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# THE CHIMES



*Pastor Gil McGinnis*

**February 2019**

## Prayers For General Conference 2019

The United Methodist Church's highest legislative assembly, General Conference, is scheduled to meet February 23-26, 2019 to consider the future of the denomination. Several plans for "a way forward" have been proposed by a commission of that name. General Conference may adopt, amend, rewrite, or reject these proposals. It may "punt" to the next regularly scheduled General Conference in 2020 to make another decision. Each of the plans focuses on how to restructure the United Methodist Church based on differing opinions about homosexuality. Further resources for this special General Conference can be found on the North Georgia Conference website, [ngumc.org](http://ngumc.org).

The limits of my article in this newsletter keep me from going into great detail, but currently the UMC officially declares "the practice of homosexuality" to be "incompatible with Christian teaching." As a result, the denomination forbids ordination of "self-avowed practicing homosexuals," celebration of same-sex marriages or unions, and the use of general church funds to promote the acceptance of homosexuality.

The United Methodist Church has publicly struggled with these issues for over 50 years. Nobody knows for sure what the General Conference may decide during its February meeting. We may keep the same stance or there might be a new way of living as a faith community with our different opinions and beliefs. We as the North Georgia Annual Conference and as a local church may have to make decisions after the General Conference. It's just too early to know for sure what is going to happen.

But here is what I can promise you WON'T happen during or after the conference: the sky won't fall, United Methodists will continue to serve Christ and "conference" together to "speak the truth in love," and I will continue to pastor the people of Chapelwood United Methodist Church, no matter what your beliefs and opinions are on these matters.

In fact, I would enjoy hearing from you. I would love to know your thoughts. But in the meantime, let us all be in prayer for the delegates to the special called General Conference. And let us all pray for God's love, justice, and truth to reign in the United Methodist Church.

Grace & Peace,  
Pastor Gil

#### **CHURCH STAFF**

##### **Pastor**

*Gil C. McGinnis*

##### **Choir Director**

*Susan Skeppstrom*

##### **Organist/Pianist**

*Harriett Dugger*

##### **Co-Directors of**

##### **Children's Ministries**

*Mickey Montevideo &*

*Connie Morrison*

##### **Director of Youth Ministries**

*Dwayne Brownlee*

##### **Administrative Assistant**

*Amy Thomas*

##### **Audio/Visual Engineer**

*Sid Bell*

#### **GIVE THE GIFT OF MUSIC**

Become an Anthem Donor  
to the Music Ministry of  
Chapelwood United  
Methodist Church!

By giving the gift of music  
to Chapelwood you are  
honoring a loved one  
and supporting the  
operating budget of the  
music ministry  
of this church.

See Susan Skeppstrom  
or call the  
church office.

## **United Methodist Men Valentine's Banquet**

Monday, February 11th at 6:00 pm

Dinner will include Chicken Parmesan & Cheesecake.  
Entertainment will be provided by members  
of the Chapelwood Choir.

***This event is by reservation only***

Tickets are \$15.00 per person and can be purchased from  
Dale Skeppstrom, Ray Caldwell or any UMM member.  
Reservations must be made by ***Sunday, February 3rd.***

We would like this event to be very special.

Please dress accordingly.



Due to the Valentine Dinner, there will not be  
a Wednesday Night Supper on February 13th.

### ***Thank You!***

Dear Chapelwood—Thank you very much for your  
generous Christmas gift. We love our church family and  
appreciate your thoughtfulness. Looking forward to  
praising God and serving alongside you in 2019!  
With much love—Susan and Dale Skeppstrom.

Thanks to everyone at Chapelwood for the generous gift this Christmas. It  
came at an unexpected and opportune time. I have enjoyed doing the sound  
engineering and look forward to serving you again in 2019—Sid Bell.

Dear Chapelwood family,  
Thank you so much for the Christmas Gift.  
You are the most loving church family ever!  
Thanks for all you do for me. I love you!—Connie Morrison



Matthew & Lydia Skeppstrom would like to  
thank the members of Chapelwood UMC for  
giving them a great wedding shower, as well  
as the many thoughtful gifts that were given.

We can't thank everyone enough  
for their generosity!

## **Flowers**

Interested in providing flowers for  
the Sanctuary in honor or memory  
of a loved one?

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin  
board in the office hallway. There  
are many dates still available.



*"I will be loyal to the United Methodist Church with my prayers,  
my presence, my gifts, my service and my witness."*

### OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

#### Those With Recent Health Concerns:

Judy Caputi	Ransom Jackson	Steve Singletary
Sonny Daniel	Rich Born	Betty Fowler
Jan Singletary	Jennifer Justice (niece of Linda & Jim Jarrard)	
Ann Bolton (Ransom & Terry Jackson's daughter)		Carole McGinnis
Avery Watt (Joe & June Turnell's granddaughter)		Joan Bazzle
Tripp Turner (grandson of Bob & Gwen Turner)		
Colleen Florence (Jim Jenkins' sister)		

#### Those With Long-Term Health Issues:

Jack Munnell	John Upchurch	Brantley Alexander
Linda White (Vickie Tolbert's sister)		Amy Munnell
Kathy Lindler (Greg & Barbara's Sis-in-law)		Doc Erickson
Hilton Knox (Rena Jennings father)		Jimmy Whitestone
Marie Seagraves		
Wells Bolton (Ransom & Terry Jackson's g-daughter)		

#### Our Homebound, Assisted living and Nursing Home Family:

Peggy Hale	Betty Bailey	June Glenn
Wanda Nofsinger	Carol Granade	Otho Barclay
Julie Mason		

#### Those in Military Service:

Carolyn Martin Erickson	Alex Henning	Jacob M. Thornburg
Richie Harris	Zach Harmon	C.J. McCormick
Adam Lessard	Christopher Roth	Gregg Glenn
Jason Barr	Jason Westmoreland	Patricia Chagnon

*Pray* WITHOUT  
CEASING



Mission work site at Aida Leon, Quito Ecuador

### Ecuador Mission Team Members Needed!

July 13th–20th

Construction of 2 story day school, Tear-drops of Hope, with rooftop playground; Bible School; medical team.

Team organizational meeting,  
5:30 pm, March 4th.

Please contact Jim Warnes 706-202-6807,  
[justjim475@gmail.com](mailto:justjim475@gmail.com) or Gwen Turner  
706-207-2405, [gwenturner@gmail.com](mailto:gwenturner@gmail.com).

### Grandview Bingo

Thursday, February 21st

10:00 am

Volunteers are **NEEDED!**

See Gwen Turner for more details.



### Join us on Thursday, February 28th for a free tour of the UGA Butts-Mehre Heritage Hall Sports Museum

The Butts-Mehre Heritage Hall, built in 1987 on the campus of the University of Georgia, was named for two of UGA's most famous football coaches, Wallace Butts and Henry Mehre. In addition to containing athletic memorabilia, the building contains administrative and ticket offices and facilities for the football team and coaches. Relive the greatest moments in Georgia sports history, recall favorite UGA athletes, see Herschel Walker's Heisman trophy and other memorabilia and keep abreast of current happenings in Bulldog athletics. All Georgia's sports, both men's and women's, are celebrated in this Museum.

Meet at the church at 10:00 am, Thursday, February 28th. Transportation will be provided. Dutch treat lunch together at Cheddars. If you have any questions, please contact Kitty Price (706-881-7462) or Jerry Tolbert (706-338-9992).

## Wednesday Night Supper

**February, 27th**  
**6:00 pm**  
**Breakfast with Chicken  
& Waffles**  
**Hosted by the Choir**

## Life Line Screening is coming to Chapelwood UMC *Tuesday, February 19th*

**Catch Health problems before they go too far.**

Life Line Screening offers a 5-test package to thoroughly check you for risk of stroke, cardiovascular disease and other chronic conditions.

Call 888-814-0416 or visit [LifeLineScreening.com/community-partners](http://LifeLineScreening.com/community-partners) for more information and to register for your screening.

## Sweet Hour of Prayer

Every Thursday from 6:00-7:00 pm we meet for prayer. Anyone with prayer requests, concerns, or celebrations can join us in the Homick classroom or contact Dwayne with requests at: [dwaynebrownlee@bellsouth.net](mailto:dwaynebrownlee@bellsouth.net) or cell phone 770-560-3677.



## Youth Fundraiser

**Sunday, February 3rd**

Immediately after church.

Baked potato and salad bar.

Ice cream bar for dessert.

Donations appreciated.

Eat in and fellowship or take yours to go for your Super Bowl party.



## THOSE WHO SERVE FEBRUARY 2019

### USHERS

2-3	Buzz & Carolyn Howell, Chuck & Kathy Smith
2-10	Mike & Carolyn Cundiff, Bob & Gwen Turner
2-17	Ray Caldwell, Judy Caputi, Bill Lyle, Alice Eaves
2-24	Chuck & Krista Crumpton, Evelyn Wood, Donna Ware

### LITURGIST

### FLOWERS

2-3	Linda Bandy	2-3	
2-10	Dwayne Brownlee	2-10	Missy Burgess
2-17	Melanie McGinnis	2-17	Chuck & Kathy Smith
2-24	Missy Burgess	2-24	

### NURSERY

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

2-3	Amanda Barr	2-3	Gil McGinnis
2-10	Kathy Smith	2-10	Dwayne Brownlee
2-17	Lanie Lessard	2-17	Ray Caldwell
2-24	Ray Caldwell	2-24	Mickey Montevideo

**GIVE**  
**US THIS DAY**  
**our daily**  
**Bread**

**Our Daily Bread**

**February 20th**

**12:00 pm**

**Hosted by UMW**





Harriett Dugger displays the oil-burning candles she donated in memory of Sandra Arnold-Smith.

Gracie Crumpton examines the wise men gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—that Rob Yongue shared to enhance our understanding of Epiphany.



Vicki Connell, Laura Caldwell, and Leon Jourolmon, from our Chancel Choir, serving at Our Daily Bread in January.

## *In Loving Memory*

### **Memorials Given in December & January**

#### **Yvonne Higginbotham's Brother**

By Jim Thompson, Evelyn Wood, and Vivian Teasley

#### **Carolyn Winn**

By Stan & Suzanne Bell

#### **Karen Turner's Father**

By Joe & June Turnell



## **LENTEN DEVOTIONAL WRITERS NEEDED**

We are looking for 40 people to contribute to Chapelwood's 2019 Lenten Devotional Guide. Anyone can be a part of this! Here are some guidelines from The Upper Room that may help you:

1. Make only one point in the devotional.
2. Tell about your own experience and the spiritual truth you learned from it.
3. Include details about what you heard, saw, felt, or said.
4. Include a suggested Bible reading, scripture verse, and prayer.

Submit your devotional to Rob Yongue ([ryongue@gmail.com](mailto:ryongue@gmail.com)) no later than Sunday, February 24th.

Devotional guides will be ready to distribute at the Ash Wednesday service on March 6th. Thank you very much!

February 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Joan Lightner	2 <b>GROUNDHOG DAY</b> Janet Wilkinson, Dwayne Brownlee
3 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:00 pm UMYF Baked Potato Bar Fundraiser Alexander Jennings	4	5 5:00 pm VEX  Doug & Janice Brown	6 7:00 am UMM BKFST 7:00 pm Choir  Roy Wood, Mary Beth Sanders	7 5:00 pm VEX 6:00 pm Prayer	8  Chris Bolen, Doug Short	9 9:00 am Family, Chil- dren & Youth Mtg
10 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:00 pm UMYF  Ransom Jackson	11 6:00 pm UMM Valentine Dinner  Cindi Logan, Evelyn Glenn	12 5:00 pm VEX  Alice Eaves, Jackie Turk, Suzanna Zillman	13 7:00 am UMM BKFST 7:00 pm Choir  Sherrie Webber	14 <b>VALENTINES DAY</b> 5:00 pm VEX 6:00 pm Prayer Connie Morrison, Shirl Loyal Chuck & Kathy Smith, Jim & Linda Jarrard	15	16  Chuck Smith, John Ware
17 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:00 pm UMYF  Roy & Evelyn Wood	18 <b>PRESIDENTS DAY</b> 6:00 pm Trustees  Alan Bowden, Libby Bonner, Jim Evans	19 Life Line Screening 5:00 pm VEX  Carol Warnes	20 7:00 am UMM BKFST 12:00 pm Daily Bread 7:00 pm Choir	21 10:00 am Grandview- Bingo 5:00 pm VEX 6:00 pm Prayer Becca Bowden	22	23  Judie Parker
24 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:00 pm UMYF 2:00 pm Safe Sanctuary Training	25  Greg Glenn	26 5:00 pm VEX  Madelyn Lessard	27 7:00 am UMM BKFST 9:45 am UMW 6:00 pm WN Supper 7:00 pm Choir Mike Martin, Allyn Jenkins, Rena Jennings, Alexis Jennings	28 10:00 am UGA Tour 5:00 pm VEX 6:00 pm Prayer		

Happy Birthday! Happy Anniversary!