

## TRANSITIONS: YOUR JOURNEY OF TRANSFORMATION THROUGH GRIEF AND LOSS

Facilitator: Sarah Donnelly, M.Div.

**Thursday February 15, 7:00 p.m. – Sunday February 18, 1:00 p.m.**

Cost: \$475 (live-in)

Whether you are currently grieving, or have experienced a loss some time ago and have not had the opportunity to grieve, this retreat will provide insight, hope and prayerful support as you journey through the painful times of grief and loss in your life.

Transitions welcomes those who have experienced a wide range of losses including the death or anticipated death of spouse, partner, child, family member or loved one, the loss of good health in themselves or someone they love, loss of a job or under-employment, retirement from a much-loved career and the ending of a marriage or significant relationship. Maximum 9 participants. This retreat will be repeated June 7-10, 2018.

## QUIET DAYS FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

You are welcome to come to Queen's House for a time of rest and restoration - for a day, or several days. Please contact the Receptionist to inquire about availability and costs. Come spend "time away" in quiet reflection, prayer, reading, resting, walking and contemplation.

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

All are warmly invited to join Fr. Paul Fachel, OMI and the staff of Queen's House at a weekly Eucharist service on **Wednesday afternoons, 2:30 p.m.** September - June. Please call ahead to confirm the time as occasionally a change occurs to accommodate another event.

## 24 HOUR EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

In its fullest essence, Eucharistic Adoration is "God and Humanity reaching out for each other, at the same time."

**Fourth Monday of each month, 12:00 p.m. to fourth Tuesday of each month, 12:00 p.m.**

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE ! BE A VOLUNTEER !

If you are interested in giving back to Queen's House and supporting our ministry, we would love to speak with you! Scheduling based on your availability.

## TAIZÉ PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

**Second Wednesday of the month, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

January - June 2018

**January 10 • February 14 • March 14**

Donations appreciated.

Members of our L'Arche Community will be providing the leadership for the Taizé Prayer Service beginning in 2018.

The Taizé Community is an ecumenical monastic order in Taizé, France. By its very existence, the community is a "parable of community" that wants its life to be a sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and between separated peoples. The community has become one of the world's most important sites of Christian pilgrimage. Over 100,000 young people from around the world make pilgrimages to Taizé each year for prayer, Bible study, sharing, and communal work. Meditative singing is one of the most essential elements of worship in Taizé. Short songs, repeating again and again, give it a meditative character.

## SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Have you considered inviting a spiritual director to journey with you as a trusted companion? The spiritual director is a dedicated traveler of the interior pathways and has the skills to accompany another person who is experiencing the joys and challenges of life. The director listens, encourages, supports and assists the seeker in paying attention to their life. Queen's House has a number of trained spiritual directors who come from the ecumenical Christian community and offer a wide variety of interests and experience. To learn more about these spiritual directors please visit the website. If you are new to spiritual direction or have any questions about this listening ministry please contact our coordinator, Sr. Adeline, 306-242-1916 x228. A suggested offering for spiritual direction is a sliding fee scale of \$25—\$75 a session.

## Queen's House Retreat & Renewal Centre

601 Taylor Street W, Saskatoon SK S7M 0C9

To register please call **306-242-1916** or

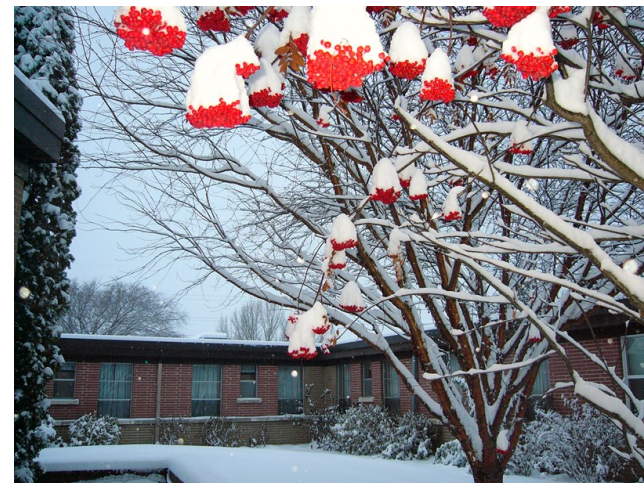
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# Retreats and Workshops

**Winter 2017-2018**



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we have to offer this winter!**

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**AND SO WE WAIT...YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY OF  
TRANSFORMATION. A WEEKEND RETREAT FOR WOMEN**  
with Sarah Donnelly, M. Div.

**Friday November 24, 7:00 p.m. – Sunday November  
26, 1:00 p.m.**

Cost: \$180. Additional costs for live-in option

This retreat will give participants the opportunity to reflect on their own unique experience of waiting. Participants might choose to spend time with an experience of waiting that greatly influenced their life sometime in the past, and/or might choose to reflect on a period of waiting they are living in today. During this weekend we will examine the experience of waiting, look at the various stages of this journey, and reflect on sacred stories in both the Jewish and Christian traditions that also echo our own stories of waiting. An excellent retreat as you prepare to enter into the season of Advent, and watch for the "new" that you are being called to birth in your own life.

**THE BOOK OF EXODUS** with Fr. Paul Fachel OMI

**First Wednesday of each month, 10:00a.m. - 12:00  
p.m.** October 2017 - June 2018

**December 6, January 10, February 7**

\$15/session; \$25 including lunch

During this year we will continue with experiential listening to and reflections on passages in the section the "Desert Experience" (Exodus 16-19). Participants are welcome to attend one or several sessions.

**CENTERING PRAYER**

**Monday evenings, 7:00 p.m.** *except on stat holidays*

Cost: by donation; Facilitated by Fr. Paul Fachel OMI

Join others in this ancient form of Christian meditation. Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God's presence within us.

**TOGETHER THROUGH ADVENT - AN ECUMENICAL  
JOURNEY**

with Darcie Lich and Rev. Claire Ewert Fisher

**Two Saturday mornings, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

*Come to one or both sessions!*

Cost: \$20.00 /session, \$13.00/optional lunch

You are warmly invited to participate in this Advent series as we enter into some of the unique themes and invitations of this holy season, and how they intersect with our own lives. This unique series features two educators in our community from different Christian denominations.

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 2: Holy Linoleum - Rediscovering  
Sacred Ground In Advent**  
**Facilitator: Darcie Lich**

Waiting for something that has already happened is a curious practice. Advent calls us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, yet we must somehow reconcile this with the fact that He is already here. How can everyday distractions prevent us from seeing God in the here and now? And how can the ordinary and the mundane point to God's presence? Come and discover what chocolate chip cookies and baskets of unfolded laundry have to do with the "already, but not yet" character of Advent.

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 9: Every Creature Singing**  
**Facilitator: Rev. Claire Ewert Fisher**

Advent is a time of preparation – preparation for God's personal participation in the created order as realized through Jesus Christ. This preparation - this eager anticipation - is not just the human experience but creation itself "will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God." (Romans 8:20b) Questions we will bring to this morning's prayer include, "What will happen when we, here in this corner of the planet, place our sacred texts and the cries of the earth side by side and listen to them together?" and "In what ways has creation taught us about God?" Come explore through biblical reflection and prayer God's creative intent for all of God's created order.

*Please note: a minimum of 25 participants/session are needed to register **by November 30/December 7** in order to offer this series. Please register soon to ensure this series will take place. Thank you!*

**WOMEN IN MINISTRY FRIDAY LUNCHEONS**

Facilitators: Rev. Marie-Louise Ternier, Rev. Donna Wilson, Rev. Robin Sloboda, Martha Fergusson

**Fridays, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, 11:45 a.m – 1:30 p.m.**

Cost: Lunch \$10.

Once a month women gather at Queen's House for lunch and the opportunity to support each other in their respective ministries.

This invitation goes out to all women, lay and ordained, who are employed in professional ministry (parish/congregational, chaplaincy, diocesan, educational, retreat facilitation, spiritual direction), those who are retired from an employed ministry position, and those studying for professional ecclesial ministry. The main purpose for these lunches is to create an informal relational space where women working professionally in ministry can connect across denominational lines and form networks of friendship, communication and support.

**THROUGH THE DARK NIGHT WITH ST. JOHN OF THE  
CROSS** A webcast with James Finley

Webcast facilitated by Sarah Donnelly

**Thursday January 11, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** Cost: \$10.

*God has to work in the soul in secret and in darkness because if we fully knew what was happening, and what Mystery, transformation, God, and Grace will eventually ask of us, we would either try to take charge or stop the whole process. - John of the Cross*

In a webcast recorded on the Feast of St. John of the Cross, James Finley explores the 16th century Spanish mystic's life and writings. John went through a purifying process of the Dark Night of the Soul. His description of this experience helps us navigate our own times of darkness and unknowing, coming to a profound knowing of God's presence in our lives. Through reflections on John's texts, Ascent of Mount Carmel, The Dark Night of the Soul and Spiritual Canticle, James shares how our powerlessness in prayer is gradually transformed into contemplative intimacy with God. John believed that Infinite Love is the architect of our hearts. We are made in such a way that nothing less than an infinite union with Infinite Love will do. The Dark Night deepens our desire and openness to this love.

*For more details and an updated list of all programs please check our website: [www.queenshouse.org](http://www.queenshouse.org) or our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/Queen's-House-Retreat-and-Renewal-Centre](https://www.facebook.com/Queen's-House-Retreat-and-Renewal-Centre)*