

# WEEKEND FOR WOMEN

Prothro Retreat Center

March 31 & April 1, 2017

Sponsored by United Methodist Women



**"The Altars We Build"**  
*with Rev. Ann Willet*

We will offer two times for participants to leave for the Prothro Retreat Center at Lake Texoma. One bus will leave at 1:00 pm for those that would enjoy hiking, visiting and taking in the beautiful scenery at Prothro and another bus will leave at 4:00 pm for those that choose to leave later. The 4:00 pm bus will arrive just in time to check in your room and have dinner. Please bring a Bible, comfortable shoes, change of clothes, jacket, flashlight and an attitude for learning and meeting new people. Each room has four twin beds and is similar to a motel with bed and bath linens provided. We will leave Prothro on Saturday about 2:00 pm to return to the church about 4:00 pm.

**\$90 per person or \$105 for a private room (as available)**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to:  Ride on the early bus at 1pm  Ride on the late bus at 4pm  Provide my own transportation

Preferred Roommates: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you require a special diet? \_\_\_\_\_

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\$90 non-refundable registration fee payable online or by check. Mail to: Marsha Mayo, PO Box 832207, Richardson, TX 75083

## The Altars We Build

In any Christian worship space, the altar offers us a focal point. As we experience God's presence alongside fellow disciples, our bodies are oriented toward tangible symbols of grace. Scripture offers us many examples of those who built altars as a way to remember God's blessings in their lives. Our retreat will center our minds on the physical space that invites us to connect with God. We will study examples from Scripture and explore ways that the altars in our memories have drawn us in to a spirit of prayer. As an act of worship, we will consider ways to create a physical worship space in our own homes or workplaces that will help us honor and remember God's eternal love.

### Meet our special guest, Ann Willet



Rev. Ann Willet is Executive Minister at First United Methodist Church Dallas, where she was appointed in July 2016. She previously served as senior pastor at Ridgewood Park UMC (Dallas) and First UMC, Royse City (35 miles east of Dallas) and as associate pastor at First UMC Richardson and Walnut Hill UMC.

Ann feels a particular calling to worship leadership, and she loves to gather with the church family each Sunday morning. She is especially attentive to offering hospitality to newcomers and to helping them find ways to become connected and grow in faith. Ann's previous business background has proven to be very helpful in the administrative and financial aspects of pastoral leadership.

Ann is a second-career pastor, having worked in the financial services industry prior to receiving a Master of Divinity from Perkins School of Theology at SMU. She worked in banking, management consulting and financial management in Dallas in the late 80's and 90's, including several years of part-time work when her three daughters were young. She holds an undergraduate degree from Baylor University and an M.B.A. from Texas A&M.

Ann is married to Loren Willet, who is a banker in downtown Dallas. Their daughters are now young adults, and Ann and Loren are enjoying the empty nest. Caroline, 23, is an accountant at Price Waterhouse Coopers in Dallas. Emily, 26, is a counselor in Spokane, Washington. Margaret Ann, 28, is a high school literature teacher in Fresno, California. Margaret Ann is married to J.P. Shamshoian, and they are the parents of Ann and Loren's granddaughter, Grace Rose, born in March 2016.

Gardening is an important aspect of Ann's personal and spiritual life, and she was certified as a Dallas County Master Gardener in 2015. With her hands in the dirt, she experiences the beauty of God's creation and is able to express her creativity. Ann also believes that planting, feeding, tending, and harvesting is a powerful metaphor for our lives together as the Body of Christ.

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