**UMC Next Update**

4 commitments emerged from the recent UMC Next meeting in Kansas City. During the meeting, 300 lay people and clergy (approximately 10 from every US UMC conference, including our own Beth LaRocca-Pitts and Josh Noblett) met to discuss what we could do to reverse the disastrous decision endorsing the so-called “Traditional Plan” that passed during the General Conference in St. Louis this past February. The commitments include:

1. We long to be passionate followers of Jesus Christ, committed to a Wesleyan vision of Christianity, anchored in scripture and informed by tradition, experience and reason as we live a life of personal piety and social holiness.

2. We commit to resist evil, injustice and oppression in all forms and toward all people and build a church which affirms the full participation of all ages, nations, races, classes, cultures, gender identities, sexual orientations and abilities.

3. We reject the Traditional Plan approved at General Conference 2019 as inconsistent to the gospel of Jesus Christ and will resist its implementation.

4. We will work to eliminate discriminatory language and the restrictions and penalties in the Discipline regarding LGBTQ persons. We affirm the sacred worth of LGBTQ persons, celebrate their gifts, and commit to being in ministry together.

Locally through Georgia UMC Next, which includes both the North and South GA Conferences, we are now working to make reversal of the Traditional Plan a reality for General Conference 2020. To keep up with the latest meetings and developments with Go UMC Next, visit www.gaumcnxt.com.

**Church Parking Update**

Parking options for Sunday worship this summer include:

- either of the 2 church parking lots located directly behind the church (free parking is available in these lots on Sundays until 4pm).
- the Lanier parking lot located at 730 Peachtree Street (at the corner of 4th and Peachtree, directly across the street from the Lutheran Redeemer Church);
- the parking lot located at 811 Peachtree Street (on the other side of the 805 Peachtree building next door to the church).

Cost for parking at 730 Peachtree or 811 Peachtree is $5 and must be paid in advance. Please bring your parking ticket with you to church so that the ushers can reimburse you. (If you are required to leave your ticket on your dashboard, take a picture and show it to ushers instead). Look for the Saint Mark volunteer outside who will be available if you need help finding a place to park.

Free parking is also available on some nearby side streets.

If you park along Fifth Street on Sunday mornings, please move your car immediately following Morning Worship. Please be sure a Saint Mark parking decal is displayed on your windshield. Contact an usher if you need one on Sunday mornings or call the church office to request one during the week.

**Parking in the lots behind the church on Sundays until 4pm is free without a Saint Mark decal. At all other times you need to display a Saint Mark decal in order to park in either church lot for free.**

**Congregational Care**

**Please Note**

Did you know that gifts can be made to Saint Mark without any of the money going to the United Methodist denomination? Simply designate your gifts to the local church budget only, or to a specific ministry or program. Electronic gifts can be designated by contacting Deana Hilton at dhilton@stmarkumc.org or calling 404-873-2636.

**3 Ways to Give at Saint Mark: Online, Mobile, and now Text!**

Giving to Saint Mark just got that much easier! Now you can give to Saint Mark via text. Saint Mark’s assigned number for text donations is 74483.

To give via text, text the word “operating”, a space, and the amount you would like to give. For example, to give $25 you would text 74483, type the word “operating” then (space) 25. Follow the prompts to sign in to your existing account (if you begin a new account with SecureGive (and to receive a confirmation of your donation), Questions? Contact Deana Hilton in the church office at 404-873-2636 ext. 14.

**In Sympathy**

Saint Mark expresses heartfelt sympathy to Amy Holloway on the death of her mother on June 12 and to Julie Arms on the recent death of her brother Larry Harshman.

**In Memory**

Vanessa Meeks

**In Care Facilities**

Steve Falsotinaker’s father

Nan Harper

James Steverson

Lambert Spoke

**In Military Service**

At Thomas’ grandfather Cory Carter

**At Home**

Marc Re:

Sheri Barrera-Dix’s mother John Cooper

Val Blankenship

Kathy Georgi’s parents (hospice care)

Jim Harper’s sister Pat Winston

Jeff Jackson

Trudy Lee Barber

Vanessa Meeks

**Ministerial Staff**

Rev. Beth LaRocca-Pitts

Rev. John Bishop

Rev. Tim Biller

Rev. Tracy C. Counihan

Rev. Justin Davis

Rev. Susan Stubblefield

Rev. Dennis Weisinger

**The Fruit of the Spirit**

**Joy**

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

Sunday, June 16 - 10:00 a.m.

Trinity Sunday
**OPENING HYMN**

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**CONCERNS**

**WE GATHER**

**PRELUDE AND CHIMES**

**HYMN TO JOY**

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

**THE GIFTS OF AND FOR OUR YOUNGER CHURCH**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: UMH p. 888**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Gospel Lesson**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

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**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Offertory Response**

**The Gifts of and for Our Younger Church**

**The Invitation**

**OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD**

**WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**PRAISE GOD, ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW: ALLELUIA!**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**PRAYER AFTER THE OFFERING**

**Welcome, Visitors!**

**Postlude**