

SATURDAY MARCH 25

Journey to Jerusalem: The Labyrinth as Pilgrimage

Facilitator: The Rev. Gyllian Davies

As Jesus turned his face towards Jerusalem he taught and healed, using metaphor to clarify his radical world-changing message, and physical acts to transform people's illness into wholeness. The labyrinth offers itself to us as a catalyst for insight and transformation in both these realms. Through embracing its path as pilgrims and seekers we too will turn our faces towards Jerusalem, to discover, in these physical and metaphorical realms, who God is calling us to become this Lent of 2017.



Gyllian Davies trained as a labyrinth facilitator with Lauren Artress at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco in 1998 and received her certification in 1999. She has facilitated multiple labyrinth events for churches and for Ecumenical, Justice and Peace, and Environmental groups. She brings her background as artist, poet, spiritual director and seeker, plus a profound and passionate curiosity about God in our lives to her work. Gyllian is a transitional deacon with the Anglican Church, currently posted at St. John's Cathedral.



SATURDAY APRIL 1

Called to be "Agents of HOPE"

Facilitators: Fr. Mike Dechant OMI and
Brendan Bitz

How do we live as "agents of hope" in a world filled with chaos, turmoil and brokenness? How do we live Gospel values of love and forgiveness and healing? How do we live in a way that can make a difference? What's the truth when there are so many conflicting voices?

Jesus has an answer for us when he says: "I am the way the truth and the life!"

Maybe "together" we can learn and understand what that might mean for me and for you. Let's talk!



Fr. Mike Dechant OMI was born in the Peace River Country of northern Alberta, in a little town called Manning. He is the Director of

Oblate Youth Ministries Team, working in the Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Division. As an Oblate of Mary Immaculate, he focuses much of his energy in being a "missionary" ... to reach out to all peoples – students, teachers, parents, grandparents – but with special attention to those who don't belong to the "inner circle of the Church." For the past 5 years, Fr. Mike has been part of a Mission Team to New Orleans – taking high school students to an area devastated by severe weather (Hurricanes Katrina and Isaac)

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and on-going social poverty. These students have an opportunity to participate in the "New Orleans Re-build" – fixing and cleaning homes is disrepair, and helping people build up hope and courage to face "today and tomorrow." So often we hear the people say, "thank you for not forgetting about us." As his father was a farmer, planting seeds to feed the people of the world, so too his son has spent most of his life "planting seeds" – seeds of hope and encouragement, the seeds of the Good News of Jesus Christ. His constant encouragement to everyone is: "Wherever you go, Go with God. Wherever you go, go make a difference."

Brendan Bitz serves as Director of Queen's House. He spent 30 years as a teacher and administrator with the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools and has degrees in science, education and administration. Brendan and his wife Louise share 4 children, 2 daughters-in-law and 3 grandchildren! He and Fr. Mike have been friends and associates for a good long time.



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You are warmly invited to participate in this five-week Lenten series as we enter into some of the unique themes of Lent, and how they intersect with our own lives. This unique series features several educators in our community from a variety of Christian denominations. Come for one or several sessions – you are most welcome!

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\$20.00 - program

\$12.00 - optional lunch

To register please call

306-242-1916

or email:

receptionist@queenshouse.org

As we need a minimum number of registrants to offer these programs please register if you plan on attending. If you are a last-minute participant please call Queen's House to confirm that the program is being offered. Thank you!

SATURDAY MARCH 4

Walking the Lenten Journey: Through Crucial Conversations Towards Reconciliation

Facilitator: Marie-Louise Ternier-Gommers

Family strife and racism, reconciliation with First Nations and same-sex marriage, understanding Islam and integrating new immigrants, assisted suicide and abortion — all subjects that can spark controversial and polarizing disputes. Unresolved divisions and disputes, conflicting worldviews and moral standards risk leaving relationships permanently impaired or ended. Each time that happens our capacity to love unconditionally suffers. As persons of faith we are called to grow into ambassadors of reconciliation, choosing listening before judging, sharing before walking away, receiving before dismissing, and loving before condemning. How to do this is the subject of this presentation.



Married to Jim, mother and grandmother, **Marie-Louise** holds a Masters in Divinity from Emmanuel & St. Chad College, a Certificate in Ecumenical Studies from St. Andrew's College, and has completed several training units in Intercultural Ministry. She has worked in all forms of church ministry both in Roman Catholic and ecumenical circles. She is a member of the programming team at Queen's House, a spiritual director, a workshop facilitator and has authored two books. As of January 2017, Marie-Louise provides pastoral leadership in the Anglican and Lutheran congregations in Watrous while preparing for ordination in the Anglican Church of Canada.

SATURDAY MARCH 11

Journeying through Lent with Dementia

Facilitator: Rev. Marilyn Fowlie-Neufeld

This presentation will explore the spirituality of dementia for those living with dementia and for their caregivers and spiritual care providers. In a world that tends to de-value those with physical and cognitive disabilities the message of the cross tells us that all God's children - regardless of ability - are precious and loved. How do we communicate this to and with those dealing with dementia? This workshop will provide both reflection and ideas on how to do that.



Marilyn Fowlie-Neufeld is an ordained Lutheran pastor who has worked in the church for most of her adult life as: youth worker, parish worker, administration assistant, chaplain and parish pastor. She worked for a number of years with seniors and seniors with dementia. She is currently serving as the pastor of Augustana Lutheran Church in Saskatoon. She received her M.Div. in pastoral care and counseling from the University of Winnipeg (an ecumenical theological consortium) and is currently working towards certification as a specialist with CASC/ACSS (Canadian Association for Spiritual Care). Marilyn is married to Greg, who is also a pastor, and they have 4 adult children and will soon add another person to the family by marriage.

SATURDAY MARCH 18

Lent: A Very Human Journey

Facilitator: Rev. Deborah Walker

This presentation will explore the many meanings of "pilgrimage." In the fall of 2016 Deb walked the Camino de Santiago de Compostela (The Way of St James). The Way of St. James was one of the most important Christian pilgrimages during the Middle Ages, and its popularity has only increased in recent decades. In this workshop Deb will be sharing personal reflections from her journal as she walked this sacred journey.

Deb Walker is a Minister in the Church of Canada, serving her 12th year at Mayfair United Church in Saskatoon

