

# Women Talk

March, 2017

United Methodist Women  
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Smoky Mountain District † United Methodist Women † Western North Carolina Conference



Calling *all United Methodist Women and their guests* to a Day Apart in 2017. This is just a reminder of our special day of worship and learning that will take place on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Canton Central United Methodist Church, 34 Church Street, Canton. The day will begin with registration and breakfast at 9:00 A.M, followed by the program at 10:00 o'clock. Deaconess Virginia Miller, former Church and Community Worker and leader with United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) will be our guest speaker. A memorial service will honor our sisters who returned to God in 2016 and the morning will conclude with the receiving of holy communion.

Our "hands on project" will be health kits or bedding kits. With the fire last fall and other natural disasters throughout the year health kits and bedding kits are greatly needed, as supplies at the depots have been depleted.

Also each unit must send me the names of UMW Members who were deceased in 2016 so they can be celebrated at the memorial service. My new email address is [ehm1@yahoo.com](mailto:ehm1@yahoo.com)

Directions from Asheville area -

Take I-40 to exit 37

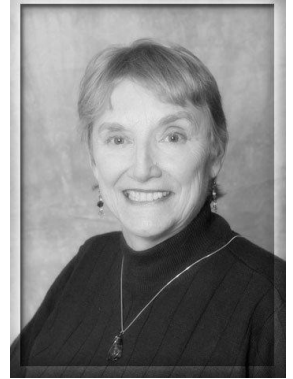
Drive to US 19S/US 23S in Canton (4.9 miles). This will take you to 34 Church Street

Directions from the western area -

Follow US23/US74 to Canton. Drive to Church Street.

## Has Spring Sprung?

Do you begin to feel a renewal in the air? Lent for me is about taking on something rather than giving up something. I have taken on a Lenten study and time in prayer every day. I have taken on new resolve to be all that I can be and open my mind and heart to what God wants for me. I hope you will feel new resolve as well. Esther and her committee have planned a special Day Apart for us on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Canton Central when we will remember those sisters we have lost and spend time renewing our spirit. Many of you know Virginia Miller who will be our speaker.



Included in this mini-newsletter is a flyer about our conference Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska on June 16th and 17<sup>th</sup>. Registration is now open. I know that this retreat will be very meaningful to you - planned with you in mind. Remember if you sign up online you only pay \$15.

Have you invited your nurturing partner to visit your unit yet? Nurturing partners are there to be a resource for you and can provide a program if you wish. Your unit will have its name put in the drawing at Annual Celebration in September to win some prizes.

Fair Trade coffee and chocolate will be available. Thanks so much for your support of this mission.

See you around the District,  
Debbie Ray

## Mission Education & Interpretation

Is your unit working toward becoming a "Mission Today" Unit for 2017? It has been a joy to read your 2016 reports and to read all the great UMW work that is taking place in the Smoky Mountain District. In order to be a Mission Today Unit, you must make a PLEDGE and fulfill a Pledge to Mission and complete 12 of the criteria, including 6 of those marked with an asterisk. Some of you only missed 1 of those criteria. A revised Mission Today Unit Criteria will soon be available.

I want to thank everyone who attended and participated in our Mini mission u Study - Climate Justice, March 18th at Murphy 1st UMC. A special thanks to Bess Redmond, our excellent facilitator. We learned a lot and will be sharing with our Units and Churches.

Also, a thank you to the Units that turned in UMCOR Kits, they are so much appreciated. Turned in were 37 Health Kits -Value \$434, 7 Bedding Kits - Value \$350, 22 School Kits - Value \$242, 10 Cleaning Buckets - Value - \$650. Total Value \$2,171, and Shipping - \$129.

UMCOR at the present time do not need Cleaning Buckets or Birthing Kits.

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# United Methodist Women

Western North Carolina Conference • 2017 Programs & Events

## Spiritual Growth Retreat



**S.M.I.L.E.**

*See Miracles in Life Everyday*

**June 16-17 - Lake Junaluska**

Registration Opens February 1<sup>st</sup>

Hands-On-Mission – UMCOR Layette Kits



**Global  
Justice**

**Legislative Day**

2016-2020 Social Justice Areas Overview

"For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom...God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise."

1 Corinthians 1:25 & 27

## Mission u



**Spiritual Growth Study**  
Living as a Covenant Community



**Social Issue Study**  
Climate Justice



**Geographic Study**  
UMC Missionary Conferences  
In the United States

**July 13-16 • Pfeiffer**

Hands-On-Mission – UMCOR School Kits

High School Youth Camp Available

Registration opens May 1

**CHANGE IS  
G O D**



**Annual Celebration**

September 29-October 1 • Lake Junaluska

Hands-On-Mission

UMCOR Health Kits & Gift to Mission and Gift in Memory Cards



**U•B•U•N•T•U**

**"I am human because you are human"**

October 14<sup>th</sup>



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**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**  
Western North Carolina Conference

**2017 Spiritual Growth Retreat**  
**June 16-17, 2017**

Opening Session 6:45pm  
Ends Noon Saturday

Lake Junaluska, Stuart Auditorium  
Rev. Ashley Thomas, Retreat Leader



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Our 2017 Retreat Leader is Rev. Ashley Thomas, Pastor at Stokesdale UMC, in Stokesdale, North Carolina.

**Hands On Mission Project:**

**UMCOR Layette Kits**



Layette kits provide basic supplies for many women to swaddle and care for their newborn babies that they welcome into the world

**Music Leaders:** Joyce Brooks, Song Leader with musicians Matthew Stafford, Acoustical Guitar and Gary Chapin, pianist.

See UMCOR Layette Kits at: <http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-Supply-Kits/Layette>

**Retreat Registration: (Begins February 1, 2017)**

- On-site registration at the retreat - \$25.00 per person
- Get a **DISCOUNT!** Register early and **ONLINE!** Online advance registration, February 1, 2017 through June 11, 2017 is only \$15.00 per person! Use the online registration link on our website at [www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org).
- Advance registration fees are transferable, but non-refundable. So, if someone registers for the retreat, and is unable to attend, their registration fee is not refundable, but it is ok for someone else to attend in their place.
- Register yourself **AND** others! Our online registration offers the opportunity for you to register up to 35 guests at the same time that you do your own retreat registration. Help other members of your local unit to register online — especially those who may not use a computer!
- **DO NOT** mail Spiritual Growth Retreat registration fee money to Lake Junaluska. Contact us if you have a question about registration.

Complete information about the retreat is available on our website:

[www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org)

Mark your calendar!

Register **ONLINE!**

Join us at the lake!

**Contact Persons:**

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**Lake Junaluska**  
Conference & Retreat  
Center, P. O. Box 67  
Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

**Reservations Phone #:**  
1-800-222-4930 (Toll Free)  
1-828-452-2881

## Lake Junaluska Reservations:

Housing Reservations  
Open February 1, 2017

To book Lake Junaluska  
lodging for the  
Spiritual Growth Retreat:

- Call the Lake Junaluska reservations department at 1-800-222-4930. Then select 1 for the Reservations Department, and the next available agent will be glad to assist you. The Lake Junaluska reservations team is on duty from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Our Group Code is 28810108130.
- Reservations can also be made online using the Group Code at: [www.lakejunaluska.com](http://www.lakejunaluska.com)



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## 2017 Spiritual Growth Retreat

June 16-17, 2017 - Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

### Lake Junaluska Accommodations & Rates

#### The Terrace / Lambuth Inn

(Private baths, Free WIFI, air conditioning, phone, elevator)

Rates are per person, per day, **ROOM & MEALS**, before applicable taxes.

|        | Terrace<br>Rooms | Lambuth<br>Rooms | Meals*<br>Both | Terrace<br>Total | Lambuth<br>Total |
|--------|------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Single | \$114            | \$100            | \$26           | \$140            | \$126            |
| Double | \$57             | \$50             | \$26           | \$83             | \$76             |
| Triple | \$45             | \$37             | \$26           | \$71             | \$63             |
| Quad   | \$39             | \$30             | \$26           | \$65             | \$56             |

\* BOTH FRIDAY DINNER AND SATURDAY BREAKFAST ARE REQUIRED WHEN STAYING IN THE TERRACE AND THE LAMBUTH INN: COST \$26/PERSON.

Note: In response to evaluations, Saturday lunch eliminated from meal plan

#### Lakeside Lodge

(Private baths, air conditioning, TV, phone, no elevator)

Rates are per person, per day, no meals, before applicable taxes.

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|--------|------|--------|------|
| Single | \$72 | Triple | \$33 |
| Double | \$43 | Quad   | \$27 |

#### Junaluska Apartments

(Private baths, air conditioning, TV)

Rates are per person, per day, no meals, before applicable taxes.

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|--------|------|--------|------|
| Single | \$72 | Triple | \$33 |
| Double | \$43 | Quad   | \$27 |

Type A, C, & D have kitchens with small refrigerators, counter top burner, microwave, and limited equipment and dishes.

**Important Lodging Information:** Lodging reservation deposit : (1) Preferred -paid by credit card upon booking reservation; or(2) Due and payable by check or credit card no more than seven business days from booking reservation. To facilitate a quicker check in, please contact reservations prior to arrival to make changes in roommates or billing. All meal charges for Terrace and Lambuth will be included in reservation deposit at the time of reservation. If reservation deposit is not received within 7 business days following booking, the room will be released back to th room block reserved for WNCC UMW SGR Event.

**Individual lodging deposit refund policy:** Cancellations 15 days or more before an event receive a full refund minus a \$15 processing fee. 14 days or less before an event will not receive a refund.

**CHECK IN TIME FOR 2017** for all facilities is 4:00pm; **CHECK OUT** is 11:00am. **CREDIT CARD AND ID WILL BE REQUIRED AT CHECK IN. YOU CAN PAY IN FULL PRIOR TO ARRIVAL TO GET EXPRESS CHECK-IN ONCE YOU ARRIVE.** For those who do not have credit cards, the Lake suggests purchasing pre-paid credit cards prior to arrival.

**Important Meal Information:** The confirmation letter you receive after making your reservation will include lodging charges, meal charges (if staying in Terrace or Lambuth Inn), and taxes. Optional meals when staying in other lodging facilities :Guests may purchase Friday dinner for \$16 and/or Saturday breakfast for \$10. Saturday lunch will not be available on campus.

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#### DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDARS

April 22, 2017 Day Apart at Canton Central

June 16-17, 2017 Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska

July 13-16 Mission u at Pfeiffer University

August 26, 2017 District Annual Meeting at Waynesville First

September 29-October 1, 2017 Conference Annual Celebration at Lake Junaluska\

October 14, 2017 Ubuntu Day of Service at Brooks-Howell Home

November 4, 2017 Leadership Training at Andrews UMC