Retreats and Workshops
Winter 2017-2018

Queen’s House Retreat & Renewal Centre
601 Taylor Street W, Saskatoon SK S7M 0C9
To register please call 306-242-1916 or email: receptionist@queenshouse.org
For details on all programs: www.queenshouse.org

EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS
All are warmly invited to join Fr. Paul Fachet, 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.

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.

Eucharistic 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.

24 HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
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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.

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.

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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.

SUNDAY 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 we be ready 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.

SUNDAY 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 Temrier, 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.

THE BOOK OF EXODUS with Fr. Paul Fachet OMI
First Wednesday of each month, 10:00a.m. - 12:00 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 experience God’s presence within us.

CENTERING PRAYER
Monday evenings, 7:00 p.m. except on stat holidays
Cost: by donation; Facilitated by Fr. Paul Fachet 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.

THE DARK NIGHT OF THE SOUL WITH ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS
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.

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