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Navigating the CARES Act

By Rev. Keith Lawder, GUMF President/CEO

Many churches and church leaders are struggling to cope with the declining giving, squeezed budgets, and great uncertainty. There is a lot of information coming out on the new Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and how to access the different benefits.

Pastors and church financial officers can visit the following links to access information provided by our Conference Treasurers and Directors of Administration:

[The North Georgia Conference: The CARES Act Includes Provisions for Non-Profits and Churches](#)

[The South Georgia Conference: Will the CARES Act help our Church?](#)

Here are some things to keep in mind. First, the best way to find out about small business loans is to check with the Small Business Administration department at your bank.

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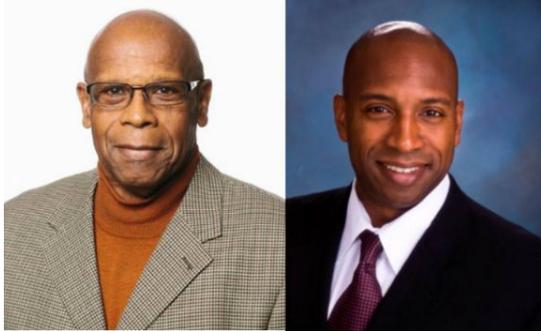
A Magical Meditation - April 2020

By Rev. Steve Waldorf, GUMF Regional Vice President

Magic tricks, be they sleight of hand tricks or mysterious appearances conjured up by a magician, seem to amaze most all of us. They cause us to observe, think, and then decide whether to believe or not what has just happened in front of our eyes.

The allure of magic captured me quickly when I was a young child. I was mesmerized as I watched magicians so skillfully captivating me with objects they seemingly brought out of "thin air!" During one summer birthday party, a magician amazed us with his tricks with birds appearing from his coat pockets, coins falling out of our ears, and words appearing on cards that quickly disappeared!

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Charles Buffington Jr.

Charles Buffington III



He Said It! I Did It! Lesson 2: Give Generously, Yet Wisely

In 2005, Georgia United Methodist Foundation Board of Trustee Charles W. Buffington Jr. and his son, Charles W. Buffington III, did what many aspire to do: They co-authored and published a book. "He Said It! I Did It!" takes readers on a journey to financial freedom and a life of abundance that honors God.

In the second lesson of this ten-part series, the Buffingtons provide great takeaways regarding the whole concept of generosity. They also emphasize that no amount of money is worth creating family strife. The following text reveals eight practices to help you and your family give generously, yet wisely.

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Do Good! April 2020 Calendar

Jesus practiced radical hospitality. And you can too! In 2020, GUMF will publish a monthly calendar with ideas on how you can "Do Good!" View daily posts at www.facebook.com/gumf.org or see below. *Please note: this calendar was created before COVID-19.*

1. Go to bed one hour early.
2. Lend money to someone without expecting repayment.
3. Grocery shop for a senior citizen.
4. Be kind to three strangers today.
5. Buy your pastor his or her favorite coffee.
6. Go on a mission trip.
7. Be slow to speak.
8. Donate food to a food bank.
9. Volunteer for a cleanup in your community.
10. Share God's message of love on Good Friday.
11. Plant a tree.
12. Celebrate Easter with someone who has lost a loved one.

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- 3 Year = 2.55%**
- 2 Year = 2.35%**
- 1 Year = 2.25%**



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GUMF offers fixed-rate certificate investments, which in turn provide funds for loans to Georgia United Methodist churches and ministries. To learn more, visit our [Certificate Program Offering Circular & Application page](#) or contact Carol Johnston, GUMF Controller, at 770-449-6726, 877-220-5664 or cjohnston@gumf.org.

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