



THE UMW APPALACHIAN DISTRICT NEWS

4th Quarter 2017

Let's Walk For Mission!

This year's walk for mission will involve an actual walk at Lake Junaluska Saturday morning, September 30, 2017 during Western North Carolina United Methodist Women's Annual Celebration. Hopefully the weather should be cooler and some can choose to walk the entire periphery of the lake while others may walk the "Rose Walk". Many of the Appalachian District officers will be walking and if you cannot be there or walk with us we would encourage you and your units to sponsor us on our walk. For a minimum donation of **\$5.00** your unit can receive credit for giving in this channel.

You can always pledge to sponsor a walker from your unit or the district and submit your pledge money when the walk is finished along with your 4th quarter pledge money. Just make certain all checks donated to the mission walk stipulate "Walk for Mission" on the check or in your report to the district treasurer so you can get credit in that category. If you have any questions, contact Denise Harris, Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator (denise.harris2105@gmail.com, [704-871-9219](tel:704-871-9219) h, [704-437-2794](tel:704-437-2794) c

Membership – Nurture – Outreach:

Greetings to my UMW sisters,

The numbers are in for our LUV visits and contacts this year. According to my records a total of 9 units were either visited or contacted. A huge shout out to Anna Bottoms! Anna had the most visits! Remember to let me know anytime you touch base with your nurturing partners. **All UMW units** please call us! We are here to help in any capacity! We do programs, help with installations, organize units, you name it we will try to do it!

Feel the...



from United Methodist Women!

With the advent of fall nearing, many of you are starting afresh after summer breaks. Now is the perfect time to bring in new members! Reach out to all friends and share the many rewards of being a part of our wonderful organization. Remember, often several contacts may be needed, rides offered, and excitement concerning events shared. Let them see the love of Christ shining in you!

Local MNOs, as always, please notify me of the many new members!

Getting involved as well as reaching out to others helps keep us informed and visible in our communities.

Peace of Christ to you,
Denise Harris

Mission Education and Interpretation:

Greetings!

Can you believe summer is almost over - where has time gone? We get so busy sometimes we lose that quality time, and we ask what did I get accomplished today? So, do this; slow down, take a deep breath, and begin to meditate on the goodness of the Lord!

I have learned so much from my first year serving as your District ME&I coordinator and getting to meet new friends across the district and conference. I have truly been blessed.

Wow! The year will be ending soon; I encourage each unit in the district to do more for missions! Encourage the younger ladies to come out, if that means changing meeting times, or days give it a "TRY." They are our future!

Thanks for all the "Kits" that were collected during 2017; they were greatly appreciated by UMCOR. That's what "missions" is all about - being a blessing to someone else!

I would luv to come for a visit to your unit, I'm just a call away...

Thank you again for the great job you have done throughout the district!

Blessings to you all,

Roberta Walker

Nominations:

Hello to all my UMW friends,

As this year is winding down I like to sit back and reminisce on the things that have happened in the past 12 months. There have been times of great joy and times of tremendous sadness with little bits of surprise and disbelief sprinkled in. I was able to accomplish most, but not all, of the things I had planned on doing; there never seems to be enough time for everything. Yet I find that I was able to do the things that were a priority to me. UMW is a priority for me. For those of you who don't know me, I'm an activist by nature. It bothers me to see people being marginalized and, more often than not, it is women and children who need an extra voice. I try to be a voice whenever I can but we need more voices. There's a lot of work to be done and it's going to take all of us working together to help make this world a better place for everyone, so I urge you to think about your priorities for the upcoming year and I hope that UMW is near the top of the list. Our district team has openings for folks who don't mind rolling up their sleeves and being a voice for "the least of these". I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Peace and Blessings,

Kim Smith, kimsmith@wilkes.net

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District Officer Slate for 2018

President – Lorraine Burns

Vice President – Katherine (Katie) Burns

Secretary – Jan Taylor

Treasurer – Nancy Johnson

Spiritual Growth – Sherry Summerlin

Mission Education & Interpretation – Roberta Walker

Membership Nurture & Outreach – Denise Harris

Social Action – Donna Parks Hill

Communication – Jan Taylor

Program Resources – Open

Nominations Chair – Kim Smith

Nominations Committee 2018 – Sara Reid

Nominations Committee 2018 – Belinda Johnson

Nominations Committee 2019 – Micki Earp

Nominations Committee 2019 – Brenda Kimberlin

Nominations Committee 2019 – Pamela Reid

Nominations Committee 2020 – Open

Nominations Committee 2020 – Open

***Position possibly filled**

Treasurer:

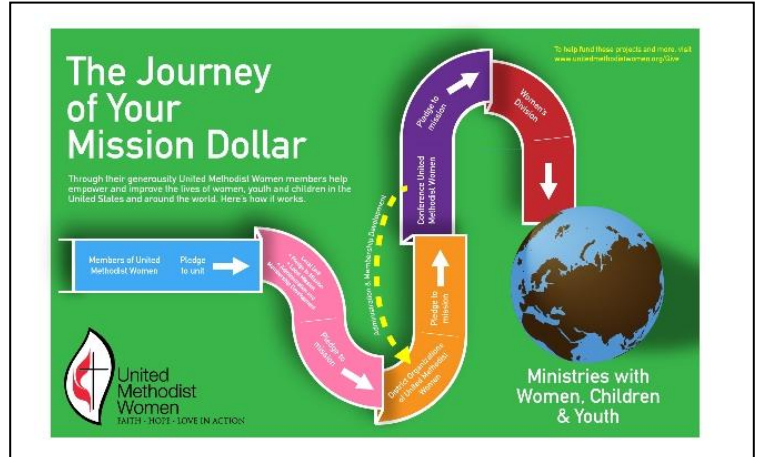
I hope you will mark your calendars to attend the Leader Development Day on Nov. 4. We will have a breakout session just for Treasurers. The information that I will share in our treasurers' group is designed for both new and returning local unit treasurers. You will get a folder with forms, brochures, and helpful tips. We will cover everything you need to know about the record keeping, but there will be more than how to fill out forms. Returning treasurers, please plan to share your insight and helpful tips if you are willing to do so.

We will talk about the Treasurer's role in promoting our missions at home and around the world. While the mechanics of record-keeping take a lot of our time and energy, we can renew our energy by remembering the result of taking care of the money. Every time I send a check to our Conference Treasurer I think about the women and their children around the world whose lives are made better because United Methodist Women care about them.

Bring your questions, suggestions, and concerns - I especially like to have lots of time for Q & A. This time together is for you, so be thinking about what I, and other district officers, can do to make things simpler for you and to help you serve the women of the world as we are called to do.

Pratt Davis

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In 2018 the Appalachian District will be the host district for the Western North Carolina Conference UMW. We would like to use UMCOR School Kit bags as the information materials bag at the 2018 WNCC UMW Spiritual Growth. If your unit, or individuals from your unit, would be willing to make school kit bags, please contact Lorraine Burns (lorrainecburns@gmail.com).

Spiritual Growth:

Spiritual Growth: Faith, Hope and Love in Action!

Hello! I pray this newsletter finds you anticipating the changing of the seasons and excites you as you prepare for our conference celebration "Change is Good." The Annual Celebration at Lake Junaluska is calling and "We must go!" Yes, we must go and accept the challenges and the responsibilities of leadership in this new year of 2018. You, who are Spiritual Growth Coordinators of Mission in your local units, have a very important role. You are the one who prepares the worship center for your local unit and you lead the devotional and prayer time using the Prayer Calendar. Make this an awesome year, for we are one in the Spirit.

Remember to invite your LUV Nurturing Partner to one of your meetings. We are all anxious to know you and what you are doing in your local unit.

Peace and Blessings, Sherry Summerlin



News from the District *Energizer*

Hello Ladies!

I am thrilled to be writing to you again thru the App District News in a new capacity. I was the 2016 District Program Resources Secretary and encouraged everyone to participate in the Reading Program – and I still do. But now, I have joined the WNCC Legacy Fund Committee as the Appalachian District *Energizer*.



I know your question – what is an *energizer*?? Stay with me and keep reading. The UMW National Office recently announced a goal of reaching \$60 million for the Legacy Fund. The WNCC Legacy Fund Committee wants you to be a part of this effort to ensure the future of United Methodist Women. That is where the *energizer* enters the picture. I will be at upcoming District and Conference events to answer your Legacy Fund questions and help you with the contribution process. It is easy to do. But most of all, I want to visit your unit and/or circle meeting and make your members aware of the important value of this campaign goal.

(Pssst.... For you ladies who love to collect UMW pins and proudly wear them, the Legacy Fund pin is the *ultimate pin* to add to your collection).

I wish I could meet and talk with each one of you individually, but I would probably go well beyond the 150 year celebration before that could be accomplished. Instead, please contact me and I will meet with your group. Ladies – this is important!!! We can't – and don't want to – imagine the future of women, children and youth in the world without the mission work done by the United Methodist Women.

If you have already made your contribution for this year, the WNCC Legacy Fund Committee deeply appreciates your commitment. If not, what are you waiting for? Please don't hesitate – the health and wellbeing of a woman, child or youth could be in your hands.

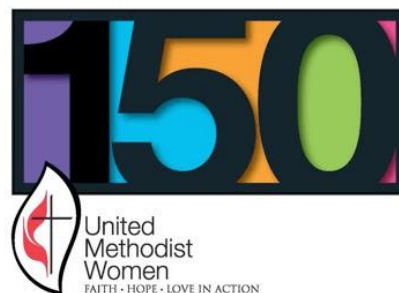
Blessings to you all,

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Communications:

It's hard to believe this is our last newsletter for 2017 – this year has flown by so quickly! I'm convinced that it has gone by so fast because we have all been so busy; for those who attended our Appalachian District Annual Meeting on August 28th, you witnessed all the great things our units have did in 2016 (and I'm sure we are doing as much if not more in 2017). We celebrated 21 Mission Today units, 10 Mission Study units, 19 units with at least one new member, 22 Justice Today Units, and 32 units that gave in all five channels of giving – internationally, these mission dollars support 121 programs carried out by 107 organizations in more than 110 countries. YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN - WE MAKE IT HAPPEN! Keep up the great work!

Also, the 2018 Assembly will be held in Columbus, Ohio, May 18 – 20 next year; please note the WNCC UMW scholarship application on page 11. If you or someone you know qualifies and has an interest in attending, please share. There will also be a scholarship from the National Office. That information is not available yet. While neither will cover the entire cost of the event, it should make a significant difference. WNCC UMW hopes to increase our number of attendees.

Blessings, Jan Taylor

Social Action:

Greetings, My Follow UMW!

United Methodist Women interprets the biblical passage from Luke 4:18 as both a model and a mandate for Christian social action and advocacy:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Ubuntu Day of Service - Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world. For three years, United Methodist Women have been putting Faith, Hope and Love into Action by serving at the five National Mission Institutions & other sites within our conference! **Make plans to join us in 2017 for our 5th Annual Ubuntu Day of Service on October 14, 2017! Online Registration** for our 2017 Ubuntu Day of Service opened on July 1st, and the deadline for registration is October 1, 2017.

Ministry with the poor – You want to change the world for the better. Ubuntu Day of Service – toolkit at <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/action>

Ubuntu is a unique word. A Zulu phrase, it can be translated “I am only because we are, and since we are, therefore I am.” Or “I am human because you are human.” It recognizes each human being as part of a community. It moves us to action on behalf of our neighbor. Ubuntu is a celebration of being in community with people as mission.

Just a reminder: if you need social action/justice resources for your unit, please do not hesitate to call or email me.

Sources: <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/> and <http://wnccumw.org/social-action/>

Peace and Blessings,

Donna Parks Hill

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*October 14, 2017
9 am until 2 pm
Bring a bag lunch (lunch provided at
Pfeiffer University)
Register online
www.wnccumw.org
Registration open July 1—October 1*

Choose to serve at one of the National Missional Institutions located in our conference. Serve alongside other United Methodist Women in fellowship and love.

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OCTOBER 14, 2017

Bethlehem Center—Charlotte

Project: cut out paper stars

Hands on Mission: children's books (K-5th grade), new or gently used such as: Dr. Seuss, non-fiction, poetry, etc.)

Bring scissors

Registration limited to the first 40 people who sign up

Bethlehem Center—Winston-Salem

Projects: planting flowers, cleaning serving carts, filing papers

Hands on Mission: dish towels, rags, balls, hula hoops

Bring gardening gloves, flower bulbs, cleaning cloths and towels

Bennett College—Greensboro

Projects: landscaping, gardening

Hands on Mission: To be determined (will be posted on website registration)

Bring gardening gloves, plants/flowers, flower bulbs

Brooks-Howell Home—Asheville

Projects: landscaping, gardening, working in the archives and gift shop

Hands on Mission: gift cards from Target, Walmart, AC Moore or Michael's

Bring gardening gloves and gardening hand tools

Pfeiffer University—Misenheimer

Projects: campus landscape and Hunger Relief Garden projects
(planting, harvesting, possible canning...inside & outside!)

Hands on Mission: children's hats, gloves, socks, small toys such as Matchbox Cars for community children's Christmas project

Bring gardening gloves



Program Resources:

UMW SISTERS,

I hope you are well on your way to completing a Reading Plan for 2017(Plan I, II, III, or IV)!!

This summer I found a **MUST READ** for everyone: *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*. The author, J.D. Vance, wrote about his chaotic upbringing in the Rust Belt of Ohio. The book is a personal analysis of the poor whites that moved from Kentucky's Appalachia region to Ohio hoping to make a better life for their families. As J.D.'s family story unfolds, his grandparents, aunt, uncle, sister, and mother, struggle with the demands of their new middle-class life, never fully escaping the legacy of abuse, alcoholism, poverty and trauma.

Another book I highly recommend is: *We Wait You; Waiting on God in Eastern Europe* by Taryn R. Hutchison. Taryn gives a first-hand account of how hearts were transformed after the 1989 Revolutions. You will read of her encounters with Cold War informants, Russian Mafia and persecuted believers. You won't be able to put it down!

These books would be excellent resources for a program in your local units. As you read, ask God to open your hearts and minds on ways your unit can act on behalf of marginalized women, youth and children!

I look forward to seeing you at the District Leadership Training Nov. 4 at North Wilkesboro UMC. The Program Resource Table will have a variety of UMW books from the 2011-2017 reading lists!

Enjoy the rest of the summer and READ!

Anna Bottoms, Secretary of Program Resources

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UMW Appalachian District 2017 Calendar

November 4	District Leadership and Membership Development First United Methodist, North Wilkesboro NC (See flyer on page 8)
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Western North Carolina Conference 2017 Dates

Sep 29 – Oct 1 Lake Junaluska	Annual Celebration (see flyer on page 11)
October 14 Various locations	Ubuntu Day (see flyer on page 6)
October 21 First Taylorsville UMC	Leader Development Day (District UMW)

Appalachian District Leadership and Membership Development



Saturday, November 4th

Registration ~9:00 am **Meeting** ~9:30a.m. - Noon

Hands on Mission Project: UMCOR Cleaning Buckets

5-gallon bucket with resealable lid (Buckets from-food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned; Do not use buckets that have stored chemicals such as paint or pool cleaner; Advertisements on the outside are acceptable.); **Liquid laundry detergent** (One 50-oz. or two 25-oz. bottle(s) only.); **Liquid household cleaner** (12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water; No spray cleaners.); **Dish soap** (16-28 oz. bottle any brand.); **1 can air freshener** (Aerosol or pump.); **1 insect repellent spray** (6-14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover.); **1 scrub brush** (Plastic or wooden handle.); **18 cleaning wipes** (Handi Wipes or reusable wipes; no terry cleaning towels; remove from packaging.); **7 sponges** (No cellulose sponges due to mold issues; remove from wrapper.); **5 scouring pads** (Remove from wrapper; no stainless steel, Brillo pads, or SOS pads-nothing with soap built in); **50 clothespins**; **Clothesline** (One 100-ft. or two 50-ft. lines; cotton or plastic.); **24-roll heavy-duty trash bags** (33- to 45-gallon sizes; remove from the box.); **5 dust masks**; **2 pairs kitchen dishwashing gloves** (Should be durable enough for multiple uses; remove from packaging.); **1 pair work gloves** (Cotton with leather palm or all leather.) When assembling, place all liquid items in the bucket first. Place remaining items in the bucket fitting them around and between the liquid items. Sponges, scouring pads, clothespins, and trash bags can be separated in order to fit all of the items in the bucket. Ensure the lid is closed securely. Enclose an envelope with at least \$1.50 per cleaning bucket for shipping costs. Go to www.umcor.org for additional information.

Location: First UMC North Wilkesboro
401 6th Street
North Wilkesboro, NC 28659

From Boone and West

Take US 421 South toward Wilkesboro. After passing Taco Bell (on left), stay in the left lane and turn left onto US 421 E BR; in approximately 2.5 miles, turn left onto 6th Street (You will see the church on your left.)

From Sparta and North

Follow Hwy 18 South into North Wilkesboro. (Turns into NC 268 Alt/NC18/2nd Street) Turn right onto 6th Street; go one block and through the next traffic light at D Street. (You should see the church on your left.)

From Elkin, Jonesville, and East

Take 268 West (Elkin Hwy) into North Wilkesboro. Bear left onto NC 268/NC 18/ 2nd Street) Turn right onto 6th Street; go one block and through the next traffic light at D Street. (You should see the church on your left.)

From Statesville

Take NC 115 (Statesville Rd) into North Wilkesboro. Turn left at the Wendy's onto NC268/NC 18/2nd Street. In approximately ½ mile, turn right on 6th Street; go one block and through the next traffic light at D Street. (You should see the church ahead in less than ¼ mile).

Assembly 2018

May 18 - 20 – Columbus, Ohio

Scholarship Application Form

Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women

The Western North Carolina Conference United Methodist Women will award three \$600 scholarships for Assembly 2018. Persons applying for scholarship assistance must be a member of a local or district unit of United Methodist Women within the Western North Carolina Conference, and must not have previously attended an Assembly.

Please complete this application form and provide all requested information, and send the completed form to: Nancy Reigel, Conference Treasurer, 375 Troy Norris Rd., Boone, NC 28607

Scholarship applications must be received by October 1st in order to be considered. Scholarship recipients will be notified by October 22nd.

Name _____ Phone _____

Please Print Clearly

Area code & number

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address (if applicable) _____

District _____ Church _____

Please check all that apply...

African American

Age: 18 – 29 years

Caucasian

30 – 50 years

Native American

51 + years

Korean

Haitian

Hispanic

Other

The following five questions are asked to give us an understanding of your interest and involvement in United Methodist Women and the United Methodist Church.

1. What office(s) or responsibilities have you had in United Methodist Women?

2. Have you attended District and/or Conference UMW events? Please list below.

3. What office(s) or responsibilities have you had in Youth Fellowship or church in general?

4. What responsibilities have you had in your community or school?

5. What are your expectations of attending the Assembly?





UNITED METHODIST WOMEN Western North Carolina Conference

Annual Celebration Registration:

(Begins June 19, 2017)

- On-site registration at Lake Junaluska - \$25.00 per person
- **Get a DISCOUNT! Register early and ONLINE!** Online advance registration, June 19, 2017 through September 24, 2017 is only \$15.00 per person! Use the online registration link on our website at www.wnccumw.org.
- **Advance registration fees are transferable, but non-refundable.** If you pre-register and are unable to attend, your registration fee is not refundable, but someone else can attend in your place.
- **Register yourself AND others!** Our online registration offers the opportunity for you to register up to 35 guests at the same time that you do your own registration. Help other members of your local unit to register online — especially those who may not use a computer! Each registration session must have a unique email.
- **DO NOT** mail Annual Celebration registration fee money to Lake Junaluska. Contact us if you have a question about registration.

What: 44th Annual Celebration

Celebrating 148 Years in Mission

When: September 29-October 1, 2017

Registration begins 2pm; Program 6:45pm

Where: Lake Junaluska, Stuart Auditorium

Keynote Weekend Speaker:

Shannon Priddy, President of National United Methodist Women

Mission Speaker:

Cameron Kempson, Deaconess

Music Leaders: Carrie Wright & Rhonda Smith

Hands-On Mission: Gift in Memory/
Gift to Mission Cards and UMCOR
Health Kits

(1 hand towel-15"x25" or 17"x27", 1 washcloth, 1 comb-no pocket comb or pick, 1 metal nail file or clipper, 1 packaged adult toothbrush, 6 adhesive bandages-2/3" to 1", in gallon sealable plastic bag. \$1 shipping in envelope on outside of box. See UMCOR website for more details/packing directions.)

Saturday Afternoon with a PURPOSE:

"Just Be: Taking Time for Self-Care and Sacred Space"-Cameron Kempson
"A Look at Millennial UMW...the Age of Change"-Jalen Lawson

Other highlights:

- myUMW Membership Card/Registration
- Hosting Missionaries for Lunch
- The Celebration Continues...-Saturday Night Entertainment
- UMW Choir on Sunday
- Inspiration Point, Rose Walk, Susanna Wesley Garden, Biblical Garden, Corneille Bryan Native Garden, 2.3-mile Lakeside Walking Trail

Hostess District: Smoky Mountain



Shannon Priddy

Complete information about
Annual Celebration
is available on our website:
www.wnccumw.org
Mark your calendar!

Contact Persons:

Annual Celebration Program

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Questions about Online Payments

Nancy Reigel, Conference Treasurer
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828-268-0637

Questions & Assistance Online Registration

Lynne Gilbert, Webmaster
lgilbert.umw@gmail.com
336-207-3479



Lake Junaluska
Conference & Retreat
Center, P. O. Box 67
Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

Reservations Phone #:

1-800-222-4930 (Toll Free)

**Lake Junaluska
Reservations:
Housing Reservations
Open June 19, 2017**

To book Lake Junaluska
lodging for
Annual Celebration (Group Code
28810108118):

- **Call the Lake Junaluska reservations department at 1-800-222-4930.** Then select 1 for the Reservations Department, and the next available agent will be glad to assist you. The Lake Junaluska reservations team is on duty from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.
- **Reservations can also be made online at www.lakejunaluska.com:**
- **Click BOOK NOW (upper right)**
- **On GUEST & ROOMS screen, select # of adults, children & rooms**
- **Click ADD CODE**
- **Select GROUP ATTENDEE**
- **Key 28810108118**
- **Click ADD**



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Western North Carolina Conference

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2017 Annual Celebration

September 29-October 1, 2017 - Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

Lake Junaluska Accommodations & Rates

The Terrace or Lambuth Inn*

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, TV, phone, elevator, free WI-FI)
Rates are per person, per day, room & meals, before applicable taxes.

	The Terrace Room per night	Lambuth Inn Room per night		Weekend 5-Meal Package*
Single	\$110	\$97	+	\$59.85
Double	\$55	\$48.50	+	\$59.85
Triple	\$44	\$36	+	\$59.85
Quad	\$38	\$29.25	+	\$59.85

*Lake Junaluska operates The Terrace and Lambuth Inn on an American Plan, and meals are required with the room.

NOTE: NO SUNDAY Lunch will be provided in this package!

Lakeside Lodge (meals optional)

(Private baths, heat, air conditioning, TV, phone, free WI-FI,
three floors, no elevator)

Rates are per person, per day, no meals, before applicable taxes.

Single	\$72
Double	\$36
Triple	\$33
Quad	\$27

NOTE: PHOTO ID and CREDIT CARD required for EACH PERSON at Check-In Payment by Credit Card or Cash....NO CHECKS!

Lake Junaluska Lodging Information:

Event lodging reservation deposit is equal to the first night's lodging and is due at the time of reservation. Any rooms not reserved with a Lodging Reservations Deposit will be released into general availability 15 days prior to an event. Individual lodging reservations deposit refund policy: 30 days or more before an event receive a full refund minus \$15 processing fee; 14 days or less before an event will not receive a refund.

EXPRESS CHECK-IN: To expedite check-in time, pay room in full at time of reservation or when contacted via email in advance of meeting and make any roommate changes.

CHECK IN TIME for all facilities is 4:00pm; check out is 11:00am. Photo ID and CREDIT CARD for each person for incidentals required at Check-In. For those who do not have a credit card, the Lake suggests purchasing prepaid credit card prior to arrival.

Meal Information:

NOTE: NO Sunday Lunch in this package!

The room rate that shows on your confirmation letter is the room rate only, meals are an additional cost. Meals are optional for all facilities other than The Terrace or Lambuth Inn. Guests staying in optional meal facilities may purchase a 3-meal package at the same cost of \$34.65 per person for each 3 consecutive meals, or \$59.85 per person for 5 consecutive meals or individual meals can be purchased: \$10.50 for breakfast, \$12.60 for lunch and \$14.70 for dinner. Children 6 through 11 years of age receive meals at half price, 5 years of age and under eat free. **A 5-meal package of \$59.85 per person will automatically be added for each person staying in The Terrace or Lambuth Inn (dinner on Friday, breakfast, lunch & dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday).**