Take your church's pulse at the 2017 Pathways training event

Is your congregation alive? Is your congregation vital? Take your pulse and be renewed at the Pathways leadership training event, where vibrant, relevant, practical teaching and training will help equip you to become healthier and to fulfill the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

Churches looking for new ideas, networking opportunities and practical, quality training for their pastors, members, staff, and leaders won’t want to miss this year’s event. The 2017 Pathways event will kick off with a special presentation led by Anne Bosarge with The Chapel Ministries on “Creative Thinking” in ministry and the challenges sometimes experienced in getting “out of the box.”

Scheduled for Saturday, August 26 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Warner Robins, the training event will offer participants more than 30 workshops to choose from, each designed to help congregations become healthier and to fulfill the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

The training, which starts at 9:30 a.m. and lasts until 4 p.m., features workshops on a variety of subjects, from children and youth-focused workshops to spiritual discipline workshops to those focused on missions and outreach. The design team urges local church leaders to carpool to the event to minimize travel costs and to maximize the benefits of the day by continuing the learning conversation during the return trip.

The conference cost $25 per person. A boxed lunch from Chick-fil-A is included in the registration fee. Safe Sanctuaries compliant childcare is available for newborn to fifth-grade children at a cost of $10 per child which covers the cost of their lunch. Pre-registration is required for childcare. .5 CEU credits are available for this event.

For questions, contact Allison Lindsey at allison@sgaumc.com.

PATHWAYS SCHEDULE
9:30-10:00: Registration
10:00-11:15: Worship & Gathering: Sanctuary
11:15-11:30: Move to Pathway A
11:30-12:30: Workshop A
12:30-1:30: Lunch & Move to Pathway B
1:30-2:30: Workshop B
2:30-2:45: Move to Pathway C
2:45-3:45: Workshop C
3:45-4:00: Pick up CEU Certificates. Save travels home.

2017 Mission u set for July 13-16 at Epworth By the Sea: Mission u, the mission education event of the South Georgia Conference, will be held July 13 through July 26, 2017, at Epworth By The Sea on St. Simons Island. The annual event is co-sponsored by the conference United Methodist Women and the conference Outreach team. Visit www.sgaumc.org/umw for more information.

New UMC Handbook now available: The new, free UMC Handbook is available, providing a detailed overview of the denomination’s beliefs, mission, structure and history. The handbook is a free, go-to resource for anyone in search of information about The United Methodist Church and is helpful for leaders and new members. Printed handbooks may be ordered online at shop.umc.org or via phone at 1-888-346-3862.

Vital Signs Assessment Tool: The “Alive Together in Worship” theme was woven throughout the 2017 Annual Conference session as Dr. Lovett Weems, Distinguished Professor of Christian Leadership at Wesley Theological Seminary and Director of the Lewis Center for Church Leadership, taught three sessions based on his book, “Overflow: Increase Worship Attendance and Bear More Fruit.” Each of the sessions were geared toward helping the South Georgia Conference achieve its goal of increasing average worship attendance by 10 percent. Bishop Bryan presented attendees with a “Vital Signs for Healthy Congregations Assessment Tool” that can be used for personal reflection as well as direction for critical conversations within local congregations. It can be found online, along with other tools for growth, at www.sgaumc.org/vitalsigns.

Sermons and Teaching Sessions from Annual Conference now available to view online: The sermons and teaching moments from the 2017 Annual Conference Session are now available to view online at www.sgaumc.org/annualconference.

Methodist Children’s Home Work Day Offering is Sept. 17: Every local church in South Georgia is encouraged to receive a special Work Day Offering to support the ministry of The Methodist Home for Children and Youth. To learn more about this incredible ministry of our conference visit www.themethodisthome.org.