



CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



CTC UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat –

March 13-14, 2020

Please join us for the 2020 retreat at Arrowhead Camp and Retreat Center. Arrowhead is a very comfortable and tranquil facility located on the shores of the Brazos River between Cleburne and Glen Rose at 5236 N. FM 199 off of Hwy 67, Cleburne 76033.

Check-in begins at 4:00 pm on Friday, March 13 in the Conference Room of Arrowhead Lodge.

Supper is at 5:30 and the first session begins at 6:40 in the Tabernacle. Late arrivals are welcomed! If Friday

doesn't work for you please join us on Saturday for breakfast between 7:30 – 8:30 am and the first session

at 9:00 am in the Tabernacle. Registration is now online at www.ctcumw.org or contact Becky Brown,

registrar @ beckyumwretreat@gmail.com or 817-948-3097. Early registration deadline is Feb. 14. The

retreat will close at 3:00 pm on Saturday, March 14.

Rev. Denise Blakely is our retreat leader and the theme is “In the shadow of the Most High” with scripture from Psalm 91. Our talented musical team is Leslie Woodward and Marilyn Nance.

Please come with a open heart and the guidance of the Holy Spirit with no expectations but plan to be surprised, refreshed and renewed,

One of the ways we receive soul -nurturing is through retreats, leaving the cares of the world outside the gates This event is planned around “you” and helps build healthy spiritual lives that are a necessary part of our putting faith, hope, and love into action. They inspire us to keep moving forward so we can continue to “make it happen” for others in God's kingdom.

Join us to share in this meaningful time with God and a wonderful time with our sisterhood.

Blessed to serve with you,

Judy Graham

Spiritual Growth Coordinator



A Letter from Lynne

Today I had to make a drive from Ennis to Dallas to deliver medication to my mom for my grand dog, Savvy. When I left the veterinarian in Ennis at 9:30 am, the outdoor thermometer on my car read 69 degrees. As I was driving north, the temperature gradually dropped about 1 degree for every mile and a half that I travelled. When I got to Mom's house on the south side of Dallas the temperature was 48 degrees! This is what the meteorologists had been predicting, and surprisingly, they were absolutely correct. Last weekend, in Red Oak, I enjoyed 70 degree weather and tomorrow I expect to shiver when it reaches the 30's and we have sleet! We all know the jokes about Texas weather. Most recently I read that "on February 2 the Armadillo did not see his shadow and so we will enjoy 52 more weeks of random weather in Texas!"

Randomness is about the only thing we can be sure of in our lives, really. There is no way to predict what tomorrow, or even our next minutes, will bring. We have to prepare ourselves for all the possibilities, all the challenges, and all the opportunities that may come our way.

We can do that by attending and participating in United Methodist Women events. I had the opportunity along with sisters from all of the Texas UMW conferences to attend the Texas Legislative Event in Austin last week. We spent time developing legislative positions to guide us as we work with our legislators in 2020. You'll find that in this issue and on our website at www.ctcumw.org.

February 6, I went to St. Louis to participate in the National UMW Leadership Development Days and March 26-29 we will travel to Little Rock Arkansas for South Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial meeting. If you would like to join us, visit

<https://www.umwscj.org/quadrennial/>

I'm pleased to be nominated to serve as Secretary of the Jurisdiction UMW in 2021-2024. We will also be voting on Program Advisory Group and National UMW Board of Director members. Your delegates will do their best to select capable, spirit led women to lead us in the next quadrennial.

Also coming up are our Charter for Racial Justice Event: Sing a Rainbow in Georgetown on February 15 and the Spiritual Growth Retreat at Arrowhead Camp and Retreat Center on March 13 and 14. Information, Flyers and Registration for both can be found at www.ctcumw.org.

I hope you will be able to join us as we learn together how to face the randomness of life.

Blessed to serve with you,

Lynne Grandstaff

President, Central Texas Conference UMW





United Methodist Women,

Thank you for your participation in the United Methodist Women's Legislative Event. You did incredible work while you were in Austin, and set ambitious plans for continued work in your churches, districts and conferences. Texas Impact looks forward to being your resource for continued engagement until we meet together again January 24–26, 2021.

We want to give a special thanks to the United Methodist Women's Legislative Event Planning Team, outgoing Chair Darlene Alfred, and incoming Chair, Janna Elliott. We are grateful as always to [Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas](#) for sponsoring UMW Legislative Event.

You can find UMW Event Resources, Handouts, and Presentations here: <https://texasimpact.org/umw2020central/>

Social Media

Remember to use your social media to amplify the impact of your experience. Many of the panel presentations are available on Texas Impact's [Facebook page](#). Many of you asked about Collette's presentation. You can find it [online here](#).

There is also a new UMW Legislative Event [Facebook group](#) to join for updates on UMW Legislative Event and for you to share how you are meeting your goals in your local communities, churches, districts and conferences.

Legislative Engagement Teams

Many of you volunteered to participate in Legislative Engagement Teams in your legislative district. If you are interested in participating with a legislative engagement team and meet with your representatives in your district office, or need more information [contact Scott](#).

District Visits

Many of you were unable to meet with your representative or their staff at the Capitol. We encourage you to schedule a visit with your district office and bring your legislative agenda and the health equity flyer. To hold each other accountable, please let Texas Impact know you made that visit by emailing engagement@texasimpact.org

See you in 2021

Mark your calendars for January 24–26, 2021 and invite a friend to join you for UMW Legislative Event, 2021!

We look forward to hearing about how you continue your work for justice in your home communities!

Scott Atnip

Outreach Director



Ingathering for South Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial

Camp Aldersgate National Mission Institution is Arkansas's only non-profit organization uniquely dedicated to serving children and youth with special needs and senior adults in a camp environment. It was formally dedicated in the summer of 1947. Located on 100+ acres in the city of Little Rock, the original purpose of Aldersgate was to serve as a place for interracial fellowship, meetings and Camp to work on community and church projects. The following items are needed by Aldersgate and will be collected at the South-Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial meeting in Little Rock.

Please bring any of these items to Sing A Rainbow on February 15, to the Spiritual Growth Retreat on March 13-14, or get them to one of the delegates before March 25. Delegates include Margaret Gessley, Donna Jensen & Judy Graham. If sending gift cards, you may mail to Lynne Grandstaff PO BOX 87 Red Oak, TX 75154.

Masking Tape (white and blue)

Men's tube socks

Pillow covers (plastic)

Sharpies

Sidewalk chalk

Small children's clothes

Small socks

Toiletries (especially travel-size)

Wipes—hand and cleaning

Yard & work gloves

Activity and coloring books

Athletic kneepads

**Batteries-sizes AA, AAA,
D, C and 9 volt**

Crepe-paper streamers

**Colored pencils, Markers,
and Pens**

Copy paper

**Gift cards (Academy
Sports, Home Depot,**

Office Depot, Wal-Mart)

LED light bulbs

Leaf rakes



Methodist Children's Home

Offering Hope Since 1890

Dear United Methodist Women leaders,

Happy New Year! We are thankful for the generous support of UMW groups across our service area of Texas and New Mexico. Many of you may be planning the next year of programming for your group. We hope you will include Methodist Children's Home on your schedule!

We have a talented team that appreciates opportunities to celebrate our shared Methodist connection and bear witness to God's work in the lives of the children, youth and families we serve. We would be happy to speak to your UMW circle or to a combined group at a church with multiple UMW circles. There is no cost to your group for Methodist Children's Home staff to present a UMW program.

For those of you within driving distance of Waco, consider planning a visit to tour our Waco campus and Boys Ranch. We'd be honored to show you firsthand how your resources are at work.

I look forward to hearing from you! You can schedule a speaker or your tour by calling me at 254-750-1315 or by emailing klawson@mch.org.

With thanks,

Kelly Lawson
Director of Annual Giving



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January 18	CTC UMW Committee Meetings Leadership Team Meeting Mission u Planning Team	Red Oak FUMC CTC UMW Red Oak FUMC
January 26-28	UMW Legislative Event	Austin, Texas
February 6-8	Leadership Development Days	St. Louis, Mo.
February 15	Charter for Racial Justice Event; Sing A Rainbow	First UMC Georgetown (South District)
March 13-14	CTC UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat	Camp Arrowhead Cleburne, TX (North District)
March 26-29	South Central Jurisdiction Conference	Little Rock Arkansas
April 12	Easter	
April 18	CTC UMW Committee Meetings CTC UMW Leadership Team Meeting Mission u Planning Team	Genesis UMC
May 5-15	General Conference 2020	Minneapolis, MN
June 14-17	Central Texas Conference Annual Conference	White's Chapel UMC
June 15	CTC UMW Annual Conference Luncheon	
July 11	CTC UMW Committee Meetings CTC UMW Leadership Team Meeting Mission u Planning Team	One Fellowship, Waco
July 31-Aug 2	Mission u	Glen Lake Camp
August 3-22	District Mission u One-Day Events	
August 29	Mission u Planning Team	
September 27	UMW Sunday; May be celebrated on any alternate date	
October 3	CTC UMW Annual Autumn Gathering and District Leadership Development	Corsicana First UMC
December 15	CTC UMW Christmas Party for UCC ACT III Youth	UCC Ft. Worth

REMINDERS



Census 2020

United Methodist



Dear Sisters in Christ,
It is time to participate in the UMW Census for 2020. The online address is www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/census2019. The census is easy to complete, but if you need assistance please contact your district Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator for assistance.

I will have information on how to complete the Census at the Charter for Racial Justice event on February 15 at First UMC in Georgetown. I would love to see you there!

Patty Lee, CTC Coordinator for Membership, Nurture, and Outreach

United Methodist Women - LegacyBuilder

unitedmethodistwomen.org/donate/legacybuilder



Together, we are building our legacy

A Legacy Builder moves forward the mission of United Methodist Women by making a monthly gift of \$18.69 or more to The Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign in honor of United Methodist Women's 150th anniversary. **Just as our foremothers invested in our future in 1869**, gifts to the campaign will ensure that United Methodist Women continues to prepare future generations of women to practice mutuality in mission, working to transform the lives of women, children and youth in deeper and even more impactful ways.



MISSION U:

Learning Together for the Transformation of the World

July 31-Aug 2, 2020

Glen Lake Camp