

# SPRING 2018

## A.R.T.

# RETREAT



*"And all the trees of the field  
will clap their hands!" Is 55:12*

## SATURDAY

## MARCH 17, 2018

PRESENTED BY...

**OLMSTED COMMUNITY  
CHURCH**

## Schedule

10am - 10:15am Registration  
10:15am - Introduction and  
Workshops  
12:30pm - Lunch  
1:30pm — Workshops continue  
3:00pm— Closing



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## REGISTRATION

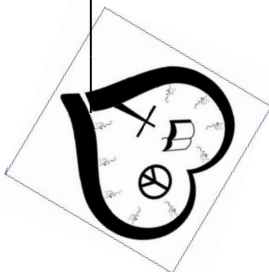
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Please join us for a wonderful day of  
**A**rtistic Expression  
**R**eflection  
**T**ime with God

**Fee: \$25.00**

**\$5 discount if**

**registering by February 26**

INCLUDES:  
SUPPLIES  
REFRESHMENTS  
AND LUNCH

**Deadline for Registration:**  
**March 12, 2017**  
**SPACE IS LIMITED!**



**YOUR WORKSHOP COORDINATOR**

Nicki Behr is the Director of Faith Formation at Olmsted Community Church. She is actively involved in resourcing and leading faith formation programs for infants through adult. She is grateful for the leadership of the Jo Tucker and Suzanne Halstead for the faithfulness in providing our biannual A.R.T. Retreats every Spring and Fall since October 2012.

**YOUR WORKSHOP LEADERS:**

Self taught and from a family of artistic individuals, **Jo Tucker** has also taken instruction from several very successful Canadian artists. Sharing her creations with those in the art world for over 20 years, Jo is influenced by the beauty she sees all around her everyday – in the sublime as well as the mundane. Creating pieces using acrylics, oils, pencil crayon, watercolor, and also digital art – Jo's life work includes abstract designs, portraiture, animals, seascapes and landscapes.

**Suzanne Halstead** is an artist, educator and museum professional. She earned a BFA in Studio Arts and Art Education from Syracuse University. She has an MA in Education from Concordia University, NY and has taught art in public schools, colleges, art studios, galleries and museums throughout her career. She has worked extensively in many cultural and museum environments as an educator and as an exhibits and program developer. Suzanne believes in enabling and empowering others so each may find and explore his or her own creative energies and expression. She leads presentations, workshops and retreats that focus on the visual arts, creativity and spirituality.

**A "Tree of Life"**

***Creatively Grows in You!***

This spring retreat we will be focusing on God's amazing gift of life through Trees. One of our theme scriptures is **Psalm 1:3 "She is like a tree planted beside streams of water that bears fruit in its season and whose leaf does not wither."** We will reflect on the diversity of trees and the many ways they benefit our lives and maintain the health of God's green earth. Being mindful of everything we have and use that is made from wood and paper, nourish us with fruits and nuts, and create habitats for many of God's creatures great & small. We are able to tell the life of Jesus through the focus of trees: manger, stable, carpenter, fishing boats, fig tree, Temple made with oaks & cedars, yoke, the cross and the Tree of Life.

Throughout the day, we will be using a variety of paper products in creative endeavors and artistic expressions. From paper tubes recycled into a cross or rose window, colorful paper beads strung into beautiful necklaces to discovering the life giving attributes of trees while writing prayerful poetry. We will also be reflecting on both the symbolism and the natural properties of trees and the importance of healthy woods and forests for our overall wellbeing and our grateful enjoyment.



We will also be sharing in fellowship on this St. Patrick's Day, enjoying a delicious lunch with a 'green theme' and spend time in quiet reflection, including another opportunity to walk the prayer labyrinth, as well as celebrating our time together!