

Spirit Journey 2018

A spiritual formation-renewal program of THE UPPER ROOM®, sponsored by the Center for Congregational Excellence of the Texas Annual Conference.



Listening to Scripture, Hearing Our Call

How can we come to recognize the voice of God in all circumstances.

with Rev. Jane Patterson
faculty-presenter
October 18—20, 2018
Lakeview Conference Center
Palestine, Texas

Register at
heartspringmethodist.org/
other-ministries/spiritjourney

Spirit Journey is...

...in its thirteenth year as a sponsored ministry of the Center for Congregational Excellence of the Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

...open to lay and clergy of all denominations

...a 3-day (48 hour) retreat adapted from a model developed by the Upper Room in its "Academy of Spiritual Formation Program

...a time of rest and renewal

...an opportunity for intentional spiritual growth in a disciplined, accepting community

... a place where community silence enhances personal prayer and reflection

...a time to fill the deep spiritual hunger that characterizes many lives

...a time of spiritual renewal and discovery through academic presentation, personal reflections and communal sharing

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Check one of the following

I have attended a two-year Academy program I have participated in a 3 or 5-day Academy event

I have attended Spirit Journey before

I would like one of the RV spots (call the registrar for price and availability)

Do you need a handicap accessible room? Yes No

Do you require a single-occupancy room? Yes No Roommate: _____

(A limited number of single-occupancy rooms are available. Call the registrar to check availability)

List any special dietary needs: _____

SCHEDULE

Thursday, Oct 18

- 4:00 Registration & Check-in
- 5:00 Eucharist
- 6:00 Dinner
- 6:45 Introductory Session
- 8:00 – 8:45 Small Group
- 9:00 – 9:15 Night Prayer
- 9:15 Great Silence until Morning Prayer

Friday, Oct 19

- 7:30 Morning Prayer
- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 Morning Presentation
- 10:00 Silence for prayer & reflection
- 11:00 Plenary discussion with faculty
- 11:30 Lunch & Community/Free time
- 2:30 Afternoon Presentation
- 3:30 Silence for prayer & reflection
- 4:30 Plenary discussion with faculty
- 5:15 Eucharist
- 6:00 Dinner
- 6:45 Community/free time
- 8:00 Small Group
- 9:15 Night Prayer
- 9:30 Great Silence until Morning Prayer

Saturday, Oct. 20

- 7:30 Morning Prayer
- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 Morning Presentation
- 10:00 Silence for prayer & reflection
- 11:00 Plenary discussion with Faculty
- 11:30 Lunch & Community time
- 1:00 Afternoon Presentation
- 2:00 Eucharist/ Closing Prayer



Listening to Scripture, Hearing Our Own Call

The Rev. Dr. Jane Patterson

God's call is constant, and yet human life is full of turning points, changes, beginnings and endings, abilities and disabilities, hopes and disappointments. How can we come to recognize the voice of God in all of these different

circumstances? The presentations for this Academy are oriented around listening to a wide variety of encounters in the New Testament as call stories, and listening to God's callings in our own lives.

Jane Patterson is Associate Professor of New Testament at Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas, and a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas. Her passion is to help all kinds of people discover their callings in the world. She is currently assisting in the coordination of a nationwide Lilly Endowment initiative, "Called to Lives of Meaning and Purpose," and she serves on her diocesan Discernment Committee. Whatever she is doing, she would rather be doing it outside, testing her ability to recognize birds by their songs.

This Academy will offer a chance to hear the scriptures in new ways, to attend imaginatively to the voices and actions of ordinary people as they respond courageously or tentatively or fearfully to God's movement in and through them. At the same time, we will learn to listen to God's gracious movement in our own lives and communities, however troubling our times may seem.

Jane is the author of *Keeping the Feast: Metaphors of Sacrifice in First Corinthians and Philipians* (Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2015); and one of the contributors to *Calling All Years Good: Christian Vocation Throughout Life's Seasons* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2017).

A helpful resource:

Kathleen A. Cahalan, *The Stories We Live: Finding God's Calling All Around Us*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2017. This book introduces a helpful framework of prepositions (called by, as, to, from, for...) for thinking about calling.

- ◆ Registration may be completed:
 - ◆ by returning this form to the registrar by US mail with your check made to Heartspring Methodist Foundation
 - ◆ going online at www.heartspringmethodist.org/other-ministries/spiritjourney, where payment may be made by credit card, bank withdrawal or simply register and send a check to the registrar
 - ◆ by filling in the information above, scan the document and email to spiritjourney1x@gmail.com (mail check later)

I would like to pay my deposit now and pay the rest at \$50/month

Registration		Double Rm	Single Rm
Non-refundable deposit	(this must be part of your selections!)	\$100	\$100
Early Bird special	Before August 15 th	\$210	\$250
Normal Registration	After Aug. 15 th but before October 1 st	\$235	\$275
Pre-Conference Retreat	Includes program materials, 3 meals and 1 night lodging	\$85	\$115
Late Registration	After October 1 st	\$275	\$295
Post-Spirit Journey	Lodging for Saturday night (no meals or program materials)	\$45	\$75

Please total your selections:

\$ _____

Sign: _____

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