

From Our President

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LouAnn McLain, Warner Robins, GA



Changes

"The Spirit of the LORD will come powerfully upon you, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different person." I Samuel 10: 6 NIV

As I sit and write this, it doesn't seem possible that we are going into the home stretch of 2018...Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. One minute you are planning your summer vacation and the next you're wondering where the year has gone?

More importantly, where are you going? Are you rolling along your merry way without a thought of those around you? Are you on life's super highway with things going by so fast you don't notice the little things? Are you so involved in your life that you don't see the hurting, helpless, or homeless?

What change would you have to make in your life in order to see the world in a new way? Is it personal quiet time with God? Is it going to Sunday school? Joining a Bible study? Attending church regularly? Being truly present for conversations?

Some changes are necessary and needed. They allow us to grow and invite in new ideas and ways to do things. GA-PAUMCS has had some of those changes! We have a new name from the 2017 National Conference, so we include all administrative personnel and not only secretaries. We have new officers from the 2018 GA Conference ~ LouAnn McLain, President; Josie Hickom, *Interim* Vice President; Lesley Baskette, Recording Secretary; Annette Harmon, Treasurer; Denise Wilson, Finance Chair; Jackie Powers, Membership Chair; Cathy Ivey, Nominations Chair; Denise Louis, PTS Chair; Angela Ivey, By-Laws Chair; Ruth Sims, Ways and Means Chair; Karen Whitehead, Newsletter Editor; Doris Wyatt, Sunshine Chair; Georgia Deacon, Publicity Chair; and Juliette Blevins, Historian.

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Changes

And we have new and upcoming opportunities to grow and learn together – the 2019 Annual Conference at Sea, March 14-18, 2019 and August 22-25, 2019 GA Conference in Cartersville.

But the one thing that should not change is our love for others. Even when we are hurt or angry, we should never lose sight of that love. Just as Christ never lose sight of His love for us as He was beaten and humiliated. Just as Christ never lost sight of His love for us as He carried a cross that would be His place of death. He was willing to save us from sin. And through it all, He taught us the way to live...loving others, helping others, putting aside our differences in order to be a family.

So where ever you currently are...sit back, take a deep breath and look at the world around you. You may be surprised at the changes that are taking place.

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SUNSHINE

- Do you have a prayer request?
- Do you have a praise?
- Do you have something on your heart or mind that you would like to share with your Georgia PAUMCS family?
- Have an office question and need to network?

Send me an email, and I will send it out to our Georgia members, so that we may support, encourage, rejoice and love one another more fully.

Sunshine Chair
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Doris Wyatt, Carrollton, GA



NATIONAL PAUMCS MEMBERSHIP

In addition to membership in the Georgia PAUMCS Chapter, you are encouraged to join the National PAUMCS organization (or renew if you are already a member!). Renewal is available from November 1 – March 31. National membership is tracked through the new membership database.

To join or renew, please visit the national website: www.paumcsmembership.org. Annual Dues are \$50. As a national member, you will have access to a broader network of colleagues and you will receive their quarterly newsletter. Membership also allows you to participate in the annual certification class sponsored by PAUMCS and the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) of The United Methodist Church. You can get additional information about the National organization at their website, www.paumcs.org or feel free to contact me!

Denise Wilson, LaGrange, GA
National Membership Chair
and GA Finance Chair
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2019 GA-PAUMCS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
CARTERSVILLE, GA
AUGUST 22-25, 2019

IT IS ALL ABOUT US

*“Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit
is given for the common good.”*

1 Corinthians 12:7

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Advanced certification

Trip to Nashville *once again...*

Five people from the GA PAUMCS Chapter left on Sunday, August 26 as soon as the 'Amen' was said after a great State Conference in Warner Robins to participate in the PAUMCS Advanced Certification course. Those five were *Kathy Cawthon, Renee Farrar, Cathy Ivey, LouAnn McLain* and *Laura Vosburgh*.

The course began with an orientation dinner at the Amerigo Italian Restaurant in downtown Nashville, Tenn. where introductions were made with each other and to *Valarie Willis*, the facilitator, who led and directed the course for three days.

All 29 certificated administrators met at the GCFA (General Council on Finance and Administration) building for sessions, lunch, devotions, group work on research project and fellowship. We were all assigned to a group by *Natalie Schuette* (Executive Assistant to the General Secretary & Treasurer of GCFA) and our assignments continued until the end of October when each team presented their group project to a panel of judges.

Those who completed the Advanced Certification course and passed will be recognized as well as receive their certificate on the cruise for the 2019 National PAUMCS Conference.



Front Row:
Cathy Ivey, Laura Vosburgh, Kathy Cawthon
Back Row: LouAnn McLain, Renee Farrar



Laura Vosburgh and Cathy Ivey



**Advanced Certification
Class of 2018**

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



I am thankful for 2018 and the many blessings it has brought into our lives. We had two new grandbabies born this year, so it has been loads of fun. I am now finding myself looking forward to 2019, as it is sure to be a great year as well.

Membership Secretary
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Jackie Powers, Gainesville, GA

GA PAUMCS is here to help each other through challenges and offer support, as well as share with each other our accomplishments and celebrations. The purpose of PAUMCS is to establish a method for training and certifying office personnel in United Methodist churches, agencies, and organizations. It is the desire of PAUMCS to provide a supportive base for the unity and fellowship of its members, to provide opportunities for professional development, continuing education, and spiritual enrichment as we promote individual growth.

We offer workshops and continuing education at the Georgia and National Conferences. Professional leadership is our focus. By joining, you get a newsletter from the Georgia Chapter with up-to-date news from the officers and members, important upcoming dates and events, as well as connection with other members for resources across Georgia and the United States.

Your membership matters. What is the best tool we can have, *each other*. Our networking allows us to share the things needed to make us all successful. So, we need you to join the team.

The 2019 Membership Dues are only \$35. I have already sent in my registration and dues, and I challenge you to join me. Visit our website www.ga-paumcs.org, fill out the membership form in this newsletter, or contact me at jpowers@gfumc.com, and I can send you a brochure to learn more about GA PAUMCS and joining the team.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

As of November 1, the PAUMCS membership site is available for 2019 membership renewal. You have until March 31, 2019 to renew membership, but are encouraged to renew as soon as possible. To do so, simply log onto the site, www.paumcsmembership.org, click Site Access at the top and then go to the Membership Renewal option. Update the information there and then you will have the option to pay online or mail a check to me (200 Church Street, LaGrange, GA 30240). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

at lagrdo@bellsouth.net. Denise Wilson, Membership Chair

Membership Chair
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Denise Wilson, LaGrange, GA



From Our Vice President

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Josie Hickom, Cartersville, GA



First of all, let me say thank you for putting your confidence in me to serve as your Vice-President this year. I am very humbled. Being in a new position can be challenging. I am so grateful of your encouragement and support. It makes the job seem a lot easier.

I am so excited about our 2019 State Conference. Our team has been working hard on putting together a conference that we think will help you learn about yourself and have fun all at the same time.

Theme: *"It is All About Us"*

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:7

"Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good."

Conference Dates: August 22-25, 2019

Location: Faith United Methodist in Cartersville, GA

Hosted by Rome-Carrollton and Northwest Districts

Accommodations: Hampton Inn on Highway 20, Cartersville, GA

Hotel Cost: \$99 per night

There may be changes within the United Methodist Church in the next year or so. With that in mind, we felt it was important that we learn about ourselves and how we can be beneficial to our church members during this transition.

We have several facilitators lined up to help us with this process of discovering who we are and how our gifts can be helpful to others.

- **Rev. Charlie Marus**, Senior Pastor at Faith United Methodist Church, will be leading us through a Spiritual Inventory.
- **Ms. Jessica Mitchum**, Executive Director- Good Neighbors Homeless Shelter, and **Ms. Rebecca Hickom**, Entry System Coordinator with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs will be taking us through a Homeless/Poverty Simulation to show us how our gifts can be helpful to others.
- **Dr. Quincy Brown**, Atlanta-Decatur-Oxford District Superintendent, will be guiding us through a process of discovering who we are and how we handle transitions.
- **Rev. Kevin Lobello**, Senior Pastor at Sam Jones Memorial United Methodist will lead us in Worship.
- **Rev. John Pinson**, Northwest District Superintendent, will be installing our 2019-2020 officers
- **Rev. Dr. David Naglee**, Retired District Superintendent will be providing entertainment at our banquet.

Be sure to mark your calendars and make your plans to attend. You will be hearing more in the very near future. Please be in prayer for us as we continue to plan and for the conference itself.

Blessings,

2019 GA-PAUMCS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

CARTERSVILLE, GA

AUGUST 22-25, 2019

our treasurer's report

Georgia Chapter of PAUMCS
January 1 - October 31, 2018

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2018		
Operating Account	\$ 3,773.93	
Scholarship Fund	\$ 2,524.36	
REVENUES		
Membership Dues @\$35.00	\$ 1,330.00	\$ 1,750.00
Conference Registrations	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 3,500.00
Commuter Meals	\$ 15.00	
Ways and Means	\$ 12.00	\$ 200.00
TOTAL BUDGETED REVENUES	\$ 4,242.00	\$ 5,450.00
NON-BUDGETED REVENUE		
Interest Income	\$ 1.76	
Scholarship Income	\$ 263.90	
TOTAL NON-BUDGETED REVENUE	\$ 265.66	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 4,507.66	
Conference Expense		
Conference Food, Entertainment, Worship	\$ 511.57	\$ 1,750.00
Speaker Expenses	\$ 1,088.45	\$ 1,000.00
Conference Supplies	\$ 113.29	
Secretary of the Year	\$ 39.79	\$ 100.00
TOTAL CONFERENCE EXPENSE	\$ 1,753.10	\$ 2,850.00
Operations		
Executive/Committee Expense	\$ 142.22	\$ 400.00
National Meeting	\$ 1,090.37	\$ 1,000.00
Postage: Mailings		\$ 100.00
Card Ministry		
Office Supplies		
Publicity	\$ 467.10	\$ 600.00
Newsletter		\$ 75.00
Paypal Fees	\$ 1.32	
Ways and Means		\$ 200.00
Contingency		\$ 225.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 1,701.01	\$ 2,600.00
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$ 3,454.11	\$ 5,450.00
NON-BUDGETED EXPENSES		
Transfer to Scholarship Fund		
TOTAL NON BUDGETED EXPENSES		
BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2018		
Operating Account	\$ 4,563.58	
Scholarship/Memorial Fund	\$ 2,788.26	
	\$ 7,351.84	



Treasurer
salemumc@bellsouth.net
Annette Harmon, Covington, GA

Got scholarship?

Scholarship Winner

Conference Scholarship Winner
Cindy Rollins, District Administrator
Southwest District

This was my first experience with PAUMCS, an organization of which I was not even aware, and I was pleasantly surprised. I won the drawing for the conference scholarship at Annual Conference, so I decided, "Why not give it a try?" Everyone was very friendly and welcoming. It was particularly helpful to have Cathy Ivey assigned as my contact person. She did a great job of making me comfortable and helping me fit in. It was nice to meet with other admins and share ideas about common problems we all experience. I felt that discussion was centered on problem-solving and making ourselves better at what we do.

The speakers were knowledgeable and entertaining. I enjoyed the variety of subjects we covered as well! It was wonderful to have conference personnel on hand to answer questions. As a new District Admin, I learned so much.

Thanks to Georgia PAUMCS for sponsoring my attendance this year. I look forward to future conferences, where I can learn more, make new connections, and new friends who understand what I do all day at work!

Cindy Rollins, Cordele, GA
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SCHOLARSHIP

Greetings:

We had a great and successful Annual Conference in Warner Robins this year with LouAnn McLain rolling out the carpet for us at her church, Christ United Methodist Church. Thank you so much LouAnn and the Executive Committee for all your hard work.



Thank you to everyone who will be serving on this year's Juanita Brannen Memorial Scholarship committee for 2018-2019. They are myself, South GA; Renee' Farrar, North GA; and Paula Moore, North GA; with our ex-officio members LouAnn McLain, South GA and Jackie Powers, North GA.

The Scholarship Fund is named after one of our founding members and was established solely for the purpose of granting financial aid to those attending an annual conference of GAC-PAUMCS, National PAUMCS, or Certification School.

We are always happy to receive applications for scholarships for any of the PAUMCS functions mentioned above. You are eligible to apply for one every two (2) years (this includes Georgia, National, or Certification School). Deadline to apply for a scholarship is the same date as the early registration deadline. Scholarships are granted on an individual basis with the amount not to exceed \$100.00.

This committee appreciates all those who contributed to the Memorial Scholarship Fund this year. To date we have \$2,788.26 in our fund. Donations can be made at any time to the Scholarship Fund. You may want to consider making a donation in honor or in memory of someone, especially a current or past PAUMCS member. Send your check to Annette Harmon, PAUMC Treasurer at 3962 Salem Road, Covington, GA 30016.

Please contact me for more information or a scholarship application, and I will be more than happy to assist you.

Scholarship Chair
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Connie Brown, Vidalia, GA

2018-2019 GA-PAUMCS OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	LouAnn McLain (SG)	3
VICE PRESIDENT	Josie Hickom (NG) (<i>Interim</i>)	1
RECORDING SECRETARY	Lesley Baskette (NG)	1
TREASURER	Annette Harmon (NG)	3
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	Jackie Powers (NG)	3

Standing Committees

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR Cmte:

2019 ~ Jackie Powers 3 2018 ~ Josie Hickom 2 2017 ~ Ruth Sims 1

BY-LAWS Cmte:

*Angela Ivey (NG)	2
Dodie Patterson (NG)	2

Ex-Officio: President, LouAnn McLain; Membership Secretary, Jackie Powers

FINANCE Cmte:

*Denise Wilson (NG)	3
Candace Darden (SG)	2

Ex-Officio: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Ways & Means

HISTORIAN:

Juliet Blevins (SG)	Indefinite
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Ex-Officio: Vice President, Recording Secretary

NEWSLETTER:

Karen Whitehead (NG)	3
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NOMINATIONS Cmte:

*Cathy Ivey (SG)	2
Debbie Brock (NG)	2
Marie Grogan (SG)	3

Ex-Officio: Membership Secretary

PTS Cmte (Professional Training & Standards):

*Denise Louis (NG)	2
Debbie Brock (NG)	3
Kathy Cawthon (NG)	2

Ex-Officio: President, Vice President, Membership Secretary

PUBLICITY Cmte:

*Georgia Deakin (NG)	2
Renee Farrar (NG)	3
Marilyn Grau (NG)	2

Ex-Officio: President, Newsletter Editor, Membership Secretary

SCHOLARSHIP Cmte:

*Connie Brown (SG)	1
Renee Farrar (NG)	1
Paula Moore (NG)	3

Ex-Officio: President, Past President & Membership Secretary

SUNSHINE:

Doris Wyatt (NG)	Indefinite
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WAYS & MEANS Cmte:

*Ruth Sims (SG)	1
Georgia Deakin (NG)	1
Denise Louis (NG)	2

Ex-Officio: President, Treasurer

*Represents committee members to serve as Chairperson.

Revised on 9/10/2018 by C Ivey / Nominations Chair

STORMS, STORMS and more STORMS

A lot has happened in my direction since our State Conference back in August to say the least. Many of you are aware and/or have been affected by Hurricane Michael made its debut on Wednesday, October 10, 2018.

My family and I had just finished eating supper around 6:15 PM when our lights went out at 6:36 PM that evening. We knew Michael was on the way to Southwest Georgia, we had prepared ourselves with all the supplies we needed, washed and dried all the clothes and brought things in from outside that we could. As you can tell we don't take a storm lightly because of what we the people in Albany, GA had already experienced just a year and a half ago when not ONE but TWO tornadoes hit our county in one month. It's certainly no fun to have nature take over your surroundings.

Michael lasted about six hours at my house and believe me when I tell you I was begging God to let it end or hurry it up while we were sitting on the floor holding our furry babies and checking on everybody via text in the third hour into this storm. We heard trees fall, we heard the roaring of the wind, we heard the rain pounding on the roof as well as hitting the windows. Were we nervous? Yes! Were we scared? Yes! Were we worried? Yes! But there was nothing we could do about it.

The next morning we had prepared ourselves mentally but that wasn't enough. Trees down everywhere, power lines had snapped in two and lots of confused people wandering the neighborhood calling their insurance company. One thing I didn't prepare myself for was...how many people would have damage and how much longer it was going to take to get back on our feet with power, water and somewhat of a normal schedule again. You see the difference between Michael hitting us and the two tornadoes was the whole town and all other counties were damaged and that meant everyone in our community was busy doing their own clean ups, taking care of their own business and

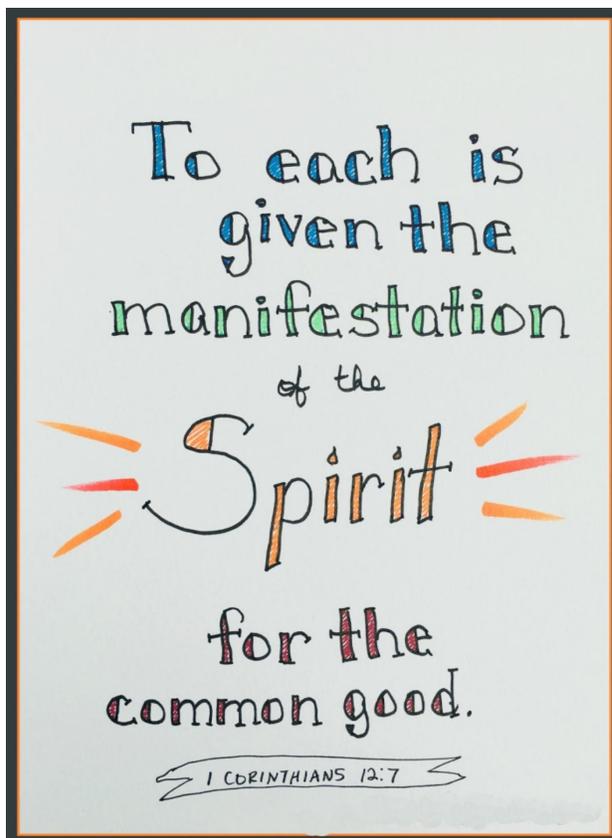
doing the best they could to look after their elderly parents and neighbors. And because of the impact, volunteer help was hard to find those first few days compared to the storms Jan. of 2017.

Still to this day, over a month later, some people still don't have cable, some people still have debris in the yards and most everybody has a tarp on their roof. But there is nothing we can do about it...but keep on going and praising our God we are alive and be most thankful we survived. You see, God is with us whether we are in the beginning of a storm, in the middle of a storm and at the end of a storm. No matter what people say...He was there during Michael and will continue to be there always.

With His love and
Merry Christmas (hehe)!



Nominations Chair
Cathy Ivey, Albany, GA
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PUBLICITY

Who have you spoken to about PAUMCS today? It's probably not a topic that comes up frequently in our conversations. However, the best way to spread the word about anything is for each of us to make a point to share it as often as we can. Several districts in our conferences are recognizing their Administrative Professionals in April, and we are using that opportunity to promote PAUMCS to those who are not yet members. We will have tables at both the North and South Georgia Annual Conferences where we will be able to spread the word to pastors and others who may be able to encourage membership by Administrators that support them. If you have other ideas about how we can promote PAUMCS, please let one of the members of the Publicity Committee know. The other members are Marilyn Grau and Renee Farrar.

I hope you will take time to check out our website at www.ga-paumcs.org. It has been updated with new information. Visit us on Facebook as well, and perhaps get an inspiration for the week.



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Georgia Deakin, Lithia Springs, GA

Promote PAUMCS

Remember to talk to other church administrators in your area. We want to encourage others to **join PAUMCS** and to **attend our 2019 conference and workshops** in Cartersville, GA, at **Faith UMC, August 22-25, 2019. "It Is All About Us."**

Shop PAUMCS

Need a T-shirt, shirt, tote bag, etc.? Shop our PAUMCS Promotional Items Online at ga-paumcs.org. Click *Shop Online*. What a great way to introduce your friends and co-workers to PAUMCS. They see the logo on an item you've purchased and they ask you about PAUMCS. You are able to tell them what a great organization you belong to and how wonderful it is to have such a supportive organization that is a part of the United Methodist Church.



Facebook

Go "like" our page to receive updated news and events.

1. Go to the search bar and type in "GA-PAUMCS"
2. Click on us and check out our page!
3. Hit the "like" button to like our page and get updates on our activities and programs.



2018 Annual Conference

CHRIST UMC, WARNER ROBINS GA AUGUST 23 - 26, 2018



Cindy Rollins | Scholarship Winner
with Mandy Fill | Information Technology, SW District



Jackie Powers | Administrator of the Year



Conference Attendees

Membership/contact info

WHO MAY JOIN?

Full or Part Time
Paid or Volunteer
Office, Financial, Membership Secretaries
Administrative Assistants

GEORGIA PAUMCS 2019 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Enroll me as a New Member
 Renew my Membership
 Emeritus Member Date of Retirement _____

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Preferred Phone _____

Preferred E-Mail Address: _____

Birthday _____

Employed By _____

Title _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Phone _____

Business E-Mail _____

Number of Years Employed at the Church/Agency: _____

District _____ Conference: NGA SGA

Certified: No Yes, Year ____ Advanced Certified: No Yes, Year ____

National Member? Yes No

List ways in which we can assist you or ways you would like to be involved in GA PAUMCS: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

GA-PAUMCS Annual Dues: \$35.00

Complete the form above and mail along with annual dues to:

Salem UMC
Attn: Annette Harmon
3962 Salem Rd.
Covington, GA 30016

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*The Executive Committee is here to help you.
Contact any of us for questions.*

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Membership Secretary:
Administrative Professional of the Year:
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Nominations: Cathy Ivey
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PTS: Denise Louis
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Historian: Juliet Blevins
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