

Retreat Leaders for February 28 – March 1, 2020

Keynote Speaker – Rev. Geraldine McClellan



Reverend McClellan has been a director of the Foundation since June, 2011. Rev. McClellan is retired from Senior Pastor at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church. Prior to serving on the Foundation she served as the District Superintendent of the Gainesville District /North Central District for eight years, and Pastor of Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church (1988-2000). Rev. McClellan is the Pastor of Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, and is known throughout the United Methodist connection as a Retreat speaker, Bible Study Leader, and Preacher.

Bible Study Leader – Rev. Valerie Goddard



For nearly two decades, Valerie Goddard has been a vibrant influence in the development of program services to children and families within a global and multi-cultural framework. For over 12 years she served as the Executive Director of a United Way Agency and also served previously as the Deputy Director of Child Development for the Department of Defense. Valerie is the President/CEO of a consulting firm and travels extensively in the United States and abroad serving as keynote speaker, trainer and workshop facilitator on prevalent early care and education issues, community

development, public/private partnerships, and various faith-based initiatives. Valerie is a proud mother of two children ages 20 and 17. While balancing parenting with the demands of a career, Valerie has gained a great appreciation for the importance of working diligently to influence the development of policies and services that can improve the quality of life for children and families. Valerie has served on numerous national and local boards. However, she is most honored to serve the Tampa Bay community as a gubernatorial appointee of the Children's Board of Hillsborough County.

Music Leader – Sue Sommer



For seventeen years, 1996-2013, Sue Sommer Ministries answered God's call to ministry through music. Traveling the country presenting concerts, leading retreats, and speaking, kept Sue and Marcia Nelson, her administrative assistant and sound tech, busy and on the road. During that time, Sue produced 5 cd's, held annual Christmas performances drawing crowds and engaging other musicians, discovered a gift for speaking and

designed her own women's retreat known as the Sommer Sleepover. Due to life circumstances, Sue and Marcia are currently on different journeys, Sue as a landscape designer in South Florida and Marcia as a Realtor in Sarasota, FL. But both dream of those days and the memories and friends that were made, some of the most treasured to them both! God is in control, and should He say "Go", they will listen. Sue and Marcia are grateful for the opportunity to be here in Leesburg once again. After so many years of ministry for the Leesburg Women's Retreats, it's like coming home!

Devotion Leader – Cynthia J. Ulrich “Devotion” (Sat. AM)



Cynthia Ulrich joined the Design Team in 2016. Cynthia is a native of Warner Robins, GA and now lives in Valrico, FL. In June of 1989, she married Andy Ulrich and lives with one yellow lab (Hope), one chocolate lab puppy (Bailey) and four Parrots (Gracie, Bubba, Punky and Kiwi). Following college, she worked as a Software Development Engineer for the Department of Defense, and Fortune 500 Companies like Ernest & Julio Gallo Winery, Southwestern Bell Communications, and GenAmerica / MetLife. Cynthia currently works at the Department of Veteran’s Affairs as the Master Veteran Index Lead Software Quality Assurance Analyst where she designs, develops and test software for customers in the Health

Care Identity Management and Veteran’s Benefits sections. Cynthia and Andy hosted a Friday night Bible Study in their home for the past seven years. Andy served as a Lay-Pastor at New Hope Dover Campus Methodist Church and Cynthia is very active in her church’s mission’s outreach: she tutors Math on Wednesday nights to at risk teenage girls, teaches a ladies’ Bible Study at the church and leads a Healing Ministry.

Devotion Leader – - Maryann Yotka “Devotion” (Sun. AM)



MaryAnn was born and raised in Saddle Brook NJ. She married her husband Gene in 1993. Gene is a retired pastor with the United Methodist Conference and together they have 5 children (Beau, Kitty, Tara, Kurt and Victoria) and 8 grandchildren (Bella, Kaya, Alina, Lincoln, James, Josie, Tyler and Richard) her dogs Keeva (40 lbs mixed) and Benson (170lbs English Mastiff). In 2004 the family moved to Florida to continue in their ministry; MaryAnn is a Spiritual Director, the showroom manager of ACE

Educational Supplies, Public Speaker in motivation & encouragement and serves with her husband on the board for The Awakening Institute, a spiritual formation school for one’s mind, body and spirit. She is involved in Public speaking, teaching, Spiritual direction, Soul Care, singing, her art and other creative endeavors. 2 Corinthians 6:3-4 *“We live in such a way that no one will stumble because of us, and no one will find fault with our ministry.”*

Enrichment Leader 1– Rev. Peytyn Tobin “Let Your Faith Roar- Voice of Truth”



Peytyn Tobin is a mom, pastor, Founder/Executive Director of Nourishing Lives, Inc., Leadership Coach, Student Mentor, and Speaker/Teacher. She has a passion for igniting a spark in young leaders that inspires love of others and passion to create positive change in our world. Pastor Peytyn says *“I want young leaders to know that they have greatness within them. The way they treat themselves and others makes a difference in who they become. Each person was created to be amazing; and each has the ability to impact the world for the better.”* Pastor Peytyn was recognized in 2018 by *Hands on Broward with the Youth Changemaker Award* for impacting the lives of Youth; and she was featured by *NBC’s Shelly Muniz as the first “Fierce*

Female Friday” segment for her work through Nourishing Lives’ Pack-A-Sack program. Pastor Peytyn currently is an Associate Pastor at New Horizon United Methodist Church and is active in leading community partnership through the Non-profit Nourishing Lives, Inc.

Enrichment Leader 2 – Rev. Lisa Stamp “Doubt, The Enemy’s Ultimate Weapon”



Lisa Stamp is the mother of two grown women and proud Nana of the wonderful Jack. Lisa discerned her call to ministry, in large part, because of these retreats, so, she recognizes how special this time away is for women. After graduating with her Masters of Divinity at Asbury Theological Seminary, she was appointed to be a part time Pastor at New Horizon UMC as the Minister of Mission and Outreach. Lisa has always had a passion for teaching adults and helping to grow their discipleship. She is thrilled to get to share God’s word with the amazing group of women who attend retreat. These weekends always serve to remind her how much God provides women with the unique support we offer each other along the journey.

Enrichment Leader 3 – Anita LeVan “I Do Believe, Help My Unbelief”



I am originally from Ohio. I am the proud Mother of a 29 year son, Jeremy. I grew up in the United Methodist church. I have been a member of Terra Ceia United Methodist Church for more than 30 years. I have taught Sunday School, sing in the choir, lead a bible study, lay servant worship leader at least once a month and have delivered Sunday morning messages when needed. I am a Certified Lay Servant. I also was blessed with the privilege to do the Walk to Emmaus.

Accompanist – Margie Anderson “Hymn Sing”



Margie Anderson began learning about Jesus and singing hymns at her grandma’s knee from a very early age. “Grandma probably had more influence on leading me to Jesus than anyone else in my life. I’ll always remember how she encouraged me to play hymns for her and we’d sing them together. What a treasure I had in her!” Margie earned her BA in Elementary Education from Florida Southern College and teaches 2nd Graders at First Methodist School in Bartow. She has also served as accompanist, choir member, and children’s choir director in many churches through the years. In addition to hymns, she also enjoys ‘classic’ choral & instrumental music. She met her husband of 37 years, John (Professor of Music at Polk State College), when she sang in the Chapel Choir at FSC in 1978 where he was the organist/choir director. They’ve been making music together ever since. They are members of First UMC in Bartow and share their home with their son, John Neil, and 4 lazy, crazy, kitties.

Enrichment Leader – Kathy DeLozier - “Make –It- Take- It”



Katherine (Kathy) DeLozier comes to her enjoyment of paper crafts through a lifetime of enjoying a variety of different kinds of crafts - quilting, needlework, leathercraft and stained glass to name a few. Her focus of making and sharing handmade cards came from her recent acquisition of a journaling Bible - and friends from church sharing 'their' hobby of card making with her... and she was hooked! Picking papers, finding the right

stamp or color and dies... it is a joy! Her professional background started as a middle and high school history and drama teacher. She became a Director of Christian Education and has enjoyed professional and lay responsibilities with various Christian denominations. Presently, she is part of a new, small non-denominational congregation which meets weekly and seeks to live out the church's mission to Love God! Love Others! and Serve the World! She lives in Merritt Island and works as a Web Support Technician. All of her kids have 4 legs and tails. This is her 5th or 6th Woman's Retreat, and she feels blessed to be here.

Enrichment Leader –Roxie Haas – Line Dancing



My name is Roxanne Haas and I am 64 years Old. My nick name is Roxie so, please feel free call me that since Roxanne was the name I heard only when in trouble. I am originally from Pittsburgh, The Steel City, home of the Steelers. I presently reside in Odessa, Fl. with my husband of 41 years. We have had 3 children together. Our first daughter, Rachel born in 1978 passed away at age 2, our son Christopher is now 36, married for 14 yrs. and has 3 beautiful children, 2 boys and a girl. Our youngest Katie 33 has been married for 5

years with a 21 month old son and a baby girl due in Oct.

I was raised Catholic and attended Catholic school for 8 yrs. When I left Pittsburgh in 1976, I attended a church in Largo for a prayer meeting and turned my life totally over to the Lord and I have been serving Him since. Women's Ministries, Sunday School teacher, Small Group Leader, Grief Share Leader and in charge of training our women leaders at our church, Generations Christian Church. This fall I hope to be chosen to help with Awana's. I worked in various jobs but the one I loved the most and lasted the longest was working as a PCT with Bay Care Hospitals for 14 yrs. I also worked for our local elementary school and my most recent job was working for a Chiropractor doing receptionist work and working with the patients in exercises. While I haven't had any college training in dancing; I love to dance and have taken line dancing lessons for years. Right now I am a member of the Silver Follies Tap and Jazz Company since 2014. We are a group of ladies ranging in ages from 64-81 who love to dance and know the importance of exercise. We have performed for Nursing Homes, VFWs and luncheons, but our Main Show is in the beginning of March. Last year we actually sold out with an attendance of 400 people. Silver Follies can be reviewed on Face Book if anyone is interested. I look forward to meeting new people all the time and sharing my zest for dance and exercise and sharing my love for the Lord and meeting new sisters in Christ.