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MTOP Laity and Clergy Retreat

Montgomery-Opelika District Laity & Clergy Retreat Friday & Saturday, February 25 & 26, 2011 at Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat 107 Holy Trinity Road Fort Mitchell, AL 36856



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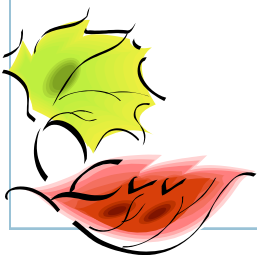
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Retreatants have private rooms with adjoining bath.

The Retreat House is a modern 40 bedroom facility, air-conditioned throughout. It is situated on 1200 acres of woodlands, which provide ample space for solitude to commune with nature along wooded paths, bordering the Chattahoochee River. Home-cooked meals are served cafeteria-style. All you will need to bring is your Bible, personal items and clothing, comfortable for the season.

To register you need to complete the form and return it to the Montgomery-Opelika District Office, 1749 Platt Place, Montgomery, AL 36117-7762, with your \$35 deposit as soon as possible. ****You May also register and Pay online using PayPal.****

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(ET - 5:30 p.m. Friday to 2:30 p.m. Saturday - ET)

REGISTRATION FORM

Return Completed Registration Form and Deposit to:
Montgomery-Opelika District Office, 1749 Platt Place, Montgomery, AL 36117-7762



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ST/ZIP: _____

GENDER: _____ (For room assignment purposes only)

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

CHURCH: _____

If you have special physical and/or dietary needs, please list them with specifics and explanation of requirements: _____

Since we will be sharing a bathroom with someone, if you have a preferred "roommate" please list their name here and send your reservations in together if possible: _____

The total cost for the full retreat is \$70. We have asked for a \$35 deposit to be sent with your reservation with the remaining \$35 due the Monday before the retreat (February 21st).

*If you can only make it for the Saturday morning events, there will be a small fee for meals. Please complete this registration form and return it with \$15 as soon as possible.

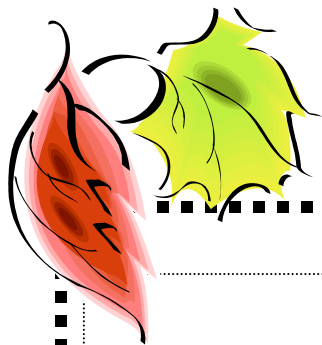
REGISTRATION FOR: Full Retreat _____ Saturday Morning Only _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____ BALANCE DUE: \$ _____

More specific information concerning the schedule and the retreat will be sent to you with your confirmation upon registration so be sure you give us full contact information and write clearly.

We hope you are as excited about this retreat as we are and will talk to your church members, encouraging them to attend.





Please Pray for Us:



Please continue to pray for **Mr. Freddie Winford, father of Rev. Patsy Gibson**, Bowen/Tuskegee First Charge. He was hospitalized for several days following a fall, and then last Friday he had a stroke. He is now in the CCU at St. Francis Hospital in Columbus, GA, while they are trying to determine the best treatment for him. Please keep him and the family in your prayers during this time of testing and decision making for God's loving support and guidance.

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Please continue to pray for **Rev. Linda Tigney, St. Paul, Union Springs**. She is still in the hospital undergoing testing and treatments and ask that we all pray for healing.

Charge Conference October

<p>October 3</p> <p>3:00 PM MTO CC:</p> <p>Bowen/Tuskegee, Armstrong</p>	<p>October 4</p> <p>06:00 PM MTO CC: Wesley Memorial, Watoola, ST. Paul-Opelika, Lee Circuit</p>	<p>October 5</p> <p>06:00 PM MTO CC: Mt. Carmel, Ramer, Pine Level/Hill's Chapel</p>	<p>October 6</p> <p>06:00 PM MTO CC: Bradford's Chapel, Williams Chapel/Society Hill, Neals Chapel</p>	<p>October 10</p> <p>03:00 PM MTO CC: Banks Charge, Oak Grove/Shady Grove, Murphy's Chapel</p> <p>06:00 PM MTO CC: Brundidge, William's Chapel/Tennille, Center Ridge/Chestnut G</p> <p>06:00 PM MTO CC: Union, New Prospect/Pentecost, Antioch/ Roxana</p>	
<p>October 11</p> <p>06:00 PM MTO CC: Mt. Zion, Crawford/Hillside, Salem Charge</p>	<p>October 17</p> <p>06:00 PM MTO CC: St. Mark</p>	<p>October 19</p> <p>06:00 PM MTO CC: Luvernce, Brantley/ Brunson's Chapel, Glenwood, Rutledge/ Liveo</p>	<p>October 20</p> <p>06:00 PM MTO CC: Union Springs, ST. Paul-Union Springs</p>	<p>October 24</p> <p>06:00 PM MTO CC: Pine Grove, Beulah</p>	<p>October 30</p> <p>06:00 PM MTO CC: Aldersgate</p>



Secretary's Corner

The time of Charge Conferences is upon us! Be sure your pastor has given you the documents or go to the District website at www.themontgomerydistricts.com and click on "Charge Conference 2010" to find all you will need. Following your conference, update your leadership on the database at www.awfumc.org using your username and password at the "church login" site. If you would like, I will help you with this – just call me. I can help you over the phone or come to your office and guide you and your helpers through the process. It is very important that we have your local officers updated by the first of December.

Please advertise the **Children's Home Banquet** scheduled for Tuesday, September 28th at 6:30 at Auburn First UMC and encourage your congregation to attend. The cost is \$8 per person and a nursery will be available with registration – which is due in by the 21st. We now have the District website set up for you to register **AND** pay on-line. We are trying to make this as convenient as possible for you and your clergy.

Please advertise and encourage your congregation to sign up for the **Laity & Clergy Retreat** scheduled for February 25 & 26, 2011. This is a wonderful opportunity for worship, reflection and solitude. The cost is only \$70 each and covers meals, room, and guest speaker. You can register **and** pay for this on-line at the District website or call the District Office at 334-239-7329. We must turn in a count the end of December so be sure to get your people thinking about and planning for it now.

Be sure your clergy have the Clergy Christmas Party on their calendar. It will be on **Thursday, December 9th, at 6:00 PM at St. James UMC**, Montgomery. (This is a different date than was originally advertised due to scheduling conflicts.)

January 16th, District Conference and Local Church Academy ~ Trinity Opelika

*****NOTICE: The Evaluation Forms, Advisory Forms, and Profile Forms will all be mailed together sometime the first of November. Each Document will specify when it is due in the District Office.*****

Thank you for all your hard work. Please feel free to call me if I can be of assistance in any way.

Linda
334-239-7329

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Just in case you
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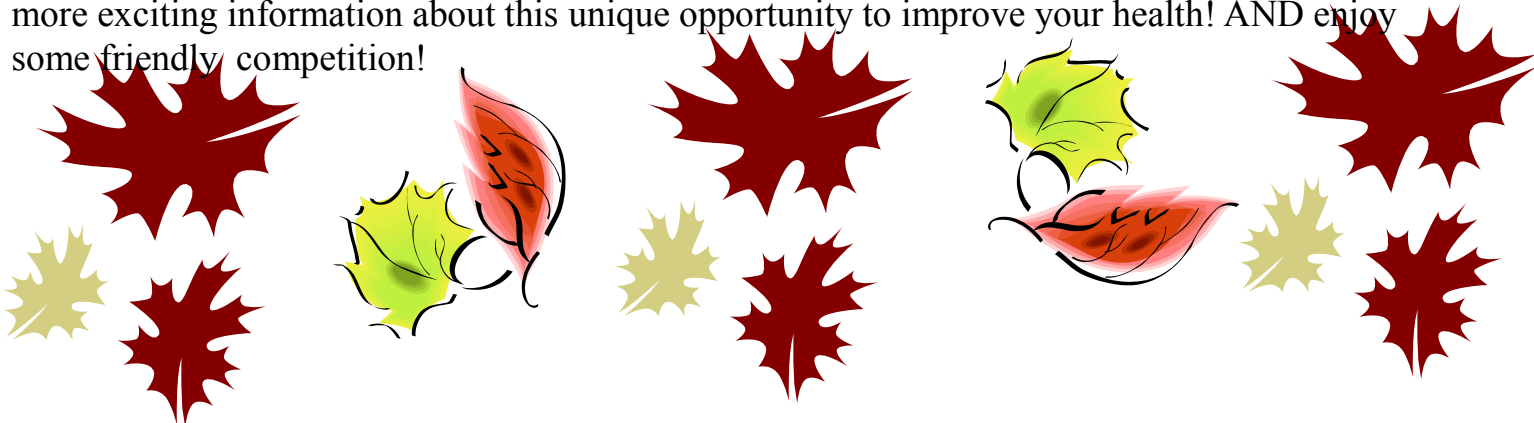


Hello Health Insurance Participants: <https://secure.bcbs.com/walkingworks/> Join us for the next 12 weeks in the *WalkingWorks*® Challenge—a friendly walking competition between July 4, 2010 and September 24, 2010. To register, go to www.walkingworks.com and click on the “Sign Up” link. A screen will appear asking if you are participating in *WalkingWorks* as part of a group—click “Yes.” A drop-down menu will appear with a list of groups. Highlight BCBS of Alabama followed by Alabama West Florida Methodist, AWF Walkers and District Team name. Continuing on the same screen, fill out the registration form by typing your name, e-mail, password, age group, participation level and work zip code. Click “Submit.”

When you have sign up for *WalkingWorks*, you’ll receive a FREE pedometer and a Participant Guide with instructions for tracking the number of steps you walk each week. Once you sign up, you’ll receive weekly e-mail reminders and tips, and you’ll be able to track your personal and team progress on the Web site. For more information, contact Trish Bruner. Rev-

trishl@bellsouth.net or your district team captain. **Team captains are:** Baypines

- Bouncers - Beth Price 251-239-9002
 - Demopolis Darers - Dunford Cole 334-627-3444
 - Dothan Dominators - Bob Penton 251-575-2790
 - Marianna Panama City Prancers - Cherie Meadows 850-231-4928
 - Mobile Motivators - Lynn Fincher 251-873-4721
 - Montgomery Opelika Optimists - Dan Pezet 334-745-2841
 - Montgomery Prattville Pacesetters - Olivia Poole 334-365-5977
 - Pensacola Pioneers - Carolyn Nelson 850-477-3145
 - AWF Staff Steppers - Meredyth Earnest 334-356-8014
- Please watch for more exciting information about this unique opportunity to improve your health! AND enjoy some friendly competition!



Web News

Well we have some very exciting Web News for the Month of September. The Montgomery District have hit the social media scene making an effective way of faster communication with our district. If you haven't joined us we are on Facebook. Stay tuned to the website for updates.

We have featured a new page that we hope will be of assistance to the local churches. Its Called Help-A-Church. This page was created to help churches that have more than they need share with other churches in the area that are in need. It really simple if you have things to share let us know, and if you have a need we may be able to help. Just this past month, we have helped Maplesville UMC furnish the church with a piano. You can even send information right from the page on our website.

We would also like to hear from local churches if you have events happening, we will send these events out in the newsletter, post them on our website, and share them with fans on facebook. We love to share about what's going on in the district. It helps other churches get creative ideas, as well as invites people to your event. The more people that come the more people are witnessed to, and can become disciples for Jesus themselves.

If your church has a facebook page or a website, please send it to us. We are in the middle of updating the website local church page and would love to include a website address and a facebook link. If you would like to send the embed code for your facebook page, we would be happy to put your badge under your church too.

Our newest feature on the website that we hope will help us serve our local churches better is Pay Pal. You now have the option to pay for events hosted by the district On-line. This will make some transactions easier for you we hope. You may still register for events by email, Phone, or through the website and mail checks. The Pay-Pal option is for added convenience.

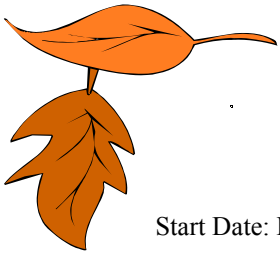
Please as always let me know if there is anything that will help improve the website, you may email me directly www.web316llc@yahoo.com or fill out the site survey.

Tanya Murphy

Web Administrator

www.themontgomerydistricts.com

www.web316.org



Start Date: Monday, October 18, 2010

Start Time: 6:30 pm

End Date: Monday, October 18, 2010

End Time: 8:00 pm

Montgomery-Opelika District
C.O.R.E. Team Meeting
Monday, October 18, 2010
6:30 pm

Location: Park Memorial UMC
750 Elba Hwy., Troy, AL 36079

Address

Park Memorial UMC

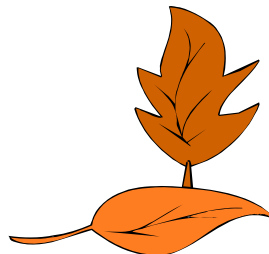
750 Elba Hwy

Troy,AL 36079

Contact

Coordinator:Linda

Coordinator Email:mtpods@knology.net





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