

## **Retreat Leaders for February 8-10, 2019**

### **Keynote Speaker – Rev. Emily Knight**



Rev. Emily Knight was born at a very young age and grew up in Port Orange, Florida. She earned a degree in Religion--with a minor in music--from Florida Southern College where she met her ruggedly bearded husband, Matt. After years of working in the local church, Emily attended Duke Divinity School and discovered a passion for creative, embodied worship; art and Scripture; and the Holy Spirit who unites us in our diversity. Emily is currently a pastor at First United Methodist Church, Ocala and continually grateful for the everyday moments in ministry that reveal God's grace.

### **Bible Study Leader – Rev. Rachel Hughes**



My name is Rachel Hughes and I grew up in East Tennessee with 6 siblings and my parents, Frank and Pearl Hughes, at the helm. After graduating from High School, I went into the United States Army for three years. I came back home to East Tennessee and attended college before moving to Clearwater, Florida in 1981. I joined the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office in 1981, and retired in 2009 after serving 28 years. In 1995, I joined the United States Army Reserves where I served in three wars, Desert Storm, Iraqi, and Afghanistan. I retired in 2016 after serving 22 years. I joined Palm Harbor United Methodist Church in 1991, where I taught 5th grade Sunday School and was an Usher. I transferred my membership to Union Street United Methodist Church in 2003 where I served as Usher, Sunday School Teacher, Van Driver, and Lay Servant. I also worked closely with the Micronesian Ministry. In 2011 God called me into the ministry and I became a part time Local Pastor at Union Street United Methodist Church. I then served as the Assistant Pastor at First United Methodist Church of Dunedin when the two churches merged. I was appointed as the Local Pastor at Curlew United Methodist Church, Palm Harbor, FL. in February 2017, where I presently serve.

### **Music Leader – Cindy & Casey Cleveland**



Casey & Cindy Cleveland have been blessed with the opportunities to lead worshippers into the presence of God for over 16 years. While individually they are very talented doing events and services for Men's & Women's conferences, together they have joined forces to usher in the Power of God at LifeChurch Lakeland. Casey & Cindy have 4 beautiful children, Solomon 5, Isaac 3, and Selah who is already in the presence of the Lord and little baby Daniel.

### **Devotion Leader – Siera Clark “Devotion” (Sat. AM)**



Sierra Clark loves helping others and making a difference. She calls it, loving on people (allowing her light to shine). Since 2013 she has been an active member of The Good News Club. Sierra currently Volunteers at 3 public schools in Pinellas County by mentoring our youth in all aspects. She is now a proud member of *Mark of Excellence Ministry*. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16

### **Devotion Leader – Kim Fisackerly- “Devotion” (Sun. AM)**



Kim Fisackerly was born in Charleston, WV, but moved to Miami when she was 3. She met her husband, Bill, while serving on team at the UM Children's Camp, when it was in Brandon, FL. They married in 1984, and have 3 grown children (Bethany, Ally, and Wil). They are now "empty-nesters" with just their cat, Lucy, at home. As a United Methodist pastor's wife, Kim has served in many different capacities alongside her husband at his appointments in Deltona, Sopchoppy/Ochlockonee Bay, Estero, Pt. Charlotte, New Tampa, and currently in Marco Island. She loves music, drama, and teaching/leading small groups whenever and wherever she can. Women's ministries have always been her passion. Kim has also worked for Weight Watchers as a leader and coach for the past 21 years. This is her second year serving on the Design Team.

### **Enrichment Leader 1– Rev. Jackie Leveron “Choosing Joy Everyday”**



Jacque was born in Cuba, and at the age of nine migrated to the United States with her family. She holds an undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice from Florida International University. She received her Master of Divinity degree from Oral Roberts University and is presently working on her Doctorate in Ministry at Asbury Seminary. She speaks frequently at retreats, conferences and churches. She was ordained as an Elder in the United Methodist Church in 1993. She has served in churches in Key West, Ft. Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, Fort Pierce, and Sanlando. She has served on the Board of Ordained Ministry, the District Committee on Ordained Ministry, the District Leadership Council, the Cuba Covenant Task Force, and the Board of Trustees of the Florida Children's Home, to name a few. She is the mother of two beautiful blessings, Shirah and Shayna. Jacque's greatest passion is teaching people about the love of Christ and how to passionately pursue their God-given purpose as they walk hand-in-hand with their heavenly Father in this awesome world.

## **Enrichment Leader 2 – Rev. Valerie Goddard “Joy Versus Happiness”**



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.

## **Enrichment Leader 3 – Marilyn King “Joy For The Journey”**



Marilyn loves the Lord, her family and SPANDEX! She says elastic is her best friend. She has 2 children and five grandchildren (4 boys and a princess) and one great granddaughter. Marilyn has attended Palm Harbor United Methodist Church for the past 68 years and her job/passion at her church is Congregational Care Director. Whether having a machine gun stuck in her stomach while smuggling Bibles in China, or going through a divorce after 30 years of marriage or having a double mastectomy, Marilyn used humor to find her Joy. She recognized that Jesus gave her the gift of

humor to share with those who are hurting, struggling, fearful or just in need of laughter. She says, "Joy rocks!"

## **Accompanist –Margie Anderson “Hymn Sing”**



Margie Anderson has been making music since the 70’s. She directed high school choirs for over 26 years in Polk County Public Schools and enjoyed 10 years as the director of Disney’s Candlelight Processional Cast Choir. Margie has been a home school mom, preschool music (piano & voice teacher), church secretary and recently returned to First Methodist School in Bartow to teach 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. “Jesus is the reason we sing! When we sing the hymns which have stood the test of time, they not only bring us closer to our God, but also remind

us of the experiences of the ‘great cloud of witnesses’ who led us to Him.” Margie lives in Bartow with her husband John and son John Neil and 4 adorable kittens. Join Margie as she leads us in singing our favorite hymns.

### **Enrichment Leader –Kimberli Jones– “Make –It- Take- It”**



Kimberli Jones born and raised in St. Petersburg Florida 40 year old wonderful mother of 5 I'm a self-taught artist I found painting trying to find myself. I had this strong desire to paint about 3 years ago out of nowhere painting became my hobby my mental break my form of meditation. The more people started to find out about my art they kept asking why I was sitting on this gift. I never saw it as a gift, just as a hobby. When someone wanted to purchase my painting it was surreal, since I haven't had any formal training and didn't even have a favorite artist. I now have two successful businesses. I have paintings in 5 states now and all around Florida. I'm so glad I found painting. I fell in love with it and now I want to share my gift with the world and share this amazing experience.

### **Enrichment Leader –Roxy Haas – Exercise**



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.

## **Retreat Leaders for March 8-10, 2019**

### **Keynote Speaker – Rev. Lisa Stamp**



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.

### **Bible Study Leader – Rev. Sara McKinley**



Rev. Sara McKinley serves as the Director of the Office of Clergy Excellence at the Florida Conference Center in Lakeland. She is responsible for overseeing the recruitment, credentialing, formation, continuing education and support of the approximately 700 clergy of the Florida Conference. Previously Sara served as the Senior Pastor of First UMC Gainesville (4 yrs), and First UMC Coral Springs (5 yrs) and was the Associate Pastor for 9 years at Plantation UMC. Sara was born in England, raised in Africa, worked in the Far East, traveled extensively throughout the world, and chose to live in the United States. Before her call to ordained ministry she worked in the juvenile court system in Worcester, MA, for 3 years; international corporate business in the U.S and the Far East for 9 years; and co-owned a graphic design business in Florida for 12 years. She earned her Bachelor's degree in social psychology from the University of Bristol, England; her Masters of Business Administration in organizational development and human resource management from Clark University, Worcester, MA; and her Masters of Divinity from Candler School of Theology at Emory University, where she graduated valedictorian. She is the proud mother of her 30 year old son, Andrew, who is married to Genevieve Price and grandmother to the adorable James Price McKinley born on March 5, 2018. She has a 13 lb. Yorkie named Pierre — a French name for an English dog that reflects some of her cultural confusion!

### **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 – Tabatha Parish “Devotion” (Sat. AM)**



Tabatha lives in Brandon with her black lab mix, Big Bear. She worships at New Hope Methodist Church of Brandon where she is an active member of the choir. She also participates with the Tampa Bay Area Emmaus community on a regular basis. During the day she spends her time encouraging children in their reading as an elementary school Media Specialist.

### **Devotion Leader – Gladyanne Hood “Devotion” (Sun. AM)**

Gladyanne Hood is new to the Design Team this year, but she has served in many capacities on



Emmaus Walks in the past. She has been married to the love of her life, Tom, since 2000; together they have five children (two of whom are already with Jesus), 13 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Currently they both serve as Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers, and with their volunteers, host Faith Café on Sunday mornings. Gladyanne is a Communion Steward, a volunteer at the UMC Thrift Store, a member of United Methodist Women, the Drama Team, and the church’s Administrative Council. Gladyanne believes that what she has loved about nursing and health care administration are why

God has guided her choice of ministries. Although still new to Florida, Gladyanne feels as if she has found a welcoming home here.

### **Enrichment Leader 1 –Rev. Tamara Isidore “Choosing Joy Every Day”**



My name is Tamara Isidore and I am a native of Haiti. I am blessed to have been a member of the Florida Conference since 1991. I have had the blessed opportunity to serve five churches in the Tampa Bay area from 1995 to the present. I am married to Jean-Robert Isidore, my high school sweetheart. We have seven children and five grandchildren. I am currently serving Forest Hills UMC in the Gulf Central District. I am a graduate of Elim Bible Institute and College in New York where I obtained in 1983 a Degree in Applied Science in Biblical and Theological Studies and a Minor in Christian Education. Licensed to teach by the Evangelical Teacher Training Association in 1984, it is in 2011

that I received a Master of Divinity Degree from Asbury Theological Seminary. I served as the President of the Haitian Committee on Ministry, Vice-President of Haiti/Florida Covenant, Justice for Our Neighbors, The Haitian League of Pastors of Tampa Bay, the Gulf Central Leadership Council, the former South Central District Nomination Team and the South Central District Board of Ordained Ministry, to name these few. I said all of this to iterate that I am truly a bond servant of our Lord Jesus Christ and of all peoples. I am blessed beyond measure and there’s no greater joy than preparing myself to come and share with you Choosing Joy Every Day. We’re going to together: Unearth Joy as a Spiritual Everyday Weapon.

## **Enrichment Leader 2– Karen Taylor “Joy Vs. Happiness”**



Karen was born and raised in Atlanta GA, but she and her husband, Kendall, spent almost 40 years in ministry in FL. Karen is a music major and has enjoyed singing and directing choirs through the years as well as speaking at various retreats, teaching Bible Studies, and being Executive Director of Celebrate Jesus in the FL Conference. She and her husband are presently retired and live in GA, however, plans are in the making to move to Bradenton. Karen and hubby have two sons and two daughters (in-law) and four grandchildren. Today she enjoys singing in a 100-voice choir, being an intercessor for family, friends and country and often visits and listens to stories of the “older folk” even though she “are one” herself!!

## **Enrichment Leader 3 –Mary Ashcraft “Joy For The Journey”**



Mary serves the saints at Joining Hands Mission in Holiday. Our name says it all; we are a mission outreach to a very diverse community. I have been blessed to serve with them since 2011, ask any of them “who is the church?” And they know THEY ARE THE CHURCH. I have been married to Jim for almost thirty years, a mother of three grown daughters, grandmother to thirteen grandchildren and have six great grandchildren. So, you can see I am very blessed. I was also blessed to serve on the Design Team for three years; this time was a blessing as I worked on my call to Ministry. I look forward to sharing some restoration ideas and hearing some of your ideas.

## **Accompanist – Margie Anderson “Hymn Sing” - Saturday Afternoon**



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## **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 –Maureen Corrigan LAT, ATC, CSCS, PES - “Exercise”**



Maureen is a Pastor's wife with degrees in Sports Medicine and Exercise Science from Central Michigan University. She has served over 30 years, in the fields of Athletic Training, Physical Therapy and Performance Training. Maureen recognized that the innovative program design and level of expertise reserved for orthopedic patients and elite athletes could benefit real world busy people with the same goals of improving fitness and function. Therefore, in 2007 she launched B-Mo Fit, an integrative program combining core, balance and corrective exercises used in injury prevention with strength, agility and interval training used in performance training. She has used this platform to serve God and her community by providing a fun, functional, fat burning fitness experience for all walks of life.