

**The PNEC will host a day of Education
with Martha Spong. Save the date on February 14th with a snow date of
February 21st. We will gather at St. John's Fullerton from 9 a.m. until 3.**

Power and Place in Women's Stories" will take a deep and wondering look at the stories of the women who anoint Jesus, as well as where we figure in our own stories.

Mark tells a story in the macro; the woman has revolutionary social courage, performing a political action with global implications. Why, then, in Luke, is her nature changed, her act reduced to subservience, her action's place in the gospel changed entirely? Here we learn what the powers do by misdirection. Then in John, written later, we find the story in the micro - a family story, still subversive, with the previously anonymous act carried out by a known quantity. And what of Matthew's villain?

We will look, too, at our own lives and place ourselves in our stories. Where have we been subversive? When have we needed courage? Who do we call villains? Why do we let others tell our stories for us?

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