

Sisters

United for Christ

presents its

27th ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

“CHOSEN TO...”

March 27-28, 2026

**Crowne Plaza Springfield Convention Center
Springfield, Illinois**

Hi Ladies,

Yes, it's that time again - Sisters United for Christ Retreat!!!!

This year we will be continuing with last year's theme: Chosen. God is not finished with His message.

We are moving to a new location, and everything will be in one place.

The Board of Directors have been praying and planning. The classes, speakers and facilitators have been invited.

Hopefully, you will meet us in March to receive what God has planned for 2026.

Love,

Janice (The Cute One)

SISTERS UNITED FOR CHRIST
WOMEN'S RETREAT
Crowne Plaza
Springfield, Illinois

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday, March 27, 2026

3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	REGISTRATION
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	HEALTH FAIR
4:00 p.m.	HOTEL CHECK-IN
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	GENERAL SESSION <i>Honoring Cancer Survivors</i> Speaker: Rev. Laurain Hendricks, MD Macedonia Baptist Church East St. Louis, Illinois
9:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	CHOIR REHEARSAL
10:15 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.	MIDNIGHT PRAYER

Saturday, March 28, 2026

5:45 a.m. - 6:15 a.m.	WALK IN THE SPIRIT
5:45 a.m. - 6:15 a.m.	MOVEMENT FOR JESUS (Dance Ministry)
7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.	BREAKFAST
7:45 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.	MORNING MEDITATION Speaker: Sis. Kiswai Broomfield Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church Springfield, Illinois
8:20 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	BREAK

Saturday, March 28, 2026 continued

8:30 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.	WORKSHOPS (Select two workshops and an alternate workshop. List the numbers on the registration form.) 1) Chosen to Heal 2) Chosen to Lead 3) Chosen to Praise 4) Chosen to Pray 5) Chosen to Serve 6) Chosen to Witness Young Adult Session (ages 18-30)
9:50 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	HOTEL CHECK-OUT
10:30 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.	WORKSHOPS (above sessions repeated) Young Adult Session (ages 18-30)
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	LUNCH
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	GENERAL SESSION Speaker: Rev. Laurain Hendricks, MD Macedonia Baptist Church East St. Louis, Illinois

MISSION STATEMENT

Sisters United For Christ are Christian women prayerfully guided by the Holy Spirit agreeing to faithfully promote the benefits of a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our purpose is to proclaim through biblical teaching and principles how Jesus Christ meets the needs of the whole woman—mind, body and soul.

RETREAT INFORMATION

Facility

The retreat will be held at the Crowne Plaza Springfield Convention Center. The hotel is conveniently located off Interstate 55 & 72, just minutes away from popular historic sites, family amusements, shopping and dining. **Sisters United For Christ will make your hotel reservations. Do not call the hotel directly regarding rooms or mail registrations to the hotel.**

Registration

- The retreat fee includes hotel (based on double occupancy), Saturday breakfast and lunch, admission to sessions and workshops, conference material and tote bag. The t-shirt is not included.
- The registration fee **postmarked** on or before January 31, 2026 is \$200.
- **Postmarked after February 1, 2026 the registration fee is \$225.**
- The registration deadline is February 14, 2026. **After this date, retreat registrations will not be accepted.**
- A \$25 administrative fee will be charged on cancellations received in writing postmarked on or before February 14, 2026. No refunds will be issued after February 14, 2026; however, registration may be transferred to another individual.
- If payment is delayed in the mail and not received prior to the retreat then participant must pay cash onsite and registration will be refunded when payment is received.
- **Registration forms with payment should be mailed to Sisters United For Christ, P.O. Box 291, Springfield, IL 62705.**

Scholarships

Sisters United For Christ will award partial scholarships for the retreat to selected recipients. **Scholarships will not be provided for two consecutive retreats and are limited to no more than three per church (with at least one being a young adult age 18-30).**

Potential recipients need to submit a completed scholarship application and registration form along with the \$150 reduced fee by January 31, 2026. Applications received after the deadline may not be considered. If the application is not accepted the registration fee will be returned.

Roommates

The registration fee includes one night hotel based on double occupancy. Indicate your roommate's name and phone number on the registration form. If a roommate is not indicated or if your indicated roommate does not register by February 14, 2026, the committee will randomly assign participants. **If you would like a single room add \$77.00 to your registration fee.**

Workshops

Retreat participants will be able to attend **two** workshops from the list on the tentative schedule. **Young Adults (ages 18-30) will remain together for both sessions.** Workshops are designed as small group sessions and thus attendance is limited for each session. **Sessions will be assigned on a first-come basis based on paid registration.** If workshops are not indicated on your registration form, you will be randomly assigned. **No personal recording is allowed in the workshops.**

Special Meals

Vegetarian meals must be indicated on the registration form. **Special meals cannot be provided if they were not requested in advance.**

Attire

Casual attire is recommended for the retreat. **You may want to bring a jacket to wear as the air conditioning levels vary in the meeting rooms.**

Retreat Shirt

A shirt has been designed to commemorate the retreat. The orange short sleeve t-shirt available in sizes small to 5X can be preordered on the registration form. **T-shirts are not included in the registration fee.** Participants must indicate your size on the enclosed registration form. Shirts will be available for pick-up during the retreat registration.

Choir/Musicians

If you are a singer and would love the opportunity to sing, the Retreat Choir is for you. We are also looking for some volunteer musicians that play keyboard, guitar and/or drums. During the retreat, rehearsals are scheduled on Friday from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and 9:15-10 p.m.

Children

Unfortunately, there are no accommodations for children or nursing infants and we will not be able to admit them into any of the sessions. Thank you for your understanding.

Taping

Sisters United For Christ will be recording the retreat for commercial purposes, and there is the possibility that you may be captured on film as part of the audience. By attending the retreat, you grant your permission to be recorded and agree to being filmed, videotaped, audio taped or photographed by any means; allow the use of your likeness, voice and words without compensation; specifically waive all rights of privacy during the filming, audio or videotaping; and release Sisters United For Christ from liability for loss, damage or compensation for the use of your likeness, voice and words. No personal recording allowed.

Groups

If you are planning to bring a group on a church van or charter bus and need to make arrangements for lodging for a bus driver, contact Diane Harvell at 217-787-3405 before February 14, 2026.

Volunteers

We need a few volunteers to help during the retreat. Please let us know on the registration form if you are available to help. If you have questions, contact Jeanette Goza at 217-523-5101 (evenings).

Questions

For more information on the retreat, contact Willa Barger at 217-553-2306 or Vinita Taylor at 309-826-6115. You may also visit us at www.sistersunitedforchrist.org.

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If you have questions, contact Janice Whitt at 765-282-0724.

1. Applicant Information (*indicates required information)

Last Name*	First Name*	Middle Initial	
Home Address	City	State	Zip
Phone*	Church Affiliation (include city/state)*		

2. What Sisters United For Christ retreat(s) have you previously attended? _____

Attach a separate sheet of paper to complete questions 3 and 4.

3. In one paragraph, share with us why you are requesting a scholarship.

4. In one paragraph, describe how your attendance at the Women's Retreat will benefit you and/or your church.

**Please return completed application, registration form and \$150 fee by January 31, 2026
to: Scholarship, Sisters United For Christ, P.O. Box 291, Springfield, IL 62705**

Sisters United For Christ
2026 Retreat Registration Form

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General Information (please print)

Name _____
(As you wish it to appear on name badge)

Address _____ Apt # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Church Affiliation/City _____

Conference Registration

___ \$200 **postmark on/before January 31, 2026**

___ \$225 **postmark on/after February 1, 2026**

___ Single room (add \$77 to registration fee)

Workshop Selection (See the tentative schedule for the workshop numbers)

Workshop I _____

Workshop II _____ Alternate _____

___ Young Adult (18-30), your age _____

Roommate's name _____

Roommate's phone _____

Special considerations:

___ I will need vegetarian meals.

___ I have a physical difficulty and may need assistance. Please describe _____

Are you a cancer survivor? ___ yes ___ no If yes, what type _____

I would like to volunteer at the retreat ___ yes ___ no

I want to participate in the Retreat Choir voice type _____/instrument _____

Optional Retreat Shirt(s) I want to purchase a shirt - Indicate size(s) below:

___ small \$20 ___ large \$20 ___ 2X \$25 ___ 4X \$25

___ medium \$20 ___ x-large \$20 ___ 3X \$25 ___ 5X \$25

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (registration fee and optional single room and/or t-shirts) \$ _____

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Early bird deadline
January 31, 2026

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