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### Registration for Events

## ***Last Chance to Register for Nov. 3 Boundary Training***

***\*November 3, 2014 (1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church UCC – Gaylord)***

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.

### Website Links

- ◆ SPE website

[www.spe-stfrancis.org](http://www.spe-stfrancis.org)

- ◆ St Francis Retreat Center website

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◆ SPE Resource Center

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## Upcoming Dates

**\*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**

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## Sabbath Time Retreats

### The Last Sabbath Retreat for 2014

*Come away and take your Sabbath*

#### **Traditional - \$70**

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

Please go to our website [www.spe-stfrancis.org](http://www.spe-stfrancis.org) to register or call 866-669-8321.

**Brochure**

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## 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.

*Faithwalking is a ministry developed over a 15-year period of time in Houston, Texas by a learning community of pastors, congregational leaders, and denominational executives. It began from two fundamental beliefs about the context for Western Christianity:*

- *In order to respond effectively to the emerging post-Christian*

context, congregational transformation is essential.

- In order for congregations to be transformed, the congregation will need leaders who are being transformed.

Faithwalking is a comprehensive ministry that guides pastors and congregational leaders through a personal and congregational transformation journey. This upcoming retreat offers you the opportunity to experience an introduction to this work.

During the retreat you will:

- Hear several presentations about being fully human and fully alive
- Be challenged to explore roadblocks in the personal transformation journey
- Spend time in solitude reflecting on what you are hearing
- Share your experience in a small group setting

There will be a no-pressure opportunity to join with other pastors from the area in doing additional work with the Faithwalking community that will be offered at the end of the retreat.

For more information, go to [www.faithwalking.us](http://www.faithwalking.us)

### **Cosponsored by**

Sustaining Pastoral Excellence and the Midland Neighboring Initiative.

With generous support by the Gerstacker Foundation, First Baptist Church Midland, Midland Area Community Foundation, Memorial Presbyterian Church and the Midland Reformed Church.

**Cost:** \$195

**Registration Deadline:** Oct. 22

**Brochure  
Online Registration**



**Register Online for  
Events**

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## **Peace in the Valley**

**Walking with People Through Loss and Suffering**

**With Rev. Phil Apol (McLaren Greater Lansing)**

**November 13**

**9:30am to 12:15 pm**

The aim of this workshop is to give expression in words, images, and rite, to the pastoral experience of accompanying people through suffering, and sometimes death; what we learn from these relationships, and how we grow from them.

Scripture, exercises and instruments will help assess one's own personal awareness, memories, anxiety and attitudes about death and grief.

There will be group discussion of what it means to companion others through loss and grief.

The morning will conclude with a SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE & THANKSGIVING, in which participants are offered the opportunity, through liturgy and a rite of remembrance, to give thanks for those we have loved and lost, for how they have taught and blessed us, and to release them.

Cost: **\$50**

**Registration deadline is November 4**

*Sponsored by SPE at St. Francis Retreat Center and McLaren Greater Lansing*

*Brochure*

*Register online*

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## **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.*

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## **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





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.*

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## 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.*



## 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.

## Library Trek

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