

Funny Business 2008
UMW Jamboree

Setting: All the officers are going on a camping trip to Camp UMW (UM-Wah). They are unhappy about going camping; but after God “calls them by name”, they are happier and ready to serve.

Fire Ring- Stone—Program Resources-Kim K
Dishes---Food---Treasurer-Sharon S
Rangers--- Pat G
Camp Leader—Karen W
SEJ--Sleeping Bag—Dixie L
Backpack—(Bible/Prayer Calendar)—Spiritual Growth-Peggy W
Tent-School of Christian Mission—Dean--Sara W
Canteen—Annual Meeting--Vice President—Sandy H.
Fishing Pole—Linda B.
Compass: LUV Visits—Betty S
Trail:
 Lantern—Social Action—Linda Y
 Tracking Pole---ME&I-Sherry S
 PE Initiative—Ann A
Spider Web/Website—Karen W

GOD: Mark (UMW Conference Advisor)

Stage Direction: When you finish your report you walk back to the fire with Kim or your place. Mics will be stationed at several areas on the stage. If you need to take it out and hold it, that’s fine. Replace it when you’re through. Ranger Pat (hostess district president) brings campers through door. You are not very happy campers.

Karen: Thank you Ranger Pat. Hi everyone and welcome to the Camp UMW Retreat Center.

All: Camp UMW?

Karen: Yes, Camp UMW. Camp U M- Wah. Camp UMW.

Ok ladies, we need to get our campsite started. Kim you are in charge of getting the fire started. This is a very important job. We have to have a fire to sit by tonight so we can sing my very favorite camp song.. KUM BA YA!!!! I can hardly wait.

Sharon you are in charge of setting up our kitchen. Sara you need to get the tents set up and Ranger Pat if you don’t mind could you stay long enough to help her with that? Dixie you need to get the sleeping bags out and ready for tonight. We have to have this entire campsite ready so we can sit around the fire tonight. We need to be ready to sing may favorite song....KUM BA YA!!!!

All: Oh yeah, okay.

Karen: Linda B. you need to take your fishing pole to the lake to catch some fish for us to eat for supper.

Sherry, Linda Young and Ann, you need to go on the trail to find some wood for the fire and see if you can find a trail for us to go hiking on.

And Betty, you need to go with them since you have the compass. That might be helpful in case they get lost. Chop! Chop! everyone. (Starts humming KUM..BA...YAH)

Kim: (Tries to start fire by rubbing to sticks together. Pulls out a "HOW TO START A FIRE BOOK.")

GOD: KIM

Kim: (Looks around, picks up a rock and listens to it.)

GOD: Kim, why don't you use that book of matches you brought with you?

Kim: (Pretends to light fire with matches. Ranger Pat will help with this. Everything will be plugged in and all you have to do it turn it on.) Who's that calling me?

GOD: It's me GOD. Seeing you pull out that book reminds me of that Program Resource office I called you to do. How is everyone enjoying the reading program?

Program Resource Report

Kim: Thanks God for reminding me why you called me.

Sharon: (Looking at dishes and stove.) I don't know why in the world they gave me the cooking job. I can't cook over a stove like this. (Sharon starts counting the potatoes and carrots.) How am I going to stretch this amount of food for all these women?

GOD: Sharon

Sharon: (Looks around and picks up a pan and looks in it)

GOD: Sharon, its God calling. Seeing you stressed over the amount of supplies you have reminds me of the Treasurer office I called to serve in. How are those finances coming along?

Treasurers Report

Sharon: Thanks God for reminding me why you called me.

Sara: Finding places for all the ladies to sleep. How in the world am I going to manage that? (Looks through a UMW bag and pulls out God's Mission, God's Song. Looking through it to see if there is any help in there.)

GOD: Sara (Sara looks around and asks Pat:)

Sara: Did you hear that? (Pat shakes her head no.)

Sara: GOD is that you?

GOD: Yes, Sara. Having trouble with that tent? That reminds me of all the ladies that went to the School of Christian Mission. A lot of action takes place in a short time. Share a little about that event with me.

School of Christian Mission Report

Sara: Thanks God for reminding me why you called me.

Dixie: (Holding a sleeping bag) I've been traveling a lot lately but I've always had a bed with a pillow to sleep in. Sleeping in a sleeping bag, well this is a first for me.

GOD: Dixie

Dixie: (Walks around the tent.) I guess I need more rest than I thought. It sounded like someone called my name. (Looks at Sara) Did you hear that?

Sara: **It might be GOD calling you!!!**

Dixie: Yeah right!

GOD: Dixie. I know you have been traveling a lot lately. You know I called you to serve on that SEJ committee. Tell me about that big SEJ meeting in Virginia you were a part of.

SEJ Report

Dixie: Thanks God for reminding me why you called me

Peggy: (She is looking in a back pack. Pulls out a Bible and a Prayer Calendar, Flowers-dandelions.) Dear God, they ask me to do the devotions for the weekend. I hope I brought every thing I'll need.

GOD: Peggy

Peggy: (Looks around under her chair and in her back pack)

GOD: Peggy, It's me God. Remember I called you to be a part of the Spiritual Growth Retreats. You had two retreats. Tell me all about what went on during that weekend.

Spiritual Growth Report

Peggy: Thanks God for reminding me why you've called me.

Sandy: I guess I'm in charge of refreshments. All they gave me was this canteen. My goodness this canteen can't hold enough drink for everyone. I'll be making trips to the stream all weekend.

GOD: Sandy

Sandy: (Looks around and inside her canteen) What was that?? I must be dehydrated. I'm hearing things.

GOD: Sandy, You Hoo- it's God. You have to have faith as though looking through the eyes of a child. I called you to be Vice-President of this conference. Tell me about annual meeting and all that went on.

2007 Annual Meeting Report

Sandy: Thanks God for reminding me why you called me.

Linda B: (Fishing pole in the pool) I'm in charge of catching supper. What do I know about catching anything?

GOD: Linda B

Linda B: (Looks around, takes her bandana and acts like she getting it wet in the pool and wipes her face.) I must be having a heat stroke. I'm hearing things.

GOD: This is God. It doesn't look like you have caught anything today. But I really called you to be a fisher of women. That would be the Membership, Nurture and Outreach office that I called you to do. Let's hear about membership.

Membership Report

Linda B: Thanks God for reminding me why you called me.

Betty: (You will be over toward the trail. Looking at your compass.) I can't believe am lost already. Which way do I go? There are so many ways to turn and trails to take.

GOD: Hi Betty

Betty: (Looking all around up and down behind maybe just turn all the way around in a circle.) Yes, who's calling me?

GOD: It's me God.

Betty: Oh God, can you help me I can't find the others? I lost them already.

GOD: The others are fine. They are on their way back now. You're not lost either. You are just a little mixed up because of all those LUV visit reports you've been reading about. Remember about Leader Development and me calling you to that position? Give me an update on those LUV **visits**.

LUV VISIT REPORT

BETTY: Thanks God for reminding me why you called me.

(After Betty trail people come in: Linda Y in front with lantern ahead of Sherry, then Ann)

Sherry: Hold up Linda, I need to tie my shoe.

Linda Y: (Sets lantern down and walks back toward Sherry) I sure hope the batteries in that lantern hold till we get back. I don't want to be out here in the dark.

GOD: Linda

Linda Y: Sherry, Ann did you hear that? (Sherry and Ann shake their heads no)

GOD: Linda over here, over here by the lantern. I, God, called you to be a beacon of light through the office of Social Action. Tell me about all the social action that's taking place.

Social Action Report

LINDA Y: Thanks God for reminding me why you called me.

Sherry: If they think I'm leading this crew out in the wilderness, they have another thing coming. God would come nearer turning my tracking pole into a snake. (Throws tracking pole on the floor.) Okay GOD turn it into a snake. (Nothing happens and she picks it up) See, I told you there is no way, I'm going.....

GOD: (Interrupting Sherry) Hi Sherry!! (Sherry shakes her head yes) No I did not turn your tracking pole into a snake. This is a different century, you know. That is why I called you to serve in Mission Education and Interpretation. What's happening there?

ME&I Report

Sherry: Thanks God for reminding me why you called me.

Ann: How in the world did I get put in charge of PE? What do I know about Physical Education? Is this playing ball together or exercising???? (Ann moves arms and legs as though she is exercising.)

GOD: Ann you've not been call to Physical Education but Public Education. Remember I called you to serve on that Public Education Special Initiative Committee...the one that's "Turning the World Upside Down"...

Ann: (Starts before God finishes) Oh I know all about the Public Education Initiative and Turning the World Upside Down. Let me tell you all about it.

Public Education Initiative Report

Ann: Thanks God for reminding me why you called me.

GOD: Karen

Karen: (Looking at a spider web) Oh! GOD, I heard about you talking to everyone else. I thought you had forgotten about me.

GOD: What are you looking at?

Karen: A spider web. It's a very creative design made by one of your creatures. It expands from the center to the outside.

GOD: A creative design starting from the center and going to the outside. It sounds like the Conference Website.

Website Report

Karen: Thanks God for reminding me why you called me.

Karen: (Walking back to the fire.) How was everyone's first day at Camp UMW?

ALL: Good, great, wonderful.

Karen: Now do you remember why God called you by name?

ALL: Sure Do!!!!

Karen: Okay, let's gather around the fire. You all know what time it is? It's time to sing my favorite song!!! And you do remember what is it don't you?

All: Yes, but do we have to?

Karen: GOD can you give me a little help here?

GOD: Okay ladies on the count of three..1..2..3...(Everyone starts singing as we all walk off stage.)

GOD: As I have called each of these ladies to serve in UMW, so I call each of you. I call you to remember the UMW PURPOSE and find your place serve.