



December 2016

District Events

Clergy Sacred Listening Circle (Group Spiritual Direction) 2016-2017

Growing spiritually is something we sometimes take for granted in the church. Many assume that Christian ministers will come closer to God by the work they do in the church (learning by osmosis). But this is only part the story. Developing a deep relationship with “the Ground of our Being” takes daily prayer practices and a willingness to share in a safe and confidential way with others traveling the same road. Listening carefully for the divine whisper and speaking what is on our hearts can open us to new insights when done in a prayerful way.

Shepherd’s Spring Outdoor Ministry Center is offering a small group experience in spiritual companionship, specifically for those in set-apart Christian ministry. Sacred Listening Circles is a monthly gathering for prayer, faith-sharing, and listening to the Spirit. The group starts in early October and concludes in early May, meeting in the Oasis Room in the Lodge. Shepherd’s Spring is located at 16869 Taylors Landing Road, Sharpsburg, MD. This is an ecumenical experience, open to all denominations and faith backgrounds.

Leadership. The group leader is Rev. Ed Poling. Ed is a minister in the Church of the Brethren, having served congregations in Hagerstown, Carlisle (PA), Waynesboro (PA) and Myersville. He has been trained as a spiritual director and retreat leader by the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation (Washington, DC), and Oasis Ministries for Spiritual Formation (Camp Hill, PA). Ed has been leading Sacred Listening Circles every year over the last two decades and been providing individual spiritual direction as well.

What is Needed to Participate. Three conditions are essential to the life of the group. All participants must be willing to—

- commit themselves to an honest relationship with God;
- attend the meetings regularly; and
- enter into the group process through prayerful listening and response, opening their journeys for reflection with others.

Costs. \$125.00 Participants will also need to purchase a copy of the reading book.

Readings. Each participant is asked to read a book on the spiritual life. This year’s book is *Immortal Diamond: The Search for our True Selves* by Richard Rohr. A chapter will be assigned for each meeting.

Introductory/Orientation Meeting. A special meeting will be held at Shepherd’s Spring on Monday, September 12 at 10:00 am to meet with Ed and learn more about sacred listening circles.

Meeting Dates. All meetings will be held on Tuesdays at the Shepherd’s Spring lodge.

- October 3, 2016 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (Retreat format with lunch included)
- October 17, 2016 9:00 am—12:00 noon
- November 7, 2016 9:00 am—12:00 noon
- December 5, 2016 9:00 am—12:00 noon
- January 9, 2017 9:00 am—12:00 noon
- February 6, 2017 9:00 am—12:00 noon
- March 6, 2017 9:00 am—12:00 noon
- April 3, 2017 9:00 am—12:00 noon
- May 1, 2017 9:00 am—3:00 pm (Retreat format with lunch included)

Signing-Up. If you have questions or want to sign-up for this adventure in the spiritual life, contact Shepherd’s Spring at 301-223-8193 or www.shepherdsspring.org A registration form is available on request.

Christmas Luminaria Remembrances



The Fahrney-Keedy Senior Living Community Auxiliary has planned a Christmas Remembrance Luminaria Display for Friday, December 9, 2016, beginning at 5 p.m. The soft glow of the candles will be displayed throughout the village, remaining lit through the night. You are encouraged to drive through the beautiful campus to enjoy a quiet time of reflection of the Christmas season.

The cost is \$5 per luminaria and you may purchase as many lights as you would like. Whether you purchase a light in memory or in honor of a friend or family member, all proceeds from the display will go to support the many services the auxiliary provides to the home. Please see the order form below.

Friday, December 9, 2016 ~ 5:00 p.m. ~ \$5 minimum donation per light

Name (please print) _____ In Memory or In Honor (circle) \$ _____

Name (please print) _____ In Memory or In Honor (circle) \$ _____

Name (please print) _____ In Memory or In Honor (circle) \$ _____

Total number of lights: _____ Total enclosed \$ _____

Payable by check only to: Fahrney-Keedy Home Auxiliary
For additional names, please use the back of this form.

Donated by: _____

Your contact phone number (if questions on the order) _____

Please mail this form with your donation by Dec. 1 to: Joe Bachtell (Auxiliary Treasurer)
122 Manor Dr. Apt. A4
Hagerstown, MD 21740

We ask that you please be mindful of the deadline date. Any order received after Dec. 1 cannot be guaranteed to be included on the typed list of names.

For more information, please call Diane Giffin (auxiliary vice-president) at 301-824-2340.

Thank you for your support.





Holiday Festival 2016!

It's time to join the fun and do some holiday shopping!

November 21st - December 9th

(bidding on gifts closes at 6:00 PM on December 9th)

The Holiday Festival is part of our

Annual Holiday Open House

December 9th from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Please join us for refreshments, music, and Santa Claus who will make an appearance for a photo op with the kids! Before heading home, don't miss our Luminaria Display brought to you by the Fahrney Keedy Auxiliary!

Proceeds to benefit our Pastoral Care Ministries and our residents' spiritual care.

**For more information contact Chaplain Twyla
(301)671-5008 or trowe@fkhv.org**



Donations Needed!

for the

Holiday Festival 2016!

December 9th

FK will be accepting donations of gift baskets
for the Holiday Festival to support our Pastoral Care Ministries.



A few ideas for themed baskets are: A Movie Night Basket containing dvds, popcorn, theatre candy; Family Game Night Basket containing games and refreshments; Spa Basket holding items needed for a relaxing experience. We also will accept donations of homemade crafts, gift cards, event tickets, jewelry or other individual gift items.

Donations can be dropped off by November 17th at the greeter's desk in the main lobby from 9:00am until 4:00pm.

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Donation receipts available if needed.



November 10, 2016

Keynote:

Location:

Preaching the Reign of God: Prophets, Poets, and Conversations

Dawn Ottoni-Wilhelm

Juniata College

Continuing the prophetic legacy of ancient Israel, the preaching of Jesus Christ is permeated with references to the kingdom (or "reign") of God. Where is this "reign of God" to be found in the church's relationship to the most difficult problems of our time—to terrorism, income inequality, climate change, and human sexuality? This preaching symposium will examine what Jesus preached about the reign of God, as well as how he did it. It will share new developments in the art and craft of preaching, in particular that of "conversational homiletics." Through lecture, worship, small group discussion, and workshop time, participants will explore how their own preaching may proclaim God's life-giving reign among us. Dawn Ottoni-Wilhelm is the Alvin F. Brightbill Professor of Preaching and Worship at Bethany Theological Seminary. Cost is \$60.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch, and 0.6 CEU's).

March 18, 2017

Instructor:

Location:

Reimagining Art for Worship

Diane Brandt

Lititz Church of the Brethren

Like the choral anthem, the message, the prayers, and rituals, liturgical art enhances the worship experience. Each element is meant to awaken us and open our hearts to God. The spiritual disciplines that go into sermon writing—prayer, meditation, study, and reflection—can also be used to create liturgical art. This kind of art-making can be called "co-creation," for one creates in partnership with The Creator, in a process that is itself an act of worship. This workshop will explore fresh possibilities for art in liturgical spaces and lead participants through a process for "co-creating" art themselves. Diane Brandt is the Minister of Visual arts at St. Peter's UCC, Lancaster PA. Cost is \$65.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch, materials fee, and 0.6 CEU's)

March 25, 2017

Keynote:

Location:

Understanding Our American Muslim Neighbors

George Pickens

Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren

Islam is the fastest growing religion in the US, and this event is designed to introduce our American Muslim neighbors so that we might begin to love them as Jesus commanded. Participants will visit some of our Muslim neighbors at a local mosque. The presenter, George Pickens, has been teaching Islam and Christian witness among Muslims for over 25 years, first in Africa where he spent 14 years, and currently at Messiah College, where he is Professor of Theology and Director of the Program in Peace and Conflict Studies. George is actively involved in building positive relations with Muslims in the Capital Region of central Pennsylvania, and he is a member of the Mechanicsburg (PA) Church of the Brethren and an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren. Cost is *\$55.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch, and 0.7 CEU's) *If 3 or more register from the same congregation, cost is \$35/person. If possible, please register all from congregation at the same time.



April 24, 2017

Keynote:

Location:

Ten-Plus Reasons to Love Leviticus

Robert Neff

Elizabethtown College – Susquehanna Room

Leviticus is a book for our time. Leviticus challenges us to lives of integrity seven days a week by: respecting our elders and the marginalized, resolving our feelings and disputes with our neighbor, protecting the rights of the alien, addressing economic and social inequity, care for the environment, the appropriate preparation of food and its consumption, living from the perspective of the Holy One. This study unlike most book investigations will not follow chapter by chapter but will begin in the center of the book with chapter 19 and the directive, "You shall be holy, as I am Holy." Leviticus invites us to lead a holy life that is strikingly relevant to our lives today. Bob Neff is an Old Testament scholar, President Emeritus of Juniata College, and former General Secretary of the Church of the Brethren. He is a member at University Baptist and Brethren Church in State College, PA. Cost is \$60.00 (includes light breakfast, lunch, and 0.6 CEU's).

To Register: Contact Karen Hodges at svmc@etown.edu, or 717-361-1450.

Which projected topics interest you? Are there others you would like to learn about?

Weigh in by dropping us an email at svmc@etown.edu.

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center
Continuing Education Program presents:

Reimagining Art for Worship

Led by Diane Brandt

March 18, 2017

Lititz Church of the Brethren

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Registration deadline: March 3, 2017

Diane Brandt is Minister of Visual Arts at St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Lancaster, PA



"The Ascending Dance" by Diane Brandt

Mail completed registration form and
payment for Art for Worship to:

Susquehanna Valley
Ministry Center
One Alpha Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Make checks payable to SVMC.

Questions?

Contact us at:
717-361-1450
svmc@etown.edu

REGISTRATION FORM

Name	Are you <input type="checkbox"/> Yes over 18? <input type="checkbox"/> No
Address	
E-mail	Phone
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Meat or vegetarian lunch?	Other dietary restrictions?
Where did you hear about this event?	

SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY MINISTRY CENTER

Continuing Education Series



UNDERSTANDING OUR AMERICAN MUSLIM NEIGHBORS

LED BY GEORGE PICKENS

MARCH 25, 2017, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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Registration deadline: March 10, 2017

Mail completed registration form
and payment for American Muslim
Neighbors to:

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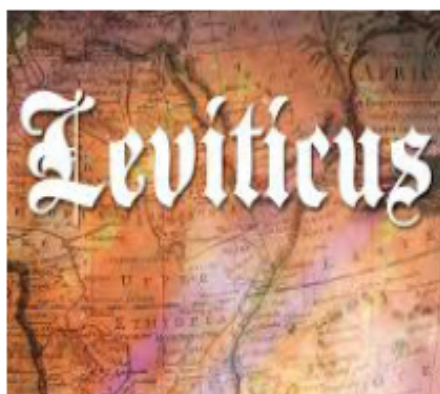
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Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center

Continuing Education Series

Ten Plus Reasons to Love Leviticus

ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE • Susquehanna Room

BOB NEFF, Keynote Speaker

Bob Neff is an Old Testament scholar, President Emeritus of Juniata College, and former General Secretary of the Church of the Brethren

APRIL 24, 2017

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

(Registration at 8:30)

Other speakers:

Christina Bucher (sexuality in Leviticus from different faith perspectives)

David Leiter (social justice and Leviticus)

Frank Ramirez (the Brethren and Leviticus 19)

Brody Rike (atonement and orientation to God)

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Registration due to SVMC by April 10, 2017

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