

The Hive...What's Buzzin in the LaGrange District of the UMC

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What's **HIVEin** (happening) in the District!



WE ARE BUZZIN WITH EXCITEMENT!

We are excited about bringing you a way to stay connected. Please e-mail me if you would like to be a featured writer or submit articles, news, or events that will help other leaders!

Happy New Year!

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2012 Youth Delegates to Annual Conference

Youth Delegates to Annual Conference are needed!

Registration is going on Now!
Please download your application from the District Website! Youth ages 14-18 are welcome to apply!

New to the District! Youth Basic Layspeaking Class

Now Your Youth can become a part of the Ministry of Layspeaking! The Youth Basic Layspeaking Class will be a 2-Day Training that will be on **April 14th & April 28th**, 9am-4pm at **West Point 1st UMC**

(Youth will be encouraged to carpool with adults who maybe taking the Adult Advanced or Basic Classes that will be held this year at Keeney Memorial.)

Plans are still being made, but Youth will be learning about leadership areas that they can lend their gifts to. They will be meeting and connecting with other youth and of course loads of Fun! Registration forms, and schedules will be added to the district website soon! Allow your students to get involved and engage in your church!

2012 District Workshop Trainings for Youth & Children Workers & Youth!

Please join us for our upcoming Youth & Children's Workers District Training on **Sunday January 29th, 2012** at LaGrange 1st UMC from 3:00pm-6:00pm! We will have workshops for Youth & Children's Workers:
AND....because we had so much success last year with inviting our **YOUTH**, they are invited again and we will have **SPECIAL** workshops for them! **Please Please make plans for your YOUTH in your youth groups to come!**

Bring You, Your Youth and come and join us for these workshops on January 29th

@ LaGrange 1st UMC!

For more info log on to www.lagrangedistrict.com

(See Next page for workshops and leaders!)

SAVE THE DATE.....

District Children's Day 2012

Saturday, April 21st
10am-1pm

**Cokes Chapel UMC,
Sharpsburg, Ga
Grades: K-5th**

Come and Learn about the Life of
MOSES!

Lunch will be provided!

There will be no cost for this event, but registration will be required!

Jan. Dist. Training Schedule!



Session I – 4:00pm – 4:50pm

1. **For Youth & Children’s Workers: Youth & Children’s Workers Speak** – Plenary/Roundtable to discuss topics with seasoned youth-workers and children’s workers. Some questions to consider: How do I grow my ministry? How can I keep my kids engaged? How do I get them a deeper level in Christ? What are the best resources for youth ministry? How do I talk about/discuss Taboo subjects in my youth ministry? How do I avoid burnout? How to train recruit volunteers...etc

Leaders:

Taressa Thompson - Moderator

Panel:

Rev. Meg Morrison, Director of Conference Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Rev. Kristen Heiden, Minister of Christian Formation, Fayetteville First UMC

Rev. Tonya Lawrence - Assoc. Pastor of Youth and Young Adults Cascade UMC, Atlanta, Ga and Conference Chairperson of Youth Ministry

Chris Mucha - Youth Director, Fayetteville First UMC

Rev. Mark Jordan – Senior Pastor Lighthouse UMC at Cokes Chapel UMC

Rori Blakney – GBOD Southeast Jurisdiction Young People’s Ministries Regional Staff Person, Atlanta, Ga

2. **For Youth: College Here I come** – Youth are Invited to Come and hear about scholarships, UM Schools, Wesley Foundations and more!

Leader: Cindy Autry, GBHEM

Session II: 5:00pm – 5:50pm:

1. **For YouthWorkers: Practical Theology of Youth Ministry –The Theology for every Youth Worker –**

“How –to- Do” Youth Ministry is certainly good and that is often why folks attend trainings, but a stronger base of why we do the things we do will be explored in this class.

Leader: Rev. Meg Morrison, Director of Conference Youth and Young Adult Ministries

2. **For Youth: - I-Lead – What’s My Leadership Style?**

This workshop is designed specifically for Youth who want to know more about Leadership. Some

Topics we will discuss are:

What is Leadership?

How do I lead?

Exploring Specific leadership styles! And More!

Leader: Rev. Tonya Lawrence, Assoc. Pastor of Youth and Young Adults Cascade UMC, Atlanta, Ga and Conference Chairperson of Youth Ministry

Upcoming NGUMC Conference Events!

(For more info: <http://www.ngumc.org/pages/detail/654>)

Spiritual Life Retreats 2012

March 2-4, March 9-11, March 16-18 , March 23-25

Held at Camp Glisson in Dahlonega, GA, Spiritual Life Retreats are sponsored by the N. GA Conference Youth Ministries for grades 6-12.

Youth groups of any size may register; chaperones of the same gender must register at the ratio of one adult to 6 youth. Early Bird cost is \$110 per person and goes up to \$130 per person after December 15. A full payment is required upon registration.

“B-On Fire,” the theme of the weekends, will be our torch as we explore how to keep the smoldering coals of the Holy Spirit burning within us, based on Luke 24: 32 – **“And they said one to another, Did not our hearts burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened us to the Scriptures?”**

The weekends are stocked full of spiritual kindling that will help spark a scorching passion in your and your youth group’s faith journeys. Worship, small groups, fun and games, experiential activities and much more will get you “fired up” as you join in building a lasting “B-On Fire” with other youth groups from across the conference



CONFIRMATION RETREATS

Sponsored by the N. GA Conference Youth Ministries

February 17-19, 2012, February 24-26, 2012

Confirmation groups of any size may register; chaperones of the same gender must register at the ratio of one adult to 6 youth. The cost is \$110 before December 15th or \$125 per person due upon registration.

“Pieces” is the theme for the weekends as we look at the pieces that come together in our journeys of faith as United Methodists as we focus on Romans 12:4-5: “For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.” Worship, learning, fun and fellowship will be components of the weekend as we discover our part in the Body of Christ, experience some of the history of the Christian heritage, and celebrate the diversity and the connection that makes us who we are as United Methodists.

The confirmation retreats are designed primarily for 6th-8th graders, but can include senior high if they have not yet been confirmed. They are to enhance the confirmation experience of churches who might not have their own confirmation retreat for those young people who are learning more about what it means to follow Christ and to make a profession of faith. It will be a weekend of learning from a variety of educational experiences and presentations by leaders in the conference, inspiring worship, some fun and games, and times for the youth to reflect on their faith and their desire to follow Christ and join the United Methodist Church. There will be large group experiences as well as small group times.

