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**We are a church
 that loves to
 learn and yearns
 to be a gift
 of God to our
 communities.**



Invitation

Would you simply enjoy a visit or would you like to talk and have someone listen to your concerns? If for any reason you would like a personal visit from the pastor or a lay caregiver, please call 374-4403.

Coming in September...

watch for details!

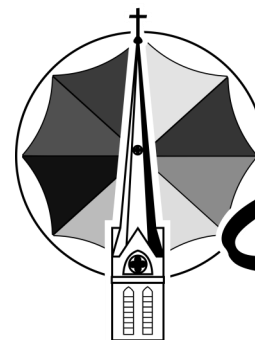
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The Reverend Sara E. Baron

August 2018



Study Series

Mission u at Lake George

Theme: "Learning Together for the Transformation of the World"
Date: Friday-Sunday, Sept. 7-9
Where: Silver Bay YMCA, Lake George
Register by: early August

Each year, the Conference United Methodist Women arrange opportunities to learn more about global missions through Mission u. This program offers learning, worship, meditation, fellowship and fun! Studies are held in 3 regions of NY state. The Albany District / Region 1 will be held Sept. 7-9 at Silver Bay YMCA in Silver Bay, NY, on beautiful Lake George.

The studies offered this year are:

- (1) Spiritual Growth Study:
Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective on Covenantal Living
- (2) Geographic Study:
Missionary Conferences in the United Methodist Church in the United States
- (3) Issue Study:
What About Our Money? A Faith Response

Everyone is welcome at Mission u—women and men, members and non-members of the United Methodist Church. For details or to register, pick up a brochure at church, call Marcia Dudden (518-233-0238), or go to: www.unymission.org. Scholarship money is available for women of First UMC, who have never attended Mission u. To request FUMC scholarship monies, contact Sue Learner.

FUTURE SUNDAYS

- 8:30 Breakfast Fellowship
- 9:00 Books for Children & Adults
- 9:30 Second Cup Café
- 10:00 Sunday Morning Worship
Infant & Toddler Care available
- 11:00 Punch Fellowship
- 11:30 Second Hour Program
- 7:00 Bible Study: Book of Luke

Worship Text:

- Aug. 5 Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
 John 6:24-35
- Aug. 12 John 6:35, 41-51
- Aug. 19 It's a surprise
- Aug. 26 John 6:56-69

Second Hour Program:

- Aug. 5 Youth Car Wash Fundraiser
- Aug. 19 Intersectional Justice Committee

August 24-26 It's Our Annual RETREAT at Sky Lake Camp!



**Signup
 today!**

**Registration
 & details on
 flyer insert.**



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From Our Pastor

"[God] has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

I came across a great article recently entitled "The Bible is literature for the resistance" by Rachel Held Evens in The Washington Post. (https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/acts-of-faith/wp/2018/07/12/the-bible-is-literature-for-the-resistance/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.5300235b32a2) She's right! The Bible tells of a series of oppressive regimes and the ways that God's people overcame them with God's help. The Egyptians, the kings of Israel and Judah who didn't follow God's ways, the Babylonians, the Greeks, and then the Roman Empire all created systems of oppression. God helps the people respond throughout the whole of the Bible.

God calls us to be co-creators in the kindom (of God), sometimes called the Beloved Community. According the King Center:

Dr. King's Beloved Community is a global vision, in which all people can share in the wealth of the earth. In the Beloved Community, poverty, hunger and homelessness will not be tolerated because international standards of human decency will not allow it. Racism and all forms of discrimination, bigotry and prejudice will be replaced by an all-inclusive spirit of sisterhood and brotherhood. In the Beloved Community, international disputes will be resolved by peaceful conflict-resolution and reconciliation of adversaries, instead of military power. Love and trust will triumph over fear and hatred. Peace with justice will prevail over war and military conflict.¹

Right now, in a lot of ways, it feels like we are getting further from the kindom and the beloved community, rather than closer. I hear a lot of despair at the new injustices that each day brings.

I believe that God calls on us to use our lives for good, to build the kindom, to live into the Beloved Community. I do not believe that the best ways to do this are to live in despair, to be hopeless, or to burn ourselves out trying to respond to everything at once. Justice-fatigue helps no one. Allowing the brokenness of the world to harm our souls helps no one.

What do we do? How do we stay engaged without sinking into hopelessness, or uncontrollable rage? I think we start by loving our enemies. Really loving them, wanting good for them. Remembering that we will not be whole unless they too are whole. Of course this doesn't mean that we support policies or systems that do harm!! But it does mean that we seek to act, and speak in ways that humanize all of us, including those enacting oppression. The King Center says,

Dr. King believed that the age-old tradition of hating one's opponents was not only immoral, but bad strategy which perpetuated the cycle of revenge and retaliation. Only nonviolence, he believed, had the power to break the cycle of retributive violence and create lasting peace through reconciliation.²

Dr. King followed very closely on the ways of Jesus in the New Testament, and the ways of resistance throughout the Bible. Nonviolence is the way. It is the way of transformation, it is the way of living the kindom, it is the enactment of the beloved community, it is the difference between God's way and the ways of oppression. It is also the way of hope. "The arc of the *moral universe* is long, but it bends toward justice." (MLK) May we take heart, may we find hope, and may we mediate on loving our enemies. It will change everything, even our fatigue.

—Sara

¹ <http://www.thekingcenter.org/king-philosophy>
² <http://www.thekingcenter.org/king-philosophy>

KEEPING OUR COVENANT PROMISES - JUNE 2018
PRAYERS - PRESENCE - GIFTS - SERVICE

OUR PRAYERS

Christian support is extended to:

Rev. Leon Adkins, Jr.	Randolph Henry
Jan Butts	Courtney & Jack McEwan
Michele Cole	Mary Neville
Ross Corbett	Clare Racicot
Ron Cromer	Shirley Rivest
Shirley Daniels	Rev. Bill Rowe
June Dieffenbach	Rev. Jan McClary Rowell
Jen & Merrick Fuller	Bob Slater
Emily Hart	

We celebrate with:

Bill and Lois Isles, who celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary on July 22nd. Happy Anniversary!
Rev. Bob Long, who celebrated his 80th birthday on July 16th. Happy Birthday!
Andrew Haverly & Liz Lehmann, who were married on July 7th in North Carolina. Congratulations!
Our Class of 2018 graduates. Congratulations!

OUR PRESENCE

Date	Worship
June 3	59
June 10	72
June 17	72
June 24	63

OUR GIFTS

Date	Amount
June 3	\$ 2,139.50
June 10	1,154.00
June 17	14,706.00
June 24	2,040.00

Community Breakfast

Those served this month:

Children (infant-17)	22
Adults (18-64)	166
Elderly (65+)	62
Total	250



OUR SERVICE

- Date
- 6/3 —Celebrated Christian Education Sunday with guest trumpeter and a picnic that followed, open to all
 - 6/5 —Participated in the Campaign for NY Health Act in Albany
 - 6/10 —Participated in the Pride Parade and Festival in Albany's Washington Park
 - 6/16 —Held a Book Discussion on *Negroland: A Memoir* by Margo Jefferson
 - 6/24 —Celebrated Graduation Sunday with recognition of our 2018 graduates
 - 6/25-29—Hosted Youth VIM Team from Michigan, who served in our community
 - 6/26 —FUMCers joined Youth VIM in work projects around church
 - 6/30 —Youth Service: Served free Community Brunch
 - June —Sunday 2nd hour programs offered: Picnic; forum on National UMW Assembly; Ministry Team meetings; Youth Car Wash Fundraiser; and forum on Recycling
 - Participated in the Poor People's Campaign
 - Distributed personal care items to those in need through our SUSTAIN Ministry program
 - Presented *Mission Moments* at Worship: Teachers Recognition; Poor People's Campaign; Summer Lunch Prog.
 - Community Breakfast prepared and served on Sundays; free and open to all

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors —
Be Invitational!

CONCERT SERIES 2018-2019

The Music Committee of First United Methodist Church is pleased to announce the Concert Series for our forty-first season of bringing world-class musicians to our sanctuary as an outreach of the church’s music ministry and a gift to the community.



September 30, 2018 • 3:00 PM
Raúl Prieto Ramírez
Concert Organist

Raúl Prieto Ramírez is the first Spanish organist in recent times to establish himself among the elite of the international pipe organ scene. In 2017, Mr. Ramírez was appointed by unanimity of the search committee, the Board of Trustees and the Audience as the new San Diego Civic Organist and Spreckles Organ Society Artistic Director, becoming one of the few full-time Civic Organists in the world.

March 24, 2019 • 3:00 pm
The Young People’s Chorus of New York City
Directed by Francisco Nuñez


The Young People’s Chorus of New York City (YPC) is recognized worldwide for its award-winning performances and spectacular artistry. By founding YPC, Francisco Nuñez fulfilled his dream of bringing children from all walks of life together to make beautiful music and friendships, thereby creating new opportunities and a brighter future for thousands of YPC children and their communities.



May 5, 2019 • 3:00 pm
Lisa Vroman - Lyric Soprano
Star of the Broadway Stage

From Broadway to classics, on stage and in concert, lyric soprano Lisa Vroman has established herself as one of America’s most versatile voices. Ms. Vroman starred for several years on Broadway as Christine in “The Phantom of the Opera.” Also as Christine she garnered Theatre Critics’ awards for the role in a record breaking run in San Francisco. Lisa is a frequent guest soloist with orchestras, and theater and opera companies around the world. She has performed as a guest of the Kennedy family at a Profiles in Courage Award Dinner as well as for Queen Elizabeth and former presidents Gerald Ford, George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton.

Our concerts are presented free of charge as a gift to the community. This is made possible through the generosity of the Ida Hill Dalton Fund and our Patrons. If you would like to become a Patron of the Concert Series, please make a check payable to “First United Methodist Church” and return it with the tear-off found below. Please put “Concert Series” in the memo of the check. We are grateful for your support of this wonderful music tradition.



If you are interested in being a patron of the Concert Series, you may send donations to:
First United Methodist Church, 603 State St., Schenectady, NY 12305.
(Please make checks payable to FUMC with note ‘Concert Series’)

Name: _____	Suggested amount:
Address: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250
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Telephone: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50
E-mail (optional): _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

All donations are greatly appreciated.

Celebrate our
2018 Graduates
Congratulations!

We recognize and congratulate the following members and friends of our church family who graduated this year:



High School

Ian Evans
Lafayette High School
Lafayette, NY
In the fall, he’ll attend
St. John Fisher College in Rochester, NY

Celisse Haley
Starrs Mills High School
in Georgia
Andrew Huston
Community Christian School
Wilson, North Carolina
In the fall, he’ll attend
Nash County Community College

College and Graduate School

Adrien Messick
MS degree in Social Work
Springfield College, MA
Heather Thompson
BS degree in Health Sciences
Russell Sage College, NY

Notes of Thanks



FUMC Youth would like to thank everyone who helped make the July 1st Youth BBQ Luncheon Fundraiser a much success.

—Sylvester Doyer, Youth Leader

Schenectady First UMC Family,
THANK YOU for your amazing generosity and hospitality. You have blessed us to be a blessing serving in your community. This week has been a beautiful picture of what it means to be a connec-tional church. We pray God’s rich blessing on your continued witness and service.
Card read: ‘Your Kindness made a difference and your thoughtfulness touched my heart. Thank you.’
—Pastor Blaine Keene and the Journey Community Church Family (all youth signed card too)
(We hosted Rev. Keene’s Youth VIM Team from Ohio here at First UMC, Schenectady, from July 1-6.)

A Stephen Ministry
Moment

“We were born to
make manifest the
glory of God
that is within us.”
~ Nelson Mandela ~

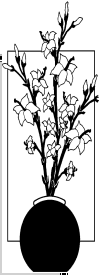


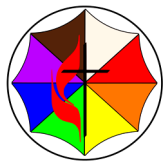
Enjoy Needlework?

Everyone is invited to participate in our Needlework Ministry program (knitting, crocheting, sewing). Handmade items are created then donated to those in need in our area. Generally, we work on hats and scarves as well as prayer shawls/blankets. Or, if you’d like to donate such hand-made needlework, please bring it to the office.
To learn more, including how to do needle-work, contact one of the coordinators, Eileen Deming or Alice Nash.

Altar Flowers

When available, our Altar Guild is using garden flowers from the congregation during our Summer Worship season. If you have a flower garden and are willing to share your blooms and/or you would like to give the altar flowers for Sunday Worship, please contact the office.





August 2018
First United Methodist Church, Schenectady

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 9:30 AM Second Cup Cafe 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Punch Fellowship 11:30 AM Car Wash in lot; Youth Fundraiser 7:00 PM Bible Study	6 2:00 - 4:00 PM Pastor "Drop-in" Office Hours	7 9:30 AM SUSTAIN Ministry: Sorting 2:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Children & Youth Ministries Team	8 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM SUSTAIN Ministry	9 2:00 PM Music Committee	10	11
12 8:30 AM Breakfast 9:30 AM Second Cup Cafe 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Punch Fellowship	13	14	15 Spire articles due 12:00 Women's Luncheon @ the Glen Eddy	16	17	18
19 8:30 AM Breakfast 9:30 AM Second Cup Cafe 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Punch Fellowship 11:45 AM Intersectional Justice Committee 7:00 PM Bible Study	20 2:00 - 4:00 PM Pastor "Drop-in" Office Hours	21 9:30 AM SUSTAIN Ministry: Sorting 2:00 PM Staff Meeting	22 8:30 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast 5:00 PM FUMC Serves Meal @ the City Mission	23	24	25
Youth Volunteers In Mission (VIM) Trip to Henderson, Kentucky				Church Retreat @ Sky Lake		
26 8:30 AM Breakfast 9:30 AM Second Cup Cafe 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Punch Fellowship Church Retreat @ Sky Lake	27 2:00 - 4:00 PM Pastor "Drop-in" Office Hours	28 2:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Trustees	29	30	31 	

We are in the season of **PENTECOST / IN KINGDOMTIDE** (green) - Ordinary (numbered) time when we focus on the mission of the church.

Volunteers Needed to
Serve City Mission Meal

It's our turn to serve a meal at the City Mission of Schenectady on Wednesday, August 22nd. Volunteers are needed. City Mission has a software signup process where each individual volunteering to serve at the mission is asked to create an account and sign-up in advance for each meal they'll attend.

To signup 5 days or more in advance, go to:
<http://www.firstumc.citymissionofschenectady.volunteerhub.com>

To signup within 5 days prior to serving, go to:
<http://www.schenectadycitymission.com>;
click "volunteer" and find FUMC's date to serve, e.g., Wednesday, August 22. Other volunteers may be solicited to sign-up during this time too.

If you do not have a computer or have a problem signing up, please call Lori at 518-346-2275 ext. 301; give your name and date you want to serve.

The remaining 2018 Wednesday dates assigned to our church to serve at the mission are:

August 22 and December 19

Must arrive by 5 pm. You'll be required to wear a hair net if you're not wearing a hat. Please let Lois Atkinson (518-377-8249) know if you've signed-up for an upcoming meal. Thank you.



VIM Leader Training

UM Volunteers in Mission team leader training will be offered Saturday, October 27th, from 9:00-3:00 at First UMC, Schenectady. Training will be led by Sylvia Reimer, an experienced team leader and member of the Upper NY Conference UMVIM steering committee. The cost of \$30 covers lunch and books. This training is valuable for anyone interested in being either a team leader or a more effective team participant. Having a trained team leader not only promotes more effective teamwork, but is essential to obtain team insurance, grants, or scholarships for team members. Save the date!! Registration information will be coming soon. For more details or to help with logistics, contact Jan Huston at hustonjp24@gmail.com.



In Our Community....

- **Home Furnishings Program**, which operates from our church, helps those in need with household items and is in need of several items, including: beds, small dressers, coffee tables & end tables; large pots & frying pans, flatware, can openers, and dish towels. Call 346-2444 to donate items.
- **Thursday Musical Club**, an all-women's chorus, who rehearse here at First UMC, invites all women of all ages to sing and perform a wide-variety of musical styles for the enjoyment of its members and the public. With a tradition of excellent musical leadership, it offers two seasonal performances each year—one in April and one in December. All singers welcome; no audition necessary. Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 am in Fellowship Hall from September to April.
To signup or for more information, go to: www.tmc singers.org or <http://facebook.com/ThursdayMusicalClub>.
- **Craft Fair on the Street**—Our neighbors across the street at St. Joseph's Church will be sponsoring a craft fair on Saturday, Sept. 15th, from 9 am to 3 pm, outside on Lafayette Street. Vendors and Crafters are invited to participate. To register to set up a booth, contact Lisa at 518-596-8080 or lisagaff@aol.com.

Enjoy Fellowship
before Worship

Come early on Sundays for these free programs:

- **Community Breakfast**— Served 8:30-9:30am weekly except on 1st Sunday of each month.
- **Books for Children & Adults**— Distributed in Fellowship Hall from 9-9:30 during the breakfast.
- **Second Cup Café**— In Library 9:30-9:50 am. Stop in for coffee and/or read the newspaper!





Enjoy Women's Luncheon

Wednesday, Aug. 15

The next Women's Fellowship Luncheon will take place on Wednesday, August 15th, at 12:00 noon at the Glen Eddy in Niskayuna. All church women – friends as well as members - are encouraged to attend, so come and take this opportunity to get to know other church people better, make new friends, enjoy sparkling conversations and have another delicious lunch, priced at \$16.

So that we can let the Glen Eddy dining staff know how many people to expect, please RSVP by Monday, August 13th, to Nancy Walden (nwalden@gleneddy.com or 518-280-8065).

Be sure to put the date on your calendar and plan to come!

Serve as an Usher

We are in need of additional Ushers to serve at Worship on Sunday mornings. General duties are greeting worshippers and handing out bulletins as well as collecting the offering at Worship. Ushers arrive at about 9:30 am prior to start of our 10:00 service.

To serve in this way, please contact one of our head ushers: Alan Marshall or Sean McCullough.



Men's Breakfast Fellowship

**Wednesday, August 22,
8:30 AM at Blue Ribbon Diner
on State St. All men welcome.**



Summer Music at FUMC

Worship at 10:00 AM

August 5

SOPRANOS & ALTOS OF CHANCEL CHOIR

August 12

RICHARD RUGGIERO - Recorder

August 19

ITEKE PRINS - Organ

August 26

DIANE KINGSLAND - Organ

September 2

ARAM KIM - Violin

*First place winner of the
Schenectady Symphony Stefan Competition*

**Rev. Jane L. Baker
and
Rev. James R. Sprenger**



***Invite You to Celebrate with Us
As We Pledge to Entrust
Our Lives to Each Other
Before God***

***Sunday, September 2, 2018
10:00 O'clock in the Morning***

***First United Methodist Church
603 State Street
Schenectady, NY 12305***

Reception to Follow in Fellowship Hall

If you would like to make a gift in our honor,
please make a donation to the
Youth Ministry Fund
at First United Methodist Church

United Methodist Women (UMW) is 150 Years Old!

Mark your calendar to celebrate United Methodist Women's 150th anniversary!

When: Friday to Saturday, September 14-15, 2018

Where: Hurlbet UMC in Chautauqua Institution

Cost: \$30—includes programs & meals

For more information and to signup, go to www.uppernyumw.org

UNYUMW Shirts for 2018 Annual Fall Meeting—Order due Aug. 15th

The Albany District United Methodist Women Team is coordinating an order for special polo-style shirts with the conference logo that was used during UMW Assembly 2018. The shirt is a **Navy polo with yellow/gold lettering**. The picture shows the shirt style. Order yours today! Cost is \$12 each; orders due August 15th. To place an order, complete the form below and mail with check or money order, payable to *Upper NY Conference UMW*, to Jann Armer, 43 Grand St., Apt. 1, Amsterdam, NY 12010. Questions?? Contact Jann at 518-866-3837 (after 5pm) or at jarmer38@gmail.com.



Order form for UMW Shirts for 2018 Annual Fall Meeting

(Please make checks payable to Upper NY Conference UMW)

Name: _____

Address: _____

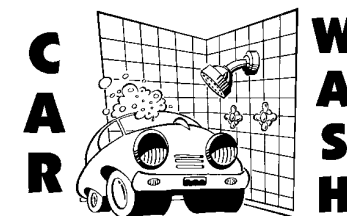
Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Total Number Shirts Ordered _____

Check/Money Order Amount Enclosed _____

Enter number of shirts requested in each adult size:

#Small _____ #Medium _____ #Large _____ #XL _____ #2XL _____ #3XL _____ #4XL _____



Sunday, August 5th

Our Youth Group will hold a Car Wash fundraiser to help support their mission trip to Henderson, Kentucky, from August 19th to the 24th. The car wash will be held after Worship on Sunday, August 5th, in our parking lot. Cost is \$5 for exterior wash; \$10 exterior wash and vacuuming.

Your support is appreciated...and please let your friends and neighbors know!

**Mark your calendar—
Homecoming Sunday
September 16th!**

Help fill

Children's Backpacks



Schenectady Clergy Against Hate are doing a "School Supplies Extravaganza" on August 26th, with the goal of providing 300 backpacks to children in Schenectady who will need school supplies. We are signed up for markers. We're asked to provide 300 boxes of markers for kids. If you are able and willing, please buy some of them. A basket is in the lobby/narthex for your donations!

E-Newsletter Available!

If you receive *The Spire* in hard-copy form and would prefer to get it by email, which does save valuable resources, please contact the office to confirm we have your email address. Thank you.

Beauty Abounds!!! Sky Lake Church Retreat

August 24 – 26, 2018

Signup today! Registrations due



Join in the continuing tradition of community. Attend the weekend retreat at Sky Lake Camp and Retreat Center. Our presenter will be the Reverend Dr. Barbara Thorington Green, who led worship at the end of April. Sign-in will begin at 5:30pm Friday, August 24th, and check-out will be at 2:00pm on Sunday, August 26th. Sky Lake Camp and Retreat Center is located 23 miles east of Binghamton in Windsor, NY.

Linens and meals are all provided with accommodations at Underwood Lodge. Special dietary accommodations are available upon advanced request. Financial assistance through 1st UMC is available; please speak to Pastor Sara. To reserve a spot, your registration form and payment need to be turned in now.

Lodge rate for the weekend, which includes meals, is \$158 for adults (18+); \$139 for youth/teens (12-17); \$64 for children (under 12). Check out room accommodations and the facilities at the Underwood Lodge at: <http://skylakecenter.org/camp-and-retreat-center/our-facilities>.

More details are on the next page. If you have any questions, contact Louis Patterson (destined25@gmail.com) or the church office (fumcschenectady@yahoo.com).

Church Retreat 2018 – Registration Form

To sign up for the retreat, please provide your name, phone, etc., below and place in the offering plate or return to the Church Office.

Name(s) _____

Email _____ Phone _____

of adults ____ # of youth/teens: ____ # of children (age 4-12) ____

Accommodations: ____ Underwood Lodge (meals included)

Dietary Accommodations (Please list any special needs): _____

First UMC, Schenectady

2018 Retreat Itinerary— August 24 to 26, 2018



Friday:

5:00 pm—Registration and Relaxation
6:00 pm—Supper
7:00 pm—Gathering, group activity, evening Worship
8:30 pm—S'mores

Saturday:

8:00 am—Breakfast
9:00 am—Morning Prayer, Presentation: *Thinking Spiritually*, and Discussion
10:30 am—Break
12:00 noon—Dinner
1:00 pm—Waterfront time
4:15 pm—Silent Reflection, hands on activities
5:30 pm—Supper
7:00 pm—Presentation: *Expanding Our Visions of 'God,'* and Evening Prayer

Sunday:

8:00 am—Breakfast
9:30 am—A 'Visit' from Susanna Wesley, Prayer, Communion, Sending Forth
12:00 noon—Dinner
Departure

Depending on numbers and the discussions, we may break into small groups occasionally.

Program: "Experiencing 'God' in Our Everyday Living" **with guest the Rev. Dr. Barbara Thorington Green**

Thoughts to be Explored

More moments of Awe and Delight in our daily lives
Expanding and deepening our insights regarding 'God'
The extreme, overwhelming abundances around and within us
Enriching our relationships with each other, ourselves, and 'God'

Barbara Thorington Green

Great-Grandmother of three
Retired Clergywoman

Doctor of Theology (Boston University, 2003)

Author of "Calling God She?" and various articles regarding Holy Communion
Speaker and Retreat leader around the topics of God, Spirituality, and our natural world
Hobbies: baking, reading, fabrics, walking, thinking, puzzles, physical labor