

Lay Speaking Retreat - Storm Mountain Camp - August 19-21

(All times Mountain Time)

Friday – August 19

- 6:00pm Arrival and Getting Settled In
- 7:00pm Session One— Constructing the Sermon
- 9:00pm Evening Prayer

Saturday – August 20

- 7:00am Breakfast
- 8:00am Breakouts: The UM Story; Opening People to God's Story

UM Story: what are the distinctive UM beliefs, practices, understandings that shape our story, and how do we weave those into our messages in a way that enriches our preaching/speaking and does not become a dry history lesson. (*Living our Beliefs*)

Opening People to God's Story: how do we lead worship and prayer in such a way that invites people into the presence of God and opens their hearts to what God might say to them in this time of worship and gathering? How do we also be sensitive and aware to the different ways people connect to God?

- 11:00am Session Two – Developing the Story
- 12noon Lunch
- 1:00 Breakouts (same as the morning, just attend the other one☺)
- 4:00 Break
- 4:30 Session Three – Delivering the Message
- 5:30 Supper
- 6:30 Session Four – Participant Preaching/feedback
- 8:30 Evening Prayer & Worship

Sunday – August 21

- 7:00 Breakfast
- 8:00 Wrap-Up Q&A on process and plans for future
- 9:00 Share in Worship at Rapid City area UMC's (times tbd)