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join us!

Spring-Summer 2015

## How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to change the world.

Anne Frank

**Years of Living Dangerously-** This is the conclusion of the groundbreaking, Emmy-winning Showtime documentary television series, executive produced by James Cameron, Jerry Weintraub and Arnold Schwarzenegger, exploring the human impact of climate change. In Episode 9, “**Moving a Mountain**”, Hall concludes his journey to Bangladesh, where rising seas are expected to submerge 17% of the country. He learns that global warming is a human rights, public health and foreign policy issue. Thomas Friedman interviews President Barack Obama on climate change. He finds that climate can change so fast that it can wipe out a civilization and that “action taken



to curb greenhouse emissions could have a measurable, helpful impact”. Obama echoes this, saying “there’s a lot we can do about” global warming. He tells Friedman that “if you profess leadership in this country at this moment in our history, then you’ve got to recognize [that global warming] is going to be one of the most significant long-term challenges, if not the most significant long-term challenge that this country faces and that the planet faces”. Free will offering. *Thursday, March 12; 2:00-3:30 pm, SISTERS’ RESIDENCE.*

### **Hildegard of Bingen: Visions of the Trinity-**

A video presentation by Rev. Professor Jane-Boyce Tillman covers the life, theology and mysticism of Hildegard—an extraordinary 12th century Benedictine abbess, mystic, visionary, prophet and polymath known for her work as a writer, philosopher, composer, poet, playwright, linguist, scientist, physician and more.

A cornerstone of Hildegard’s spirituality was *Viriditas*, or greening power, her revelation of the animating life force manifest in the natural world that infuses all creation with moisture and vitality. To her, the divine was manifest in every leaf and blade of grass. Hildegard celebrated the sacred in nature, something highly relevant for us in this age of climate change and the destruction of natural habitats. Free will offering. *Thursday, March 26; 2:00-3:30 pm, SISTERS’ RESIDENCE.*

### **Prophet and Mystic of Creation-**

Facing today’s issues of climate change, violence, racism, consumerist culture and psychic disorientation calls for an awakening and a spiritual renewal. In this DVD presentation you are invited to a spiritual awakening and a renewed

commitment to learn with Thomas Merton how to read the Scripture of Creation. You will unearth the significance of the natural world for Merton’s own experience of God.

Weaving together word and song, Sister Kathleen Noone Deignan’s presentations will lead you steadily closer to the horizon of insight Merton spent his life trying to disclose. Her originality in describing Merton’s vivid awareness of our true home in the paradise of God’s presence brings you toward that same intuition so richly described in Merton’s poetry and prose. You will come to sense the beauty and urgency of the task Merton sets before us: to recover here and now the paradise of creation, in our time so desecrated.



Sister Deignan will talk about a revolution of human consciousness, and will lead us in praying toward the kind of moral action not yet ventured in the history of our race. Sister Kathleen Noone Deignan, CND, a gifted professor, author, and musician, is Professor of Religious studies at Iona College, New York. Free will offering. *Thursdays, April 9, 23, May 7; 2:00-3:30 pm, SISTERS’ RESIDENCE.*

- Th, Apr 9: *Pieces of Paradise Isle and Learning to read the Book of Creation*
- Th, Apr 23: *Love for the Paradise Mystery and Remembering Paradise*
- Th, May 7: *The Wisdom of Paradise and The Prophet of Paradise*

**Prayer Shawls—To make a difference in Peoples lives—Knit, Purl, Crochet, Pray-** Come join this group

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as we take time to knit and crochet gifts that bring encouragement, support, and joy to others. Monthly meetings are a time for sharing stories and new patterns, to learn from one another and to enjoy the hours of socializing. Time for prayer includes blessing of new shawls and remembering all those who have been recipients of our shawls. To request a prayer shawl in times of need or celebration, call 715-532-0299. New members are always welcome. *Wednesdays, 2:00-4:00 pm, March 25, April 22, May 27, CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST.*

**Creative Community-** Come join us. Socializing and refreshments are a part of this monthly gathering as participants work on favorite crafts. New ideas are shared and finished projects admired as they are shown. All are welcome so invite a friend. Crafting with others is an enjoyable experience. *Mondays, 10:00-11:30 am, March 23, April 27, May 18, June 29, July 27, August 24, SISTERS’ RESIDENCE.*



### Ladysmith Locations for SCL Programs

Congregational United  
Church of Christ  
109 East Lake Avenue

Sisters’ Residence  
1100 Port Arthur Road, Unit B

## LEARNING ANEW—RESPONSIBILITY TO CARE FOR CREATION

The focus of SCL programs for fall, winter and spring have been the reality of learning anew the responsibility we have for the care of all creation as we face issues of destructive use of resources and disregard for the value of all creatures who share this planet with us. In the program, "Be in the Becoming" by Lucy Slinger, FSPA, we heard that every extinction of a species or exploitive use of a resource diminishes future generation's ability to intimately know God, and we should care. In viewing the film "Food, Inc." we learned truths about what we eat, and how it's produced, which affect our environment and our responsibility. In the series "Years of Living Dangerously" we learned about climate change and the human stories involved.



In our spring programs we conclude the focus on climate change and then look toward the spiritual aspects and powers that call us to live our responsibility to and with the Creation God has given us. Don't miss the powerful presentations of the insights of Hildegard of Bingen and Thomas Merton as they relate to the crisis and call to respond that is so urgent in our times.



As the warmer days of spring and summer arrive, we invite you to come to the Servants of Mary grounds to spend your own time with nature for spiritual renewal. Our Labyrinth, Medicine Wheel, Healing Garden and Peace Pole all can be means to a quiet reflection in nature and an appreciation for the need to sustain and preserve the wonders of God's gifts in all creation. You are invited to journey with us through our programs and enjoyment of our outdoor space.



## FAITH-BASED CREATIVITY FLOURISHES AT SCL

Two of SCL's ongoing and enjoyable programs—*Creative Community* and *Prayer Shawl Ministry*—nurture community and sharing, as well as being an outreach to those in need of care and prayer power. New attendees are always welcome!



Roberta Baye shows the group a new prayer shawl pattern.



Mary Sweeney prays for the person who will receive the shawl.

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