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Whatever God does, the first outburst is always COMPASSION!

Meister Eckhart

Great Chain of Being: Simplifying Our Lives- This DVD series — featuring Father Richard Rohr, OFM, Sister Paula Gonzalez, SC, and Tiki Kustenmacher — concludes with a liturgical celebration and a commitment to breath out a new way of being in our world. Free will donation. **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2:30-4:00 PM.**



Special Invitation: The Sisters Servants of Mary invite you to join them in a Day of Prayer as we end 2009 and prepare for a new beginning in 2010. Sister Marla Lang, FSPA, from the Marywood Franciscan Spirituality Center, will lead participants in a reflection on prayer and Mother Teresa, a Woman of Mystery. *Fee:* \$5 (noon meal) and free will donation. To register, call 715-532-3364. **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM.**

You Have Touched my Life- Prayer shawls bring supportive love to those in need of healing and to those celebrating major life events. Join creative individuals who Knit, Purl, Crochet, Pray, and also Tassel as they prepare shawls for others. You, too, can enhance the life of others by sharing your talents and gifts. Request shawls by phone (715-532-9611) or by e-mail (info@servitecenter.org). **WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 16, JANUARY 27, FEBRUARY 24, 2:00-4:00 PM.**

Mystery of the Three Kings- People across the world are familiar with the Christmas card image of the three kings, but their true story is filled with mystery. From Yemen in southern Arabia to Persia to Babylon, this film takes us into the search for the origins of the Three Wise Men and the secrets of the gifts they brought. It is a journey into the world of ancient prophets and myths. This film is a fascinating puzzle that reveals how their incredible trip has influenced every aspect of the Christmas story from the time of the prophets to the present day. Free will donation. **TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2:30-4:00 PM.**



The Call and Commission to Care for Creation- What questions should we ask ourselves when we make decisions about interacting with all of creation? Is there a theology that makes care for creation a given Christian imperative rather than an option? Sister Lucy Slinger, ecological advocate for the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, will share the theological perspective that suggests that caring for creation is not an option if one professes to be practicing Gospel living today. Practical everyday actions as well as theological perspectives will be presented with time for dialogue, questions and suggested answers.

To prepare, you are encouraged to read *Care for Creation* by Delio, Werner & Wood; *Ten Commandments for the Environment* by Pope Benedict XVI by Woodeene Koenig-Bricker; or check out the environmental position statements that virtually all religious traditions and denominations have developed to guide behaviors. *Presenter:* Lucy Slinger, FSPA. Suggested fee: \$8. **MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2:30-4:00 PM.**

They Killed Sister Dorothy- Five year anniversary showing of the story of Sister Dorothy Stang. On February 12, 2005, Sister Dorothy, a 73-year old Catholic nun from Dayton, Ohio, was shot six times and left to die on a muddy Amazon road. Her murder shocked the world and exposed a sordid battle in the Brazilian rainforest. This film follows the powerful drama that unfolds at the trials of her killers and explores the conflicts that led to that fateful day. Free will donation. **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 7:00-9:00 PM. REPEATED FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2:00-4:00 PM.**

Finding a Pathway for the Power of Faith to Impact Social Reforms- Join the book discussion sessions of *THE GREAT AWAKENING: Seven Ways to Change the World* by Jim Wallis. In the tradition of America's Great Awakening that inspired the abolition of slavery and the civil rights movement, Wallis' call to arms analyzes the role of faith in embracing "common good" politics, and provides seven commitments we can make on the personal, communal, and national levels to move us toward a better world. In the Foreword, Jimmy Carter states,



"What we need is a way to tap the power of the revival of faith in order to inspire and encourage the secular social reforms that are espoused in all the great religions. This is the pathway described to us in this book."

Wallis, a leading figure at the crossroads of religion and politics in America today, is the author of eight books and the founder of Sojourners, a global faith and justice network. Visit www.sojo.net. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED:** Call (715-532 9611) or e-mail (info@servitecenter.org) by December 10 to register and order your book copy. *Fee:* \$10. **THURSDAYS, JANUARY 21; FEBRUARY 4, 18; MARCH 18; 2:30-4:00 PM.**

News Happenings

Some "soles" will be enjoying the comfort of homemade slippers made by participants in the "Be Good to Your Sole" program offered at SCL in September. Knitters accomplished a good beginning and left with a pattern, instructions, and determination to finish a pair of slippers, and maybe more, by Christmas.

Ursula Chiu inspired and touched the hearts of her listeners in her October presentation of her experiences as a youth under National Socialism in Germany. Many left with a new understanding of the effects of war on all people and a desire to learn more by reading Ursula's book, *ECHOES*. We are looking forward to Ursula's return engagement at SCL in the future.

ON-GOING PROGRAMS

Peace Vigil, Tues., 4:30-4:45 pm. Weekly time of silent group prayer for the gift of peace in our world. Around the Peace Pole outdoors in clement weather; other days: around the world flag in 1st floor Meeting Room.

Centering Prayer, Tues., 5:30-6:00 pm. Experience the power of quiet prayer together in small chapel of the Servants of Mary. For information, contact Sister Sharon (715-532-0308).

Creative Community, Mon., 10:00-11:30 am: Dec 28, Jan 25, Feb 22. Bring your favorite art or craft. Enjoy fun and socializing while sharing stories and ideas — as you use your creativity. Refreshments are provided.

Herbal Study Group, 1st Tues. of month, 6:00 pm. December: Potluck Christmas dinner.



SCL'S COMPLEMENTARY PRACTITIONERS

Please call practitioners for information or to make an appointment.

Polarity Therapy

Renee McCann

Wed., Thurs.: Dec 16, 17; Jan 13, 14; Feb 10, 11 (715-239-3850)

Spiritual Directors

•Ladysmith area
Sister Sharon McCarthy, OSM
(715-532-0308)

•Woodruff area
Sister Teresa Schueller, OSM
(715-532-9611 for information)

SCL Events in Pictures!

Ursula Chiu talks about her experiences recorded in her book, *ECHOES from a Girlhood in Germany under National Socialism*.



Sister Clarice Gierzak demonstrates the first step in knitting slippers "Good for the Sole".

Dorothy Volkman and Ursula share ideas during the book signing.



Sister Christina Gelting and Ursula enjoy a chat during refreshment time.



Roberta Baye and Maryann Luplow enjoy the knitting process.