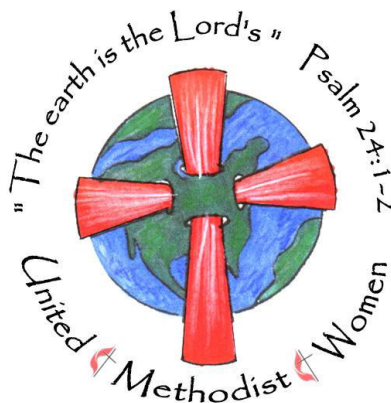


Holston Conference UMW 2009 Young Women's Retreat

(45 years and under)

April 4-5, 2009

"The Earth Is The Lord's"



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*Retreat Leader
Brenda Haymore*



Brenda Riggle Haymore is Music Ministry Director at St. Mark United Methodist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee, where she and her husband have been attending for over twenty years. Their daughter Molly is almost eight years old and a typical, blessed one at that!

Brenda is a graduate of Radford University, Radford, Virginia, with a B.S. in Music Education and has taught in the Virginia public schools. A lifelong member of Holston Conference, she grew up in Wytheville District and continues to be active on local, district and conference levels. A member of the United Methodist Women, Brenda has served as song leader for Schools of Christian Mission and the Annual United Methodist Women Meeting. A certified lay speaker and a strong advocate of prayer, she has given testimony in both word and song to various groups within the conference. One of her most favorite passages is Ephesians 3:14-20.

Hands-on Mission Project

The hands-on mission project for the Young Women's Retreat will focus on the Big Stone Gap Church and Community Renewal Project. Nancy Hobbs tells us "among the projects of the Big Stone Gap District Church and Community Renewal Project is the Vacation Bible School Day Camp which provides a week-long outdoor Christian experience at no cost for children. One camp is for rising K-Second graders and the second week is for the rising third to fifth graders. Books are a real treasure for the children. The Christmas CART served about 500 families in 2008. In addition to the box of food, cleaning supplies and toiletries each family receives, children receive clothing, toys and (always) a **book!** You are invited to involve your congregation in this project. Listed below are the age groups by district for collecting books. Involve your young mothers in helping to purchase these books—give them an opportunity to share their expertise.

The following Districts are asked to bring books for ages **3 to first grade**

- **Abingdon** • **Chattanooga** • **Johnson City**
- **Knoxville** • **Morristown** • **Tazewell**

The following Districts are asked to bring books for ages **7 to Sixth Grade**

- **Big Stone Gap** • **Cleveland** • **Kingsport**
- **Maryville** • **Oak Ridge** • **Wytheville**

*Music Leader
Kay Hamrick*



Kay has been a choir director, soloist and teacher in the Oak Ridge Area for 37 years. She has a B.S. and M. S. degree in Music Education, Voice and Choral Conducting from UT. She has taught kindergarten through college in the public school system.

Kay has been very active in the United Methodist Women, currently serving as Conference Social Action Coordinator, served four years as Conference Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth and one year as Vice President in the Oak Ridge District. She has served Holston Conference United Methodist Women as Music Director for many events. She is a widow and has four children and eight grandchildren and soon to be a great grandmother. Her hobbies include Bible Study, travel, exercise (having won gold medals in the Senior Games in East Tennessee). She has organized group travel tours world-wide as well as short-term mission trips. She is "retired" but still directing choirs in various churches as needed and attending her grandchildren's activities.

Accompanist—Amanda Powell



Amanda Powell, musician and educator, loves learning and teaching about the world through music. While studying voice performance at Shenandoah University, Amanda began her work with the General Board of Global Ministries as a musician with The Youth Mission Chorale. During this two-month mission trip to South East Asia, she witnessed and

became passionate about the power that music has to connect people from different cultures. Since then, Amanda has been invited to perform and teach for numerous Global Praise collaborations and workshops, especially because of her innovative work with young people and global music. She is a featured singer on a number of Global Praise recordings, including Songs of Love and Praise. From 2003-2007, Amanda served as Choral Director and music teacher at Wilbraham and Monson Academy in Massachusetts where she created an international choir devoted to teaching about the world through folk music. She served as accompanist for the South Atlantic Regional School of Christian Missions. She recently relocated to Cleveland, Ohio where she sings with Quire Cleveland, an early music ensemble. These days, Amanda makes most of her music with her one-year old twin daughters, Sofia and Luisa. Amanda loves staying in touch with the people she meets and makes music with worldwide; please feel free to contact her via email at

amandapowell4@gmail.com.

2009 Young Women's Retreat Registration Form

Please complete Part I and Part II and mail Part II even if you do not need motel reservations. This will help us in planning for the event.

Part I – Registration Information

Name _____ Phone (s) _____

E-mail _____ First Timer? Yes _____ No _____

Church _____ District _____

Contact in case of emergency: Name _____ Phone _____

Names/ages of children (ages 2-9) attending with you for whom you need childcare _____

Childcare is provided only if your child is registered by March 6, 2009. If you are requesting child care, please list any medical history for your child/ren on an attachment with your registration form.

Registration fee enclosed: \$10 if your registration is postmarked on or before March 6, 2009
\$15 if your registration is postmarked after March 6, 2009

Make checks payable to **Holston Conference United Methodist Women**. Mail this portion of the completed form and registration fee payment to Pat Marshall, Registrar, P O Box 1083, Bristol, Virginia 24203

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Part II – Motel Information

MOTEL REGISTRATION: *MUST be postmarked by March 6, 2009 ~ To qualify for the tax-exempt rate, your payment by check (sorry, no credit cards) must be enclosed. It is imperative that reservations be sent by the above date as a rooming list is required for the hotel.*

Name _____ Phone (s) _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Are you a district UMW officer? Yes__ No__ If yes, which district and office? _____

_____ Please reserve my room at the MainStay Suites Saturday night.

_____ Please assign a roommate (at double rate).

_____ My roommate(s) will be: _____

She/he/they will _____ will not _____ register as a Young Women's Retreat participant.

Bringing others: Family members or others may accompany you and stay in your room. If this is the case, please provide their name/s above and enclose payment at the private room rate.

Payment enclosed: \$82.00 Private room
\$41.00 Double/two per room
\$27.33 Triple/three per room
\$21.00 Quad/four per room \$ _____

Make checks payable to **Holston Conference United Methodist Women**. Mail this portion of the completed form and motel payment to **Pat Marshall, Registrar, P. O. Box 1083, Bristol, VA 24203**. If you have questions you can email her at **patspet1@aol.com** or telephone at **(276) 591-5341**.

Reservations at the MainStay Suites:

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All reservations must be made through Holston Conference United Methodist Women, using the form in this brochure, your room rate will be exempt from sales taxes (a savings of approximately \$8 per room). Your payment must accompany your reservation request form, in the form of a check ~ sorry, no credit cards. Reservations will be accepted until March 6 (postmark) or until rooms are all reserved, whichever occurs first. You may contact Pat Marshall, Registrar, (276) 591-5341 if you have questions about room reservations.

If you prefer to make your own reservations – to pay with a credit card, stay additional nights, etc. – you may contact the MainStay Suites directly at the toll-free number 1-888-428-8350, or local 865-428-8350. **BY CHOOSING THIS METHOD, YOU WILL BE CHARGED THE REGULAR RATE PER ROOM PLUS SALES TAXES.** The last date to register with the hotel is March 6, after which you will not be guaranteed a reservation

Directions: If you are arriving from Sevierville, proceed through Pigeon Forge to Light #6 and turn right on Pine Mountain Road. The hotel is located at 410 Pine Mountain Road.

Schedule for 2009 Young Women's Retreat

Saturday, April 4

2:30 to 3:30 P. M. Registration

Session I

3:30 P. M. Welcome
Music and Worship

5:00 to 7:30 P.M. Break (*This will be an opportunity for you to check in and get settled in your room and secure dinner.*)

Session II

7:30 Gathering
Music
Worship
Fun Time—Sing-a-Long

Sunday, April 5

Session III

9:15 A. M. Gathering
Music
Worship
Celebration of Holy Communion

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO HELP YOU PLAN.... Check in time is after 3:00 P.M. You will need to wait until the break for dinner at 5:00 P.M. to check in. MainStay Suites rooms have 2 double beds and one sofa, which could accommodate comfortably from one to four young women—even six if two wished to use the sofa. A continental breakfast on Sunday morning is included in your room charge. You will be given a short break to secure dinner in town on Saturday evening (there is no restaurant in the hotel), but shopping is encouraged to be done before 3:00 P.M. on Saturday or after noon on Sunday due to time constraints. Should you choose to eat dinner in your room to save money or have extra time for swimming, be aware there is a kitchen with full-size refrigerator, ice-maker, microwave, two burner stovetop, dishwasher and garbage disposal. Other amenities include an exercise room and indoor pool. On Sunday morning, you will need to check out before attending the 9:15 A.M. session.

Offering

This year's offering will go to United Methodist Women's Mission Giving, which supports ministries to women, children and youth across our nation and around the world.

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Mark Your Calendars for 2009

DATE	EVENT
April 4-5	Young Women's Retreat, MainStay Suites, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee
May 15-16; 16-17	Spiritual Enrichment Experience, Lake Junaluska, NC
June 14-17	Holston Annual Conference, Lake Junaluska, NC
July 23-25	Holston Conference United Methodist Women School of Christian Mission, First United Methodist Church, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 2009 Study Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Giving Our Heart Away: Native American Survival ◆ Sudan ◆ Food and Faith
August 22	Social Action Event "Focus on Child Abuse" Church Street United Methodist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee
September 19	District Officers Training, Lake Junaluska, NC
September 19-20	Conference United Methodist Women Annual Meeting and Conference Alumnae Meeting, Lake Junaluska, NC
<i>Celebration of United Methodist Women's Day – United Methodist Women Day should be observed on a Sunday selected by the local unit in Consultation with the church's pastor.</i>	