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Registration for Events



Unless otherwise noted, all registration is through the office at St. Francis Retreat Center.

Email: information@stfrancis.ws

Phone: 866-669-8321

Mail: St. Francis Retreat Center
703 E. Main Street
DeWitt, MI 48820

Sabbath Time Retreats

Traditional - \$70

Includes: 2 nights at St. Francis Retreat Center – 4 meals
Welcome bag & packet – Facilitator

June 10-12 (Mary Tardif- facilitator)

November 4-6 (Pat Zandstra- facilitator)

(The actual cost of this retreat, per person, is \$112. If you could give more than the reduced price, then more in ministry can experience Sabbath time.)

Mini - \$30

Includes: 1 night – 2 meals – Welcome bag & packet – Facilitator
September 16-17 (Richard Strife- facilitator)

(The actual cost of this retreat, per person, is \$60. If you could give more than the reduced price, then more in ministry can experience Sabbath time.)

Please go to our website www.spe-stfrancis.org to register or call 866-669-8321.

Brochure

Boundary Training

Website Links

- ◆ **SPE website**
www.spe-stfrancis.org
- ◆ **St Francis Retreat Center website**
www.stfrancis.ws
- ◆ **SPE Resource Center**
www.spe-stfrancis.org

September 4, 2014

Especially designed for pastors, lay staff and volunteer leaders, this one-day workshop reviews essential information and strategies for creating and maintaining a safe environment for vital ministry in today's changing world.

This training satisfies the denominational boundary training requirements for: American Baptist Churches of MI; Christian Reformed church in NA; Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, North/West Lower MI and South East MI Synods; MI Conference of the United Church of Christ; Presbyterian Church (USA), Presbytery of Lake Michigan, Presbytery of Lake Huron and Presbytery of Detroit.

Upcoming Dates

***November 3, 2014** (1st Congregational Church UCC – Gaylord)

***March 12, 2015** (Church of the Master – Troy)

April 30, 2015

September 10, 2015

**Please note that the November 3 and the March 12 sessions will not be at St. Francis Retreat Center.*

9:15 am – 3:30 pm

Cost: \$75 (includes materials and lunch)

[Brochure with registration form](#)

Save the Date

FaithWalking

Deep Change or Slow Death

Practices that Fuel the Transformational Journey

November 5-7, 2014

The journey of deep change begins with the personal transformation of leaders. Jim Herrington and Trisha Taylor will introduce you to this transformational process.

It promises to be a day of high value with presentations, times of solitude, and small group conversations, all designed to nurture your spirit as you consider your own journey of personal transformation.

(Jim and Trisha will be offering a three-day Faithwalking retreat November 5-7, 2014. Details are upcoming)

This event is cosponsored by SPE and the Midland Neighboring Initiative.



Peter Steinke
Adaptive Challenges and Church Systems

September 25, 2014

9:30 – 3:30 (with lunch)

\$85 (including lunch) if you register by August 15, 2014

\$100 if you register after August 15, 2014

Registration Deadline: September 15, 2014

To stay overnight, please make arrangements with St. Francis Retreat Center

Peter Steinke – author, speaker, pastor

Peter will present new material from his study of Bowen theory, biblical themes and contemporary challenges for the church.

The program will be in two parts:

Part 1 : Ancient Israel as an Emotional System & Societal Emotional Process and the Rise of Christianity

Part 2: Change, Anxiety and Adaptive Challenges & Adaptive Confidence.

Peter Steinke is the author of *Healthy Congregations; Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times* and *A Door Set Open*.

Group Discount: 8 or more people register at the same time from the same church or organization gets \$15 off each registration.

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Genograms Course

Working with Genograms in Bowen Systems Theory

Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 10 2014

\$250 (including lunch) if you register by August 4, 2014

\$300 after August 4, 2014

Registration deadline: August 18, 2014

The Rev. Jannel Glennie

Genograms tell the deeper story of our lives and our roots. They are a visual way of putting our family pieces together into a more cohesive understanding of how we have become who we are.

Attention will be given to both your individual genogram and using the genogram as a resource in pastoral care and leadership.

Genograms will also be used to understand the essential concepts that

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make up Bowen Systems Theory, therefore, this group is open to those with a little or a lot of Systems experience. Class format will include presentation, group case studies, individual work and small group sharing.

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[Online Registration](#)

A Professional Learning Experience for Pastors **The Michigan Institute for Pastoral Leadership**

Fall 2014-Winter 2015

\$450 if you register by August 15, 2014

\$475 if you register after August 15, 2014

Registration deadline: September 1, 2014

Rev. Bill Johnson and Debbie Johnson McFalone, Ph.D

Based on Kouzes & Posner's book, *The Truth About Leadership*, participants will commit to attend a series of five sessions, each one based on an Exemplary Leadership Practice. Participants will engage in interactive conversation and learning activities with other cohort members. Pastors will leave with a deeper understanding of skillful leadership practices that will enhance their work with their congregations.

Sessions will be: Sept. 16; Oct. 21; Nov. 18; Jan. 20, 2015; Feb. 17, 2015.

Registration deadline September 1, 2014

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3rd Annual Spring Exhibition ***"Inner Landscape"***

May 2- June 12 2014

SPE is proud to host this exhibition. This is a juried exhibition where the artists express their interpretation of their inner landscape through visual art and poetry.



Belles: Three Muses
Christine V. Hampton



My Inner Landscape
Jannel Glennie

Art & Spirit Watercolor Workshop

August 6-8, 2014

\$345 if you register by June 25

\$370 if you register after June 25

Registration deadline: July 25

(you are responsible for the supplies on the Class Supply List)

Cindy Evans – local watercolor artist
You will explore ways to put meaning into your work. This is a short workshop to demonstrate some of the unusual creative techniques that can be used to develop a painting.

The goal will be to broaden a use of creative techniques, adding personal expression, feeling and life when creating works of art.

Time will be spent on creating art along with prayer and quiet reflection.



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Terry posts articles, events, thoughts on the SPE page weekly.

Take a moment and “friend” us.



The SPE Resource Center

We are accepting any and all donations of books, DVDs and CD's. If your items cannot be added to the collection they will be put on the DISCARD shelf where they will be available for anyone who would like them.

*If you would like to write a **review** of any of our materials please contact Terry (517-669-*

8321 x22 or tfeuka@stfrancis.ws)

As always, there is one-on-one reference assistance. Terry is more than happy to answer your question or get material for you from one of the many cooperative libraries through WorldCat.

If you have any difficulties in accessing the catalog, ATLAS or in reserving materials, please contact Terry.

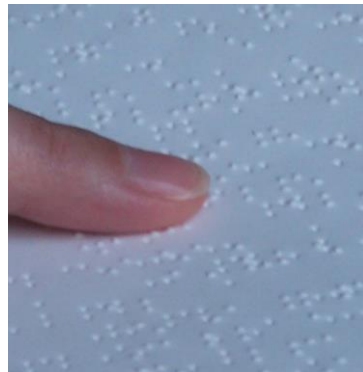
Please consider making a monetary donation to the Resource Center. We love donations of books, but there are many newly published items that would make a valuable addition to our collection.



Discard Shelf

Our Discard is still alive and well! Visit the back of the Resource Center and see all that we have. We only ask that you empty your pockets of change to add to our Donation Jar. This is our means to acquiring new items for the collection. Anything you can do is appreciated.

Item of interest . . .



*We have acquired a copy of the **Bible in Braille**. Please contact Terry if you or someone you know is interested in borrowing this item.*

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- Check your account
- Reserve a book to be mailed to you
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- Browse reading lists and new titles



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