



Arkansas Episcopal Church Women

2023 Fall Gathering

October 13-14, 2023

**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church,
Fort Smith**

2701 Old Greenwood Road

Fort Smith, Arkansas 72903



Our Speaker is The Rev. Susanne Methven
The Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma

Friday, October 13, 2023

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Registration

5:45 p.m. Evening Prayer, Dinner and Music at the
home of Jo Carson (3226 Old Greenwood Road)

Saturday, October 14, 2023

8:00-9:00 a.m. Registration for One Day Attendees &
Coffee & Light Breakfast Bar

Silent Auction opens

9:00-10:00 a.m. ECW Business Meeting

10:00-10:30 a.m. Comfort Break, Shopping and
Displays

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Program Part I - Psalm 23: God
With Us in the Landscapes of Our Lives

12:00 p.m. Lunch & Table Sharing

1:00-2:00 p.m. Program Part II

2:00 p.m. Silent Auction Closes

2:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist & Installation of Officers

* Registration fee is \$30 until October 1 and then \$35.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fall-gathering-2023-arkansas-ecw-oct-13-14-tickets-696397312107>

Psalm 23: God With Us

in the Landscapes of our Lives

One powerful response to God is saying, "Here I am."

We don't often, however, take the time to reflect on where we are now.

During this retreat, we will explore and identify various landscape metaphors for where we are in our lives. Are we at the river, in the desert, on the lake, on the mountain, or someplace else?

Focusing on Psalm 23, we will consider how God is present with us wherever we are.

What are the gifts we might receive and share from this place on our journey?

Lodging

ECW has negotiated special room rates at Homewood Suites by Hilton. A Single King Room is \$139+tax, and a Double Queen Room is \$149+tax. Rates include a full buffet breakfast. Please call 479-452-7100 to reserve and use ECW as the rate code when you call. Hurry to book, as rooms are limited and rates expire 10/1.

Friday Registration & Dinner

We are excited that St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church will host our annual Fall Gathering! All events Saturday will be held in the parish hall and sanctuary.

Friday evening, we will enjoy an authentic "Fort Smith" dinner with live music and lots of fellowship at the home of Jo Carson, ECW Vice President. Music will be provided by St. Bart's parishioner Jane Flatte Garcia and her band, Squirrel Brains and Gravy, with singalong and after dinner refreshments. Depending on the weather, we will spend time indoors and outdoors with vespers. Jo's home is half a mile from the church set on a beautiful 11 acres and with a scenic pond.

Saturday lunch will be provided by the wonderful ladies of St. Bartholomew's.

Silent Auction

We ask that each church donate a silent auction item. The funds raised from the auction will go toward an outreach project decided upon at Fall Gathering. Auction items do not have to be new, so think outside the box for interesting or unique items.

Questions? Please email ArkansasECW@gmail.com.