

Harmony Grove UMW 37th Annual Retreat

Lake Junaluska, N.C.

March 1-3, 2019

Peace: Locating God in Our Daily Lives

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

————John 14:27

This weekend the Reverend Lisa Dempsey will lead us in exploring what Jesus intends for us through his promise of peace. We will talk about some of the barriers we encounter in maintaining peace and we will practice ways to increase our peace on a daily basis.

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Location: The Retreat will be held at Lambuth Inn, located high on a hill overlooking Lake Junaluska, N.C. This 97 year old structure, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, was originally built to house missionaries who returned to the U.S. for year-long furloughs! It was renovated in 2018, so we will be enjoying new furniture, mattresses, bedding, carpeting, draperies, and more. The meeting room (L-100), restaurant, and sleeping quarters are all located inside Lambuth.

Check-in Location: The official check-in time is 4 PM each day at the Betha Welcome Center near the main entrance. However, guests arriving at the Welcome Center between 2 PM and 4 PM may be allowed to check in if their room is ready for occupancy. Guests arriving after 5 PM should check in at the Lambuth Inn front desk. When guests check in, they will receive a key card and a meal ticket for our group meal plan (Saturday: breakfast, lunch & dinner / Sunday: breakfast).

Upon Check-in: All guests must provide photo ID to confirm their identity and furnish a valid credit card required for incidentals/damages even though the room has already been charged to our group master bill. The credit card info will be held on file and the name on card must match the name on the supplied photo ID.

Providing Room Keycards: Each guest (even if sharing a room) must check in individually. Room keys are given only to those guests who are registered for that particular room. This important security measure ensures that the correct guests receive the correct room key cards and that no one else has access to that guest room. In the event of a lost key card, a photo ID must be provided to match the name listed in the reservation before a new one is issued.

SPECIAL NOTES

Friday Evening: Dinner is not provided Friday evening so please eat dinner before we **start gathering in the meeting room at 6:30 PM.**

Bring with You:

- Bible (paper or digital)
- Money for Friday dinner before our meeting and Sunday lunch on the way home
- Three small Secret Angel gifts (optional – see below)
- Comfortable clothing
- Snacks and drinks (see information below)
- Optional but requested:
 1. A 7% tax & an 8% gratuity for your meals were included in your registration fee but you may wish to give a little more to tip the wait staff at our meals.

2. Cash or check made out to HGUMW for offering at Worship Service; the offering will be divided between the Holly Ridge Summer Lunch Program (or the HGUMC Youth if not needed for the lunch program) and the UMW.

3. You may also want money for shopping Saturday afternoon down the street at the Junaluska Gifts & Grounds shop or drive over to shop in Waynesville.

- **Secret Angels:**

There is a fun tradition at our retreats of being a Secret Angel to another participant by giving three (3) gifts during the weekend. *You are not required to participate.**

If you do want to participate, names will be drawn at our first meeting on Friday evening. Plan to give 3 gifts not totaling over \$15 for all three together. Suggestions include stationery, water jug, coffee mug, sweets, magnets, pins, books, or something related to the weekend. Bring the gifts with you, along with gift bags or wrapping paper. Many people write little notes to include with the gifts or you can just write "From Your Secret Angel." You will leave your first two gifts outside your person's door Friday evening and sometime Saturday. Your final gift will be handed to your person at our Sunday morning session when your identity is revealed. (Wait to follow the directions of the facilitator).

- *If you do not want to participate, please let us know in advance of Friday's meeting so your name will not be included in the basket of names to be drawn.

- **Snacks:**

You are welcome to bring a snack (purchased or homemade) to share with the group, but all items must be individually wrapped. If you would like to bring something, it doesn't need to be a huge

amount.

- Lambuth Inn will supply one bottle of water per person per day in the meeting room, so you may wish to bring a refillable water bottle that you could replenish at mealtimes or bring a few of your favorite non-alcoholic beverages to the Retreat. Each sleeping room has a mini-refrigerator so you can keep your drinks cold.
- Please note: No smoking is permitted inside any of the buildings at the Lake Junaluska facility.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Davis at kandjdavis325@gmail.com or call/ text 770-380-5622.

Rev. Dempsey looks forward to the discoveries in God's Word and the fellowship that will renew us for a stronger daily walk in Christ that draws us closer to Him and to one another. God has good in store for us!

We are excited you are attending the Retreat! See you on March 1st!

Blessings of Peace,

The Retreat Committee:

Kathy Davis, Cheri Gatland-Lightner, Karen Meyers, Sandra Waldrop, Renie Johnson, Marina Burnett, Renee Baca, & Susan Riggle