomas & Becky Rogers; Corinthia & Paul Greenway; Frances Altizer; Donald & Dorothy Beck; Chip & Paula Matson; Charles and Melissa Spurr; May & Kenneth McDonald; Claude & Joann Graybill; Jeffrey & Virginia Newlin; Patricia B. Herndon & Family; Judith & Gregory Goodwin; Kathy & Mattie Morris; Curt & Patty Strickland; Charles & Joan Piercy; Marion & Anna Butler; Tim & Carolyn Maund; Robert & Clara Claussen; Nesbit & Ann Dasher; Gerry & Betty Aldridge; Edgar Pund; J. Michael and Nancy Altizer. In memory of Bill Bohling by Charles and Melissa Spurr; Jeffrey & Virginia Newlin; Jeanne & Lansing Lee, III; Tim & Carolyn Maund; Judith & Gregory Goodwin; Kathy & Mattie Morris; Marion & Anna Butler; Nesbit & Ann Dasher; and Sandy Lewis. In memory of Bill Atkinson by Marion & Anna Butler.

Kitchen Fund: In memory of Bill Bohling and Lansing Lee, Jr. by Charlie & Elizabeth Tudor. In honor of Laverne Garrard by D. Alford.

Music Memorial: In memory of Peg Sommerfield by Jeanne & Lansing Lee, III.

St. John extends sympathy to Laverne Garrard in the recent passing of her aunt.

Thank you to Logan Kuehl and all the volunteers for his Eagle Project at our lake property! Please visit the newly paved pavilion and enjoy fellowship there!