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MO Conference UMW Eighth Annual Meeting September 24, 2011

"Peace is a many colored thing"

"Live at peace with everyone" Romans 12:18

First UMC of Blue Springs

301 SW Woods Chapel Road
Blue Springs, MO 64013

We are on our way to Blue Springs this year for our Annual Meeting on September 24, 2011. We will have worship, a key note speaker, focus groups, tours and a time to meet and eat and some awesome fellowship with each other as well completing the business of the Conference UMW.

We will start our time together with tours of mission agencies near Blue Springs on Friday, September 23rd at 2:00 p.m. We will meet at 1st UMC of Blue Springs where we will get into vans and busses from local churches to go tour your choice of Della Lamb, Spoffard, New house or ReStart. You will need to make your 1st and 2nd choice on your registration form.

Supper is on your own. Then from 6-8 p.m. we will have our fellowship time with "Meet and Eat" which is a time of light snacks provided by the three host Districts of Heartland Central, Heartland North and Pony Express in room 117 at 1st UMC Blue Springs. Anyone that is involved in the program on Saturday is expected in the Sanctuary at 8:00 p.m. for practice.

Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. registration begins in the foyer of the church. Just outside the doors to use are the church bell and "Welcome Home" sign. There are stairs at this entrance so if you need the use of the elevator or wheelchair entrance, those doors are on the south side of the church where the flags are posted. During registration time you will be able to fellowship with light snacks, visit the program resource room, visit the Mission Corsages booth or the History room which will have a display of our history

presented by our Historian, Carol Smith. Registration will be until 8:45 a.m. when we will gather to sing in the Sanctuary followed by opening worship and the business meeting.

During the business meeting we will elect our officers for 2012, accept the proposed budget and hear reports on events that happened this year and will happen in the next year. We will honor our Women in Mission of the Year also during the morning session.

After lunch, catered by the local unit, we will present your choice of two different focus groups. You have asked in the past that we show you how to use the program book. So, this year we are basing the focus groups on the 2011 program book "Finding Peace" and other current topics.

You will need to make your 1st four choices on the registration form. You will only attend two, 45 minute focus groups but we will be limited in space in the rooms we will be using for the groups. We will try to get everyone into their first two choices but the groups will be filled as the registration forms are turned in to the registrar. After the focus groups we will gather again in the Sanctuary for the Pledge Service and Key note speaker. Our key note speaker this year will be the host church's Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Sally Haynes. She will bring a message that will inspire and bless all in attendance and will lead us in communion after her message.

Our Ingathering this year will be the needs of the mission projects we will be touring. Those items needed are: Dove or Ivory Soap, Soap Containers, 1" or 2" white binders, Diapers Sizes 4-6, Shower Curtains, Shower Shoes and travel size toiletries. At this meeting we will be a designated collection point for the Little Dresses for Africa. The pattern and material list can be obtained on the website or at www.nancysnotions.com

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