Registration: Due October 7, 2024 **Dress for the Weather!!** Name: Address: E-mail address Phone: _____ Food Allergies **Special Food Requirements:** Gluten Free Vegetarian Vegan Other Bring my own lunch in a cooler. Box lunch – see reverse side choose one lunch - circle choice Chicken Waldorf Salad croissant Honey Mustard Turkey Wrap Chef Salad Pre-Sign up for Area 1 Forest Therapy This area will take 10 participants for the afternoon. Participants will be outside in nature. Pastor Jerad Morrey leader. I will do Forest Therapy

Rock in the Denver Botanical Gardens



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Looking forward to seeing you Saturday, October 12, 2024!

Directions: from Hwy 60 (Mill Street./1st Street NE) in Faribault, MN (on east side of Straight River)
Turn south onto State Street
1 block turn east onto Division St. E
Turn south onto 10th Ave. SE
continue onto Rustad Road, ends at nature visitor's center.

The River of Life

A Women's Day Retreat

Sponsored by Northfield UMC United Women in Faith



River Bend Nature Center

1000 Rustad Road Faribault, MN 55021

October 12, 2024 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Retreat: \$20

Plus-Box Lunch: \$15 OR

Bring own lunch in a cooler. (no charge)

Mail to Registrar: by October 7, 2024

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Checks **payable to UMW** (United Methodist Women/United Women in Faith)

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You are invited to a special day apart

Bask in the beautiful natural surroundings of River Bend Nature Center. Activities are planned for both indoor and outdoor experiences.

We have the easy access visitor facilities for our use all day. Immersing ourselves in nature or enjoying the warmth of food, fun, and fellowship.

Harvey Mackay, in one of his columns states: 'Well-being is essential for Success. An old nursery rhyme lists the six best doctors are sunlight, rest, exercise, diet, self-confidence, and friends." (Harvey Mackay, "Outswimming the Sharks," Star Tribune)

We start the day with Soul Care, "The River of Life." Pastor Donna leads us into a deeper spiritual dive searching for a closer immersion in the love of God. Communion with nature and with each other is planned.

Nature is one of the best doctors around. Steeping our being in God's wonderful creation, enlivens our well-being and lowers our stress and bloodpressure levels. Bird song, green trees, gentle breezes, smells of moist soils of the forest and prairie awaken a sense of awe and happiness. Greet friends and make new ones in a day set aside for renewal and discovery.

Schedule for the Day

Morning

9:00 Set-Up 9:30 Registration 10:00 Gathering, Welcome, Worship 10:30 Soul Care -Rev. Donna Dempewolf 11:00 Break 11:15 Laughter – Lisa Weis 11:30 Soul Care - Rev. Donna Lunch

Afternoon - Dress for the Weather!!!

Divide into 4 areas of discovery

Area 1 (outside) (10 participants pre-register – see form) 1:00 - 2:30 Forest Therapy Pastor Jerad Morrey

Area 2 (outside and inside) 1:00-2:00 Forest walk with Naturalist 2:00-2:30 Discovery or Quilt tying

Area 3 (inside) 1:00 - 2:30 "Boys of the Bible" quilt presentation - Dorothy Orde Quilt Tying &/or Discovery

Area 4 (inside) 1:00 - 2:30 Discovery area Meditation Art/Crafts Gratitude Cards/Journal **UWFaith Prayer Calendar** Quilt Tying

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2:30-3:00 Gathering/Sharing/Evaluation

Clean-up 3:00 - 4:00

Box Lunches Catered by Janna's Market Grill in Faribault, MN. Cost is \$15

Sandwich boxed lunches come with bag of chips and fresh baked cookie (gluten free dessert and no croissant available upon request.)

#1 Boxed Lunch - Croissant with Chicken Waldorf Salad – Chicken. grapes, walnuts, red onion, celery, apple, dried cranberries, herb mayo & lettuce on a croissant.

#2 Boxed Lunch Honey Mustard **Turkey** Wrap – Turkey, lettuce, cucumber, shredded carrots, Monterey Jack cheese & honey mustard in a flavored tortilla.

#3 Boxed Lunch Chef Salad – Gluten Free – Diced turkey, smoked ham, cucumbers, onion, tomato, cheddar jack blend and hard boiled egg on a bed of fresh romaine with ranch dressing.





