

### FROM OUR PRESIDENT

#### WHAT ARE WE ABOUT?

I am on the email list for StoryBrand by Donald Miller. If you are not familiar with him or StoryBrand, he is the author of the marketing strategy Building A StoryBrand. Each day I receive a brief video that leads me to think deeper about ministry, work, and life.

This week, one of the videos was entitled “Why you should stake claim to your territory.” He talked about how you may have lots of competition, but there is something unique about your business that sets you apart and you need to emphasize that in your marketing.

One of the things that struck me most was “What are we about?” What sets us apart? Not just in our jobs, but as PAUMCS. Is there something about our organization that sets us apart from other administrative organizations? YES!

PAUMCS is not just about getting together to rub elbows, find out what you can do for me, or how you can help me advance. PAUMCS is about supporting each other in difficult circumstances, sharing knowledge of those challenging situations, sharing a different perspective on an area of our ministry that is causing friction.

PAUMCS is a place to meet with others who experience the similar highs and lows of ministry...the week of death after death; the mountain of reports that need to be done; the staff person who



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3. Hit the “like” button to like our page and get updates on our activities and programs.

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## **WHAT ARE WE ABOUT?**

thinks they have different deadlines than the rest of the staff; the many personalities you deal with every day. All of these can be challenging and some can make you wonder why you are in this job. But when you reach out to your sisters in Christ who are part of this amazing organization and you receive affirmation that you are not alone...well, that is what we are about!

We are about making a difference...even if it is just in one person's life! We are about showing others the love of Christ in the things we do and say. We are about lifting each other up in pray and praise. We are about setting ourselves apart from those other organizations by the prayerful support we have for each other.

If you are not a PAUMCS member, I encourage you to join us for the many ways in which we are about!

If you have a friend in ministry who is not a PAUMCS member, invite them to find out what we are about!

Praying you have a truly blest Christmas season!

With HIS Grace,

LouAnn

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## **Publicity**

So you think you're NOT on the Publicity Committee? What a silly idea. Of course you are!

Surely you remember reading the fine print\* on your membership contract where you agreed to serve as an ambassador for PAUMCS, telling everyone you know about it and inviting all your friends in the United Methodist Connection to join you as a member!

*\*On some copies, this may have inadvertently been printed with invisible ink, but it's there nonetheless.*

Just for you, we have updated our



brochures since we last met. In fact, we now have two brochures--one for the general public, and a "light-hearted" one targeted to our peers who are not yet members.

(You can take this one with you when you invite the new staff member at a nearby church for lunch, and take the other to share with her--or his--supervisor.)

Contact Marilyn today if you would like the Publisher or PDF file, to run your own copies.



**Publicity Chair**

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*Marilyn Grau, Augusta, GA*

# National PAUMCS NEWS

## NATIONAL PAUMCS MEMBERSHIP

To join or renew: [www.paumcsmembership.org](http://www.paumcsmembership.org).  
Annual Dues: \$50.

**NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL** As of November 1, the PAUMCS membership site is available for 2020 membership renewal. You have until March 31, 2020 to renew membership but are encouraged to renew as soon as possible. To do so, simply log onto the site, [www.paumcsmembership.org](http://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 (927 North Main St. NW, Conyers, GA 30012). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [adox@ngumc.net](mailto:adox@ngumc.net). Renee Farrar, National Membership Chair.

Each year United Methodist Church Office Professionals from across the country and sometimes the world, meet for the PAUMCS Annual Conference. A different area hosts each year:

- ⇒ 2009 Des Moines, Iowa
- ⇒ 2010 Orlando, Florida
- ⇒ 2011 Knoxville, Tennessee
- ⇒ 2012 Richmond, Virginia
- ⇒ 2013 Phoenix, Arizona
- ⇒ 2014 Asheville, NC
- ⇒ 2015 Atlanta, Georgia
- ⇒ 2016 Wichita, Kansas
- ⇒ 2017 Chicago, Illinois
- ⇒ 2018 Nashville, Tennessee
- ⇒ 2019 PAUMCS at Sea!

Without exception, these events are well-run, informative and fun!

**Next year, 20/20  
April 16-18  
Kansas City, Missouri!**



# Are you using your gifts?

Recently my sister, overhearing my end of a phone conversation with my daughter, surprised me by saying, “You have the spiritual gift of encouragement!” And she was absolutely right—but I wouldn’t have known it had I not taken the spiritual Gift Assessment on the United Methodist website in 2016. With this in mind, I am submitting a condensed version of an article I wrote for the 2016 December *Monitor*. —Marilyn Grau

In this season of giving, are you using the special gifts that God chose just for you? According to the United Methodist website, “every child of God is filled with the power of the Holy spirit, specially gifted to play a unique and valued role in the body of Christ. Spiritual gifts are not our talents or skills. They are the grace of God at work within us, empowering us to match our deep passions with the world’s deep need.”

Discovering Your Gifts. I had always known about spiritual gifts (check out what Paul says in 1 Corinthians 1:1-12), but had never given much thought to my own gifts. So of course, I was curious and eager to try this assessment tool; and do you know what it revealed? Of the twenty gifts listed, my largest boxes contain **Exhortation, Faith, Discernment, and Wisdom**, with slightly smaller boxes of **Prophecy, Giving, Shepherding, and Miracles**.

YOU DO NOT LACK  
ANY SPIRITUAL GIFT  
AS YOU EAGERLY WAIT  
FOR OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
TO BE REVEALED.  
HE WILL KEEP YOU STRONG  
TO THE END, ...  
1 Corinthians 1:7-8a

Now lest you come by the office expecting to see me healing the sick, according to the website, “the gift of miracles is not about performing miracles, but about living in the miraculous reality of God’s creation.” **Prophecy?** The website explains, “Prophets do not predict the future, but offer insight and perspective on current conditions.” **Shepherding** isn’t really “herding,” it’s just another word for mentoring—“welcoming newcomers in any group to help them be involved.” But what in the world is **Exhortation**—my very largest gift? “The gift of exhortation is manifest in people who offer encouragement, wise counsel, unflagging support, and empowerment. Those who exhort stay focused on helping people maximize their own potential and live from their own gifts and skills. Exhorters help people feel good about themselves, build confidence, and not grow discouraged.” Wow! Thank you, Lord, for that wonderful gift!

Begin Your Journey. To take your own gifts assessment, go to <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/gifts-assessment>. What you learn may surprise, excite, and inspire you. Or it may make you a little sad—if you see that God has chosen special gifts for you that you’ve failed to acknowledge and use.



From the UMC website: “Discover your gifts. Talk about your gifts with others. Strive together to understand your gifts and how you can use them to serve God, neighbor, and world. You have been gifted. You have been given a purpose.”

# SCHOLARSHIP

Thank you to everyone who will be serving with me on this year's Juanita Brannen Memorial Scholarship committee for 2019-2020. They are Paula Moore, North GA, and Connie Brown, South 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 \$2,788.96 in our fund. Donations can be made at any time to the Scholarship Fund. You may want to consider donating in honor or in memory of someone, especially a current or past PAUMCS member. Send your check to Annette Harmon, PAUMCS 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**  
[adox@ngumc.net](mailto:adox@ngumc.net)  
*Renee Farrar, Conyers, GA*

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## YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

I can't believe we are just weeks away from 2020. This past year has been a great year for GA PAUMCS. **We welcomed 15 new members!** We also celebrate that these 15 new faces were from all across our state. Networking together and sharing information is one of our greatest assets.

**If you have funds left in your 2019 budget, go ahead and send in your 2020 membership. If not, make sure to be one of the first ones to join. Mark your calendars in January to join for the new year.**

Membership is open to Full or Part Time, Paid or Volunteer, Office, Financial, and Membership, Administrative Staff Members of Churches, Districts, Connectional, or Conference offices. If you have not done so, we would love to add you to the list of members. The cost for one year's membership is just \$35. Simply fill out the form in this newsletter or contact me at [jpowers@gfumc.com](mailto:jpowers@gfumc.com), and I will be glad to assist you. For more information, visit our website at [www.ga-paumcs.org](http://www.ga-paumcs.org), or see page 3.

We also celebrate folks who have joined PAUMCS all across our nation. For more information about National PAUMCS visit [www.paumcs.org](http://www.paumcs.org).



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*Jackie Powers, Gainesville, GA*

# our treasurer's report

Georgia Chapter of PAUMCS | January 1 - October 31, 2019

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
<b>BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2019</b>		
Operating Account	\$ 4,532.85	
Scholarship Fund	\$ 2,788.96	
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Membership Dues @\$35.00	\$ 1,575.00	\$ 1,575.00
Conference Registrations	\$ 2,440.00	\$ 3,500.00
Commuter Meals	\$ 17.00	
Ways and Means	\$ 98.00	\$ 200.00
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 4,130.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,275.00</b>
<b>NON-BUDGETED REVENUE</b>		
Interest Income	\$ 2.05	
Scholarship Income	\$ 2.03	
<b>TOTAL NON-BUDGETED REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 4.08</b>	
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 4,134.08</b>	
<b>Conference Expense</b>		
Conference Food, Entertainment, Worship	\$ 1,533.21	\$ 1,500.00
Speaker Expenses	\$ 475.00	\$ 1,000.00
Conference Supplies	\$ 58.61	
Promotional Material/Handbooks for Conf.		\$ 250.00
Secretary of the Year	\$ 26.68	\$ 100.00
<b>TOTAL CONFERENCE EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 2,093.50</b>	<b>\$ 2,850.00</b>
<b>Operations</b>		
Executive/Committee Expense	\$ 22.90	\$ 350.00
National Meeting	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Postage: Mailings		\$ 100.00
Card Ministry		
Office Supplies		\$ 30.00
Publicity	\$ 171.98	\$ 600.00
Paypal Fees	\$ 54.23	\$ 25.00
Ways and Means		\$ 200.00
Contingency	\$ 25.00	\$ 120.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 1,274.11</b>	<b>\$ 2,425.00</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 3,367.61</b>	<b>\$ 5,275.00</b>
<b>NON-BUDGETED EXPENSES</b>		
Transfer to Scholarship Fund	\$ 400.00	
<b>TOTAL NON BUDGETED EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>	
<b>BALANCE AS OF October 31, 2019</b>		
Operating Account	\$ 5,297.29	
Scholarship/Memorial Fund	\$ 2,612.99	
	<b>\$ 7,910.28</b>	



Treasurer  
[salemumc@bellsouth.net](mailto:salemumc@bellsouth.net)

Annette Harmon, Covington, GA

# Christmas List

As an adult have you ever thought about your Christmas list? Yeah sure, as children I bet we all would find a clean sheet of paper and sharpen our pencils to find ourselves sitting at the kitchen table looking through the JCPennys' Wish Book or Sears Roebuck catalog dreamy and looking and perhaps even marking the pages on the corners to save that page so you could go back and look at it again to be sure there was not something else you wanted more.

I think we can all agree as we grew up our Christmas lists have changed. Since the first time I heard Amy Grant's song "Grown-up Christmas List" I no longer write in my notebook what I want for Christmas...I say it in my prayers. I don't look for the packages and bows...I look for ways to be a gift to others. And I certainly don't sit on Santa's lap, but I do kneel at the cross so I can feel my Lord near me.

This Christmas, what is on your Christmas list?

Merry Christmas to all and I pray you, as well as PAUMCS, will be blessed in the new year!



**Nominations Chair**  
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## GROWN-UP CHRISTMAS LIST

by Amy Grant

Songwriters:  
Linda Thompson/David Foste  
Peermusic Publishing,  
Warner Chappell Music, Inc.

## GROWN-UP CHRISTMAS LIST

Do you remember me  
I sat upon your knee  
I wrote to you with childhood fantasies  
Well I'm all grown up now  
And still need help somehow  
I'm not a child but my heart still can dream  
So here's my lifelong wish  
My grown up Christmas list  
Not for myself but for a world in need  
No more lives torn apart  
That wars would never start  
And time would heal all hearts  
And everyone would have a friend  
And right would always win  
And love would never end, no  
This is my grown up Christmas list  
As children we believe  
The grandest sight to see  
Was something lovely wrapped beneath the tree  
But Heaven only knows  
That packages and bows  
Can never heal a heartached human soul  
No more lives torn apart  
That wars would never start  
And time would heal all hearts  
And everyone would have a friend  
And right would always win  
And love would never end, no  
This is my grown up Christmas list  
What is this illusion called the innocence of youth  
Maybe only in our blind belief  
    can we ever find the truth  
No more lives torn apart  
That wars would never start  
And time would heal all hearts  
And everyone would have a friend  
And right would always win  
And love would never end, no  
This is my grown up Christmas list  
This is my only lifelong wish  
This is my grown up Christmas list

# Membership/contact info

## WHO MAY JOIN?

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

## GEORGIA PAUMCS 2020 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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