

*May the Holy Spirit move you to come  
and accept the blessing of spiritual  
growth and renewal at this  
multigenerational event for all women.*

Nursery and child care available.

**REGISTRATION FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022**

**3:00-6:00 pm in the Ellie Harvey Room  
(later registration in Nalls Auditorium)**

**FRIDAY DINNER**

**5:30-6:30 in Smith Dining Room**

**WHOLE GROUP SESSIONS**

Nalls Auditorium

Friday Opening Session..... 7:00pm

Saturday Sessions..... 9:00am & 7:00pm

Sunday Session..... 9:30am

Times subject to slight changes.

Retreat ends after Sunday lunch.

**RETREAT OFFERINGS**

Offerings will be received Saturday and Sunday mornings during whole group sessions. Offerings will be used to supplement the South Georgia Conference United Methodist Women mission giving.

**SILENT AUCTION**

Nalls Auditorium

**IMPORTANT: Registration Information**

Please note you must register for your room with Epworth and the registration for the event is with Elaine Shierling. Both can be done online. See forms included.



**SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE  
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**MARCH**

**UMW Day**

Local Churches

**JUNE 5-8**

**SGA United Methodist Annual Conference  
Columbus Convention Center**

**JULY 14-17**

**Mission u**

Epworth-by-the-Sea, St. Simons Island

**August 6**

**Social Issues Workshop**

TBA

**SEPTEMBER**

**District Annual Meetings**

**OCTOBER 1**

**District Officer Training (DLTE)**

Nashville

**OCTOBER 15**

**SGA UMW Conference Annual Meeting**



*and let your spirit be filled*

at the

**Spiritual Growth  
Retreat  
March 25-27, 2022  
Epworth-By-The-Sea**

**Becoming a Roman's 12  
Christian  
"A Heart for God"**

Sponsored by:  
South Georgia Conference  
United Methodist Women

RETREAT LEADER: Clara Ester  
SOLOIST: Grace Pham  
PRAISE AND WORSHIP

## CLARA ESTER

Clara J. Ester, a native of Memphis, Tennessee, is a graduate of LeMoyne-Owen College in Memphis. She moved to Mobile, Alabama in February 1970 to serve at Dumas Wesley community Center as a neighborhood organizer. She later assumed the roles of Program Director, Associate Director and retired December 2006 as the Executive Director. A member of Toulminville-Warren Street United Methodist Church, Clara has held positions as Lay Leader, Class Leader, Servant Leader, chair of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, chair of the Mature Adult Ministries, Usher, and Altar Guild member. Currently, she serves as a member of the Mass choir and the United Methodist Women. She served as the District Lay Leader, District Clergy/Laity Academy Team, UMW nomination committee and Vice President. On the conference level she served on the Board of Pensions and Health, chaired the Religion & Race Committee, Social action coordinator for UMW, conference committee on Episcopacy, and conference C.O.R.E. team. Clara was elected as a jurisdictional delegate in 2012 and a general conference delegate in 2016. She serves on the National UMW Charter for Racial Justice team, appointed to the UMW Program Advisory Committee 2012-2016 and elected as a Director to the Board 2016-2020 and served as National Vice President. In 1986, she was commissioned as a deaconess of the United Methodist Church. She currently serves as chair of the UMW Deaconess Home Missioner board and presently is chair of NADHM. She has served on many boards and agencies in Mobile. She was one of the founding members of Habitat for Humanities of Mobile and People United to Advance the Dream. She served on the Quality Assurance Board for the Department of Human Resources, was a member of Mobile United, a graduate of Leadership Mobile and Leadership Alabama. Clara's interest in social welfare and justice was fueled by her early relationship with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. She was very active in the Civil Rights struggles in Memphis and worked with several other projects throughout the south. She was one of the youth organizers for the Second Poor People's Campaign in Marks, Mississippi. Clara has one son, Reginald.



## MISSION GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

*South Georgia Conference Mission Agencies welcome your gifts.*

*Special requests include:*

**Wesley Community Centers** -- *Baby Wipes or money or checks to be used for this purpose.*

**Open Door** -- *Bibles (especially children's & large print), socks, underwear (all sizes children - adult), chapstick, and insect repellent.*

**Vashti** -- *Hair care products (including ethnic hair products), combs and brushes, toothpaste, deodorant (Non-Aerosol), bath linens, laundry baskets and hampers, twin bed linens, comforter sets, pillows.*

**Please bring your gifts to the designated area in NALLS Auditorium by noon Saturday. All gift certificates and monetary gifts should be given directly to Diane James, Conference UMW Treasurer.**

## SILENT AUCTION

*Many hand-made items, "from scratch" goodies, and unique treasures will be available for purchase at the Silent Auction. Put aside a little extra money for this bargain extravaganza! All money raised is for Mission Giving.*

## SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE GAMES!

*Stick around following Saturday evening's session for some fun and fellowship. We'll have some board games and cards available (or just hang out and reminisce) from 9-10:30pm. Games will be provided, but feel free to bring your own favorite game or cards.*

## NEW: READING PROGRAM BOOK SWAP

*We encourage you to bring your used books from the reading program from the years 2016-2021 for the book swap at Registration. You will be given a ticket for each book you bring to use towards any book brought for the swap. 3 is the maximum tickets per person.*

**COVID:** Epworth follows procedures recommended by Centers for Disease Control and provide extra precaution when sanitizing all areas of Epworth by the Sea. Wearing of masks is not mandated, but encouraged.

# SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

**MAIL THIS TOP PORTION WITH REGISTRATION FEE TO REGISTRAR**  
**or ONLINE at [www.sgaumc.org](http://www.sgaumc.org):**

Elaine Shierling, 202 Pheasant Ridge, Warner Robins GA 31088  
 PHONE: 478/919-7845 EMAIL: [lainee\\_marie@yahoo.com](mailto:lainee_marie@yahoo.com)

**PLEASE COMPLETE A FORM FOR EACH PERSON (ADULT, TEEN, OR CHILD). \$25 REGISTRATION FEE COVERS INSURANCE AND OTHER EXPENSES.**

**EARLYBIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE BY MARCH 11, 2022 IS \$25.00 PER PERSON.**

**AFTER MARCH 11, 2022, REGISTRATION IS \$35.00 PER PERSON.**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NO REFUND, BUT REGISTRATION IS TRANSFERABLE.

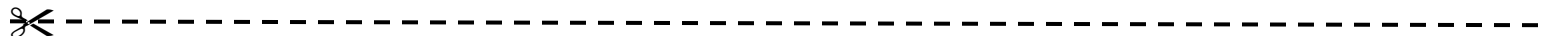
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

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## ROOM OPTIONS FOR UMW SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT

### RESERVATION DEADLINE: MARCH 11, 2022

**MAIL THIS PORTION OF FORM TO:**

**EPWORTH-BY-THE-SEA, PO BOX 20407; ST. SIMONS ISLAND, GA 31522 912-638-8688**

**OR REGISTER ONLINE AT: [epworthbythesea.org/events/](http://epworthbythesea.org/events/)**

**RATES PER PERSON include TWO NIGHTS LODGING, MEALS (Friday Supper – Sunday Lunch), and TAX**

|               | SINGLE | DOUBLE  | TRIPLE | QUAD   |
|---------------|--------|---|--------|--------|
| TURNER LODGE  | 310.90 | 217.52  | 174.00 | 152.22 |
| ROBERTSON INN | 287.64 | 194.26  | 157.70 | 142.92 |
| PITTS/BOOTH   | 259.74 | 175.66  | 143.76 | 128.96 |
| REYNOLDS      | 238.80 | 159.36  | 136.78 | 124.30 |
| CABINS        | 115.76 | Bring your own Pillows, Towels, Sheets and Blankets |        |        |

**\*\*\*Any guest not staying on property: Commuter fee \$15 plus any meals. Breakfast \$10.02; Lunch \$15.03; Supper \$17.26**

**INCLUDE FULL PAYMENT WITH RESERVATION FORM.**

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO EPWORTH-BY-THE-SEA OR USE CREDIT CARD:**

VISA # \_\_\_\_\_

EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

MASTERCARD # \_\_\_\_\_

EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVAL DATE: FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022 DEPARTURE DATE: SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022

*INDIVIDUALS CANCELLING RESERVATIONS AFTER MARCH 11, 2022 WILL FORFEIT \$40.00 PER PERSON. ANY CANCELLATION AFTER FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2022 and up to WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022 MUST FORFEIT THE FULL CHARGES PER PERSON.*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVAL DATE \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTURE DATE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL REQUESTS (IF APPLICABLE) \_\_\_\_\_

ROOMMATE(S) \_\_\_\_\_

**NO PETS**

**NO ALCOHOL**

**CHECK IN 4:00 PM**

**CHECK OUT 11:30 AM**