

## Spring 2018 Spiritual Formation Retreat:

### "The Role of Preaching and Liturgy in the Journey of Salvation"

An easily overlooked and forgotten aspect of United Methodism is that we are a "Prayer Book" Church. John and Charles Wesley were Anglican Priests who used as their foundation for worship the 1662 Church of England Book of Common Prayer. The order and liturgy found in the Prayer Book helped to form John and Charles spiritually. Later, when Methodism became a separate church in Christianity, John revised the Book of Common Prayer to be used in the American colonies. Of course, an offshoot of the prayer book tradition is found in our UM Book of Worship. Liturgy serves to form people spiritually as well as helps to inform the work of God in preaching and in one's being in a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

The Spiritual Formation Task Force of the WV Conference will be holding a retreat on "John Wesley's Understanding of the Role of Preaching and Liturgy in the Journey of Salvation." The retreat will begin Friday evening March 23 at 7:00 p.m. at John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston, and will conclude on Saturday, March 24 at 4:00 p.m. The Retreat Leader will be the Rev. Dr. Heather Elkins, Professor Emeritus of Worship and Preaching at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey.

Cost of the retreat is \$75.00 per person which includes registration for the event, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, and all materials. Lodging is available at John XXIII: Single Room is \$ 52.00; Double Room is \$84.00 (\$42.00 per person).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Lodging Single \_\_\_ Double \_\_\_ (Name of Roommate \_\_\_\_\_)

To register, mail to: David Biondi, 453 Forest Circle, S. Charleston, WV 25303. Make checks payable to: "Spiritual Formation Task Force." The deadline for registration is Friday, March 16.

If you have any questions concerning the retreat, please contact: the Rev. Lee Williams (Spiritual Formation Task Force Coordinator) at 304-481-0351, or send an e-mail to: [leewilliams@ntelos.net](mailto:leewilliams@ntelos.net)