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### Registration for Events

### Website Links

- ◆ **SPE website**  
[www.spe-stfrancis.org](http://www.spe-stfrancis.org)
- ◆ **St Francis Retreat Center website**

## Boundary Training

### Upcoming Dates

**March 12, 2015** (Will be held at the Church of the Master – Troy)

**April 30, 2015**

**September 10, 2015**

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

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Huron and Presbytery of Detroit.

9:15 am – 3:30 pm  
Cost: \$75 (includes materials and lunch)  
Brochure with registration form

## Prayer Series

January 15, 2014  
9 am to 4 pm



**Journaling** with Fr. Al Wakefield  
**Contemplation** with April Allison  
*Lunch included*

\$50 if you register by December 4, 2014  
\$60 if you register after December 4, 2014  
Registration deadline is January 8, 2015



Click [here](#) to register online.  
Click [here](#) for brochure with registration form.  
***This is open to all who would like to learn different prayer forms.***

## Save the Date!

## Prayer Series

April 16, 2015  
9 am to 4 pm

**Peace Dance** with Esther Kennedy  
**Eastern Contemplation**  
with Esther Kennedy  
**Lunch included**



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***This is open to all who would like to learn different prayer forms.***

## **Jesus and the Cornerstone Concept: Differentiation of Self** *with Robert Creech*

**September 24, 2015**

**9:30am to 3:30pm**

**Lunch included**

**\$85 with lunch if you register by August 15, 2015**

**\$100 if you register after August 15, 2015**

**Registration deadline is September 15, 2015**

Dr. Murray Bowen labeled the concept of "differentiation of self" as the cornerstone concept of his theory of human behavior. In his theoretical scale of differentiation, Bowen said that 100 on the scale was reserved for "that perfect human being," whose ability to manage emotional reactivity was complete.

Given Christian theology's emphasis on Jesus as the "fully human:" one, the Second Adam, what might we learn from his life about the nature of differentiation? How might his shape our understanding of spiritual formation? The primary focus of the day will be exploring the meaning of differentiation and the evidence of its presence in the gospel accounts of Jesus' life and teaching.

Dr. Creech is Professor of Pastoral Leadership and Christian Ministry at George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University, Waco Texas. He has co-authored *The Leader's Journey*. He also trains clergy in the Center for the Study of Natural Systems and the Family "Defining Leaders." A three-year program of coaching and teaching.

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## **Chuck Wilkinson Solo Exhibition**

**November 5, 2014 to January 2, 2015**

Chuck Wilkinson (1932-2010) was an artist from Detroit Michigan who, along with his commercial work, painted a series of "parable painting" used as spiritual teaching tools. The folkloric, narrative paintings present his views on Christianity. You will want to take time to fully explore this thought provoking exhibit!



**Reception for this exhibit will be  
December 7, 2014 4pm to 6pm**

*Please join us for conversation, viewing and light refreshments.*

The Ecumenical Center for Arts and Spirituality

## Call for Art

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Group Art Exhibition**  
Sustaining Pastoral Excellence at St. Francis Retreat Center

A juried Exhibition to be held April 16 – June 11, 2015

We are accepting visual art, poetry and performing art with the theme:  
**“Family of Faith”**

Feb. 27, 2015 – Postmark Deadline for entries

Please see full information [here](#).

Contact Terry Feuka 866-669-8321 [tfeuka@stfrancis.ws](mailto:tfeuka@stfrancis.ws) for further information.

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## Artist in Residence



*Barbara White is our Artist in Residence until November 22. She applied to be in our Studio in order that she could experience the time needed to work on her art. You are invited to come see our Studio and visit with any artist in residence.*

### **Barbara White**

In painting nature and the landscape as representational images, I rely on inspiration combined with my imagination to create imagery. In my compositions, I use only the basic elements of lines, shapes and textures with strong emphasis on intense color, design and drawing with a brush.

In over 30 years experience as an artist, I have worked in oils, acrylics, watercolors and mixed media. In acrylics, through an experimental process, I have developed a way of using acrylics and mediums as a thin stain and an opaque mass to define areas of the composition and create texture. Also, pouring acrylic paint spontaneously, creating weather conditions, reflections, perspectives, directional light, and shadows are special challenges to me as a landscape artist.

My ultimate goal as a painter is to create an emotional response for the viewer by capturing the soul of the scenery and convey a painterly message in an expressionistic, semi-abstract, yet representational style.

**Be sure to "friend" Sustaining Pastoral Excellence at St. Francis Retreat Center on Facebook!** 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](mailto: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.*



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## 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.

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*Wishing you, your family and friends a Blessed Thanksgiving!*

