

## Calendar of Events

- 5/1 Active Adult Exercise 10 am Exercise Room  
5/1 Gadabouts 11 am Reception Hall  
5/1 Bridge 3 pm Exercise Room with partner  
5/2 Prayer Quilt Meeting S-51 10 am  
5/2 Caregiver Support Group 2 pm Connect Café  
5/2 Centering Prayer 3 pm S-52  
5/3 Active Adult Exercise 10 am Exercise Room  
5/4 Labyrinth Open Walk 12—2 pm Adult Lobby  
5/5 Believers Band Concert 3 pm Sanctuary  
5/7 Mexican Train Dominoes 1pm Exercise Room  
5/7 Prayer Shawl Ministry at 1:30 pm in Bride's Room  
5/7 Grief Support Group 3 pm Student Ministry area  
5/8 Active Adult Exercise 10 am Exercise Room  
5/8 Gadabouts 11 am Reception Hall  
5/8 Bridge 3 pm Exercise Room with partner  
5/9 Caregiver Support Group 2 pm Connect Café  
5/9 Centering Prayer 3 pm S-52  
5/10 Active Adult Exercise 10 am Exercise Room  
5/14 Beyond Words Book Club— 4 pm Gainesville Library  
5/15 Active Adult Exercise 10 am Exercise Room  
5/15 Gadabouts 10 am Trip to Botanical Garden  
5/15 Bridge 3 pm Exercise Room with partner  
5/16 Caregiver Support Group 2 pm Connect Café  
5/16 Centering Prayer 3 pm S-52  
5/17 Active Adult Exercise 10 am Exercise Room  
5/21 Mexican Train Dominoes 1pm Exercise Room  
5/21 Grief Support Group 3 pm Student Ministry area  
5/22 Active Adult Exercise 10 am Exercise Room  
5/22 Gadabouts 11 am Reception Hall  
5/22 Bridge 3 pm Exercise Room with partner  
5/23 Caregiver Support Group 2 pm Connect Café  
5/23 Centering Prayer 3 pm S-52  
5/24 Active Adult Exercise 10 am Exercise Room  
5/29 Active Adult Exercise 10 am Exercise Room  
5/29 Gadabouts 11 am Reception Hall  
5/29 Bridge 3 pm Exercise Room with partner  
5/30 Caregiver Support Group 2 pm Connect Café  
5/30 Centering Prayer 3 pm S-52  
5/31 Active Adult Exercise 10 am Exercise Room

GFUMC is a Stephen Ministry Congregation. If you or someone you know would appreciate someone to offer spiritual care in a confidential relationship, contact Barb Mistarz at 770-540-1541 or Rev. Carolyn Clifton.



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# Generations

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## United Methodist General Conference

As this newsletter goes to print, the UMC General Conference will convene. Rev. Jamey Prickett emailed this letter to the church on Sunday, April 21:

Gainesville First UMC,

From April 23rd to May 3rd, 862 voting delegates from four continents who speak ten distinct languages will assemble in Charlotte, North Carolina, for the General Conference of The United Methodist Church.

The General Conference is the highest legislative body in The United Methodist Church. Delegates gather from all over the world to consider revisions to church law and adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy, and economic issues. The General Conference also approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs for the next four years.

One of those delegates will be our very own Lee Highsmith. She will join the other 21 delegates from North Georgia in Charlotte as they gather to hear legislation, adopt resolutions, and be challenged to see the United Methodist Church be sent out on a mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

The conference theme will be "...and know that I am God," taken from Psalm 46. The psalm refers to being still and trusting God. We invite you to join us in praying for the delegates to have a stillness of heart and mind so that they may discern God's will for the denomination.

You can follow along at these 2 websites:

[www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020](http://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020)

[resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020/live-stream](http://resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020/live-stream)

We are reminded in Philippians 4:6 to "not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." In this spirit, I invite our church family to come together in prayer for the following:

**Wisdom:** Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the delegates' discussions and decisions, providing them with the wisdom to act in accordance with God's will.

**Unity:** Ask for a spirit of unity and peace to prevail throughout the conference, helping all involved to listen thoughtfully and respond graciously.

**Courage:** Seek courage for our church leaders to make bold decisions that will lead our church toward a future filled with hope and faithful service.

May God bless our congregation and the entire United Methodist community as we seek to follow God's path.

Blessings,


Jamey





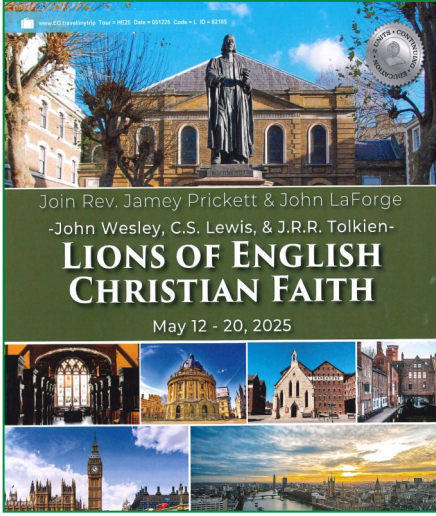
**Lakeside Worship Kickoff and Confirmation Sunday!**  
**One Worship Service**  
**Sunday, May 5 at 11 am**  
**by the lake**  
 followed by a free taco lunch under the big tent.

Lakeside worship on Sundays at 8:30 am begins May 12!  
 Text "Lakeside" to 470-291-0215 to receive weather notifications.



**Through Time and Space**  
 Sunday, May 5 at 3 pm  
 Sanctuary

You'll be transported out of this world as the Believers Band takes you on an adventure through some of your favorite TV shows and movies from Star Trek to Star Wars, Dr. Who, and The Rocketeer in this free concert. Guest vocalist: Lisa Phifer. Emcee: Bill Maine.



**Travel opportunity in May 2025!**  
 Join Pastor Jamey and John LaForge for a deep dive into the lives and influence of John Wesley, C.S. Lewis, and J.R.R. Tolkien. Tour highlights include the cities of Birmingham, Oxford, Gloucester, and London. Informational flyers are available or online at [www.eo.travel/mytrip](http://www.eo.travel/mytrip).

Tour	HE25	Date	May 12 2025
Code	L	ID	62185




What's the best week of summer? Vacation Bible School week! June 3-7 our halls will be filled with children pre-k to 5th grade who come for fun and to learn about God's love for them. Now is the time to register the kids in your life, sign up to volunteer, and hold this wonderful week of learning and faith development in your prayers. Contact Mary Lina Pardue, Director of Preschool and Children's Ministry for information.

# Gadabouts

Join old friends and make new ones on Wednesdays at 11am when we gather in the Reception Hall for an entertaining or informational program. A hot, catered lunch following the program is just \$5. Newcomers and guests are always welcome!

**May 1**  
 We love to see the preschool children in the courtyard so we invited a few from the pre-K4 class for a few fun rounds of BINGO with a spring theme. Come meet some new, young friends as we enjoy playing together. (Note: This program will not be like our regular BINGO. Children will be at each table and you will help them to play a child friendly version of the game!) Menu: Teriyaki chicken skewers, Hawaiian rice, stir fried mixed vegetables, birthday cake.



**May 8**  
**West African Drumming and Culture\***  
 Dr. Madia Cooper-Ashirifi, Associate Professor and Chair of Dance at Brenau University, and Kofi Mawuko, professional entertainer, will introduce us to West African culture through the lens of drumming, music and perhaps dance! Menu: Choice of fried shrimp or chicken tenders, coleslaw, tater tots, hushpuppies, and Key Lime pie.



**May 15**  
**State Botanical Garden Tour**  
 Let's gadabout on over to the State Botanical Garden in Athens for a tour! We'll also enjoy a picnic lunch of turkey sandwiches, chips, fruit, cookies and water. Garden Guides will lead our tour. Contact Mildred Smith in the church office to reserve your seat on the bus.

Depart from church parking lot	10 am
Return to church about	4 pm
Cost (all inclusive)	\$15



**May 22**  
**Favorite Hymns**  
 Johnny Summer, Donna Weaver, and Michelle Alexander lead worship each Sunday in our chapel. Today they will share with us some of their favorite hymns. Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, garlic bread, Italian Crème cake.



**May 29**  
 B4! O76! Who will be a lucky winner today? The prizes are small, but the fun is enormous. Come join us for some friendly rounds of BINGO! Menu: Chicken salad plate with lettuce, tomato, fruit, crackers, and red velvet cake.



\*Dr. Cooper and Mawuko invite you to attend **Under the Bao Bao Tree: A Celebration of Dance and Culture** on Saturday, May 11 at 6 pm and Sunday, May 12 at 3 pm in Pearce Auditorium at Brenau. \$5 Admission.



**World Labyrinth**  
 DAY OPEN WALK

Saturday, May 4  
 12—2 pm  
 Downstairs in the Adult Lobby  
 Enter on lake side of building

Whether you're a seasoned labyrinth walker or simply curious about this contemplative practice, come experience walking meditation on our 7 circuit indoor labyrinth. Guidance will be available for newcomers. Please wear or bring socks!



**Dedicate Flowers**  
 GFUMC has a tradition of honoring and remembering those who hold a special place in our hearts with flowers in our Sanctuary, Narthex, and Chapel. This meaningful gesture offers a way to celebrate the memory of a loved one, honor someone special in your life, or commemorate a significant occasion. Flowers will be arranged by our Flower Guild and placed in the church. Contact Anna Whitehead in the office for more information at 770-536-2341 or [awhitehead@gfumc.com](mailto:awhitehead@gfumc.com).

**Financial Report**

Annual Budget for 2024	\$ 2,920,000
YTD Given as of XXXX	\$ 739,000

*We are grateful for your faithful support of the mission and ministry of the church. If you have financial questions, please contact Jessica McKee in the church office.*


**Membership Care**  
 For more timely notification of prayer concerns, please subscribe to the Wednesday email at [www.gfumc.com/email](http://www.gfumc.com/email)

**In Memoriam:**  
 Jane Vann

**In Sympathy:**  
 Wendy Sargent on the death of her father

**Recent Hospitalizations:**

Bob Dickinson	Lyndon Eubanks	Larry Hansen
Joyce Payne	Roger Sund	Janice Whiten
Gary Wood		

 If you need a pastor in the evening or on the weekend, call the church at 770-536-2341. Press 5 and leave your name and number. A pastor will return your call shortly.