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The Spirituality Network,
Inc. provides:

- Education and formation through the Wellstreams Training Program
- Spiritual direction referrals for groups and individuals
- Retreat planning and facilitation
- Programs to foster the spiritual life
- Connection to a variety of spirituality resources in central Ohio

As an ecumenical organization, the Spirituality Network serves people both within and outside of religious institutions.

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INCARNATION

What if God were one of us?

Into us is born a Savior.

By the Light that has come
into the world

we recognize

the real gift of Christmas:

namaste —

the Christ in me
receives the Christ in you

We offer our prayers
for peace on earth, goodwill toward all.

Carol Ann, Amanda, and Patricia

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SPIRITUALITY NETWORK EVENTS

PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. SPACE IS LIMITED.

To register, send name, phone, e-mail, and name of program to Spirituality Network ATTN: PROGRAMS, 444 E Broad St, Columbus, OH 43215; call 614/228-8867; or e-mail spiritnetwk@hotmail.com.

LISTENING FOR THE STILL, SMALL VOICE: A PRAYER RETREAT SERIES

Package of 3: \$140 PREPAID by February 11. Individual pricing below. Space is limited. PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED (see above).

Take time to listen more deeply and respond more freely to God's still, small voice in our Prayer Retreat Series. Balanced with a mixture of experience and instruction, each retreat will offer the opportunity to explore spirituality and prayer in a contemplative environment.

Ignatian Spirituality, February 19, 2011, 9am-1pm, led by Charlotte Glasgo at the Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Dr. \$50 PREPAID by February 11; \$65 after.

In the spirit of St. Ignatius of Loyola, we will experience

- the Examen, in which we find God in our everyday experiences
- a meditative prayer in which we place ourselves in God's presence
- a Gospel Contemplation

Charlotte Glasgo is a Spiritual Director and retreat leader with a Master's Degree in Christian Spirituality from Creighton University in Omaha, NE. She is a member of Zion Lutheran Church, serving as a Spiritual Director for her congregation.

Celtic Christian Spirituality, March 19, 2011, 9am-1pm, led by Linda J. Bixby at St. John's Episcopal Church, 700 High Street, Worthington. Registration Fee: \$50 PREPAID by March 11; \$65 after.

A detailed overview of the main elements of Celtic Christian Spirituality:

- An inherent reverence for nature and natural cycles of creation
- Honor of women's role in life of the church
- Emphasis on the Trinity and the incarnation of Christ
- Respect for art, poetry, and storytelling

We will experience several contemplative prayer forms including chant and silence.

Linda J. Bixby is a retired educator who has studied Celtic Spirituality with J. Philip Newell. She is a member of First Presbyterian Church in Westerville and serves on the Presbytery's committee on preparation for ministry.

Benedictine Spirituality, April 9, 2011, 10am-3pm, led by Judy Smoot at Zoe's Refuge in Hocking Hills, approximately 1 hour southeast of Columbus (directions provided upon registration). \$65 PREPAID by April 1; \$80 after. Includes lunch.

The spirituality of St. Benedict offers a path to faith-filled and balanced living through work, prayer, learning, and living in community. This approach to spirituality does not require a departure from everyday life, but rather a way of being that embraces the holiness of daily experience and the call to follow Christ in all that we do. In this retreat, we will learn about the basic tenets of Benedictine spirituality and will be invited to create our "rule" in response to extended meditation and reflection.

Judy Smoot is a spiritual director, a graduate of The Wellstreams Program, and a Benedictine Oblate. She is Director of Faith Development for NewSong Community Church in North Columbus.

ECOSPIRITUALITY: A FOUR-PART SERIES

Mondays, March 7-28, 2011, 7-9pm, led by Barb Davis at the Spirituality Network. \$65 PREPAID by March 1; \$80 after. Space is limited. PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED (see above).

In ecospirituality, we explore our relationship with God in the context of our relationship with the whole Cosmos with God as Creator of this masterpiece. We need to deepen our realization that the human being is so connected to the Cosmos that destroying God's creation becomes a moral, even a human-rights issue. This series will include work of cosmologist Brian Swimme, Fr. Thomas Berry, Sr. Alexandra Kovats, and Judy Cannato, author of *Radical Amazement* and *Field of Compassion*. We will also experience part of a powerful symposium called "Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream." This work is the result of a partnership between the Achuar people of the Ecuadorean rainforest and a group of concerned northern Americans.

Barbara Davis is a spiritual director, graduate of the Wellstreams Program, an artist, author, retreat leader, contemplative, and grandmother.

SAVE THE DATE: First Community Church is pleased to announce a weekend with Sr. Alexandra Kovats, CSJP, April 15-17. More details TBA. Alexandra, who teaches at Seattle University in Washington, shares her understanding of ecological spirituality as it relates to God's peace. Alexandra offers spiritual retreats and spiritual direction around the world.

ARTI GRAS 2011

SAVE THE DATE for our 11th annual ARTI GRAS!
CELEBRATION OF ART AND SPIRIT

Saturday, February 26, 2011; 9am-3pm
At Maple Grove United Methodist Church,
7 W. Henderson Rd, Columbus
Preregistration is strongly encouraged.



*What if we
cared less about
achievements
and being useful,
and did more
"useless" things?*

Please visit our website in January for a printable brochure and registration form or phone 614/228-8867 for more information.

Come and delight in the act of creation as we explore the arts as a means to express our spirituality. Experienced facilitators will lead mini-workshops in a variety of artistic media including collage, clay, beads, paint, written word, movement and body prayer. Each workshop will invite participants to enter the creative process through reflection on some aspect of their spirituality. This engaging and interactive event is open to all* who wish to claim—or reclaim—their imaginative, creative selves. What better way to honor our Creator than to embrace our creativity?

*Children under the age of 16 are welcome if accompanied by an adult.

*What if we made art, danced, and wrote
poetry purely for the delight in the act of
creation?*

~ Christine Valters Paintner

DONATIONS FOR RAFFLE NEEDED

If you have goods or services to donate for the Arti Gras raffle, please contact Pat Gibboney at 614/228-8867 or spiritnetwk@hotmail.com. Proceeds from the raffle benefit the work of the Spirituality Network and the Women to Women program.

SACRED FEMININE

Our cultural heritage gives us images of The Divine that are overwhelmingly masculine. How do women recognize and claim that they, too, are created in God's likeness? Join us on the second Tuesday of each month as we gather for discussion, reflection, and exploration on a variety of topics that help us to connect to uniquely feminine aspects of The Divine. Our intention is to discover more balance, create more peace, and offer more hope to our world.

At the Spirituality Network, 444 East Broad St. **In order for us to plan accordingly, PLEASE PREREGISTER: 614/228-8867 or spiritnetwk@hotmail.com.** Donations accepted (suggested donation: \$5).

February 8, March 8, April 12, 2-4pm: topics TBA; check our website or join our Google group for updates (see back page for details).



URBAN RETREATS IN COLUMBUS

The House of Hospitality is a new Urban Retreat house on Columbus' south side, offering contemplative and social justice retreats. Retreats can be scheduled for a day, a weekend, or a week. The retreat can be tailored to your needs and will include contemplative, prayerful time of reflection and spiritual direction, active time of serving in one of several urban ministries, and community time of fellowship.

To learn more, visit www.4allpeople.net.

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REFLECTIONS FROM THE CHAIR *BE REFLECTION?*

With the changing of seasons, I am reminded once again of the cycles of life. Repeated in various ways, many times over are the circular patterns of birth, death, and resurrection (transformation). It is evident in nature as well as in our lives, occurring daily in small and seemingly insignificant ways to the totality of our life journey. Imbedded into all of our experiences are numerous comings and goings, giving and receiving, beginnings and endings that become new beginnings.

It is significant that the logo of the Network incorporates circles. The Spirituality Network uses the symbolism of the pebble dropped into water producing concentric circles that radiate outward from the center to places sometimes far beyond our ability to see. The symbolism clearly reflects how we envision the living out of our mission, and it captures the notion that everything is related and that "for everything action there is a reaction." What we do does not stop with us.

The prayer of St Francis says "it is in giving that we receive." As we strive to be true to our mission of "assisting those who thirst for spiritual growth," the Spirituality Network has experienced in return, that as we give, we grow and the concentric circles continue to radiate out from the Source of the One who is at the center of all. The Spirituality Network continues to be abundantly blessed by the generosity of many who share resources and gifts of time and talent and offer financial support to sustain our ability to serve. We are deeply grateful for each of you who make the existence and continuation of the Network possible. It is you who make the Network what it is.

In recognition of our interdependence we are creating a Circle of Friends: people who have a passion and belief about the value of the Spirituality Network and our mission and who are willing to commit to making a recurring gift of financial support. By providing a recurring gift you are helping to sustain the mission of the Network with a level of predictability we currently do not have. There are no limitations to the expansion of our Circle of Friends. Please prayerfully consider joining the Circle. We are hopeful that our Circle will continue to grow.

This is the time of year when we also launch our Annual Fund Drive. We are fully aware that these are economically challenging times. It makes your gift both more special to us and more needed by us. We strive to be conscientious stewards of the resources we are blessed with and fully appreciate your generosity in whatever way that you are able to provide support. You are blessing to us and we are confident you will in turn be blessed and through you so is the Network and all those we reach. As Sr. Maxine Shonk's book says, "Blessing upon Blessing"! We count on your generosity to be able to reach and teach, inspire and provide respite to those who seek to quench their thirst for Living Water.

With Blessings of Gratitude and Peace,
Katherine Murphy Mertzlufft

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PREREGISTER with the Spirituality Network: call 614/228-8867, e-mail spiritnetwk@hotmail.com, or online at www.wellstreamscolumbus.org.

TWO-WEEK SESSION ON CENTERING PRAYER

February 9 & 16, 2011

Facilitator: Father Vinny McKiernan, CSP, Spiritual Director, Retreat Leader, and Associate Director, Newman Center

Centering Prayer has been defined as “the total disarmament of the heart.” It is a prayer that lets go of all thoughts, words, and feelings and enables the person to be present to God with only an infinite desire to love and be loved unconditionally. Centering is a prayer that very intentionally relates the mystery of oneself to the mystery of God, bringing about spiritual, physical, emotional, and even cosmic benefits.

TWO-WEEK SESSION ON PRAYING WITH THE SACRED SCRIPTURES: RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT

February 23 & March 2, 2011

Facilitator: Joan Supel, O.P. is a Pastoral Minister at St. Pius X Parish and serves on the Faculty in the Wellstreams Program. She holds a Master’s Degree in Christian Spirituality from Creighton University as well as a Master’s Degree in Religious Education from Seattle University.

In the art of Spiritual Direction, one encounters the wondrous love of God for us in bringing life out of death. In the Sacred Scriptures we behold God’s beloved Son, Jesus, the One who fulfilled ancient Israel’s deepest longings, the One whose victory over death brings life to the world. These two sessions will explore how the ministry of spiritual direction can connect the life experience of God’s beloved sons and daughters with The Story of God’s Love in the Sacred Scriptures. We will explore several Biblical texts with their power and possibility of illuminating our spiritual journey.

TWO-WEEK SESSION ON CARING FOR THE INNER CHILD

March 10 & 17, 2011

Facilitator: Maxine Shonk, O.P. is a spiritual director and retreat facilitator who has taught Spirituality at Ohio Dominican University. Her education and training are in theology, pastoral studies and spirituality. Specific training in the Inner Child took place at the Institute for Spiritual Leadership in Chicago, IL.

Part I: Discovering The Child Within, Discovering the Truth of Feelings. Through prayer, presentation, experiential dialogue, and ritual, we will explore the concept of Inner Child work and the ways in which it offers a wealth of tools and images that open us to an infinitely more healthy perspective on life and on the spiritual journey. We will look at the ways in which our God-given feelings, if honored, serve to bring us to wholeness.

Part II: Discovering the Parent, Caring for the Child Within. We will examine ways to develop a healthy attitude toward inner child work and a way to access the child that we were (and are) in God’s eyes.

TWO-WEEK SESSION ON GRIEF, LOSS, AND THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

March 23 & 30, 2011

Facilitator: Annie Dalby has a Masters in Social Work and is a Licensed Social Worker who currently works for hospice. Annie is a graduate of the Wellstreams Training Program and a Spiritual Director.

In part one, we will look at spiritual direction with the grieving directee. Some of the areas will be recognizing the phases of grief; the types of grief; the tasks of grief recovery and help for the one who is grieving. In part two, we will examine grief and spiritual growth, both as crisis and spiritual transformation.

TWO-WEEK SESSION ON GROUP SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

April 6 & 13, 2011

Facilitator: Carol Ann Spencer, O.P. is a Spiritual Director and Retreat Facilitator who coordinates the Wellstreams Training Program. She has training in Spirituality and Spiritual Direction from the Institute for Spiritual Leadership in Chicago and a Master’s in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University.

Group spiritual direction is a process in which people gather together on a regular basis to assist one another in an ongoing awareness of God in all of life. These two sessions will introduce the process as well as provide an experience of group direction.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Patricia J. Gibboney, CFRE

During this time of the year we are reminded of all that we are thankful for each day. Those associated with The Spirituality Network head the top of the list! Your consistent support is evident in the time that you volunteer, you participate in programs, you provide spiritual direction, and when you share generously of your resources. In some special way, each of you has contributed to the success of The Spirituality Network.

The core value of the mission of this organization continues to assist those who “thirst for the God of life.” The Board of Directors is fully committed to ensure that we develop a sustainability plan for that mission. During the past several months, the Board and staff have been working together on both short term and long term goals that will accomplish that effort. We have been guided by the grace of the Holy Spirit as the strategic dialogue continues. It has been both an enlightening and enriching experience. The final results of these discussions will be shared with you in the near future.

As always, I am available to accept your calls, e-mails and notes with your comments and ideas. With a heart filled with gratitude, I thank you for being connected to The Spirituality Network.

As our weather changes, be conscious of the glory of God that is reflected in the beauty of the created world that surrounds us.

JOIN A NETWORK COMMITTEE

The Spirituality Network’s standing committees are looking for new members. Take this opportunity to let your voice be heard in the work of the Network by volunteering for one of these committees:

- Programs
- Development
- PR/Marketing
- Finance

Contact Pat Gibboney if you are interested: 614/228-8867 or pjgibbo@aol.com.

SEEING JESUS IN THE FACES OF HOMELESS MEN

by Randy Smith

What do you think when you see a homeless man on the street? Do you look away and pray that someone else will help him or do you feel called to get involved? The Men to Men ministry provides a way for you to make a meaningful difference in these men’s lives. MTM, which is based upon the Spirituality Network’s Women to Women ministry, will minister to men who have been homeless, but are currently off the streets in permanent supportive housing. MTM is a ministry of compassionate and reverent listening, of being present to a man and allowing that man to tell his story. Everyone has a story to tell and when our story is really heard by another without being judged or condemned, we are gradually healed and can begin to move on. It is a slow process of building trust, showing respect, and listening with genuine compassion. Hearing the stories of others offers courage to the listeners, breaks down the barriers of fear, and removes the masks we all use to hide our vulnerabilities.

MTM is still in the formation process, discerning ways to structure the meetings and engage the men in meaningful conversations. We have identified a housing facility where we will meet with the men, but we need more men...we need you. We are looking for men to join our ministry who will be able to commit to regularly scheduled visits of one or two evenings a month, and who have both the capacity to listen without giving advice or “fixing” the other and a willingness to share their own struggles. This philosophy has guided the Women to Women program for more than 20 years.

As you think and pray about this ministry, please read Matthew 25:34-40.

If you or other men you know might be interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact Randy Smith at 614/451-3861 or e-mail randysmith@yahoo.com.

HAVE YOU BEEN BLESSED?

We are hearing wonderful stories about how people are using *Blessing upon Blessing*, a book of blessings by Maxine Shonk, OP, published by The Spirituality Network. If you have a story about how these blessings have touched your life or how you have shared them with others, please send it to spiritnetwk@hotmail.com or mail it to the Network office.

And as you do your Christmas shopping, consider blessing your gift recipients with a copy. Contact the Spirituality Network to place your order: 614/228-8867 or spiritnetwk@hotmail.com. \$12 each or 4 for \$40, plus postage if they are mailed to you.



Sr. Maxine Shonk signs a copy of Blessing upon Blessing for Judy Unger.

LENTEN JOURNAL AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY



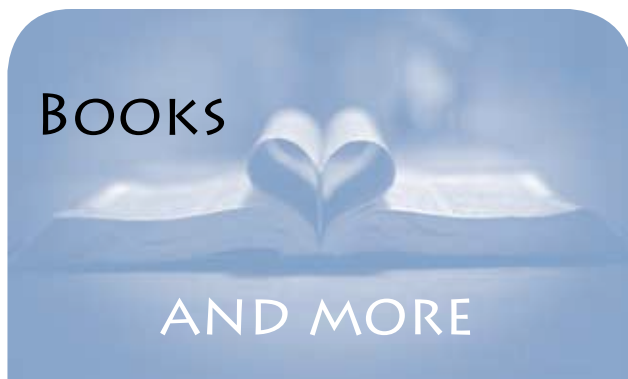
Our annual ecumenical journal for the Lenten journey features daily readings for Lent with reflections and space to write your own journal response. The book is spiralbound to lay flat and foster the journaling practice.

The daily reflections were written by central Ohio parishioners, pastors, spiritual directors, and religious and lay leaders representing many denominations. The journal is ideal for the entire congregation, Lenten study groups, women's circles, support groups, prayer partners, and individual reflection.

Cost: \$4 per copy; three copies for \$10; or \$2.50 each for quantities of 25 or more copies. Journals may be picked up at the Network office or mailed. If mailed, we will add postage and handling charge.

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To order: call 614/228-8867, e-mail spiritnetwk@hotmail.com, or visit our website. We will include an invoice with your order.



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Paintner, Christine Valters, and Beckman, Betsey. *Awakening the Creative Spirit: Bringing the Arts to Spiritual Direction*. Morehouse Publishing, 2010.

Christine Valters Painter and Betsey Beckman have not so much written a book as brought together an amazing collection of ideas and resources to help spiritual directors use more creativity with their directees. This is not a book that can be absorbed in a single reading, and it challenges spiritual directors, supervisors, and others to take artistic risks in their personal relationship with God even as they attempt to assist others to grow and deepen in their spiritual life.

The first part of the book explores the role of the arts in spiritual direction. Part two explores storytelling, imagination, movement, visual art, music, and poetry. The authors highlight the particular gifts of each art form as they see them. In the third part of the book Painter and Beckman "explore life contexts and themes that arise in spiritual care, including breaking open images of God, discernment, grief, dreamwork, the seasons of our lives, and spiritual (direction) supervision."

Awakening the Creative Spirit offers both beginning exercises and more complex experiences of expression. The focus is not on the end product, but rather on the meditative process and the journey of discovery in the creation of art.

The authors show sometimes less is more. In "Three Sentence Stories," a spiritual director working with a directee 'who talks nearly nonstop giving infinite details about each experience that she shares,' asked the directee to create a list of all the things on her mind. The director then asked her to pick one item from the list and tell a Three Sentence Story about it. The directee told a short story and then expressed how difficult it was to limit her words this much. 'But in doing so, she also found that she emphasized the important part of her story... by telling the experience in this way, the story 'went into her own cells' instead of emptying out of her body... and gave her energy."

I asked another spiritual director what she thought of the book. She said, "I think the authors make a good case for the importance of using creativity in spiritual direction. And they give good examples. I think though that directors would have to get comfortable using creativity as part of their own spiritual practices before they could ever be comfortable using the gifts in this book." She then added, "I will use it for my own."

In reflecting on my reading, I wonder how this review might be different if I had written it using crayons or some other art medium. I also have to face the challenge of becoming more comfortable using creativity as part of my spiritual practices in order to use creativity more freely with my directees. *Awakening the Creative Spirit* gives me both ideas and resources for ways to do this.

Recommended by Rick Hatem

STILL AVAILABLE:

Drawn to the Living Water: Twenty Years of Spiritual Discovery, by Wayne Rapp, Rick Hatem, and Anne Rapp, published by The Spirituality Network, call 614-228-8867 or e-mail spiritnetwk@hotmail.com. \$15. A handling fee will be added to orders that are mailed.



WINGS AND PRAYERS QUILT MINISTRY

The quilt ministry got off to a good start in November and new participants are always welcome.

Contact Mary Ellen George if you are interested in participating in any aspect of this ministry to make quilts for hospice patients. Join us on the first Saturday of each month at the Network office. E-mail kmgeorge@wowway.com or call 614/878-1920.

NETWORK EVENTS

Kathie Houchens and Becca Schott provide a musical interlude at "An Evening of Celebration and Gratitude for the Spirituality Network".



Blessings shared around the table at the Blessing upon Blessing launch party.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH

North Campus, 3777 Dublin Rd, South Campus, 1320 Cambridge Blvd; 614/488-0681 ext 226, chieatt@fcchurch.com, www.fcchurch.com

Spiritual Searcher series: March 4-6, 2011. Marcus Borg. Friday and Saturday: Lecture (themes to be determined); Sunday: preaching at all worship services.

C. G. JUNG ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OHIO

Jung Haus, 59 W Third Ave; 614/291-8050, JungACO@JungCentralOhio.org, www.JungCentralOhio.org. Contact the Jung Association for information and/or to register for these programs.

Red Book Seminar: A DVD Presentation by Murray Stein, PhD, December 11, 2010, 9:30am-12:30pm, First Community Church. Facilitator: Richard Sweeney, Jungian Analyst.

2nd Saturday Coffee and Conversation, 10am-12pm, free, donations appreciated: January 8, 2011, *I Ching.* Linda Meadows, Chair, JACO Board.

MARTIN DE PORRES CENTER

2330 Airport Dr, Columbus; registration/information: 614/416-1910, martindepordes@oppeace.org, www.martindepordescenter.net

Quiet in Winter Retreat, January 22, 3-9pm concluding with Sunday vigil Eucharist. Suggested donation \$20 includes simple supper.

The Poetry of Rumi, February 24, 7-9pm. Presented by two members of the local Islamic community, Hilal Smirniotopolous and Vefa Erganbas. Suggested donation \$10.

Lenten Meditation on the Poetry of Michelangelo, March 26, 10am-12:30pm. Juliana D'Amato, OP. Suggested donation \$10.

Columbus Chamber Singers' Lenten concert, April 17, 2-3:30pm. "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Theodore DuBois. Free will offering will be taken.

OHIO DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR DOMINICAN STUDIES

Colonial Room, Sansbury Hall, 1216 Sunbury Rd, Columbus; 614/251-4722, tinyurl.com/2eegalg. *Registration is required for all events:* Complete the online RSVP form to reserve.

Caritas in Veritate: Understanding Pope Benedict's Vision for the Global Economy, January 12 or 13 (TBD), 7pm, Sansbury Hall, Colonial Room. Fr. J. Bryan Hehir. Fr. Hehir is the Parker Gilbert Montgomery Professor of the Practice of Religion and Public Life. He is also the Secretary for Health Care and Social Services in the Archdiocese of Boston. His research and writing focus on ethics and foreign policy and the role of religion in world politics and in American society. He served on the faculty of Georgetown University and the Harvard Divinity School. His writings include *The Moral Measurement of War: A Tradition of Continuity and Change, Catholicism and Democracy,* and *Social Values and Public Policy: A Contribution from a Religious Tradition.*

Aquinas Convocation, January 27, 10:30am, Erskine Hall, Matesich Theatre. Sr. Mary Catherine Hilkert, OP, PhD. Mary Catherine Hilkert, OP, is a Dominican Sister of Peace and Professor of Theology at University of Notre Dame. Mary holds an MA and PhD from Catholic University of America. She specializes in contemporary systematic theology with particular interest in theological anthropology, feminist theology, and theologies of preaching. She is the author of *Naming Grace: Preaching and the Sacramental Imagination* (1997), *Speaking with Authority: Catherine of Siena and the Voices of Women Today* (2001), and *The Praxis of the Reign of God: An Introduction to the Theology of Edward Schillebeeckx* (co-editor, 2002).

Dominican Life of the Mind Lecture Series. 7pm, Sansbury Hall, Colonial Room:

March 24, 2011, *Cosmology, Faith and Sustainability.* Sr. Miriam MacGillis, OP Caldwell Dominican, co-founder of Genesis Farm, a learning center for earth studies located in Blairstown, New Jersey. In 2005, she was presented with the Thomas Berry Award by the Center for Life and the Environment, and in 2007 was named among the planet's top 15 green religious leaders by *Grist* magazine.

April 28, 2011, *The Saint Catherine of Siena Lecture.* Sr. Mary Ann Fatula, OP, Ph.D., Dominican Sister of Peace and Professor of Theology at Ohio Dominican. She is the author of several books including *Catherine of Siena's Way, The Triune God of Christian Faith; Thomas Aquinas: Preacher and Friend,* and *The Holy Spirit, Unbounded Gift of Joy.*

Dominican Conversation Circles Lecture and Dinner, March 3, 6pm, Sansbury Hall, Colonial Room. "Parables for Preachers from Matthew's Gospel" by Sr. Barbara Reid, OP, Ph.D., Dominican Sister of Grand Rapids, Michigan. She currently serves as Vice President and Academic Dean at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. She is the author of several books and publishes a weekly column in *America* magazine.

Truth Seekers Reflection Series Lecture and Luncheon, February 10, 12pm, Sansbury Hall, Colonial Room. "Perspectives on Truth in the Dominican Tradition" by Sr. Ruth Caspar, OP, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Ohio Dominican University.

THE SPIRITUAL CENTER OF MARIA STEIN
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net, www.spiritualcenter.net

Precious Blood Spirituality Series: In honor of 175 years of proclaiming God's love, a year of Precious Blood Spirituality.

March 5, 9am-1:30pm, *Precious Blood History and Spirituality*; Brother Tom Bohman will look at Precious Blood History and Spirituality; in particular the spirituality of St. Gaspar del Bufalo as well as Father Francis de Sales Brunner.

April 2, 9am-1:30pm: *Peacemaking Circles*; Sister Donna Liette and a guest from the Ministry of Reconciliation in Chicago will speak on the call of the Blood of Christ to building Peacemaking Circles that help resolve conflict and restore justice.

CENTER FOR SHAMANIC PRACTICES
614/632 5373; e-mail Deborah Ling at dling99@yahoo.com; www.shamanicpractice.org

Drum Making Workshop, December 19, 2pm; *Winter Solstice Celebration*, December 21. Summit United Methodist Church, 82 E 16th Ave. Workshop: \$125, includes drum kit, mallet, and instruction. To register send a check to Deborah Ling, 2655 Trottersway Drive, Columbus, OH 43235 by December 8.

Winter Solstice Celebration is open to everyone. A donation will be taken to benefit Heifer International and Columbus Neighborhood Services.

The Chakras and Shamanism, 8-week class beginning January 4. Led by Deborah Ling. \$160. The seven developmental tasks of human life and how each affects the seven body chakras.

STS. PETER & PAUL RETREAT CENTER
2734 Seminary Rd, Newark; 740/928-4246;
www.stspeterandpaulretreatcenter.org

Faith in Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon, March 20, 1pm. Please RSVP.

ST. FRANCIS SPIRITUALITY CENTER
200 St. Francis Ave, Tiffin;
419/443-1485, retreats@
stfrancisspiritualitycenter.org,
spirituality.sfctiffin.org

Angels Call: A time to pause & breathe deeply during Advent. December 12, 6-8pm or December 16, 9-11am. Martie Aiello. Donation: \$10.

ONGOING GROUPS

CENTERING PRAYER

Led by Fr. Vinny McKiernan, CSP, at the Newman Center, 64 W Lane Ave, Columbus, Mondays 7-7:45pm and Tuesdays 12:15-1pm. 614/291-4674; e-mail: vinnycsp@yahoo.com.

TURNING LEAVES AND TEA LEAVES

Second Wednesdays, 2-3:15pm. Monthly book club facilitated by Marialein Anzenberger, OP, and Colleen Gallagher, OP. Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Dr, Columbus; 614/416-1910; martindepores@oppeace.org; www.martindeporescenter.net.

BLUE HERON SANGHA

Tuesdays, 7:15-8:45pm. Martin de Porres Center, 2330 Airport Dr, Columbus. A mindfulness community in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh. Contact Sandy at scoen@columbus.rr.com.

THOMAS MERTON STUDY GROUP

Third Mondays, 6-8pm. Vespers in Motherhouse chapel, 2320 Airport Dr, and discussion of Merton readings, led by Merton scholar David Belcastro, PhD. Hosted by Martin de Porres Center, 614/416-1910.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S WRITING GUILD

A network for the personal and professional empowerment of women through writing. Meetings twice monthly, free and open to all, for writing, reading, and gentle critiquing in a safe, supportive environment. Contact Jeanne Marlowe at jamarlowe@juno.com, 614/476-8802.

January 8, February 9, 10am-12:30pm: Columbus Public Library, 96 S Grant Ave, 3rd Fl. Board Room.

INTERFAITH ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OHIO SPIRITUAL SHARING GROUP

Contact Jeanne Marlowe, 614/476-8802; jamarlowe@juno.com. IACO represents eight major faith traditions—Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Islam, Jain, Jewish, and Sikh; www.iaco.org.

January 5, February 2, March 2, 12-1pm, Columbus Metropolitan Library, 96 S Grant Ave, 3rd fl board room.



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- Retreat Planning and Facilitation
- Continuing Education for Spiritual Directors and those in companioning ministry
- Women to Women Listening Ministry

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