



Come join us!

Churches looking for new ideas, networking opportunities and practical quality training for their pastors, members, staff and leaders need look no further than this year's Pathways. Participants will choose three workshops: one each from Pathways A, B, & C.

Registration

Register online at www.sgaumc.org/pathways. Deadline to register is August 19. The registration fee is \$25. A boxed lunch from Chick-fil-A is included in the registration fee. For special needs, email allison@sgaumc.com.

Childcare

Safe Sanctuaries compliant childcare for infant - fifth grade is \$10 per child, which includes lunch. Please indicate your childcare needs when registering. **Pre-registration is required.**

Questions

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PATHWAYS

Saturday, August 25, 2018

Trinity United Methodist Church | 129 S Houston Rd | Warner Robins, GA

Opening speaker to share how we can each be Alive Together in the World



Helping us focus on how we can each be more Alive Together in the World is Daphne Johnston, the featured speaker at this year's opening gathering of the 2018 Pathways event.

With a little bit of vision and a whole lot of passion, Johnston helped launch the Respite Care Ministries at Montgomery First UMC in Montgomery, Alabama, where she serves as its director.

Johnston will share her story: how she looked at the world around her, saw a need within her community and built a program to address the need. The respite care ministries program is now being modeled nationwide, including right here in South Georgia at Isle of Hope UMC

Schedule for the Day

- 9:30 - 10:00 Registration
- 10:00 - 11:15 Worship & Gathering in the Sanctuary
- 11:15 - 11:30 Move to Pathway A
- 11:30 - 12:30 Pathway A Workshop
- 12:30 - 1:30 Lunch & Move to Pathway B
- 1:30 - 2:30 Pathway B Workshop
- 2:30 - 2:45 Move to Pathway C
- 2:45 - 3:45 Pathway C Workshop
- 3:45 - 4:00 Pick up CEU Certificates

Pathway A 11:30 am - 12:30 pm | Choose one workshop from Pathway A

A1. A Way Forward: This time seeks to create a safe space as Bishop Bryan gives an update on A Way Forward for The United Methodist Church as the delegation prepares for the upcoming called General Conference to resolve the impasse around the issue of human sexuality. Led by Bishop Lawson Bryan.

A2. The Grasshopper Myth: Based on the book by Karl Vaters, this workshop will challenge the false impression we often have that our Small Church ministry is less than what God says it is because we compare ourselves with others. Small size is not always a problem to be fixed but a strategic advantage God wants to use. Led by Mary Ann Braswell.

A3. Simple Worship - A Fresh Approach to Worship: Traditional worship vs. Contemporary worship. Which do you choose? The real question is: why do you have to choose just one? This workshop will look at ways to envision and plan worship in a more holistic way that is creative and innovative while also embracing the beautiful traditions of the Church. The goal is to push outside the boundaries of "the way we've always done it" and to dream of ways to plan worship services to reach those not currently being reached. Led by Greg and Alaina Harrison.

A4. Using Technology to Connect: Churches of all sizes are using live-streaming technology in creative ways to have greater connection and outreach within their congregations and communities. This workshop will share different platforms and practical tools to embrace or enhance the use of live-stream videos. Led by David Wood, GNTV.

A5. Asset Based Community Development: How can your church be an instrument of revitalization in your community? Rather than focus on deficits this workshop will help you emphasize assets in your church and community by building on available resources. Led by Nita Crump.

A6. Teaching to Transform - The Law of the Teacher and the Law of Education: An effective teacher must first be a good student. In this workshop, participants will learn strategies for enhancing personal growth and development so our lives become a reflection of what we teach. In addition, participants will learn how great teachers create environments where others can begin to learn and develop themselves. Led by Jay Hanson & Anne Bosarge.

A7. Leading Change When Change is Hard: This workshop will focus on the difficult task of leading change in churches and communities where change is needed. It will also look at the need for adaptive leadership when we need to shift how we lead in order to help people embark on a journey of change. Change is hard, but it's do-able. Come discover how to begin the journey. Led by Ben Gosden.

A8. Multiculturalism Embracing God's Beloved Community: This workshop will provide a space for participants to engage in conversation about how to embrace discipleship in a multicultural world. Led by Earnestine Campbell & Pat Burns.

A9. Increase Your Discipleship: Start and grow Wesleyan-style Class Meetings (spiritual formation small groups) within your small group ministries and even church-wide. Rediscover a tested model for relational and formational spiritual growth. You will be equipped and given practical resources through Kevin M. Watson's book, *The Class Meeting*. Led by Kevin & Laurie Clotfelter.

A10. Welcoming Adults with Developmental Disabilities: Explore how you can invite and involve adults with developmental disabilities to worship, learn, grow, and serve along with your congregation. This workshop will discuss traits and needs of our neighbors who understand and learn a little differently so that you are comfortable welcoming them into your church. Led by Kathy McCollum, Wesley Glen Ministries CEO, and Elizabeth Hardin-Waits, RN.

Pathway B 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm | Choose one workshop from Pathway B

B1. Respite Care Ministry: Learn more about this incredible ministry that provides fellowship and stimulation for people who have memory loss due to Alzheimer's, dementia, Parkinson's, or stroke. Discover how trained professionals and volunteers can provide opportunities for those in respite care to socialize with others while enjoying a variety of stimulating activities. Led by Daphne Johnston.

B2. Making Worship Great for Small and Rural Churches: Small and rural churches have more resources than they realize to offer excellent worship services. It may always seem like you need something you don't have to do worship well, but if you have people, you have all you need. Learn practical tips about worship planning, flow, and musical tips you can put to work next Sunday that will breathe new life into your small or rural church worship services. Led by Tony Crosby.

B3. Imaginative Prayer: Do you ever feel as if prayer is dry and lifeless? Does prayer ever feel like a chore? Explore the spiritual discipline of imaginative prayer and its focus on "being with God for the sake of being with God." Discover the experiential nature of prayer and the capacity of the sanctified imagination. This class will include a discussion of the topic of imaginative prayer as well as a time to practice through guided imaginative exercises. Led by Josh Bizzell.

B4. Living in Peace: What if conflicts at home, work and in the world stem from the same root cause? How do we bring peace (blessed are the peacemakers)? How do we live in peace when conflict is inevitable? Using the book, *The Anatomy of Peace*, this workshop will explore wonderful approaches to navigating through the most challenging conflicts we face as we work through conflicts within ourselves. Do you live out of a heart at war or a heart at peace? Come discover key insight to living at peace with yourself and others. Led by Thad Harvey.

B5. Missional Communities: Instead of waiting for the unchurched to come to us, what if we learned to live as groups of missionaries in our own communities, seeking out those who are far from God and helping them experience the love of God in tangible ways? Come learn more about missional communities and see church as the people of God in mission in the world and not just a service on Sunday. Led by Chris Goff.

B6. Teaching to Transform - The Law of Activity and the Law of Communication: The most powerful learning is done through hands-on experience and activity and through the encouragement of capable communicators. This workshop will explore how to implement strategies and experiences that produce maximum learning with the greatest potential for life change. Led by Jay Hanson & Anne Bosarge.

B7. Leading Through Relationships: This session is meant to help SPRC Chairpersons, Lay Leaders, and Pastors understand the importance of their leadership relationships with one another in strengthening the work, ministry, and communication in the local church. If possible, these persons should attend this workshop together. Led by Allen Carmichael.

B8. Preaching in New Ways in Old Places: Preaching a message that is biblical, engaging and relevant to a variety of ages is a difficult task. Doing it in traditional and mostly "churched" settings can make it even more cumbersome if you want to reach newer and younger demographics. This workshop will explore ways to develop sermons that are relevant and engaging for a variety of listeners while retaining a faithful and biblical approach that will keep your more seasoned and churched listeners engaged as well. Led by Anthony McPhail.

B9. Children & Youth - Keeping it Real: Keeping our children and youth ministries relevant in a world that is inundated with technology and influences from our secular culture (that sends conflicting messages to our younger generations) can be a challenge. Come network, be inspired and learn from one another- best practices for working with children, youth and families. Led by Suzanne Akins.

B10. Courageous Conversations: Courageous Conversations is a toolbox that local churches can use to inspire and encourage the church and individuals to participate in conversations that might seem difficult. With careful planning and structured dialogue, the aim of Courageous Conversations is *learning*. This workshop will explore how adults learn best: when they question their assumptions and others' assumptions and when they dialogue with one another. Led by Allison Lindsey.

Pathway C 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm | Choose one workshop from Pathway C

C1. Clarify Your Message to Grow Your Church: How many people can't hear what your church has to offer in the sea of noise? Story is the greatest tool we have to combat noise, and every church has a story to tell. Based on the book, *Building a StoryBrand*, this workshop will help you create clear and compelling messages that help connect with people so that they want to participate in the life of your church. Led by Kelly Roberson & Scott Hagan.

C2. Next Steps Ministry: Come learn more about this vitality program designed for rural churches. Next Steps provides a customized approach for each congregation and helps congregational leadership teams become transformation agents within their respective congregations and within their communities. Through these new and renewed connections, congregations will use Next Steps to move outside of the walls of the church, to build relationships with others, and to bring new people into the Kingdom of God. Led by Jonathan Fuller & Carrie Myers.

C3. Everything You Want to Know - Creating Awareness For Our Undocumented Neighbors: This workshop will explore the realities of migrants in the rural communities of South Georgia and equip churches in their desire to build relationships with those in our communities. Participants will learn best practices and receive tools to help engage in outreach with our undocumented neighbors. Led by Ivelisse Quinones.

C4. Legacy Giving: How can I better prepare for the future? How can I bless my church, family and friends for helping me grow as a Christian in order to spread the love of God? Wills and legacies are some of the best tools we have to show our love to Christ and His followers. This seminar will introduce participants to the mechanics of wills and ways that any one of us can help with the future financial health of our families and church long after we have joined God in eternity. Led by Steve Waldorf.

C5. Taking Shelter: Has your church considered opening its doors in ministry as a temporary shelter from those displaced from a storm or those who need respite from extreme elements? This workshop will explore blessings, challenges and best practices in opening the doors as an independent "Good Samaritan Shelter" during times of need. Led by Angela Gilbert.

C6. Teaching to Transform - The Law of Encouragement and the Law of Readiness: In order for teaching to be most effective, students must be motivated to learn. This workshop will explore strategies for helping students take the initiative for their learning and discover how preparation helps teachers make the most of their time. Led by Jay Hanson & Anne Bosarge.

C7. Financial Leadership in the Church?: This workshop targets local church leaders who are ready to shift the focus away from scarcity in order to make mission-minded decisions about the use of financial resources. Tools will be shared that are proven to help grow the stewardship response of your congregation. Led by Jimmy Cason.

C8. What Churches Need to Know about Domestic Violence: About one in four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. An estimated 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year. More than three women and one man are murdered by their intimate partners in the US every day. Victims come from all socio-economic classes. How should the church respond? Learn the types of domestic violence, how to recognize victims, how to help them, and what teens need to know about safe dating relationships. Led by Heather Mullis, Executive Director of WINGS (Women in Need of God's Shelter).

C9. Cast Your Net: Why do many of our churches not see people becoming part of faith communities by profession of faith? This workshop will explore this reality along with intentional ways to evangelize, inspire, challenge, and encourage others to follow, take up their cross and commit their life to Christ. Led by Matt Hearn.

C10. The Hard Work of Letting Programs Die and Live: Every church has programs that have long ceased to be effective, and others with potential that get lost in the clutter. Too often the reason for this is that we do not engage in the hard and sometimes emotional work of eliminating programs so that others might live. In this workshop we will explore how to lovingly and prayerfully move through a process of discernment and implementation to make the changes necessary for the church to more effectively fulfill its mission. Led by Anthony McPhail.

Ministry Orientations

During the Pathways event, Ministerial Services is sponsoring a Call and Discernment Orientation for two groups: those interested in Licensed or Ordained Ministry (Candidacy Orientation), and those interested in Certified Lay Ministry (Certified Lay Ministry Orientation). These two all-day Orientations will start out together, focusing on discerning a call to ministry and the various shapes that call may take. Then the participants will separate into two groups based on interest. If you are interested in either of these orientations, you will find the [registration here](#).

CANDIDACY ORIENTATION

This orientation will begin with an exploration of God's call and the shapes that call may take, including ordained ministry, licensed ministry, and certification in lay ministry. Those who are discerning a call to licensed or ordained ministry must go through a process called Candidacy. The purpose of candidacy is to determine if a person is called to ministry as a full-time or part-time vocation, and if a person is a good fit for that ministry. Candidacy involves reading, conversations with various leaders of the Church, background checks, and psychological testing. The goal at the candidacy process is to be approved by the District Committee on Ministry and become a "certified candidate." If you have already begun the candidacy process, but have not attended a "Candidacy Orientation," please attend this Orientation, August 25, 2018. You can go to www.sgaumc.org, click "Ordained Ministry" and click "The Candidacy Process" to learn more about the process and perhaps take your first steps.

CERTIFIED LAY MINISTER ORIENTATION

This orientation will begin with an exploration of God's call and the shapes that call may take, including ordained ministry, licensed ministry, and certification in lay ministry. Then, you will dig deeper into what a Certified Lay Minister is and what the process is for becoming one. Once you become a CLM, you will have received the training and credentials to take your ministry to the next level. New avenues of ministry will open up before you. Certified Lay Ministers may provide pastoral leadership in a small congregation, serve as an assistant to a clergy leader, serve in your church's pastoral care program, serve as a campus minister, participate in or lead a new church start team, and so forth.

Note: If you are already serving a small membership church as "Lay Supply," the Book of Discipline now says you are required in the first year either to begin the candidacy process for licensed or ordained ministry OR go through the Certified Lay Ministry training and credentialing process.