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New Beginnings

FOCUS ON THE VISION

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Thus says the Lord who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters ... "Remember not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; even now it is springing to light, do you not perceive it?" Isaiah 43:16; 18-19

Theologian Paul Tillich wrote, "Behold, I am doing a new thing." "I" points to the source of the really new, to that which is always old and always new, the Eternal.

On June 11, 2014, the South Georgia Annual Conference officially transitioned from nine districts to six: Coastal, Northwest, North Central, Northeast, Southwest, and South Central.

In the midst of the transition, district superintendents will gather clergy and laity for the annual set up meetings and district conference. As we come together in a new direction, let us pray for the district superintendents, district administrative assistants, clergy coordinators, clusters, clergy, and laity within the new districts.

It is indeed an exciting time within the annual conference. As we continue to work through the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead, I pray that we will look to that which does not change ... the Eternal.

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What's going on at your church? We want to know!

Email advocate@sgaumc.com to submit news and events to the *South Georgia Advocate*.

It's not too late to register for elementary summer camps! Registration is still open for the two remaining weeks of elementary summer camp for rising fourth-through sixth-grade students. Held at Epworth By The Sea on St. Simons Island, the week-long camps run through July 18. Registration and all details can be found at www.sgaumc.org/campconnect.

South Georgia Conference Mission u: The United Methodist Women of the South Georgia Conference will present Mission u July 17-20 at Epworth By The Sea on St. Simons Island. The school provides opportunities to prepare for leadership in mission studies and personal enrichment and challenges individuals to fulfill their mission calling. All are invited to attend. Adult, youth and children's studies are offered. Visit www.sgaumc.org/umw for more information.

Mark your calendars now for KidQuest Retreat! The 2014 KidzQuest retreat is set for September 26-28, 2014, at Epworth By The Sea on St. Simons Island. Designed for students in the third through sixth grades, this annual children's retreat promises to be bursting with learning, worship and fun. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information.

South Georgia mobile apps available for download: Stay up to date on breaking conference news and upcoming events with the newly released South Georgia mobile app. The new app is available free of charge for iPhone and Android phones/tablets.

Southwest District United Methodist Men's Rally: The Southwest District United Methodist Men will host a rally on Saturday, Aug. 9 at Climax United Methodist Church. All men from the churches in the newly formed Southwest District of the South Georgia Conference are invited to attend and bring a guest. There will be a time for sharing, singing, and fellowship. Officers will also be elected and lunch will be served. Dress casual and bring your pastor. Contact Larry Price or Gene Trulock by Aug. 5 for more details and to reserve your spot. Larry Price: 229-883-3302 (home) / 229-317-3900 (cell) / price2406@bellsouth.net; Gene Trulock: 229-246-0294 (work) / 229-254-3926 (cell) / trulockinsurance@bellsouth.net.

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