

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

God Speaks...am I listening?

Matthew 7:24-27 CSB

The Two Foundations

“Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain fell, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and pounded that house. Yet it didn’t collapse, because its foundation was on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and doesn’t act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 The rain fell, the rivers rose, the winds blew and pounded that house, and it collapsed. It collapsed with a great crash.”

It’s funny how God speaks to us. Sometimes it is subtle, like a wispy wind. Other times it’s like a rock through a window! I began this year as I have the past few years, joining my Church (The Bridge on Hwy 41 in Byron) in 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting. But this year I added daily Bible reading quiet time. This week, I have read this same scripture passage three times ~ in my daily devotion, in a staff devotion exercise, and in an article about a sandcastle sculpture on St. Simons Island which I was reading on the advice of my friend Cathy Ivey as a possible conference speaker.

The one thing that keeps popping out of this scripture is it’s similarity to the children’s nursery rhyme of the 3 Little Pigs. Now you might be thinking, LouAnn you have lost your mind! Well, that could be, but hear me out!

You know the story...each pig builds a house. One of straw, one of sticks and one of brick and then the wolf comes along, blows down



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*And do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.
 Hebrews 13:16*

God has given each of us spiritual gifts to share with others to impact their lives. As we share our gifts, we truly make a difference in the world.

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the houses made of straw and sticks, but he can't blow down the brick house. And we all know why...it's brick! Strong in construction, not easily moved, secure. Just like God.

Which led me back to the scripture. And of course the question of what am I building my life on? Do I look to the latest and greatest _____ (you fill in the blank)? Or do I look to God and His word? Do I spend my time on social media or reading tabloid magazines and comparing myself to "stars"? Or do I open my Bible and compare my life to what God says it can and should be?

The author of the 3 Little Pigs is unknown. I believe that person was a person of faith, that they built their life on His word...where else would that rhyme have come from? What are you building your life on?

With HIS Grace,

LouAnn

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GEORGIA CHAPTER ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2022

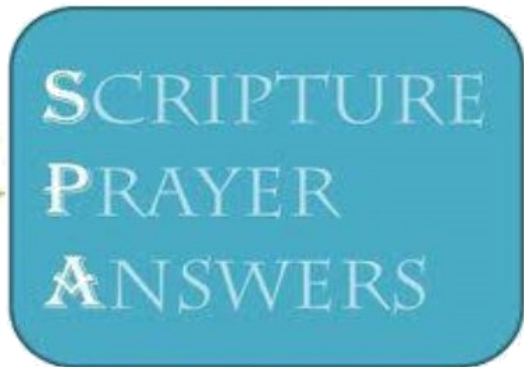
In these stressful times, it's time to relax, unwind, and give yourself a treat!

Join the **Georgia Professional Administrators of the United Methodist Connectional Structure** for a self-help weekend where we'll explore topics such as burnout prevention, relaxation and renewal, meditation as prayer, and who knows? Maybe we'll even relax with a facial!

Be still, and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10



**SEPTEMBER 15 - 17, 2022
EPWORTH BY THE SEA
ST. SIMONS, GA**



our treasurer's report

Georgia Chapter of PAUMCS | January 1 - December 31, 2021

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2021		
Operating Account	\$ 6,552.91	
Scholarship Fund	\$ 2,615.62	
REVENUES		
Membership Dues @\$35.00	\$ 1,272.00	\$ 1,575.00
Conference Registrations	\$ 80.00	\$ 3,500.00
Commuter Meals		
TOTAL BUDGETED REVENUES	\$ 1,352.00	\$ 5,075.00
NON-BUDGETED REVENUE		
Interest Income	\$ 3.70	
Scholarship Income	\$ 1.31	
TOTAL NON-BUDGETED REVENUE	\$ 5.01	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 1,357.01	
Conference Expense		
Speaker, Entertainment, Worship	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,200.00
Other Conference Expenses	\$ 619.54	\$ 1,500.00
Conference Supplies		\$ 100.00
Promotional Material/Handbooks for Conf.		
Secretary of the Year	\$ 26.33	\$ 100.00
TOTAL CONFERENCE EXPENSE	\$ 670.87	\$ 2,900.00
Operations		
Executive/Committee Expense		\$ 320.00
National Meeting		\$ 1,000.00
Postage: Mailings		\$ 100.00
Card Ministry	\$ 44.43	
Office Supplies		\$ 30.00
Publicity	\$ 83.88	\$ 600.00
Paypal Fees	\$ 9.44	\$ 25.00
Contingency		\$ 100.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 137.75	\$ 2,175.00
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$ 808.62	\$ 5,075.00
NON-BUDGETED EXPENSES		
Transfer to Scholarship Fund		
TOTAL NON BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$ -	
BALANCE AS OF December 31, 2021		
Operating Account	\$ 7,099.99	
Scholarship/Memorial Fund	\$ 1,616.93	
	\$ 8,716.92	



Treasurer
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 Annette Harmon, Covington, GA

SCHOLARSHIPS

The National PAUMCS Conference will be held in April at Lake Junaluska and plans are being made for the Georgia Conference this fall at Epworth by the Sea. If you need financial assistance to attend there are scholarships available through the Juanita Bannon Fund. This scholarship fund was started in memory of one of our founding members and can be used for Georgia and National Conferences, as well as Certification School. The maximum is \$100 and eligibility is once every two years. If you are interested in a scholarship, please contact me at centralsouth@ngumc.net. If you are able, you may want to consider making a contribution to the scholarship fund in memory or in honor of someone.



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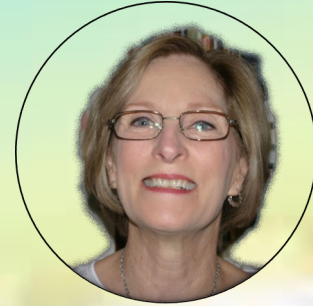
PAUMCS NATIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2022

REGISTRATION is open! Registration deadline is March 20, 2022. PAUMCS National Member registration is \$200, Non-Member fee before March 20, 2022 is \$250. For complete details and to register: PAUMCS, and click on [Annual Conference](#).

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DO YOU NEED A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT?**

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SHARE YOUR PRAISES SO WE CAN CELEBRATE WITH YOU.



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SUNSHINE

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS! PAUMCS...

- Promotes high standards of professionalism and ethics.
- Serves as an advocate of those emerging concerns that affect office professionals in the United Methodist connectional structure.
- Encourages participation in the training and certification programs by its members.
- Offers workshops, continuing education, connections to resources on the state and national level, and an opportunity to be certified through the General Council on Finance and Administration.

“Professional” begins the title to our organization, because it is very important that we are professional in our ministry to the United Methodist Church. We live in a day and time where everything is electronic and at our finger tips. PAUMCS stretches us to achieve great goals in ministry. The training we provide offers insights into new and exciting ways.

Membership is open to Full or Part Time, Paid or Volunteer (volunteers—Georgia Chapter), 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 members is just \$35. Simply fill out the form on-line, or use the membership form on page 7.

If you know about us, have experienced PAUMCS as a member, or friend...tell someone else. Share our information and have them contact any of us listed on the last page. We would love to share more details about PAUMCS!

PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATORS OF THE UNITED METHODIST CONNECTIONAL STRUCTURE

Online Certification

The General Council on Finance and Administration of The United Methodist Church sponsors an online certification institute. The Institute provides outstanding advanced professional training and enrichment for United Methodist church administrators.

Who should attend?

All United Methodist church administrators, administrative assistants, general agency office personnel, episcopal, district and annual conference office personnel are encouraged to enroll.

Certification eligibility

Membership in National PAUMCS is required to enroll in the course (annual dues \$50). To become a member, please contact Renee Farrar at centralsouth@ngumc.net. Or for more information on becoming a national member, or go to www.paumcs.org.

How will you and your church or organization benefit?

The Online PAUMCS Institute is designed to stimulate professional growth and development of each individual. Participants are introduced to business concepts required for understanding the financial operations of the church as well as relationships with the pastor, church employees and members of the congregation.

The experience of learning with local church administrators and networking with others in similar office settings provides a broader understanding of the connectional United Methodist church. Church administrators learn the functions of district, conference, agency and episcopal offices, while these various office personnel learn about the many responsibilities of a local church secretary. It is a place to see how all members of the church body are in ministry together.

Why become certified?

Certification recognizes your accomplishment of successfully completing professional training. It enhances your position as a true professional and stimulates the need for continuing education to augment your ministry in the church.

How do I register?

Natalie Valerio at nvalerio@gcfa.org.

WWW.PAUMCS.ORG



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PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATORS
OF THE UNITED METHODIST
CONNECTIONAL STRUCTURE

GA-PAUMCS 2022 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Enroll Me As A New Member Renew My Membership Emeritus/Retired Member

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Birthday: _____

Preferred Phone: (____) _____ Preferred E-Mail: _____

Employed By: _____ Title: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Business Phone: (____) _____ Business E-Mail: _____

Number of Years Employed at the Church/Agency: _____

District: _____ Conference: North GA _____ South GA _____

Certified: Yes ___ No ___ Year _____ Advanced Certified: Yes ___ No ___ Year _____

National PAUMCS Member: Yes ___ No ___ Year _____

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

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Chapter Membership Dues - \$35.00

(Membership dues are due and payable in January of each year.)

Make check payable to Georgia PAUMCS and mail check with completed form to:

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

about GA-PAUMCS

GAC-PAUMCS

The Georgia Chapter (GAC) is related to the Professional Administrators of United Methodist Connectional Structure – PAUMCS.

The purpose of PAUMCS is to establish a method for training and certifying United Methodist Church office personnel. It is the desire of the organization 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.

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shall promote high standards of professionalism and ethics for the Georgia Office Professionals.

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2. National – www.paumcs.org

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