

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 & CHILD CARE AVAILABLE.

**REGISTRATION (FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017)**

**3:00-6:00 PM**

**ELLIE HARVEY ROOM**

*(LATER REGISTRATION IN STRICKLAND AUDITORIUM)*

**FRIDAY DINNER**

**5:30-6:30 IN SMITH DINING ROOM**

**WHOLE GROUP SESSIONS**

MINNIE A. STRICKLAND AUDITORIUM

FRIDAY OPENING SESSION 7:00 PM

SATURDAY SESSIONS 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

SUNDAY SESSION 9:30 AM

*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**

STRICKLAND AUDITORIUM

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

PLEASE BRING PRAYER SHAWLS TO STRICKLAND

AUDITORIUM. SHAWLS WILL BE BLESSED AND

DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE DISTRICTS.

LITERATURE/PROGRAM MATERIALS WILL BE ON  
SALE IN STRICKLAND AUDITORIUM FROM  
FRIDAY AFTERNOON UNTIL SATURDAY NIGHT.  
(NO SUNDAY SALES)

**- SAVE THE DATE -**

**SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE  
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**MARCH 12, 2017**

**UMW DAY**

*LOCAL CHURCHES*

**MARCH 24-26, 2017**

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT**

*EPWORTH-BY-THE-SEA*

*ST. SIMONS ISLAND, GA*

**JUNE 4-7, 2017**

**SOUTH GEORGIA UNITED METHODIST**

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

*JEKYLL ISLAND CONFERENCE CENTER*

**JULY 13-16, 2017**

**MISSION U**

*EPWORTH-BY-THE-SEA*

*ST. SIMONS ISLAND, GA*

**SEPTEMBER**

**DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS**

**OCTOBER 7, 2017**

**DISTRICT OFFICER TRAINING (DLTE)**

*TBA*

**OCTOBER 21, 2017**

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

**CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING**

*FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF STATESBORO*

*STATESBORO, GEORGIA*

# **SISTERS OF GRACE: THE WOMEN AROUND JESUS**



**SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE  
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S  
AND TEEN'S  
SPIRITUAL GROWTH  
RETREAT 2017**

**MARCH 24-26, 2017**

*EPWORTH-BY-THE-SEA*

*ST. SIMONS ISLAND, GEORGIA*

**RETREAT LEADER:**

**REVEREND NITA CRUMP**

**PRAISE & WORSHIP LEADER:**

**SUSAN BEVERLY**

**TEEN WOMEN'S RETREAT LEADER:**

**IVY KRATZER**

## SATURDAY INTEREST GROUPS

RANK YOUR TOP 5 CHOICES (1ST – 5TH) AND SEND TO MARGUERITE WITH RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM.  
YOU WILL BE ASSIGNED TO CHOSEN INTEREST GROUPS ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

	TITLE/SUBJECT	LEADER
_____	WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS---BUT WHAT KIND OF FRIEND ARE WE? Explore how the actions of four friends of Jesus (Simon, the Leper; Jairus, the two-faced leader; Peter, the betrayer; and John, the arrogant disciple) can help us relate to the most important people in our lives.	CHARLENE BLACK
_____	ELOOQUENT SILENCE Are you ever uncomfortable with silence? How do you feel when God is silent? If you have prayed and heard nothing from Him, what do you think His silence often represents?	NANCY HUDSON
_____	TEA FOR TWO Relax with friends over a cup of tea! Learn more about the history of tea, its production, and different types of tea.	BEV KICKLIGHTER
_____	BEAD BY BEAD Prayer beads can help us <i>encounter</i> God, surrender to His power, <i>offer</i> ourselves to God and <i>listen</i> for His response. Prayer beads can help us enter into and maintain lives of prayer that are whole and complete. Make your own set of prayer beads and learn how to use them.	CAROL BANKS
_____	HAY-BALE FARMING Feed your body and your spirit! How can the way your food is produced affect God's creation as well as your health? Learn about the benefits of organic farming.	DIXIE HUDSON & JANET MCMAHAN
_____	IT'S IN THE CARDS Creating a special card for a friend or loved one can be a very prayerful, spiritual experience. Mary will share her card ministry and participants will create a card of their own.	MARY WAKEFIELD
_____	ANGELS IN DAILY LIFE Have you ever entertained angels unaware? Has an everyday angel ever ministered to you? Take a look around; there are angels among us.	BARBARA SPICER

### "Free Time Options"

_____	<b>Arthur J. Moore Museum Tour</b> -- Guided tour beginning promptly at 2:45 Saturday afternoon.	ANNE PACKARD
	Other ideas to be announced.	

TEENS REGISTERED IN THE TEEN WOMEN'S RETREAT ARE AUTOMATICALLY ASSIGNED TO TEEN INTEREST GROUPS.

[FOR OFFICE USE ONLY - DATE RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_]

## RETREAT LEADER: REVEREND NITA CRUMP

Dr. Nita Crump, superintendent of the Southwest District, believes in serving others through ministry.

Growing up in Elbert County in northeast Georgia, Dr. Crump attended a small country church on a three-point charge.

A graduate of the University of Georgia and Erskine Theological Seminary, Dr. Crump served in nursing home management before answering the call to full-time pastoral ministry.

She has served congregations in Barney, Swainsboro, Mount Vernon, Ailey, Roberta, and Hawkinsville.

Dr. Crump and her husband, Jackson, have five children, two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. She enjoys travelling, reading, crocheting, needlepoint, and watching University of Georgia football.

## TEEN WOMEN'S RETREAT LEADER: IVY KRATZER

Ivy Kratzer has served as Director of Christian Education at Waycross First United Methodist Church since 2002. In 2004 her responsibilities were expanded to include Director of Children's Ministries, and then in 2010 she also became Director of Youth ministries. Ivy has enjoyed leading church camps, Bible studies, mission projects, and retreats with the children and youth of the Waycross community for many years.

Ivy has been in an active UMW circle for 10 years. After finding United Methodist Women so beneficial and meaningful in her life, she organized the Waycross FUMC Teen circle. This teen circle has been very active in raising funds for Vashti, Children's Home, UMCOR, and many other church and community endeavors.

A native of Waycross, Ivy is currently working on a degree in Teacher Education with emphasis in Early Childhood. She is the mother of a teenage daughter, Katie, and two fur babies who occupy all of what little spare time she has.