

# SUNDAY

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## 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](mailto: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.

**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](http://www.themethodisthome.org).

### KidzQuest 2017—Game Changers!

KidzQuest, the annual children's retreat sponsored by South Georgia's Connec-tional Ministries, will be filled with 500 "Game Changers" September 22-24 at Epworth By The Sea. The theme, taken from Ephesians 4:22-24, will show stu-dents in 3rd-6th grades that no matter the age, Christ gives us a new life to truly be a game changer in this world! Leadership for the weekend includes Clayton Poland, speaker and game show entertainer; Shawn Walden, worship leader; and Brandon "Hey Ya!" Rushin as KidzQuest's favorite emcee. Online registration is available through Sept. 15 or until the retreat is full. Churches will register as a group and the cost for this event is \$135 per person which includes programming, insurance, food, lodging, and a t-shirt. Click here to reg-ister. Adult chaperones with Safe Sanctuary certification must be provided by each church group. For more information, contact Event Coordinator Suzanne Akins at [suzanne@sgaumc.com](mailto:suzanne@sgaumc.com) or (912) 638-8626 ext 107, or click here.

**World Communion Sunday is Oct. 1:** World Communion Sunday is one of the six churchwide Special Sundays of The United Methodist Church. Our church is at its best when we reach out to sisters and brothers in need. World Commu-ion Sunday calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children. United Methodists relate to World Communion Sunday by celebrating communion with other Christians around the world on this spe-cial Sunday. Churches are also encouraged to receive an offering to support scholarships for ethnic undergraduate and graduate students. Our gifts often enable first-generation students to attend college.

**Mark your calendars for the UMW Annual Meeting!** South Georgia's United Methodist Women will celebrate 45 years of mission and ministry on Saturday, Oct. 21 at Statesboro First United Methodist Church. Visit [www.sgaumc.org/umw](http://www.sgaumc.org/umw) for more information.

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