



The Messenger

PASTOR KATY WANTS TO MEET YOU!

I am so delighted to be at College Park UMC, and I can't wait to get to know it and you better! To that end, I'm inviting any and all congregation members to set up a time to meet with me. I would love to get together for breakfast, coffee, lunch, or just a chat. Your choice of location - I would be happy to meet with you at the church, at your favorite spot around town, or I could even come to your work.



The best way to sign up is online at <http://tinyurl.com/meetkaty> or you can email me at katy@cpfirstumc.org or call the church office (404-766-6294) to set something up that works with your schedule.

I look forward to getting to know you!

--Katy

GOLDEN CROSS FUND SPECIAL OFFERING

AUGUST 21, 2016



Golden Cross is a fund administered by the North Georgia Conference Health and Welfare Committee to provide assistance to persons who are experiencing financial difficulty due to excessive medical expenses.

Any individual in need qualifies for assistance under the Golden Cross Fund, regardless of age, gender, race, national origin, or religious affiliation. The only qualification is need, as determined by the pastor of a local United Methodist church or other full connection clergy serving in the North Georgia Conference.

Please write GOLDEN CROSS on your check memo line or offering envelope. Thank you for your support helping to ensure Golden Cross assistance is available to those in need of paying for medical expenses, dental expenses, prescription medicines, and health aides.

AUGUST EVENTS

- 08/02- National Night Out at CP City Hall
- 08/08- First Day of Classes for Fulton County Schools and The Learning Academy of CP
- 08/10- First Day of Classes for Woodward Academy
- 08/14- SPCR meets at 12noon
- 08/18- Finance Meeting
- 08/22- TLACP Council Meeting

Please Note: Choir practice will resume each Sunday after service.



A WORD FROM REV. HINMAN

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.”

1 Corinthians 12:4-12 (New Revised Standard Version)

Last month, I managed to get a whole newsletter article out of introducing myself to the congregation. It was an efficient way to help you get to know me a little better. However, these types of introductions are not a one-way street. What I really want is to get to know you and to get to know this church and this community. Alas, that's not really something that I can do in a newsletter article.

I have already started getting to know many of you. You have introduced yourselves to me on Sunday morning. You have stopped by the office to say hello. You have taken me up on my offer to get breakfast or coffee or lunch. If you haven't done so, I really hope that you will. You can sign up for a time online (<http://tinyurl.com/meetkaty>), email me (katy@cpfirstumc.org), or call the church office (404-766-6294) to set up a time to get together.

Part of the reason I want to get together with as many people as I can is, of course, to get to know you. I want to begin to get connected with our church family and to learn what you love about College Park and what you'd like to see happen with this church. But I also want to know about you – what are your gifts and passions? What do you love to do? Because as much as this church is the congregation as a whole, it is also the individuals that make up the congregation. This body has many members, and we all have different gifts.

When I was in seminary at Candler School of Theology, I took a course in community ministry. In that course, we learned about an approach called asset-based community development (ABCD). ABCD is a strategy for developing communities based on their strengths and potentials rather than on their needs (which is the more traditional way to approach community development). So instead of going into a community and saying “this community needs better schools” or “this community needs more public health resources” or something like that, you go into the community and ask the people who live there “what does this community have? What are the strengths of this community? What are your strengths? What do you love to do? What are you so good at that you could teach others to do it?” The answers to those questions then shape the direction that community development takes. It uses the gifts and assets of the people who live there to guide what happens.

To me, that's a great model for doing church (and a biblical one as well). 1st Corinthians tells us that there are a variety of gifts and a variety of services and a variety of activities within the body of Christ. God gives us all different gifts and strengths. How can we use those to build up the body – the body of Christ and the body of College Park First UMC? We have gifts in abundance. How can we use that abundance to help spread the love of God in College Park and beyond? How can we be involved in our own ABCD – Abundance-Based Church-Doing?

I hope you will join me as we work to discover our gifts together and discern how God will lead us in being a light of the kingdom in College Park.

Many blessings,

Katy

SUE HAUPERT-JOHNSON ASSIGNED AS BISHOP OF THE NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE

The Southeastern Jurisdiction Committee on Episcopacy announced Thursday, July 14, that Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson has been assigned as the next bishop of the North Georgia Conference. The assignment begins September 1st and is a four-year term. The North Georgia delegation greeted "Bishop Sue", her husband, Rev. Allen Johnson and their daughter, Samantha, at a reception immediately following the announcement.



Hauptert-Johnson, 54, was elected bishop Wednesday, July 13, at the jurisdiction's quadrennial meeting at Lake Junaluska.

I hope you will go and spread a table "with a sumptuous gospel feast," she bid the delegates. In her introduction address on Tuesday, Hauptert-Johnson stressed the need for the church to have room for everyone at God's table.

Hauptert-Johnson was the fifth bishop elected by the 376 delegates, an equal number of United Methodist clergy and laity, from the nine states that form the Southeastern Jurisdiction (SEJ). Hauptert-Johnson, nominated by the Florida Conference, is the current district superintendent of Florida's Gulf Central District, overseeing a church landscape of large and small congregations in a mix of urban, suburban and rural communities. The district's demographics are diverse as well.

She previously served as pastor of churches in Tampa, Cape Coral and Ocala, and was an associate pastor at First UMC, Lakeland. She holds a law degree from the University of Florida and was a litigator with a Tampa law firm before answering the call to ministry and graduating summa cum laude from Emory University's Candler School of Theology. She was ordained a deacon in 1996 and an elder in 1998.

Hauptert-Johnson has had numerous leadership roles in the Florida Conference and has represented the Florida UMC twice at General Conference – serving as Judicial Administration Legislative Committee chairperson in 2012 – and three times at jurisdictional conference.

The current bishop of the North Georgia Conference, Bishop Michael B. Watson, is retiring this year, but will continue to serve the Council of Bishops as its Ecumenical Officer.





Our summer program has been a success. All of our classrooms from Infants to Preschoolers have had the opportunity to experience theme based activities including gardening, enjoying visiting guest programs and experiencing several off-site trips. We look forward to growing our center-wide summer program for summer 2017. Thank you to all who have supported TLA over the years!

The Learning Academy of College Park currently has availability in our infant, toddler and preschool programs. Call 404.766.9252 for enrollment information.

Ricci Lewis-Johnson, M.Ed.
Center Directory

WE'RE COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES!

This year, we are collecting school supplies for children of migrant workers in Hall County. There are 400 migrant children in the Hall County school system and many are in need of basic school supplies. They are especially in need of notebooks, wide ruled paper, crayons, glue sticks, marker, folders and rulers.



Please place donations in the box at the back of the sanctuary before August 15th.

THE DIRECTORY IS COMING, THE DIRECTORY IS COMING

On Sunday morning please find the directory draft at the back of the sanctuary, take a moment to find your page, and verify the information is correct. If there are omissions, corrections or comments please drop a note in the offering plate, email the office at info@cpfirstumc.org, or call the office at 404-766-6294.

AUGUST COUNTERS



- 08/07 Janet DeOrio and Leslie Haskins
- 08/14 Mary Bieberstein and Meredith Hodges
- 08/21 West Gary and Leslie Haskins
- 08/28 Kathleen Gulley and Leslie Haskins

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 08/03 Bartow Cowden
- 08/05 West Gary
- 08/08 Regi Peaster
- 08/08 Whitney Willis
- 08/09 Jackson Baker
- 08/10 Joe Gunnells
- 08/12 Dottie Stephenson
- 08/12 Larry Smith
- 08/12 Chyanne Fields
- 08/15 Denise Roesler
- 08/16 Julie Couch



- 08/18 Sabrina Cornelius
- 08/19 Loretta Robertson
- 08/19 Valencia Fields
- 08/20 Julie O'Shaughnessy
- 08/21 Bess Lyle
- 08/21 Paul Denny
- 08/22 Bethany Underwood
- 08/26 Paul Daniels
- 08/28 Eugene Harvey
- 08/31 Chad Donaldson

August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 CP National Night Out	3	4	5	6
7 11am Worship Choir Practice	8 First Day of Class - Fulton County Schools - TLACP	9	10 First Day of Class - Woodward Academy	11	12	13
14 11am Worship Choir Practice SPRC mtg. 12 noon	15	16	17	18 Finance Mtg.	19	20
21 11am Worship Choir Practice	22 TLA Council Mtg. 6:30pm	23	24 Church Council Meeting 7pm	25	26	27
28 11am Worship Choir Practice	29	30	31			

OUR SYMPATHY TO

- ♦ Sandy Hunter and family in the passing of her father, Telford Manners on July 8th; and
- ♦ the family of Jeff Askew who passed away July 17th. His memorial service took place July 20th.



CHURCH MEMBERS

Wanda Adams
Julie Askew
Emily Collins
Tina Donaldson
Bill Freeman
Brenda Nibbs
Tosca Oxford
Carolyn Price
Mary Ann Ward



Prayer Requests

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Sharon Coer
Jenny Dubose
Ellen Evans
Kirby & Debbie Glaze
Jane Hannah
Louise Hudson
Dwight Oxford
Teresa Powell
Carolyn Rowland
Todd Sinclair
Sandra Williams
James Woods
Clay Zupp, Sr.

SHUT-INS

Jerry & Juanita Aldredge
Jean Cowden
Zoe Dixon
Skeeter Faulkner
Evelyn Glover
Dot Hale
Harry & Laura Leigh Hicks
Bobbie & Jake Longino
Jewell Moore
Caroline Rowley

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WORSHIP SERVICE SURVEY

Since I'm new at College Park, I'd love to know what you think about worship! Please take a few moments to let me know what you would like out of your worship experience here. All answers will be kept confidential. Thank you so much!

-Pastor Katy

What is your favorite part of worship?

What would you like to see more of in worship?

What would you like to see less of in worship?

What are some things you'd like to hear sermons about?

How would you like to be involved in worship?

Any other things you'd like to say about worship at CPFUMC?

Name: _____ Email address: _____ Phone number: _____

Please return your responses by

- dropping it in the offering plate,
- mailing to the church, 3726 E. Main St., CP 30337
- calling the office at (404-766-6294), or
- emailing Katy at katy@cpfistumc.org!