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Church of Union County
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**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY,
AMERICA!**

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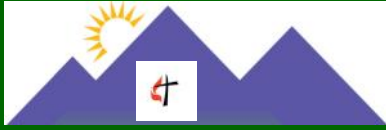
Worship Services

To Know Christ - To Make Christ Known

**8:30 am Casual Service
Sanctuary
Pastor Ben B. Lewis**

**10:45 am Traditional Service
Sanctuary
Pastor Ben B. Lewis**

**10:45 am Contemporary
The MAC
Pastor Richard Rivera**



Mountain View

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July 2009

Beloved,

Happy 4th of July! What a privilege, honor and awesome responsibility to live in the "land of the free and the home of the brave." It is also a grand privilege to live in this great nation with the greatest congregation in the United Methodist Church!

Your humble servant (Ben) has just returned from the 2009 North Georgia Annual Conference in Athens, Georgia. I must confess to you that this was the best Annual Conference I've ever attended. I am sure that part of the reason for this is because of our new bishop, Bishop B. Michael Watson. He is a breath of fresh air. He has a wonderful spirit and personality, and he led our conference with graciousness, love, and confidence. He is a man of God who is full of the Holy Spirit, and full of love for the people of North Georgia. We are most blessed to have him as our resident bishop.

The following paragraphs are not a comprehensive report of the 2009 Conference just a few highlights of what went on.

Opening Worship and Holy Communion

The Hope for Africa Children's Choir from Humble Place School in Uganda opened worship with song and dance. Bishop Watson delivered the sermon, encouraged North Georgia to share the word of Jesus Christ with the world and to do no harm, do good, and attend to the ordinances of God. Bishop Watson and Bishop Daniel Wandabula of the East Africa Conference invited all members and guests to participate in Holy Communion.

Lay-Clergy delegates of Annual Conference voted on 32 Amendments to the Constitution of the United Methodist Church (visit www.ngumc.org/ac2009 for results).

Communications

The Wesleyan Christian Advocate, the joint United Methodist newspaper of the South and North Georgia Conferences no longer exists. Sarah Wilke, CEO of the United Methodist Reporter, introduced the partnership between the New North Georgia Advocate and the Reporter, the national United Methodist Church newspaper. To subscribe to the North Georgia Advocate, visit www.ngumc.org/advocate and sign up by mail, phone or online.

Conference Treasurer's Report

- Membership is 354,094, a gain of 4,007 over last year
- Profession of Faith are 6,670 (+186)
- Average Worship Attendance was 130,870 (-2,304)
- Church School Membership is 18,447 (+3,747)
- Gainesville District paid 100% of its apportionments for the 9th year!
- North Georgia was again the highest payer of General Church apportionments

Conference Finance and Administration

- Approved a revised spending plan for 2009 with a reduction of \$1,023,000.
- Approved a 2010 budget of \$25,910,000. This reflects a decrease of 1.3 percent over 2009 approved budget. Total decrease is \$342,000.

Offering Totals (as of the end of Annual Conference)

- Bishop Watson announced that more than half million dollars have been given during this annual conference to God's ministries.
- The Mission Offering for CCPI - \$272,000 in cash and checks
- Pledges to CCPI - \$231,000
- Cash and pledges previously received for CCPI - \$544,000
- Total from North Georgia for CCPI - \$1,017,000
- Hope for Africa Children's Choir - \$20,000+
- Annual Conference Expense Offering - \$6,000

Sending Forth

- Bishop Watson thanked the North Georgia United Methodist family for their warm welcome and wonderful spirit.
- "We are all being sent - lay and clergy," said Bishop Watson. "Are you ready to be appointed? Are you ready to say, 'Yes, Lord, here I am?' Dear God, let it be."
- Future sites and dates of Annual Conference are June 16-18, 2010, at Athens Classic Center, and June 14-17, 2011 at Athens Classic Center.
- Bishop Watson read the names of all clergy receiving new appointments

For a more comprehensive report of the 2009 North Georgia Annual Conference please visit the North Georgia UMC website: www.ngumc.org

Membership News

June Average Worship Attendance

8:30	Early Service	72
9:45	Sunday School	156
10:45	Traditional	253
10:45	Contemporary	154



Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 5th

Church-wide Luncheon following the 10:45 services
Methodist Men are providing barbeque
You are asked to bring a couple of dishes of
salads, fruits, vegetables or desserts. Sign up sheets are
in the narthex and MAC desk.



We are saddened to accept the resignation of Angela Cadieu, Children's Minister. She has been a faithful servant to this congregation for the past five years. We wish her well as she begins a new endeavor.

Homebound:

Bonnie McCullum
Lavon Butt
Sharon Jones
Elizabeth Henley
Omah Rogers
Harry Madducks
Melissa Devereaux
Shirlee Evans
May Langman
Ermine Branch
Lois Barr
Marvin Hernden



The church offices will be closed on Friday, 3rd
in observance of July 4th.

Prayer Pagers:

Available in the parish nurses' office. To call someone, you simply dial their number and when you hear the beep, hit 1111#.

Bud Akins 706-379-6775



VBS was a huge success and we thank EVERY one who had a part—whether in the kitchen, making crafts, leading the singing or leading a class. YOU had a part in touching a child's life for Jesus.



July Calendar

July 1	Mia Brumfield Tom Sweet
July 2	Jim Arthur Kaylee Seabolt
July 3	Ray Graphman Wendy Seabolt
July 4	Martha Preston David Steed
July 5	Teresa Cronk
July 6	Joanna Day-Lewis
July 7	Debbie Steed
July 11	Gary Barnes Myron Turner
July 13	Ellen Woolsey
July 14	Mary Ruth Cook Kathryn Rittenhouse Peggy Schultz
July 15	Joe Collins Dwayne Miller Tricia Wallace
July 16	Diane Gutierrez Shelley Lewis
July 17	Janice Boland Kay Bradley
July 19	Daniel Lopez
July 20	Ruth Stefko
July 21	Kristin Heuker Jean Mellor
July 23	Dorothy Smith
July 24	Jack Dugger Arty Hodgson
July 25	Mona Lee Hackney
July 26	Tighe Day-Lewis Kathy Johnson
July 27	Lloyd Dunham
July 28	Sharon Carson Gloria Howard
July 30	Teresa Moore
July 31	Jane Craddock Liz Plott Cindy Weitzel

Wednesday, 1st	Morning Glory Circle, 10 am Youth 5:00 pm, Music 5:30 - 7:00 pm
Thursday, 2nd	Parish Nursing, 9:00 –11:00 am Simply Supper, 5:00 pm Circle of Love, 6:45 pm
Friday, 3rd	Offices Closed County fireworks, dark time
Sunday, 5th	Blood pressure checks Patriotic Luncheon Youth DSL/MYF
Monday, 6th	Missions Meeting, 6:00 pm
Tuesday, 7th	Scrapbooking 9:30 am Terrific Tuesday, Tellus Space Museum Missions Meeting, 6:00 pm
Wednesday, 8th	Youth 5:00 pm, Music 5:30—7:00pm
Thursday, 9th	Parish Nursing Office. 9:00—11:00 am Kids’ Bowling League, 12:30 pm Simply Supper, 5:00 –6:30 pm
Saturday, 11th	Family Hike-Raven Cliff Falls, 8:30am
Sunday, 12th	Worship Services Youth Bethlehem Project—all week
Monday, 13th	Kids’ Art Camp, 9:00 am
Tuesday, 14th	Scrapbooking 9:30 am Kids’ Art Camp, 9:00 am
Wednesday, 15th	Kids’ Art Camp, 9:00 am Youth 5:00 pm, Music 5:30—7:00 pm
Thursday, 16th	Parish Nursing Office 9:00—11:00 am Kids’ Bowling League, 12:30 pm Simply Supper, 5:00-6:30 pm Circle of Love, 6:45 pm
Saturday, 18th	UMM breakfast meeting, 8:00 am
Sunday, 19th	Worship Services MIFT at Angela Holloway’s home
Monday, 20th	Kid’s Soccer Skills Camp, 9:00 am
Tuesday, 21st	Scrapbooking 9:30 am Kid’s Soccer Skills Camp, 9:00 am
Wednesday, 22nd	Kid’s Soccer Skills Camp, 9:00 am Youth 5:00 pm, Music 5:30—7:00 pm
Thursday, 23rd	Parish Nursing Office 9:00 –11:00 am Kids’ Bowling League, 12:30 pm Simply Supper, 5:00-6:30 pm
Sunday, 26th	Worship Services
Tuesday, 28th	Scrapbooking 9:30 am
Wednesday, 29th	Youth 5:00 pm, Music 5:30—7:00pm
Thursday, 30th	Kids’ Bowling League, 12:30 pm Circle of Love, 6:45 pm

WNL

- 5:30 Beginning Hand bells
6:00 Youth B.A.S.I.C.S.
Hand bells
7:00 Adult Choir



Ushers: Jim Eubanks
Bob Barnes
Billie Roach
Joe Roach
Gray Williams
Phil Hill
Miriam Sherman

Greeters:

- 8:30** Jerry & Linda
Roberson
10:45 Glen & Margarite Fite

Youth Activities



The Bethlehem Project will be July 12th-17th. Students will spend the week housed at the MAC. They will work during the day out in the local community. They are taking up food staples to put into food boxes for the families in this area. Please bring in canned food and staples throughout this month for them to box up. Another part of their project will be sprucing up an outdoor play area for children. To “do it up right”, we need outdoor preschool toys and a wooden swing set. Please contact Richard with any donations or leads.

The Youth **will** continue to meet on Wednesdays throughout the summer! A supper will be available for \$3.00 at 5:00 pm before our meeting at 6:00 pm.

Children's News

Terrific Tuesdays are special days of fun for the children during the summer.

The next **Terrific Tuesday** is **July 7th** with a trip to the Tellus Space Science Museum in Cartersville. We will leave the church at 8:30 am and return at 4:30 pm. Kids should bring a sack lunch. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Cost is \$12.00 per child and includes the museum and Planetarium show.



Kid's Summer Bowling League, Thursdays in July
At Galaxy Lanes, Ages 6-14
Bus leaves the church at 12:30 and returns at 3:00 pm.
Cost: \$20 for all 4 sessions

Wednesday Suppers



DINNER HELP NEEDED! We need someone to step forward and assume leadership of a Wednesday Night Dinner (third Wednesday nights of the month—August—May). It is very rewarding to work with a team. Training will be offered as well as on-the-job training. Please call Joyce Wyckoff at 706-745-5507.

Wednesday Nite Suppers are suspended for the summer and will resume in August.

Young-At-Heart



FUMC Camping Club Forming!

Do you have an RV, tent or motor home? Would you like to join a camping club and take short or long trips with other members of our church family? If so, call Janet Dittus at 706-745-2634. We are planning trips now. Call today.

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Our S.M.A.R.T. (Small Maintenance and Repair Team) is ready to do small maintenance or repairs for any of our shut-ins or older adults that are unable to do for themselves around their house. If you know of anyone needing assistance with small home or yard projects, call Stan at the church office and give a description of the work needed. Call today. We are ready to help!

Opportunities @



MAC Summer Hours:

Monday—Thursday 8:00 am—5:30 pm
Friday 8:00 am—1:00 pm

Closed Friday, July 3rd in observance of the Independence Day holiday!

Summer Events at the MAC! Registration forms at the MAC Desk!

July 7	Kid's Terrific Tuesday #3 The Tellus Space Science Museum
July 9	Kid's Summer Bowling League at Galaxy Lanes. Thursdays in July
July 11	Family Day Hike to Raven Creek Falls....All ages
July 13-15	Kid's Art Camp...basic painting techniques. CLASS IS FULL!
July 20-22	First Kid's "Soccer Skills Camp" at the MAC. Rising 1st-6th graders
August 1	Family Tubing Trip on the Toccoa River. Ages 6 and up
August 4	Kid's Terrific Tuesday #5 Helen Water Park
August 15	Church-wide Trip to Braves vs. Phillies

Upward Flag Football and Cheerleading! This Fall we will partner with the House of Prayer in this exciting sports ministry for children ages K-6th grade. We are now building a volunteer team of anyone interested in serving as coaches, referees, prayer coordinators, helping with concessions, and other areas. Call Stan at the MAC to volunteer. Sign up information and brochures will be available in the MAC soon. Below are tentative "League Dates".....

Flag Football Evaluations: Saturday, July 25th and Saturday, August 1st from 9 am—noon at Canal Lake Bible Camp Field!

Practices: Begin the week of August 17th

First Game: Saturday, September 5th

Awards Celebration: Sunday, October 11th

Sr. Adults Young- At- Heart

August 8th High Country Harmonizers Fall Presentation at Fannin County Performing Arts Center in Blue Ridge. Details coming soon!

"Senior Salt" at the Billy Graham Training Center "The Cove" Asheville, NC August 31– September 1. See Lake Junaluska and the World Methodist Council Museum. Next we head for Asheville and "The Cove at the Billy Graham Training Center". After check- in we enjoy dinner and a movie, Cove style, then stay over in one of the Cove's charming country inns. The evening will feature the Billy Graham Evangelistic Associations' full-length movie *Road to Redemption*. Also visit the Western North Carolina Farmers' Market. Cost is \$99 per person double-occupancy. Get an info sheet at the MAC desk!

"Autumn Niagara Falls Adventure" September 11-18, 2009

Featuring... 2 Nights Stay in

Niagara Falls, Ontario / Guided Tour of Niagara Area / The

Historic Village of "Niagara-On-The Lake" / The famous "Maid of the Mist" / The

National Baseball Hall of Fame/ and more. Cost is \$1,175.00 per person plus \$ for 8 meals and includes motor coach transportation, 7 nights lodging, 14 meals, and all tours and attractions. Get an info sheet in the Narthex or at the MAC Welcome Center

United Methodist Men

The UMM will meet Saturday, July 18th at 8:00 am in the fellowship hall.

Prayer Corner

Philippians 4:6-7: “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus”.



Fellowship with God, trust, confidence, peace, relief—these wonderful feelings will be yours as you learn how to pray.

If we are willing to invite God to involve himself in our daily challenges, we will experience his prevailing power—in our homes, in our relationships, in the marketplace, in the schools, in the church, wherever it is most needed.

That power may come in the form of wisdom—an idea you desperately need and can't come up with yourself. It may come in the form of courage greater than you could ever muster. It may come in the form of confidence or perseverance, uncommon staying power, a changed attitude, a changed circumstance, maybe even outright miracles. However, it comes, God's prevailing power is released in the lives of people who pray.

Excerpts from “Too Busy NOT to Pray” by Bill Hybels

Missions...Moving with the Heart of God

Circle of Love continues with **Simply Supper** this month. If you know someone who would benefit from this meal, please send them our way on Thursday nights between 5:00 & 6:30 pm. Simply Supper continues to be served in the small dining room in the MAC. Thanks to our church family for supporting this vital ministry for our community.

The church now has a garden spot located on the upper part of the property across from the annex. If you like to “get down and dirty” please contact Don Wyckoff at 706-745-5507.

The missions committee will meet on Monday, 6th at 6:00 pm to sort the food items for the Bethlehem Project.

United Methodist Women

Circle of Love will meet Thursday, July 2nd in the Joy classroom downstairs in the MAC to begin planning our next **BIG EVENT** scheduled for September 26th. Announcement to come soon!

Circle of Love will also meet July 16th and 30th. Watch your weekly bulletin for info on these 2 meetings.

Morning Glory Circle will meet Wednesday, July 1st at 10 am in the Friendship Sunday School.

MIFT will have its monthly meeting Sunday, July 19th at the home of Angela Holloway. All members are encouraged to bring their families and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship, swimming and fishing. Please bring your choice of meat to grill for your family as well as a side to share. Directions will be provided.

MIFT will be providing supper for our youth on Sunday, July 12th as well as on Wednesday, July 15th. Members are asked to volunteer for one of these.

Military Addresses

PFC Jeff Cook, Bravo Troop 1-40 Cav (ABN) FOB Gardez APO, AE 09354. He is Omah Roger's grandson.

Fireman Brandon Rightnour, 320A Dewey Avenue, BEQ 634 RMG 208, Great Lake, Illinois 60088. His email is: brandonrightnour@yahoo.com. He is Rosa Mandon's great-grandson.

EN1 (SW) Blane Dorton, 355 Aolaa Street, Apt. M101, Kailua, HI 96734. He is Buddy & Teresa Moore and Bob Dorton's son.

SA Brody Dorton—USNS Safeguard (ARS-50), FPO AP 96678-3221. He is Buddy & Teresa Moore and Bob Dorton's son.

AW3 Evan Albright, HS-10, P.O. Box 357119, NAS North Island, San Diego, CA 92135-7119. He is the son of Tonia Albright.

1 Lt. Loertscher, Seth, J., HHC 3-187 IN REGT, 3 BCT 101 ABN DIV, APO AE 09344. He is Ruth Stefko's nephew.

A1C Lewis, 8402 Hillsborough Loop Drive, Unit 997, Tampa, Florida 33621. She is the daughter of Barry and Shelley Lewis.

Chris Varian, Bravo1-321 AFAR, FOB Salerno, ATO AE 09314

Pvt, Prentice, Nathaniel, Bravo Co. 1/34, 2nd PLT. Outlaws, Ft. Jackson, SC 29207

Krogmeier, Cory Army

Gilhooley, Ryan USAF

Pastor's Request

Beloved,

As everyone knows the economy has affected every aspect of our lives. Our state schools are especially hurting. Teachers already use a lot of their own money to buy school supplies for themselves as well as the children. At my request, I'm asking that First UMC take on the mission project of collecting school supplies for the elementary school. We will be collecting supplies during July and August. **Supplies Needed:** #2 pencils, cap erasers, glue sticks, colored pencils, crayons, pocket folders with prongs, wide-ruled paper, expo markers, highlighters, Kleenex, and a ream of copy paper.



—Thank You, Pastor Ben

A Parable

There's a story about a church member on vacation. While hiking through a forest, he was caught in a sudden summer downpour. To escape a drenching, he crawled into a hollow log. There, safe from the rain and lulled by its steady sound, he soon fell asleep.

When the man awoke, he found that the rain had swelled the wood of the log. He was stuck. Try as he might, he couldn't get out, and realized he might die there.

The man's life began to pass before his eyes. He thought of his unpaid church pledge and how little he had given. This made him feel so small that he was able to crawl out of the log with ease.



Parish Nursing

Summer Safety

Fun in the Sun:



- Wear **Sunscreen!**
- Stay **Hydrated!**
- Recognize and Treat **Heat Exhaustion** and **Heat Stroke:**

Heat Exhaustion:

Symptoms are muscle cramps, sweating, headache, nausea, weakness and dizziness.

Treatment—move to a cooler place, drink water, sponge or spray with cool water and fan

Heat Stroke:

Symptoms are the same as Heat Exhaustion which progress to confusion, can't drink or starts vomiting, red, hot, DRY skin, shallow breathing

Treatment—This is a life threatening emergency! Call 9-1-1; cool down quickly by sponge or spray and fan.



Firework Safety:

Thousands of children have been treated every year in hospital emergency rooms for fireworks-related injuries. Sparklers are especially dangerous because they reach extremely high temperatures on the tip (up to 1800 degrees!). All fireworks are hazardous and can cause injury. Leave fireworks up to the professionals, and enjoy a safe and happy 4th of July.



First Sunday in July, Parish Nurses will be taking blood pressure checks from 9:30—10:00 in the Parish Nurse's office. High blood pressure is a silent killer. It's a good idea to get yours checked!