

PURPOSE
OF
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is:



To know God

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To experience freedom as whole persons
through Jesus Christ

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To develop a creative, supportive fellowship

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To expand concepts of mission through participation
in the global ministries of the church

Spiritual Growth Retreats
United Methodist Women

*The Rooms
of Your Life*



*By wisdom a house is built, and through
understanding it is established; through knowledge
its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.*
Proverbs 24:3-4

Western North Carolina Conference
Lake Junaluska
June 13-15, 2008

WELCOME: We welcome you to the 2008 Spiritual Growth Retreats. We come together to experience a renewal, an increased awareness of the presence of God in our lives. We are here to pray, to listen, and to spend some quiet time in reflection. Allow the messages, music, and power of God's presence to be such a blessing to you that you may return to the life that awaits you with a sense of wonder at the everyday miracles that impact your life often unnoticed.

REGISTRATION-is DOWNSTAIRS in the Harrell Center Auditorium from 12:30-3:45 PM. Even if you are not staying on the Lake property, we would like you to register so that we can be aware of your presence with us. You also will have an opportunity to register in the lobby of Stuart Auditorium before each session.

After you register, you may visit the Memorial Chapel for a time of prayer and meditation. This is an opportunity to open your hearts and minds to the renewing spirit of this event. You may place prayer requests on the altar. Please feel free to take a prayer request as you leave yours. Those prayer requests will be lifted up during the retreats. The Chapel will be open at all times during your stay here and we encourage you to return there for meditation and prayer at any time.

THE PROGRAM RESOURCE ROOM is located on the ground floor of the Harrell Center. (Just follow the signs). Kim Keyse, Conference Secretary of Program Resources, has an abundant supply of materials for you to purchase, as well as a variety of free leaflets and brochures. You are encouraged to browse through the Reading Program books. The room will be open 12:30-3:45pm, 5:30-7:00pm, and after the last session on Friday; 8:00-8:45am, 12:00-3:45pm, and 5:30-6:45pm on Saturday.

We respectfully request that you do not save blocks of seats in Stuart Auditorium between sessions and that all cell phones are either turned off or put on vibrate while we are in session. Thank you!

Meal times at Lake Junaluska:
Breakfast 7:00-8:30, Lunch 12:00-1:30, Dinner 5:30-7:00

**Please allow Program Participants and Spiritual Growth Committee Members to break in line, since they have responsibilities that limit their time. They will have ribbons on their nametags*

WHILE AT JUNALUSKA...

- visit Memorial Chapel for prayer and meditation.
- investigate the materials available in the program resources room.
- enjoy the peace and beauty of the Susanna Wesley Garden.
- sit at the foot of the Junaluska Cross or in the Amphitheater to rest, to meditate, and worship God in the beauty of his handiwork.
- stroll across the bridge on the walking trail.
- fellowship with your sisters in Christ, allowing friendships to form and grow and deepen.
- enjoy the fragrance of the roses along the water's edge.
- plan intentionally for times of silence and reflection.
- *Early risers are invited to stop at the cross between 6-7am where you may reflect on a meditation provided for you.*

OUR THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO:

Ms. Jean Padgett for her messages that supplied a concrete image to her inspirational words; **Rev. Mark Barden and Mr. Adam Ward** for their ministry through music; the **Conference Officers**, the **Conference Spiritual Growth Committee**, the **District Spiritual Growth Mission Coordinators** and others who volunteered to help in many ways, and most of all, to **all of you** who came and were a part of these Spiritual Growth Retreats.

Spiritual Growth Retreat Committee:

Patricia Wiseman, chair; Amy Johnson, Sandy Hieronymus, Sharon Smith, Sherry Sink, Linda Young, Linda Baity, Kim Keyse, Rev. Dr. Lillie Jones, Tonya Lanier, and Sandy Letchworth

Dates to remember in 2008:

School of Christian Mission at Greensboro College, July 24-27
Conference Annual Meeting, Lake Junaluska, September 5-7
Training for District Officers at Highlands UMC, Hickory, Oct. 11

As you leave this place, remember God's desire to make your heart His home.

Make room in your heart for Him!

We are glad you came ... Have a safe journey home!

Visit our conference website: www.wnccumw.org

SONG LEADER: Mark Barden was born into a Methodist parsonage family and lived throughout Western North Carolina as a child. Following his college graduation, he was accepted as a Fellow for graduate study at The University of Mississippi where he later taught broadcasting and coordinated the state press association for high school newspapers and yearbooks. In 1982, he accepted a position teaching broadcast journalism, television production and newspaper editing at Murray State University in Kentucky where he met his future spouse, Barbara Shores. During his teaching career, Mark accepted the call to ordained ministry, returned to North Carolina and completed ministerial studies at Duke University. Mark was ordained deacon in 1986 and elder in 1990. He has served several churches in the Western North Carolina Conference. In 2000, Mark was appointed by the Bishop Director of Mission/Outreach for the Western North Carolina Conference. In this capacity, he traveled extensively worldwide on behalf on the Conference. In June 2006, Bishop J. Lawrence McCleskey appointed him Director of Communication and Ministries Team Coordinator for our Conference. As a team coordinator, he serves Town and Country Ministries, Africa University Initiative, Council on Laity, Church and Society. He also is the fiscal officer for the program area. Mark's wife, Barbara, currently serves as Minister of Education at Myers Park UMC in Charlotte. Their son, Christopher is a sophomore at Providence Day School in Charlotte.



“THE ROOMS OF YOUR LIFE”

Session One – Retreats I (Fri) & II (Sat)

Gathering Praise Stuart Auditorium 3:45-4:00pm

Welcome Amy Johnson
Conference UMW President

Greetings From Lake Junaluska Joetta Rinehart

Announcements and Introductions

Opening Prayer Patricia Wiseman
Spiritual Growth Mission Coordinator

Hymn # 368 My Hope Is Built UMH

Message Jean Padgett
Overview With Emphasis on Foyer
Proverbs 24:3-4

Service of Holy Communion UMH
Rev. Mark Barden and Rev. Dr. Lillie M. Jones

As we receive the elements, let us remember
the love and grace which makes
this service possible.

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Please stand as you are able

An offering for undesignated giving will be
taken in the second session. Checks – WNCC UMW

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Session Two – Retreats I (Fri) & II (Sat)

Gathering Praise Stuart Auditorium 7:15-7:30pm

Announcements

Opening Prayer Sandy Hieronymus
Conference UMW Vice President

Hymn # 349 Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus UMH

Offering/Prayer Sharon Smith
Conference UMW Treasurer

*Doxology # 94 UMH

Message Jean Padgett
Attic (“The Junk in Your Life)
Hebrews 12:1

*Hymn # 370 Victory In Jesus UMH

*Benediction

*Postlude

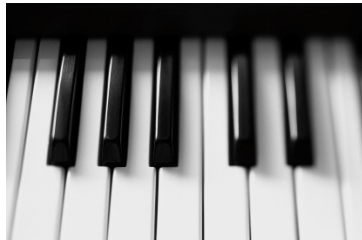
JUNALUSKA SINGERS IN CONCERT

*Please stand as you are able

RETREAT LEADER: Jean Padgett is a Christian speaker and Bible teacher, Jean Padgett uses a fourstory miniature house in presentations to church groups across the Southeast. The house is a teaching tool that demonstrates the concept that our heart is Christ’s home. There is humor as well as poignancy as she describes her years of running from God’s call to the mission field only to discover that she had not missed the call, only the location of the field. David Padgett, her late husband, wrote and recorded the theme song for “The Rooms of Your Life.” Jean grew up in Columbia, SC and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Spanish from the University of South Carolina. She was a high school Spanish teacher for several years and later was a co-founder, teacher, and director of a pre-school program in Chapin, SC, where she now lives. She recently retired from the South Carolina Senate after 28 years of employment in Benefits and Payroll. She is an active member of Riverland Hills Baptist Church in Columbia, SC. After teaching Sunday School for over 27 years, she now leads special events at her church for women’s groups, single adults, senior adults, and Sunday School classes. Jean has two grown daughters and four grandchildren.

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

ORGANIST– **Adam Ward** served as the Organist and Choirmaster at First United Methodist Church, Salisbury, NC for 10 years. As of June 1, 2008, his new location became Providence UMC in Charlotte, NC. At First Church he conducted a music program that included eight choirs, (vocal and hand bell, a small ensemble), that ranged in ages from Kindergarten to Senior Adults. He also directs the Concert Choir, Inc. of Salisbury, NC. He received the Bachelor and Master of Music Degrees in Organ Performance from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, NC. Adam also studied piano, harpsichord, voice and choir conducting at the University. He will complete the Doctor of Musical Arts in organ Performance at UNC-G in May of 2009. Adam has performed at the Washington National Cathedral in Washington, DC, at St. Philip’s Cathedral in Atlanta, Burton Parish Church in Colonial Williamsburg, the York Minister in Great Britain, as well as recitals in Treviso and Torre del Greco in Italy, where he will play in November 2008. Adam is the proud father of his three year old son, Benjamin Michael Ward.



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Session Three – Retreats I (Sat) & II (Sun)

Gathering Praise Stuart Auditorium 9:00-9:15am

Announcements

Prayer Calendar Sandy Letchworth
Conference UMW Spiritual Growth Committee

Opening Prayer Tonya Lanier
Conference UMW Spiritual Growth Committee

Special Music Rev. Mark Barden
“In This Very Room”

Message Jean Padgett
Living Room (“Your Service for God – Time,
Talents, Energy”)
Galatians 5:13b

Special Music *Composed and Recorded by the
Late David Padgett*

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Please stand as you are able

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NOTES

Session Four – Retreats I (Sat)
Retreat II LJ Worship Service 10:55 (Sun)

Gathering Praise Stuart Auditorium 9:00 &
10:30am (Sun)

Announcements

*Hymn # 581 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble
Service

Opening Prayer Linda Young
Social Action Mission Coordinator

Father God, we come humbly to You in prayer, thanking You for Your grace upon our lives. You are given all the glory for who You are and what you do. We are grateful that You use us, the ordinary, to do the extraordinary. Thank You for home, a place of comfort where masks are discarded and we share from confiding hearts. Thank You for making our hearts Your home as we are challenged to examine our lives and do that which honors You most. Grant that we may take the challenges offered this weekend back to a hurting world. Forgive us, Lord, if we fail others and Thee, and strengthen our hearts, that are Your home to share Your Word, the Bible, that You may be glorified. In Christ's name and for his sake we pray. Amen.

Message Jean Padgett
Unfinished Room (God's Not Finished With
You Yet") *Philippians 1:6*

*Hymn # 383 This Is a Day of New Beginnings UMH

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Please stand as you are able