

February 3, 2010:

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the **cancellation of this weekend's Foundry Women's retreat**. We believe that in light of forecasts predicting at least a foot of snow beginning Friday morning, and with 6 inches already on the ground at Priestfield, cancelling the event was the financially and physically prudent course. We chose to cancel on Wednesday, not Thursday when the forecast would be somewhat clearer, because cancelling on Wednesday would let us get our full \$1,300 deposit back from Priestfield, and we want to be good stewards of our resources.

We will be working with Priestfield and Rev. Curry over the coming days to see if we can re-schedule the retreat for a future weekend this year. You have the option of being reimbursed for your payment or having us hold it in the retreat accounts until we determine our future options. Pastor Lowman will be the point of contact for this; you can email her at dlowman@foundryumc.org. Even if we are not able to hold an event at Priestfield this year, we are still intent on holding an event for Foundry women to discuss *Finding and Living Our Values*.

I realize this is very disappointing news, but please realize that we have struggled with this decision throughout the day and do not enter into it lightly. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Regards,
The Women's Retreat Steering Committee