

**March 16-18**  
at Epworth by the Sea

**Join The Journey**  
Confirmation Retreat Ahead

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## Talkin' Funny/ Mumbo Jumbo

Understanding and defining all those words that we use as United Methodists - including Wesleyan terms, organizational terms, titles, etc. This workshop will help students get some sense of our organization, especially our "connection", and an understanding of key people and key terms they will hear.

## Three Simple Rules

This is a study of the General Rules that were observed by the Methodist societies of John Wesley and that are found in our United Methodist Book of Discipline. In this workshop students will explore what it means to do no harm, to do good, and to attend upon all the ordinances of God. Book of Discipline, 2008; ¶ 103

## Packing for The Journey

Before you take the first step on a journey you must pack your bags. This workshop will help students learn about the things they will need on their journey of faith. Students will learn about what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus, how to grow in that relationship, and why it is important to serve others because of that relationship.

## ATTENTION: All Journey Passengers

Bring your treasure to St. Simons Island! We'll be collecting pennies throughout the weekend to support Nothing But Nets. Nothing But Nets is a global, grassroots campaign to raise awareness and funding to combat malaria, one of the largest killers of children in Africa. With a \$10 contribution, Nothing But Nets provides individuals - from CEOs to youth, professional athletes to faith leaders - the opportunity to join the global fight against malaria by sending a net and saving a life. Start saving, because every penny counts!!

# Join The Journey Confirmation Retreat Ahead

## Intended for confirmands in the 6th grade & above,

this weekend retreat will show you the right path in our search to know more about our United Methodist heritage and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Only one weekend is offered, so make sure your group doesn't miss out! Limited spots available. On-campus lodging will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Join the Journey will include large group gatherings around the church seasons and breakout sessions with topics of Faith, United Methodist History, and United Methodist lingo.

### FRIDAY

- 5:00 Registration begins
- 5:30-6:45 Supper line open
- 7:30 Adult Orientation
- 7:50 Opening Session
- 10:00 In Cabins
- 11:00 Lights Out

### SATURDAY

- 7:00 Breakfast line open
- 8:30 General Session
- 10:00 Workshop 1
- 11:00 Workshop 2
- 12:00 Cookout  
*(Under the Oaks)*
- 1:00 Workshop 3
- 2:00-4:00 Free Time
- 4:30 Holy Clubs
- 5:30-6:45 Dinner
- 7:00 General Session
- 8:30 Church Time
- 9:30 Late Night Fun
- 10:30 In Cabins
- 11:15 Lights Out

### SUNDAY

- 7:00 Breakfast line open
- 8:30 Quiet Time
- 9:00 Pack Up/Clean Up
- 9:45 General Session
- 11:15 Lunch/Depart



## Holy Clubs

What exactly are these and which one should I choose?

In 1729, John Wesley formed the Holy Club, a group of individuals that did not exceed 12 in numbers. These Holy Clubs studied the Bible in such a way that others began to say they had a method to studying. Thus, the Methodists began. It is from these early Holy Clubs that our current Bible study groups have emerged. Although our classes number more than 12 individuals, we still study with a method and purpose, to grow in knowledge and love for Jesus Christ.

In our Join the Journey Holy Clubs, you may choose to study any of the following:

#### ▶ AN INVITATION TO CHAT (Prayer)

*Looking into how Jesus taught us to pray; when, where, and how we can pray; with the opportunity to lead prayer in Sunday morning worship.*

#### ▶ COME TO THE TABLE (Holy Communion)

*Exploring the purpose of Holy Communion with the opportunity to serve during Sunday morning worship.*

#### ▶ FEAST ON THE WORD (Bible Study)

*Unlocking the mysteries of an ancient book with an ever-so present message just for you.*

#### ▶ DEVOTION MOTION (Devotions & Meditations)

*Learning about different resources you can use to make studying the Bible easier.*

A special thanks to Epworth By The Sea for joining the Annual Conference in financially sponsoring this retreat.

## SAFE SANCTUARIES

Join The Journey is a Safe Sanctuaries compliant event. All adult chaperones must follow the guidelines of Safe Sanctuaries. A signed Safe Sanctuaries form must be returned by the group leader with group registrations. Please refer to our website, [www.SGAUMC.org](http://www.SGAUMC.org), for registration information and Safe Sanctuaries event policies. For questions, contact Jim Towson at (888) 266-7642. Register Online at [www.SGAUMC.org](http://www.SGAUMC.org)

### REGISTRATION FORM (please make copies) Deadline for Registration: March 7, 2012

REGISTER ONLINE at [www.sgaumc.org](http://www.sgaumc.org) or

Fill out completely and mail along with \$50.00 registration fee to: **Connectional Ministries, P. O. Box 20408, St. Simons Island, GA 31522.** Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration deadline for the Retreat is March 7, 2012. Make checks payable to **Connectional Ministries.** If you have questions, please contact Diane Giles or Jim Towson at (888) 266-7642. Please send all registrations and money for each church group together.

Choose your Holy Club:  An Invitation to Chat  Feast on the Word  
 Come to the Table  Devotion Motion

Gender:  Male  Female

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Work Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Work Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Number: \_\_\_\_\_

District:  Americus  Columbus  Dublin  Macon  Savannah  
 Statesboro  Thomasville  Valdosta  Waycross

Pictures will be taken throughout the weekend. These pictures may be used in future brochures or on the conference website only.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirts (adult sizes only)

Check one:  Small  Medium  Large  XLarge  XXLLarge  XXXLarge

A ratio of at least one adult counselor per 6 youth (both genders must be represented in counselors if represented with youth) is required. Health and accident forms for Youth will be the responsibility of each church. Please return Safe Sanctuaries group form, available at [www.sgaumc.org](http://www.sgaumc.org) with registrations.