



## Gainesville District Newsletter – May 2017

### *Tell the Story!*



I have thoroughly enjoyed hearing the wonderful stories of the Easter services across the district this year. It is clear that the risen Christ was proclaimed in exciting and magnificent ways in our churches. What a joy to know that so many were present and engaged in worship of our Lord and Savior and the various accounts of those worship services were told and retold throughout the rest of Easter Sunday and the weeks that followed.

Telling the story is our mission and our task. We tell our story and how we relate and experience Christ in our church and in our lives. We also tell the story of faith, hope, and joy which the story of Jesus brings to life. If we are faithful and focused, Jesus' story becomes our story. The story of Jesus, our story, needs to be shared in every season not just in the days and weeks after Easter.

I have found that people love to hear a good story. Are we adequately sharing the story? Are we invested enough in our story that we feel the need to share? It is clear to me that there are many who want to hear a good story. There is certainly enough negativity being shared. Why not share something positive and real?

I want to challenge you to continue to tell the story of Easter. Remember the excitement you experienced in your church on Easter and your willingness to tell family and friends about the wonderful worship experience you had on Easter and then let that joy in sharing continue three hundred sixty-five days a year.

The refrain from the hymn, *I Love to Tell The Story, I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love*, sums up what I am trying to say better than I would ever be able to. Tell the story. Jesus has risen and lives for you and me. Tell your story. Our story comes to life with the risen Christ! So, tell your story. You will be surprised how eager folks are to hear it!

Blessings, Richard

Here is the link to Bishop Sue's message following the Judicial Council ruling:

<http://www.ngumc.org/newsdetail/message-from-bishop-sue-on-judicial-council-ruling-8129160>

# May

<b>Gary Greenwald</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Jim Blair</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Asbury Craft</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Jan Deveraux</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Bob Bone</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Sandy Skinner</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Travis Barnes</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Steve Barnum</b>	<b>25</b>



If you are a minister in the Gainesville District, active or retired, and your birthday is not listed during the designated months, please send us your information at [gnsv@ngumc.net](mailto:gnsv@ngumc.net)

## **Pre-Conference Briefing**

*This year, we will be using the MAC, which is located at the rear of the church.*

*Parking is available at the back of the church and on the upper level.*

**Gainesville First UMC  
2780 Thompson Bridge Road  
Gainesville, GA 30506  
Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 3pm**

**North Georgia Annual  
Conference 2017  
June 13-15  
The Classic Center  
Athens, Georgia**



**Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson, presiding**

**Online Registration is open:**

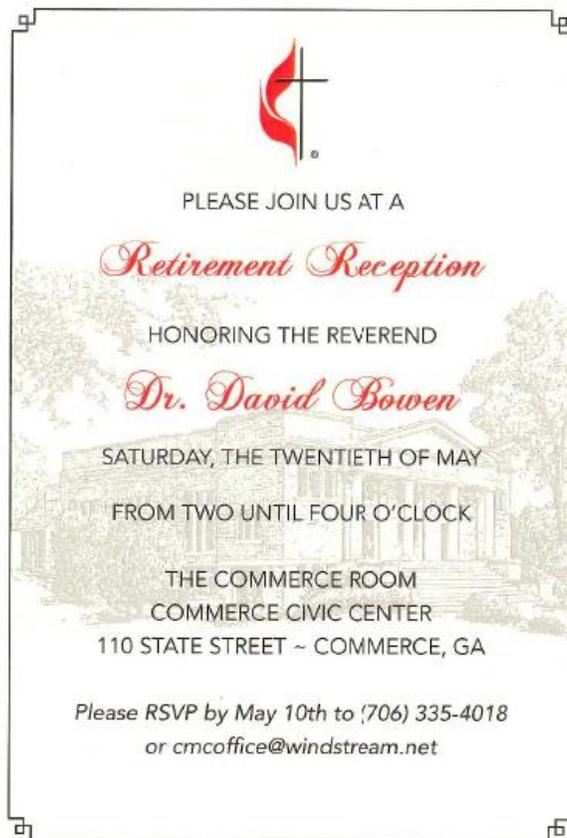
<https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=241300&>

**Clergy, if you are retiring this year and would like to be recognized, YOU MUST register:**

<https://northga-reg.brtapp.com/2017RetirementWorshipService>

**Clergy, if you want to wear your robe and support ordination, YOU MUST register:**

<https://northga-reg.brtapp.com/ServiceofOrdinationandCommissioning>



On Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> the District Office hosted a luncheon for the Administrative Professional's in the District. It was a great opportunity to see old friends and make new connections.

Stacey Gravitt of Cumming First won the gift basket provided and prepared by our own, Jackie Powers, Georgia PAUMCS President.

# Connection Group Charge Conference Schedule – 2017

Connection Group Leaders: Please advise the location of each meeting – [gnsv@ngumc.net](mailto:gnsv@ngumc.net)

<b>Group #1</b>	<b>Sunday, October 1 @ 4 pm</b>	<b>First Union</b>
<b>Group #2</b>	<b>Sunday, October 8 @ 4 pm</b>	
<b>Group #3</b>	<b>Tuesday, October 3 @ 7 pm</b>	
<b>Group #4</b>	<b>Sunday, September 17 @ 4 pm</b>	
<b>Group #5</b>	<b>Sunday, September 24 @ 4 pm</b>	<b>Homer</b>
<b>Group #6</b>	<b>Thursday, October 5 @ 7 pm</b>	
<b>Group #7</b>	<b>Thursday, September 28 @ 7 pm</b>	<b>Sugar Hill</b>
<b>Group #8</b>	<b>Tuesday, September 26 @ 7 pm</b>	<b>St. Paul, WS</b>
<b>Group #9</b>	<b>Thursday, September 21 @ 7 pm</b>	
<b>Group #10</b>	<b>Tuesday, September 19 @ 7 pm</b>	

Gainesville District UMC Connectional #5

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**“Alive in Christ “**

2017 Women’s Retreat

**Babbie Mason**

**June 2-4, 2017**

If you are looking for a way to fan the flames God has ignited, if you want to feel empowered as a child of the Most High God, if the embers of hope are just a glimmer, then come to the "Alive in Christ" retreat to be emboldened, refueled, and **blessed!**



**Retreat Location:**

Hinton Rural Life Center  
2330 Hinton Center Road  
Hayesville, NC 28904

To Register: <http://tiny.cc/springretreat>  
or call 678-936-6853

Hickory Flat United Methodist Church

# NOW HIRING

Music Director/Pianist Needed

Center UMC, Hoschton GA,  
Salary based on experience and ability  
Contact: Pastor Blane Spence (770-605-8524)

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## Technical and Media Manager

The role of this staff position is to coordinate the preparation and implementation of all multimedia-related worship experiences and special events at Gainesville First United Methodist Church. This includes directing a team of volunteers to produce audio, lighting, stage design, graphics and projection systems across multiple worship experiences. The successful candidate must have superior technical skills as well as interpersonal skills to succeed in this role. This position requires presence at Sunday worship services, evening events and special services such as Christmas Eve, concerts, funerals and weddings, etc.

### Qualifications:

- Minimum three years' experience mixing live audio preferred; Experience with large-scale productions; Must be an effective troubleshooter and problem solver; Must be a team player and team builder

### To Apply:

Send letter of interest and resume to:

John LaForge, Director of Worship Arts  
Gainesville First United Methodist Church  
2780 Thompson Bridge Rd  
Gainesville, GA 30506  
jlaforge@gfumc.com

Materials may be submitted by US Mail or electronically.