

You can take no credit
for beauty at 16.

But if you are
beautiful at 60,

it will be
your soul's
own doing.

Marie Stopes



MAY 2017

MARY & MARTHA'S MESSAGE

news for

The Women of the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee



The Guild of American Organists

Membership Meeting — 2 pm

&

Members' Recital
3 pm

Sunday, May 7

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
7845 N. River Rd.
River Hills, WI 53217

Members' Recital will include performances by: Tom Koester, Jayne Latva, Tim Pfeifer, Christian Rich, Scott Riedel, and Stephen Rohde. A reception will follow the concert.

For more information call Audrey Rhinehart at 262-673-4831 x405 or email: rhinehartar@archmil.org

BOOK CLUB

Third Thursday Mom's Book Group Christ Church, Whitefish Bay

For the next few months, the mom's group at Christ Church, Whitefish Bay will be reading and discussing *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*, by Matthew Desmond. They meet on the Third Thursday of the month at Christ Church, 1717 North Lake Drive, Whitefish Bay 53217. Upcoming meetings will be **May 18, and June 15 at 7:00 pm**. The Mom's Group targets women with children still at home. For more information, contact Anna Harmon: anna@christchurchwfb.org

E-NEWS reaches over 200 women in the Diocese of Milwaukee and Fond du Lac. Please send information about events coming up in your parish or area that might be of interest to the women of the diocese to **Connie Ott, cott@chorus.net**

To add someone to the mailing list, please send the e-mail address to Connie Ott.

Madison-Area Julian Gathering

Wednesday, May 10, 1:00 pm

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church
6205 University Avenue
Madison, WI 53705



A Julian Gathering is open to everyone, and you are welcome at all times. We support each other in the practice of contemplative prayer and contemplative spirituality. These gatherings are initiated and supported by the Order of Julian of Norwich

(www.orderofjulian.org) and have the quintessentially Anglican writings of St. Julian of Norwich at their core. They are for all who want to deepen their life of faith through the practice of contemplative prayer, for beginners as well as those already practicing.

Each meeting includes time for contemplative prayer and reading/discussion of Bl. Julian's revelations. Don't worry if you've never practiced silent prayer before; we can set your mind at ease. For additional information, contact Susan Fiore, ObjN:sifiore@mac.com.



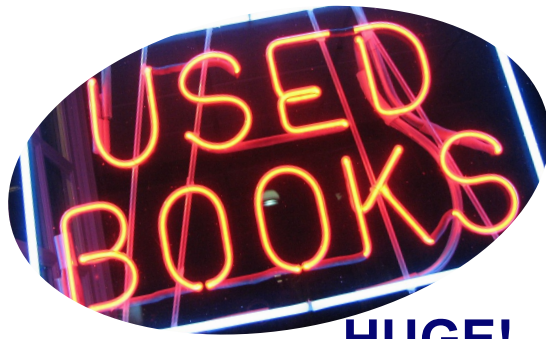
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Be Kind

Not merely because Henry James said there were but four rules of life—*be kind be kind be kind be kind*—but because it's good for the soul, and, what's more, for others; it may be that kindness is our best audition for a worthier world, and, despite the vagueness and uncertainty of its recompense, a bird may yet wander into a bush before our very houses, gratitude may not manifest itself in deeds entirely equal to our own, still there's weather arriving from every direction, the feasts of famine and feasts of plenty may yet prove to be one, so why not allow the little sacrificial squinches and squigulas to prevail? Why not inundate the particular world with minute particulars? Dust's certainly all our fate, so why not make it the happiest possible dust, a detritus of blessedness? Surely the hedgehog, furling and unfurling into its spiked little ball, knows something that, with gentle touch and unthreatening tone, can inure to our benefit, surely the wicked witches of our childhood have died and, from where they are buried, a great kindness has eclipsed their misdeeds. Yes, of course, in the end so much comes down to privilege and its various penumbras, but too much of our unruly animus has already been wasted on reprisals, too much of the unblessed air is filled with smoke from undignified fires. Oh friends, take whatever kindness you can find and be profligate in its expenditure: It will not drain your limited resources, I assure you, it will not leave you vulnerable and unfurled, with only your sweet little claws to defend yourselves, and your wet little noses, and your eyes to the ground, and your little feet.

by Michael Blumenthal



HUGE! Wonderful! Used Book Sale!

St. Mary's, Dousman June 7-10

Wednesday, June 7 – Noon to 7pm

Thursday, June 8 -- 8am to 7pm

Friday, June 9 -- 8am to 7pm

Saturday, June 10 -- 8am to Noon

\$3 Bag Morning!

St. Mary's: 36014 Sunset Drive (Hwy. 18 & 67)
Dousman, WI 53118.

Phone: (262) 965-3924



A "senior" woman went out to breakfast with three good friends. She asked for the senior special: eggs, hash browns, bacon and toast, but then added, "but I don't want the eggs." The waitress said she would have to charge \$3.49 because it would be ala carte. The woman responded "I need to pay extra for not having the eggs?" The response was "yes." The woman said "OK, I would like the senior special." "How would you like your eggs?" said the waitress. "Uncooked with the shell in place." She then went home and baked a cake!

41st Annual Women's Mini Week

Courageous Women of God!

August 10-13, 2017



Thursday Supper through Sunday Brunch
Camp Lakotah – Wautoma, Wisconsin
**Be strong and courageous, for the Lord
will be with you wherever you go." -
Joshua 1:9**

MISSION

Women's Mini Week is an annual retreat-type experience for women over 18, offering opportunities for relaxation, friendship, renewal, and fun!

CAMP LAKOTAH

Nestled along the shores of Little Hills Lake near Wautoma, Wisconsin, Camp Lakotah has over 135 acres of forest, trails, and prairie, with 1,000 feet of beautiful beach. There is an outdoor pavilion, places for relaxing, a modern dining room, indoor and outdoor chapel areas, and a friendly staff.

Sleeping facilities range from rustic cabins in forest units (with nearby bath house) to quite comfortable lodges (with shared bathrooms in the building). Meals are enjoyed family style in the Dining Hall, which features sweeping views of the surrounding forest. www.camlakotah.com

Courageous Women of God! About Women's Mini Week

Making this annual weekend all about YOU is what the planning team loves to do! So we are taking great care to offer a variety of activities for all ages – individual, small group, and large group. You might enjoy opportunities for learning, exploring, fellowship, crafting, performing, or being a spectator. You are welcome to just chill on the beach, or disappear into your own personal agenda and only show up for meals! This is your time to retreat from your everyday routines, to allow discoveries and friendships to refresh you, to find comfortable activity or blissful quiet, as you desire.

Consider being a blessing to someone else – invite a friend, mother, daughter, niece, aunt, neighbor, coworker, teacher, or other special woman in your life to join you. Some of our longtime attendees come with three generations from the same family!
This invitation is for you! Won't you say yes and attend?

Everything is optional!

You are invited to participate in as little or as much as you choose – but we do recommend showing up for the delicious meals!

THURSDAY EVENING

4:00 Arrival & Check-in
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Evening Program TBA
9:00 Campfire (bring a beverage and chair!)

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

6:30 **Fri** - Morning Walk
7:30 Early Morning Prayer
8:00 Breakfast

9-11 Morning Activities

11:00 Holy Eucharist

12:00 **Fri** - Lunch

Sat- Group Picture followed by Lunch

1-5 Afternoon Activities

6:00 Supper

7:00 Evening Program TBA

9:00 Campfire

SUNDAY

8:30 Holy Eucharist

10:00 Brunch

10:30 Pre-Register for 2018!

11:00 Depart

WOMEN'S MINI WEEK 2017 REGISTRATION FORM

Name (for name tag) _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Email _____

Dietary Restrictions / Guidelines: (Add \$15.00 for weekend special diet) _____

LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS

A. **Cabin** (platform bed, w/electric, bath house nearby)

B. **Lodge** (dorm-style, platform bed, w/electric and full shared bathroom)

REGISTRATION OPTIONS – CHOOSE ONE:

Option #1 Thursday Dinner – Sunday Brunch

A. Cabin \$245

B. Lodge \$265

Option #2 Friday Dinner – Sunday Brunch

A. Cabin \$220

B. Lodge \$240

Payment Options:

Personal Check, payable to Women's Mini Week, mailed to:

Rose Mueller

7225 Century Place

Middleton, WI 53562

Preferred Unit / Lodge / Roommates:



☺ MESSAGES – REGISTRATION

There are limited spots so if you know in advance that you would like a massage, please register. This is in addition to your Registration

½ hr @ \$45.00 _____

1 hr @ \$60.00 _____

Payable directly to Massage Therapist

CALCULATION OF FEES:

\$ _____ Fee for Registration Option

\$ _____ Deduct Deposit (minimum \$50)

\$ _____ Deduct Scholarship Request*

(Request Deadline 7/15/2017)

\$ _____ Plus Scholarship Donation **

\$ _____ Balance due by August 1, 2017



SCHOLARSHIPS — Are you thinking you cannot afford to attend? Your deposit of \$50 reserves your spot! Request a scholarship for part (or all) of the balance before 7/16/17 and we will try to grant your request.

☺ **DONATION** — Can you make a scholarship donation so any woman who cannot afford the fee can join us anyway? Thanks to this generosity, everybody who wants to can participate!

☺ **NO EMPTY BEDS** — If you want “your own” cabin, please invite roommates to fill it up.

☺ **FIRST COME, FIRST RESERVED** Specific lodging accommodations are reserved in the order registrations and deposits are received.

☺ **CANCELLATION POLICY** All payments are refundable if notified by August 1. After that, all but the \$50 deposit will be refunded.

NO ONSITE REGISTRATION We cannot honor last minute registrations. Our contract with Camp Lakotah requires all lodging and food numbers be guaranteed 10 days in advance. So reservations must be made in advance and paid in full by 8/1/2017. **BUT**, if there's a **last-minute cancellation**, you might “swap” yourself in.