



The Dogwood Diary

A Newsletter by the
Atlanta Diocese ECW

President's Report

By: Mrs. Gwen Hyman

Greetings Ladies:

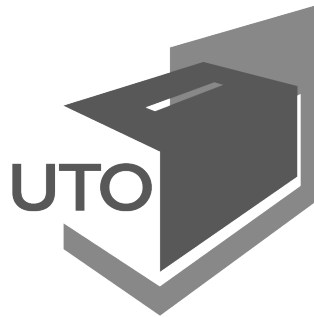
I wish to extend a warm invitation to all the ladies of the Diocese of Atlanta to attend our Annual Spring Retreat held at Mikell Camp & Conference Center located in Toccoa, GA. If you have never been to Camp Mikell, you are missing a real treat!

Our Retreat Leader is again Alma Hall, a parishioner from St. Paul's, Atlanta. She is back by popular demand! For the first time ever, last year the Evaluations loved the speaker; there were no negative remarks! If you missed her last year, don't make the same mistake again. Alma will again be teaching from Liz Curtis Hicks' books on bad girls of the Bible. We can't wait to see who she has selected for us this year!

At the Retreat, we will be collecting items for 2 of our favorite projects: Mimi's Pantry and Camp Mikell. Mimi's Pantry is a food pantry serving the students at the Atlanta University Center. Many of these students are on scholarship and can't afford one of the food plans offered by the colleges. Mimi's Pantry, an outreach program of The Church of the Incarnation, provides food and toiletry items to these students. Camp Mikell has an extensive Wish List on their website of items needed from sports equipment for campers to office and kitchen items. **Please help us in supporting these two worthy outreach projects!**

United Thank Offering

By: Joy Boyden, United Thank Offering Diocesan Representative, Diocese of Atlanta



The 2019 United Thank Offering Grant Session will focus on the following: GO: Crossing the boundaries created by race, culture and economics to create communities that listen deeply and learn to love like Jesus.

2019 Grants are due on the following dates:

- Annual Grant Applications: 03/03/19
- Young Adult Grant Applications: 11/01/19
- Seminarian Grant Applications: 11/01/19

Have a grant to submit or questions? Contact Joy Boyden jjboyden45@gmail.com.

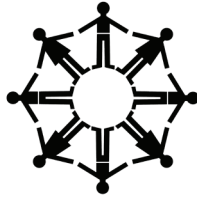
An open letter from Laura Masterson, our Rosa Woodbury Scholarship recipient

My Dear Ladies,

You have been in my thoughts lately. I hope you are well.

I am so very grateful for your work in my seminary journey. I am half way finished and am looking forward to the Semester ahead. I will be taking another preaching course, finishing Christian Ethics, and studying the Prayer Book and history of liturgy more in depth. I'm really looking forward to Pastoral Theology.

I have been selected to go to a Preaching Excellence symposium in Washington, DC this May. The ECW contributions are so appreciated as I continue to pay for books, tuition, and travel for exciting opportunities such as this. *My best to you all, Laura Masterson*



2019 ECW Annual Spring Retreat at Camp Mikell

Friday, May 03 - Sunday, May 05, 2019

This year's retreat will be lead by Alma Hall from St. Paul's, Atlanta. Alma will be teaching from one of the Bad Girls of the Bible books by Liz Curtis Hicks. Ms. Hicks is the author of *Bad Girls of the Bible*, *Really Bad Girls of the Bible* and *Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible*. All 3 books are available from Amazon and Books-a-Million.

If You Missed Last Year's Retreat, You Don't Want To Miss This One!

There will be 4 workshops/activities on Saturday:

- **Walk to the Cross** (for hardy souls!) There will be a leader.
- **Crafts** – Prayer Dolls are returning this year – so much fun! No experience necessary.
- **Yoga** – Good for the body, good for the soul! Bring a yoga mat or large towel.
- **Meditation** – With leader in the chapel (also good for the soul).

Other things to look forward to:

- Join us for the always popular Friday Sip 'N' Share – 4:30pm until dinner time. There will be lots of yummy snacks, wine, soft drinks and of course, conversation! Catch up with old friends and make new ones.
- Friday is T-Shirt day for our afternoon "Sip 'N' Share." Proudly show off your Parish or ECW Shirt.
- ECW Market Place is back featuring ECW T-shirts, Dogwood crosses, Shima soap, Navajo jewelry and items from our ECW groups. *Please bring cash or check, as credit card payments can't be accepted.*

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registrations must be received by April 15, 2019.

- **Day Rate** includes sessions and lunch on Saturday ONLY. Session starts at 9:00 am.
- **Full weekend rate** include all meals - Friday dinner through Sunday lunch and two nights lodging.

PLEASE BRING AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Kroger Gift Card, food or toiletry items for Mimi's Pantry
- Camp Mikell Wish List items from their website

Bed linens, towels and toiletries are not furnished in dormitory accommodations. Please make plans to provide your own. Groups wishing to room together are encouraged to mail in registrations together.

Questions? Contact: Gwen Hyman, HM 404-361-8607 / C 404-790-5613 or ghyman@bellsouth.net
Very limited scholarship assistance is available, for further information contact Gwen Hyman.

Directions: www.campmikell.com

ECW website: www.atlantaecw.org

2019 ECW Annual Spring Retreat Registration Form

Please only register one person per form. Feel free to make as many copies of this form as needed.

First + Last Name

Parish

Street Address

City + State

Zip Code

Primary Phone

Email Address

I WILL ATTEND:

Full Weekend

Rates: Dormitory (\$110) Cabin: (\$180) Retreat Village (\$180)

Is this your first year attending the ECW Spring Retreat?

YES NO

Lodging Preference:

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

Private room: (add \$55.00 to above pricing) _____

Saturday ONLY (sessions start at 9am and include lunch - \$35.00)

Please list any special housing, dietary or medical needs:

Roommate or group preferences: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Checks payable to ECW, Diocese of Atlanta

DON'T FORGET YOUR DONATIONS FOR MIMI'S PANTRY OR FROM CAMP MIKELL'S WISH LIST.

Mail registration to: Diane Burrows, 1220 Satellite Blvd., Apt. 510, Suwanee, GA 30024

The Alice Sylvia Child Memorial Scholarship Fund funds scholarships to the ECW Spring Retreat at Camp Mikell. Optional donations to this fund are much appreciated. Please consider donating: \$ _____

Make check payable to ECW, Diocese of Atlanta and **note that it is for the scholarship fund.** Mail your check with your registration form.

Saturday Sessions

You may attend any two of the concurrent sessions. For planning purposes, we need to know how many will be attending each session.

PLEASE CHOOSE NO MORE THAN 2.

Walk to Cross Yoga

Prayer Dolls Meditation



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2019 ECW Annual Spring Retreat at Camp Mikell
Friday, May 3 - Sunday, May 5, 2019
Find the registration form inside.
Province IV Women's Retreat
Monday, June 3 - Wednesday, June 5, 2019
Trinity Episcopal Center, Pine Knoll Shores, NC

Save the Date

