

## AN INVITATION TO ALL WOMEN AT OAKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH

ABW stands for American Baptist Women which is a women's group that supports the mission projects of the American Baptist Churches USA. Missionaries all over the world have needs and one of the things our group at OBC does is to help meet those needs through our White Cross. Each year we receive a list of needed items for several mission stations in the USA. Requests for money, wrapped bandages, baby blankets and other items also come from mission stations in other parts of the world. To meet these needs we have fundraisers like our Vendor Fair in November and our Christmas Cookie Sale in December.

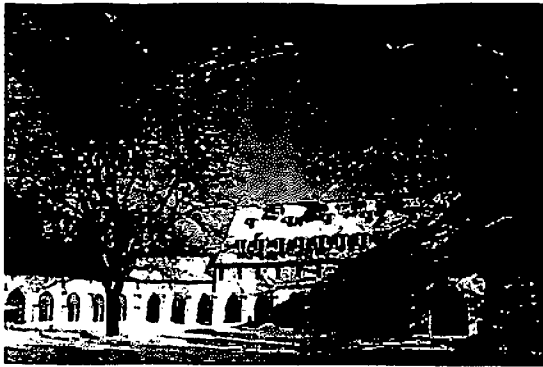
We do not limit our help to missions far from home, however. In the past few years we have purchased needed tables for our own church social room, supported two of our home missionaries, Sarah & Frank Barrett, who work with the homeless each week in Camden, support the Homeless Hospitality Ministry in our own church and helped several families in our church with food, Christmas baskets & even a handicap ramp.

Another very large part of our ABW group is encouraging spiritual development of our members. We started a Women's Retreat ten years ago and found that this provided a setting in which we got to know each other on a different level in a relaxed, fun loving setting and could share in others joys and sorrows. This year our retreat is May 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> at a beautiful retreat house in Mendham, New Jersey and we would like you to join us.

As a member or attendee at OBC you ARE an American Baptist Woman. We would like to invite you to become active in one of our groups so that we might get to know you better as we work toward serving those in need. You have "gifts" that you have been given by the Lord and by working together with other women with different gifts; we can accomplish much and have a wonderful time in the process.

We have two groups that meet, one on the third Wednesday afternoon at 1 pm, and the other presently meets on the second Sunday after the late service. We have been meeting at the Tree House on Merchant Street in Audubon, New Jersey. Meetings last about an hour. And we share lunch.

If you need more information, please contact Jackie Mac Donald (856-854-0517) or Bobbi Daugherty. (267-496-5525)



*Convent St John Baptist*

American Baptist Women (ABW) will hold their annual retreat. The retreat will be held Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> (dinner), Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> (breakfast, lunch, dinner) and Sunday, (breakfast) may 10<sup>th</sup>. 2009. We will Leave after breakfast on Sunday All private rooms with shared baths. Cost is \$145.00 for the week end - We will not have to bring a thing except ourselves - interested? Call jackie 856-854-0517

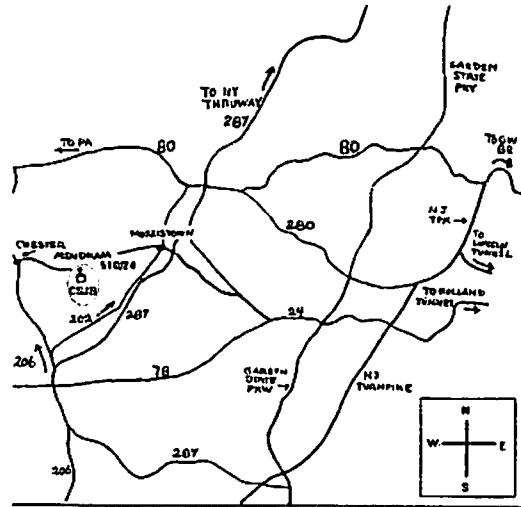
SUNDAY MAY 9TH - MOTHERS DAY -  
YOU CAN LEAVE AFTER BREAKFAST OR  
STAY FOR WORSHIP SERVICE

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Alcoholic beverages are discouraged.

Fire Department regulations prohibits smoking in the building.

## DIRECTIONS



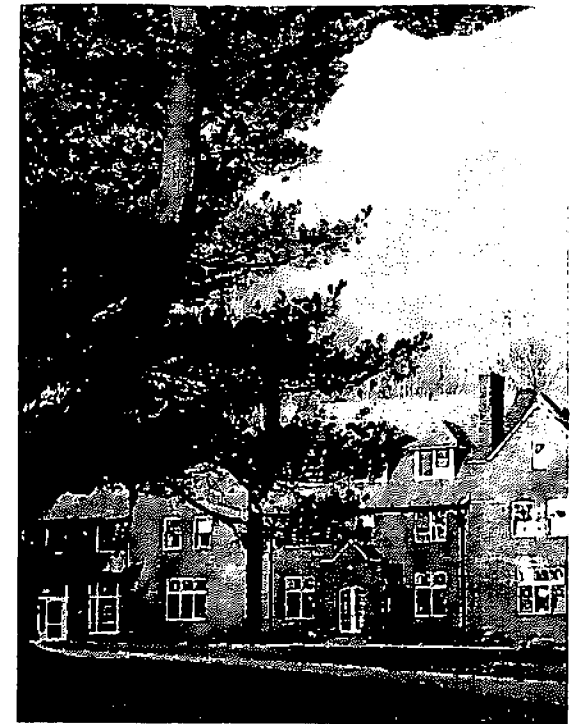
**FROM THE NORTH:** Take Rt. 80 or 78 to Rt. 287 South. Exit at Morristown on 124 West. At Morristown Green turn right on Washington St. (Rts 510/24). Continue about 8 mi. to Mendham. Our access road is 1 mile from Black Horse Inn, on left.

**FROM THE SOUTH:** Take Garden St Pkwy or NJ Tpk to 287 North. Exit at 228. Follow 206 north to Chester. Turn right on 513 east. At next light, turn right on 510/24 east. Access road is about 5 miles, on right.

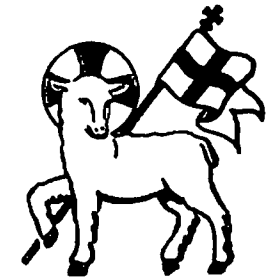
The convent and retreat house are ½ mile in from Rt. 24. Once you turn in to our grounds, DAYTOP will be the building on your left. Continue along through a wooded area, and up a hill. Red brick bldg. is the retreat house.

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU HERE

## ST. MARQUERITE'S Retreat House



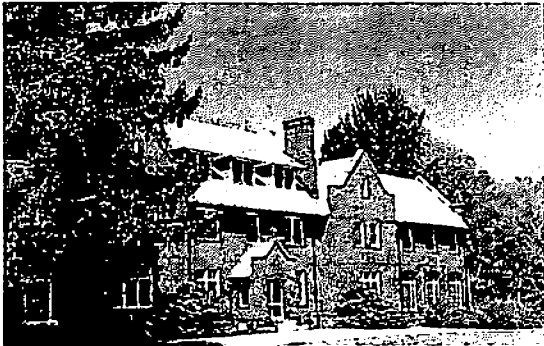
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Community of St John Baptist*



## COMMUNITY ST JOHN BAPTIST

The Community of St John Baptist, a religious order for women in the Episcopal Church, was founded in England in 1852. Prayer and worship are the undergirding of all our ministries. We endeavor to encourage and foster the opportunity where hearts may be opened to receive God's love, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

## THE RETREAT HOUSE



St. Marguerite's, styled after an English Manor House, was built in 1908 as a children's home. In 1960 it was converted into a Retreat House, offering hospitality to a wide variety of groups. The red brick structure stands across the lawn from the Convent of St. John Baptist. It has 26 single bedrooms and seven bathrooms. All bed linens, towels and blankets are provided.

The Retreat House is situated on 93 acres of wooded land, a 'sacred space' which lends itself to meditation, prayer, and silence. Lovely walking paths beckon guests to experience God's presence in nature.

St Marguerite's has a warm, cozy atmosphere, and before long you will feel at home. There are several sitting rooms for smaller groups, or perhaps just for relaxing.

## SOLARIUM



*Two Solariums for activities and recreation.*

## CONFERENCE ROOM



*The library/conference room is perfect for large groups. A television, VCR, and DVD player are available. Wireless Internet access may be optional in the near future.*

## DINING ROOM



*Hearty, nutritious meals are served buffet style in the dining room. Hot beverages, homemade cookies and fresh fruit are available for the length of your stay.*

## CHAPEL



*St Marguerite's Chapel is available for prayer and worship. Liturgical needs can be provided by one of the sisters.*

All guests are welcome to join us across the lawn at the convent for any of our services.