

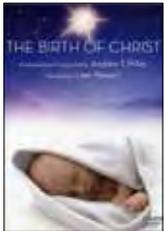
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Winter 2015-2016

Come and
join us!

The quieter you become, the more you can hear.

Ram Dass



Advent Celebration: The Birth of Christ. A Christmas Cantata by Andrew T. Miller— This DVD presentation of “The Birth of Christ” is an inspiring musical celebration that brings the Christmas story to vivid life as never before.

Through song, the timeless characters beloved the world over — Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth and the Shepherds — reveal their humanity and passion. Recorded in Ireland, Catholic and Protestant singers raised their voices in unity and peace around the central mystery of their faith. Featuring a narration of Luke’s Nativity by Liam Neeson, this musical treasure will awaken you again to the startling wonder of Christmas. Free will offering. *Thursday, December 10, 2:00-3:30 pm, SISTERS’ RESIDENCE.*

Winter Solstice Labyrinth Walk— Come celebrate the return of the light, during a labyrinth walk on the Winter Solstice, December 21st at the SERVITE CENTER FOR LIFE LABYRINTH. We’ll gather for a short reflection, led by Nancy Wheeler, at 7:00 pm, walk the labyrinth, then join the Sisters to warm up with hot cider and cookies. Park in the Indianhead Community Action Agency parking lot and come up the path just north of the garages. Flashlights will be helpful; candles for the walk will be provided.

Prayer Shawl Ministry-Serving Others— The Knit, Purl, Crochet, Pray group meets each month for creative work, prayer and socializing. Prayer shawls are presented to assure prayer for others who are in need in times of illness or trauma and to others in times of celebration such as a birthday. New members are always welcome. To request a prayer shawl, call 715-532-0299. *Wednesdays, 2:00-4:00 pm, Dec 23, Jan 27, Feb 24; CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST.*

Creative Community — A Time to Be Creative and Enjoy Working with

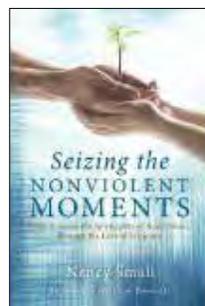


Members of the Prayer Shawl group welcome a new member (center), Julie Cornelissen.

Others— You are invited to bring your favorite craft and enjoy this relaxing morning gathering. Conversation abounds as the work flows and ideas and projects are shared. Refreshments are provided. *Mondays, 10:00-11:30 am, Dec 28, Jan 25, Feb 29; SISTERS’ RESIDENCE.*

Book Discussion “Seizing the Non-violent Moments”

— Come join this group to learn and share with others interested in contributing to a better world. This book is a humble and accessible approach to nonviolence based on the belief that no one is perfectly nonviolent. We are all works in progress.



Each chapter presents an imaginative interpretation of a Scripture story about seizing a nonviolent moment that sheds light on nonviolence and its spirituality. The more we seize the nonviolent moments in our lives, the more we are transformed by them. And the more we experience the power of nonviolence within ourselves, the more we believe in its potential to transform our troubled world.

The author Nancy Small is a hospice chaplain, spiritual director and seeker of peace. Each chapter is followed by Questions for Reflection and Conversation. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY DECEMBER 30 to receive a book.

To register, call 715-532-0299 or email info@servitecenter.org. Fee is \$15.00. *Thursdays, 2:00-3:30 pm, Jan 21 & 28, Feb 4; SISTERS’ RESIDENCE.*

Secularity and the Gospel — Being Missionaries to Our Own Children— In this DVD presentation, the renowned theologian and speaker, Ron Rolheiser, OMI, takes you on a journey of discovery through history and scripture to shed light on our culture and the challenge we face passing faith onto future generations. The toughest missionary task in the world today is communicating the faith to our own children.

Secular culture, with its many distractions, has some particular resistance to the Gospel even as it contains much that is moral. Is secular culture

Ladysmith Locations for SCL Programs

Congregational United Church of Christ, Lower Level
109 East Lake Avenue

Sisters’ Residence
1100 Port Arthur Road, Unit B
(Located South of Walmart and West of Indianhead Community Action Agency Building — former OSM convent.)

post-Christian? How much is our culture a culture of life and how much is it a culture of death?

Come to hear answers to these questions and more of becoming missionaries inside secular culture. A three-part series. Free will offering. *Thursdays, Feb 18, 25; Mar 3, 2:00-3:30 pm SISTERS’ RESIDENCE.*

SCL News & Events

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UPCOMING, POWERFUL WINTER SCL PROGRAMS

Our winter programs offer a time to be inspired with a musical presentation of the Birth of Christ in preparation for our Christmas celebration; a book discussion on a scrip-



tural approach to nonviolence; and a presentation on being a missionary in our secular culture.

You will find many ideas to discuss and ways to implement change to bring about a better world.

Please join us for some powerful and challenging winter learning and sharing.

YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY VALUED!

Your donations help us continue these programs, and we are very grateful for your support.

Ideas for programs are welcome.

Please contact us with your suggestions via our email: info@servitecenter.org.



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Mary Sweeney and Prayer Shawl Group members take time to bless new prayer shawls with prayers for recipients.



Ashley Kuprin has a great display of materials for her "I Am the Solution" presentation.

INSPIRATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

As winter arrives and snow covers access to our Labyrinth, Medicine Wheel, and Healing Garden, these months are a great time to come indoors and join us for our winter programs which are educational and inspirational.

Those who attended our fall programs learned more about signs of dementia and caring for loved ones in "Raindrops of Dementia" pre-

sented by Ruth Rothstein. Ruth did not disappoint and kept her audience engaged as she informed and answered questions. Ashley Kuprin explored the presence of violence and its effects in our local community and shared important resource materials to those present. This was an excellent awareness presentation and challenge to find ways to bring about non-violence in our lives.



At Creative Community Sister Lucy and Evelyn Samonski share their plans for participation in the walk to benefit the local CareNet Pregnancy Resource Center.



Judy Gaier shows a new pattern for a prayer shawl to Prayer Shawl Group members.



Ruth Rothstein shows her enthusiasm for her ministry with people suffering from dementia as she informs others in her program "Raindrops of Dementia".

SCL'S SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Please call for information or to make an appointment.

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Sr. Sharon McCarthy, OSM
(715-532-1769)

Our Mission

The Servite Center for Life, an interfaith ministry rooted in the Servite tradition, presents spiritual, religious, and educational programs.

