

 The Ambassador

 January 2023

 Meet our new Bishop

Bishop Robin Dease is the new episcopal leader of the North Georgia Conference. She was elected bishop by the 2022 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church and consecrated on November 4, 2022. Her first assignment as bishop is to the North Georgia Episcopal Area of The United Methodist Church and she began service in North Georgia on January 1, 2023.

Bishop Dease grew up in Brooklyn, New York, one of 13 siblings. She graduated from Claflin University in Orangeburg in 1992. She earned a master of divinity degree and a doctor of ministry degree in stewardship from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C.

She joined the South Carolina Conference in 1992, became a full-time local pastor in 1998, and was ordained an elder in 2001. She has served as pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church in Johns Island (1998-2008), John Wesley United Methodist Church in Greenville (2008-2012), and St. Andrew By-The-Sea United Methodist Church in Hilton Head (2021-2022). She also has served as superintendent of the Hartsville District (2013-2021), and in 2012, was interim chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Claflin.

Bishop Dease has been involved in numerous denominational and conference boards and committees, served on the 2012, 2016, and 2020 General & Jurisdictional Conference delegations, has served as an Upper Room Spiritual Formation Leader, and has been active in organizations in the communities where she has served (Ministerial Alliance, Chamber of Commerce, United Way Faith Based Committee, Rotary, and more).





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**LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**

Our Church Council and other leaders in our church will meet on Sunday, January 29th for a Leadership Summit with Rev. Blair Zant, Executive Director of the Center for Congregational Excellence for the North Georgia Conference.

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

Our youth group will be attending the Installation Service for our new bishop, Robin Dease, on January 8, 4:00 pm, at Oak Grove UMC in Decatur. We plan to gather at our church at 2:15 and ride down together. Depending on when the service concludes, we'll either stay for the reception or grab a quick bite on the way back, returning to the church by 7:30.

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**

As we begin 2023, let us be mindful of what we can do for others in the name of Jesus to help them. Our next meeting will begin 30 minutes later (12:30). Join us as we learn, share and be disciples of Christ.

**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**-January 22nd after worship.

Join us for lunch and fellowship. There will be a sign-up list in the narthex on Sunday. I will also have it at our United Women in Faith meeting.

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 Here is a list of those who are scheduled to participate in the services.

**January 1 January 8 January 15**

 **Greeter** David Smith Ruth Holbrook Richard Ashmore

 **Acolyte**  Mariella Sacca Chris Bannon Wendi Jones

 **Liturgist** Barbara Mc Nutt Don Putnam Jennifer Wisniewski

 **Ushers** David Smith & Terry Holbrook Ruth Holbrook & Kim Fannin Richard & Brenda

 Ashmore

 **January 22 January 29**

 **Greeter** Morris Williams Angela Schimweg

 **Acolyte** Lucas Restrepo Paige Restrepo

 **Liturgist** Jennifer Wisniewski Wendi Jones

 **Ushers** Morris & Deborah Williams Steve & Angela Schimweg

If you are unable to attend that day, just let me know.

Prayer Chain

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray.

 Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. 14

 Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the

 church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. James 5:13-14

If you have a need for special prayer, please call or text Jennifer Wisniewski at 404-226-0023. If you would like to be on the prayer chain call Jennifer or the Church Office (770- 844-7095) and your name will be added to the list.

Calling Post, who sends out our prayer line messages, has recently changed the phone numbers the calls are being sent from. If you have any kind of call screening or blocking on your phone and you are having trouble getting prayer line messages, please add the following as safe numbers (405) 669-9959, (405) 669-9890 and (405) 669-9887.

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*Food For Thought*

 ***The New Year***

What will you do

With this year that’s so new?

The choice is yours-

God leaves that to you!

You crown the year with your bounty. Psalm 65:11

Today accept the challenges

And the possibilities of

The year that lies ahead.

Helen Steiner Rice

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