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October Musings

Dear Sisters,

*"I'm so glad I live in a world where
there are Octobers."*

- L. M. Montgomery, [Anne of Green
Gables](#)

October has always been my favorite month. Anniversaries, birthdays, beautiful endless golden days. Since Gary retired, we now go to Cape Hatteras for a month; a treat of time that we never had when he was working. It is normally beautiful there during October – golden days, still warm enough to enjoy the beach and the nights cool with windows open. I normally download a bunch of “previews” of Advent books, trying to find just the right one that I think will speak to most of us. Some years it comes quickly, others not so much. This year...we will see!

This October comes as we are grieving the loss of a very close friend and something is drawing me to write about him. Our friend passed away suddenly at 35 years old. He started out as a parishioner at a church Gary was serving in 2014. He wanted to be a Priest. Gary started to mentor him – they met weekly after he joined the EfM class that I was mentoring; he was so full of joy being a part of church. He had one hell of a childhood and adolescence to confront; he confronted it all head on. At that time and until he passed, he owned his own electrical company that was profitable; a master electrician. The years moved on; he was approved to go to seminary by our Bishop without having an undergraduate degree (something that is normally reserved for really unique people with a gift to give). He went to Sewanee where he finished in the top of his class; he graduated in May of this year, was placed at a church where he had done his discernment and fell in love all over again. We saw him frequently as he often visited us in WNC at our home as he traveled to and from seminary and graduation. He had many things to look forward to. One night he went to sleep and never woke up. Shocked, horrified, and baffled; young people at 35 aren't supposed to just die; that is for people more in my age group.

We go forward with a huge hole as all of us do when we lose someone we love. Sewanee held a mass for him last Thursday, his favorite professor preached and did a wonderful job. At his service here in NC with our Bishop, his family, his partner and friends we will say goodbye; but not forever. Gary has the unenviable task of preaching. Thank you, Adam, for your ministry and all you have taught us.

Tell the people you love that you love them and try to do it daily. Blessings to you all for a beautiful golden October,

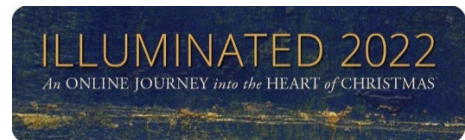
Chris Butterworth
VP and Spiritual Formation

Membership Dues

The 2023 dues notice will be sent out in early October by email with a link to pay on-line and snail mail to our sisters that no longer have email. Dues are \$50 for the year and are payable by check or online through PayPal. While you are there, consider donating to one of our funds to help support the greater community. Link at the end of this newsletter.



Advent 2022



During a recent conversation with PattyJoy, we came across this Advent offering from Jan Richardson. We have always wanted our group to take something from her before but the cost of it was prohibitive even as a group. This year, her Advent Offering includes a group discount making the possibility of participation within reach.

In a chaotic time, the Illuminated retreat will offer a space of elegant simplicity. Intertwining reflection, art, music, and community, this four-week online retreat provides a distinctive opportunity to journey through Advent and Christmas in contemplation and conversation with others along the way.

This online retreat is not about adding one more thing to your holiday schedule. It is about helping you find spaces for reflection that draw you deep into a season that shimmers with mystery and possibility.

Registration opens October 26th. If we can get 8 people it will be \$60 a piece, so far, we have 4 committed. Please look at the course by clicking the image above and let me know what you think as soon as possible. Additional options for Advent study will be in the November newsletter.

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Mary Magdalene Fund News

At the last Circle of Leadership meeting the members voted to send \$250 to Flood Relief for Southeastern Kentucky sponsored by the Diocese of Lexington.



New Members

Installation of three new members will take place on November 6th at 2PM at St. Martin's in the Desert, Pahrump, NV. These women will be members of the Holy Spirit Circle in Nevada. The candidates for installation are Marty Larcom, Barbara Beeman and

Phyllis Neuber. We will be sharing more about Barbara, Phyllis, and the Holy Spirit Circle in the November issue of the newsletter.



Marty J Larcom, S.F.O. was born in the Midwest and spent her earliest years in Toledo, Ohio. She attended the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, graduating with a B.S. In English and

psychology. At the end of her junior year, she spent time in the U.S.M.C. O.C.S., graduating with a commission. Later on in her life, she attained and M.A. in pastoral studies at Loyola University in New Orleans. Her work has been published in *The Upper Room, Sharing, Bellowing Ark, Three Sisters, Emmanuel, and The Priest*. Her interests include reading, artwork, and photography.



Used Beeswax Candles Needed



The Sisters of St. Mary in Sewanee pride themselves on their ability to make wonderfully fragranced candles using 100% recycled candles from the local university chapel, All Saints' Chapel. They would like to partner to include other

churches and individuals as well. If anyone has any white (or no color dye) 51% beeswax candles that they would like to donate, the Sisters would be happy to use them in their candle making and continue their tradition of using only recycled church candles for their candle making endeavors. Interested? Contact them at sisterhoodofstmary@gmail.com.

You may also visit the Sisters of St. Mary online gift shop [here](#).



October Birthdays

23-Oct	Chris Butterworth
23-Oct	Sue Schlanbusch
29-Oct	Theresa Townsend
31-Oct	Kathy Funk

Event Calendar

2022

October 01-30 - Membership Month
October 11 - Executive Committee Meeting
October 21 - Sewanee Circle Luncheon
October 25 - Circle of Leadership Meeting
November 6 - Installation of new members
November 17 - ZOOM: Radical Hospitality

2024

June 30-July 09 - GC 81, Louisville, KY

Book Study Schedule

My Soul in Silence Waits, Meditations on Psalm 62
All are welcome to join us!

Sunday, October 2, 2022 - Chapter 7, Weighing In
Sunday, October 9, 2022 - Chapter 8, Listening



Compline Schedule

If you would like to lead compline, please contact
Please contact Rebecca Taylor at bekatay@me.com

Sunday, October 2, 2022-Rebecca Taylor
Sunday, October 9, 2022-Lorna McDonald
Sunday, October 16, 2022-Sylvia James
Sunday, October 23, 2022-Patti Joy Posan
Sunday, October 30, 2022-Barbara Harris



October's Meditation

"Similar to the "Prayer of Inner Quiet" is what we might call the "Prayer of Listening." In this prayer, the focus is on listening to God, who reveals himself in our inmost being. You listen at the core of your being to the deepest voice of all, the voice of God and of the Spirit. Thomas Merton describes this kind of prayer as "finding one's deepest center, awakening the profound depths of our being in the presence of God, who is the source of our being and life."



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October Recipe

Becky Taylor

Pumpkin Dip

8oz cream cheese, room temperature

3/4 cup canned pumpkin

1/2 cup brown sugar

1 tbsp of Maple Sugar or more if you want it sweeter

1/2 tsp. of cinnamon

Beat cheese and sugar until well blended. Add remaining ingredients.

Serve with apples, pears, or gingersnaps.



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