



The Anchorage
A Contemplative Ministry

Come away...

Anchor deep

July, 2011 through June, 2012



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Vision:

For all people everywhere to see God more clearly, love God more dearly and follow God more nearly in response to God's love. We believe that God loves all people, and is healing the universe one person at a time as each of us moves toward living out of that graced space of knowing we are fully known and fully loved. We want to be part of God's healing.

Mission:

The Anchorage provides contemplative settings for men and women to step away from their busy lives to be with God, as revealed in Jesus the Christ, for healing, for comfort, for discernment, for rest.

Metaphor:

Come away to a safe harbor, and ***anchor deep*** in still waters, as a respite from the wind and waves.

The Anchorage is an ecumenical Christian non-profit 501c3 (tax- exempt) ministry. All are welcome regardless of faith, age, gender or race. We are most grateful for your prayer, volunteer and financial support, as God leads you.

All gifts are tax deductible.

NOTE: Our brochure provides programs for the entire year – so you may want to file this for future reference.

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**Cover picture is from our website.*

Dear Friends,

It is with great joy that I introduce you to our Interim Executive Director, Janice Jennings. She has been involved with The Anchorage for years, and has been serving as a Servant Leader. Please read her bio info online. We unanimously invited her to serve as Executive Director and, while her heart is in it, she did not hear a clear yes from God so she agreed to serve as Interim Executive Director. It became clear to us all that her suggestion makes sense - to have a little space between my leaving and when the new Executive Director steps in, maybe 6 months to a year. Janice will provide excellent leadership for The Anchorage during this interim as the Servant Leaders discern when and whom to call as the next Executive Director. You can get to know her better at our Spring Quiet Day.



Let me say to each of you in these my last words as Executive Director, what a graced journey it has been. My deep, heartfelt thanks go out to each of you who have prayed, given of your resources, and attended our events. While God is our focus in this counter-culture ministry, YOUR part is huge, for without you it would not happen. Please continue all 3: prayer, giving, participating!

Looking forward to keeping in touch and seeing you at our events, those I lead and those I attend! God is doing the work here, and our sense is that God will continue. Our job is to listen and then follow. With a deep sense of peace and gratitude, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Cathie Swell

Hello Friends of The Anchorage,

What an incredible invitation to serve the Lord through the offerings of The Anchorage! I am excited to become a part of your lives through the many opportunities being offered this year as well as the many ways I will be stretched as part of my new role at The Anchorage. Cathie's amazing obedience to provide a way for ordinary folks like me to experience a deeper faith walk changed the course of my life. I am deeply grateful for the sacrifices she made to heed that call and although I will never fill her shoes, I will do my best



to ensure open doors and opportunities for seekers to find that safe harbor and to anchor deep in the mystery of God's loving embrace. It is my prayer, also, that you all would continue not only to support The Anchorage through prayer and giving, but through being a part of the events. Each opportunity to soak in God's love creates a wide spread ripple effect that truly does change lives.

This next year has some **new outstanding retreats**: Bill Dietrich's retreat on "Discernment," Jeff Rogers retreat, "God Comes to Us," Sharon Decker's retreat on "Prayer and Thanksgiving" just before the holiday, Carroll and Adam Page's retreat, "Finding Our Voice" for fathers and sons. Ashlyn Mengel and Cathie will offer a retreat for creative spirits in Crystal Beach, FL with cameo appearances by Hal and BJ Stowers. Also expect our Mepkin Retreats, Quiet Days, Storytelling Retreat, Beach Retreats, Greatest Silence Retreat and the Artists & Mystics Retreat.

Perhaps God is nudging you to come away - and bring your friends! Your word of mouth is still our best advertising!

Thanks again for your participation and prayer!



Year Round Offerings

(One Time Events begin on p.6. A condensed listing is on pp. 12 – 13, Leadership info begins on p. 16.)

Spiritual Direction

In Spiritual Direction, a guide serves as a midwife to the soul, lovingly paying attention to God's movement in the life of one who seeks to respond more fully to God. The first session is free, as we discern together if what we are offering is what you are seeking.

For more information about Spiritual Direction, see p. 15.

Fee: \$60/monthly session with a sliding scale as needed.

You may call/email The Anchorage to begin this graced relationship with Janice, Donna or Cathie.



Bear Cabin at Solitude Pointe

Directed Individual Retreats

(Directed GROUP Retreats are in October and March.)

We offer Directed Individual Retreats at your convenience. The daily rhythm, following the Ignatian method, includes suggested Scripture passages for prayer and meeting with your spiritual director for about an hour. We often use cabins at Solitude Pointe in Cleveland, SC.

For more information about Directed Retreats, see p. 16.

Fee: \$295/3 nights, \$445/5 nights, \$585/7 nights

You may call The Anchorage to schedule a Directed Retreat with Donna or Cathie.

Let The Anchorage come to you!

We are ready, willing and able to bring “The Anchorage experience” to your church or other group. The options in this booklet are but a sampling of the offerings available and we can provide them in a variety of settings: day-long retreats, weekend retreats or sessions over several weeks.

Just call us and we will gladly listen, pray and work with you to design just the right format.

Offerings August through May

“Clergy Quiet Day Series”

These Clergy Quiet Days set apart to be with God, from October through March, offer ongoing replenishment to sustain the ongoing demands of ministry.

The setting is serene with a small labyrinth, lovely grounds for walking or just sitting outside as well as a sanctuary inside. Honor your soul – listen for God’s leading – would you and your ministry benefit from some intentional quiet in God’s presence?

5 months of Fridays

9:30 – 3:30

10/7, 12/9, 1/6, 2/3, 3/2

**And you may add our Fall and Spring Quiet Days too
11/11, 4/20 to make a total of 7.**

Fee: \$175 for all 7 days

Deposit (\$10) by Sept. 30th

\$165 for 6 days, \$150 for 5 days, \$130 for 4 days,

\$105 for 3 days, \$40 for 1 day. Includes light lunch.

Location: Garden Room, Furman University Chapel

Led by: Mike Flanagan, Robert Miles, Carroll Page, Jeff Rogers and Molly Wilkes.

One Time Events

“Living in the Light: A Journey of Discernment”

Quakers say that we each have an Inner Light, what early Quakers identified as the Light of Christ and which Illumines God’s leadings for us. How do we experience and respond to the movements of this Inner Light in our lives? How can we live more habitually in awareness and discernment of the God who invites us to co-create a world of peace and wholeness?

This weekend retreat will offer an opportunity to pray, reflect, and open to the invitations of our own Inner Light using the life and example of John Woolman, the 18th Century American Quaker whose Journal is a testament to a life wholly given to God. The rhythm of our time will include reflections on discernment taken from Woolman’s writings, extended times of silence both in solitude and in community, and time to rest in God amidst the beautiful grounds of Kanuga. We will close with communal worship, celebration and sharing on Sunday morning. Bill is a gifted, well-known, respected retreat leader.

Friday, August 26th – Sunday, August 28th

Plan to arrive by 4pm and depart before lunch

Fee: \$345

Deposit (\$10) by Aug. 12th

Location: Kanuga Conferences, Hendersonville, NC

Led by: Bill Dietrich

**Space for 17.
(Half full by printing time)**

“God Comes to Us: A Fall Retreat”

We worship and serve “the God of peace,” according to the apostle Paul (Romans 15:33). So what do we do when conflict arises--in church, at work, at home? With John of the Cross, the great 16th-century Spanish pastor, reformer, and mystic as our guide, we will explore Scripture and our own experience to encounter the God who comes to us “in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings” we pass through, as Nobel Peace Prize laureate Albert Schweitzer put it.



Cross at Lake Kanuga

The rhythm of our time will include reflection in solitude on a bench by the lake as well as in community, along with invigorating group discussion. Jeff is regarded as a consummate teacher in church and academic settings.

Friday, September 9th – Saturday, September 10th

Plan to arrive by 4pm and depart before lunch

Fee: \$180

Deposit (\$10) by Aug. 19th

Location: Kanuga Conferences, Hendersonville, NC

Led by: Jeff Rogers

Space for 15.

“Fall Directed 4-Day Group Retreat”

The experience at Mepkin Abbey is unique. The Trappist monks who live there invite us to participate with them in the liturgy of the hours. You may attend any or all of the services. Each retreatant has a single room, but may share a bath. The food is simple but tasty and ample. The setting along the Cooper River is inviting.

Monday, October 10th – Friday October 14th

Please plan to arrive by 4pm and depart before lunch.

Fee: \$160 for spiritual direction Deposit (\$10) by Sept. 30th

(The monks offer room and board to all guests. You are encouraged to consider a generous gift to Mepkin Abbey.)

Location: Mepkin Abbey, Moncks Corner, SC

Led by: Cathie Powell

Space for 3 – often fills quickly.

More information about Directed Group Retreats, p. 15.

“Listening to Your Stories (II)”

Stories are both revealing and healing. We listen to stories and they are filtered through our experiences, feelings, and needs. Some stories speak to us deeply, while others are simply entertaining. The stories that touch us are easily remembered. They get inside of us and continue to speak to us in life-changing ways. Through stories, retreat participants will look at life and faith in new ways that more traditional ways cannot.

Jesus was a wonderful storyteller. His stories are memorable. Biblical stories form much of the foundation of our faith traditions. The retreat will enable participants to examine ancient stories alongside more modern stories and personal stories. There is a richness in our stories that cannot be found anywhere else. As theologian Megan McKenna said, **“All stories are true; some of them actually happened.”**

Snail’s Pace honors the slower pace in order to be more present to God and to each other. Each retreatant will have a single room, but will most likely share a bath.

Friday, October 14th – Saturday, October 15th

Please plan to arrive by 4pm and depart by 3pm

Fee: \$170

Deposit (\$10) by Sept. 30th

Location: Snails Pace, Saluda, NC

Led by: Carroll Page

“Fall Quiet Day: Invitation to the Desert”

The call to the desert is not to the oasis; but rather a call to let go of whatever is in the way of seeing more clearly, loving more dearly and following more nearly. Enjoy the peak of the fall leaves in spacious silence within a gentle rhythm of music and quiet reflection together and in solitude. Walk a labyrinth or sit in a lovely sanctuary.

Friday, November 11th

9:30 – 3:30

Fee: \$30 (includes lunch)

Deposit \$10 by Oct. 29th

Location: Garden Room, Furman University Chapel

Led by: Cathie Powell

“Prayer and Thanksgiving: Making the Holiday Holy”

In the busyness of the upcoming Holiday Season, we may lose our focus of thankfulness. Don't let it happen to you! Begin this Holiday and Advent time with a focus on stillness, prayer and thanksgiving. This weekend will be a great way to rethink old patterns of Holiday rush and replace them with a season of true contemplation, simplicity, joy and thanksgiving. The weekend will include practical ideas for simplifying the Holidays and replacing the busyness with peace.

Snail's Pace honors the slower pace in order to be more present to God and to each other. Each retreatant will have a single room, but will most likely share a bath.

Friday, Nov. 17th – Sunday, November 19th

Please plan to arrive by 4pm and depart before lunch.

Fee: \$325

Deposit (\$10) Oct. 30th

Location: Snails Pace, Saluda, NC

Led by: Sharon Decker

Space for 11 and may fill up quickly.

“LORD, Teach Us to Pray: Annual Beach Retreat (XIV)”

Like the disciples, our hearts are always crying, whether we know it or not, “Teach us to pray...” We don't pray as we ought (or could).

This retreat weekend will focus on learning and experiencing various different ways of relating to God in prayer. The saints and other holy ones who have gone before us will be our sure guides and companions throughout the weekend.

As always our rhythm will include silence from Evening to Morning Prayer. We will enjoy reflection together and in solitude, time to nap, read, walk a labyrinth on the beach, and just 'be' with God and each other.

Friday January 24th – Sunday, January 26th

Please plan to arrive by 4pm and depart by noon.

Fee: \$345

Deposit (\$10) by Dec. 29th

(Includes ocean-front single room and 5 meals.)

Location: Springmaid Beach Resort, Myrtle Beach

Led by: Caroline Smith

Space for 25 fills up quickly.

“Praying the Hours” at the Beach

During this quiet retreat that follows the annual beach retreat, we observe the monastic 'hours' of the day beginning with Vespers Sunday evening and ending Monday or Tuesday noon. We honor silence throughout with interpretation of the hours, liturgical prayer and time to 'be' with God.

Sunday, January 29th – Tuesday, January 31st

Plan to begin at 5pm and leave by noon. You are welcome to stay over one night, or two.

Fee: \$145/night, (with meals)

Deposit (\$10) by Dec. 29th

Led by: Cathie Powell. Meals by Margaret Hardy



South Carolina beach in winter

“Tending the Soul: A Retreat for Artists and Mystics (III)”

Much of the life of the creative soul needs to be solitary, in order to be faithful to the calling to create. It also seems that community is essential – especially with kindred spirits who understand what it is like to hear that different drum.

Our retreat this year provides ample time to be with God both in community and in solitude. We will use material from a variety of sources such as *Crossing the Desert: Learning to Let Go, See Clearly and Live Simply*; *The Artist's Rule: Nurturing Your Creative Soul with Monastic Wisdom*, and *The Art of LIFE BLENDING®* book to encourage creative, contemplative practice.

Artists of all kinds are invited: visual artists, musicians, writers, potters, dancers, poets and everyday mystics. Come away - let God tend your soul as only God can.

Friday, February 10th – Sunday, February 12th

Please plan to arrive by 4 and leave before lunch.

Fee: \$325

Deposit (\$10) by Jan. 10th

You will have a single room, and most likely share a bath.

Location: Snails Pace, Saluda, NC

Led by: Ashlyn Mengel and Cathie Powell

Space for 10.

“Finding Our Voice: A Retreat for Men”

Most men are longing for an encounter with God, but in many ways the typical church approaches have failed men. The goal of this retreat is to help men find their own way to experience God and find meaning in the ordinary. Men will be challenged to surrender the illusions they have received from society and from their upbringing. They will consider their shadows and find that the grace of God heals their wounds.

The retreat will be led by a father-son team who have lived through many of the issues that all men must face. The methodology will be a contemplative approach to men’s spirituality and a challenge to take this way of listening for God to all of life. It is hoped that each man will leave with a new sense of wholeness and direction.

There will be ample time for quiet reflection in solitude and in community, for hiking the trails, and sitting and rocking overlooking the lake in the beauty of Kanuga. The food is excellent and ample. These men live what they teach.

Friday, February 24th – Sunday, February 26th

Please plan to arrive by 4pm and depart before lunch.

Fee: \$345

Dep. (\$10) by Jan. 15th

Location: Kanuga Conferences, Hendersonville, NC

Led by: Adam Page and Carroll Page

Space for 17.

“The Greatest Silence You Will Ever Hear (II): A Weekend Retreat”

This weekend experience is for those of us who long to enjoy silence and desire to be a bit more contemplative but either aren’t very good at it, lack experience, and/or are downright afraid of it! Sharon is living proof that even a Type A personality can learn to enjoy and even long for the power of stillness, quiet and contemplation with our God.

All you need to do to prepare is to come with an open heart. We will be learning several spiritual disciplines that will take you deeper spiritually. There will be plenty of time for learning

and for practice in a warm and welcoming environment. Retreatants will have single rooms, but may share a bath.

Friday, March 23rd – Sunday, March 25th

Please plan to arrive by 4pm and depart by 2.

Fee: \$325

Deposit (\$10) Mar. 11th

Location: Snails Pace, Saluda, NC

Led by: Sharon Decker

Space for 10 and may fill up quickly.

“Spring Directed 4-Day Group Retreat”

(See Fall Directed 4-day Group Retreat p. 7 for detailed description. This retreat will be identical except for the dates and the participants.)

Monday, March 26th – Friday, March 30th

Please arrive by 4pm and plan to leave before lunch.

Fee: \$160 for spiritual direction Deposit (\$10) by Feb. 28th

(The monks offer room and board to all guests. You are encouraged to consider a generous gift to Mepkin Abbey.)

Location: Mepkin Abbey, Moncks Corner, SC

Led by: Cathie Powell

Space for 3.

More information about Directed Group Retreats, pg 15.

“Spring Quiet Day: God in Our Stories”

In a noisy world we sometimes forget how much God loves us. Come spend a day reflecting on who God says you are in light of scripture. *“So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them, male and female he created them.”* Gen. 1:27 (NRSV)

The rhythm of our time will include time in solitude to walk a labyrinth, rest by a lovely fountain surrounded by spring flowers, or sit in a quiet sanctuary.

Friday, April 20th

9:30 – 3:30

Fee: \$30 (includes lunch)

Deposit \$10 by Mar. 30th

Location: Garden Room, Furman University Chapel

Led by: Janice Jennings



Labyrinth behind Daniel Chapel at Furman University

Chronological Listing

July 2011 - June 2012

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OCTOBER – APRIL OFFERINGS		
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ONE-TIME OFFERINGS		
2011		
August		
26 – 28	“Living in the Light” Kanuga (BD)	6
September		
9 – 10	“God Comes to Us” Kanuga (JR)	6
October		
7	Clergy Series #1 (MF)	5
10 – 14	Mepkin Directed Retreat (CPo)	7
14 – 15	“Listening to Your Story” Snails Pace (CPa)	7
November		
11	”Fall Quiet Day: Invitation to the Desert” (CPo)	7
18 – 20	“Making the Holiday Holy” Snails Pace (SD)	8
December		
9	Clergy series #2 (CPa)	5

Leadership Initials:

AM	Ashlyn Mengel	JJ	Janice Jennings
AP	Adam Page	JR	Jeff Rogers
BD	Bill Dietrich	MF	Mike Flanagan
CPa	Carroll Page	MH	Margaret Hardy
CPo	Cathie Powell	MW	Molly Wilkes
CS	Caroline Smith	RM	Robert Miles
DM	Donna Meyer	SD	Sharon Decker

2012

January

6	Clergy Series #3 (JR)	5
27 – 29	“Beach Retreat: Teach Us to Pray” (CS)	8
29 – 31	“Praying the Hours” (at the beach) (CPo, MH)	9

February

3	Clergy Series #4 (RM)	5
10 – 12	Artists/Mystics Retreat, Snails Pace (AM, CPo)	9
24 – 26	“A Retreat for Men” Kanuga (AP, CPa)	10

March

2	Clergy Series #5 (MW)	5
23 – 25	“Greatest Silence Retreat” Snails Pace (SD)	10
26 – 30	Mepkin Directed Retreat (CPo)	11

April

20	“Spring Quiet Day: God in Our Stories” (JJ)	11
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May

4 – 7	“Retreat for Creative Spirits” (AM, CPo, MH)	14
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All events are affordable for everyone!
(If \$10 is all you can pay, then \$10 is all you



“It’s like a ‘walking prayer’ in a 360 degree open air cathedral...”

Hal walking on a pristine barrier island beach along the Gulf of Mexico. Photo by B. J. Stowers, © 2008.
(see next retreat event.)

“A Retreat for Creative Spirits” using *The Art of LIFE BLENDING*® book by BJ Stowers in collaboration with environmental artist Hal Stowers, ASLA. Whether you are a creative spirit by vocation or avocation, or if it you just value or desire creativity to be a part of your everyday life, we have found that it is essential to ‘tend the soul.’ This long weekend retreat will do just that. Because much of the creative life needs to be solitary, it is a gift to experience community with kindred spirits. So, the rhythm of our time will include content, reflection time in solitude and community as well as these cameo events with Hal and BJ Stowers:

LIFE BLENDING® DIALOGUE with Hal & B.J. Stowers -- In the style of the TV program “Inside the Actor’s Studio” – Hal and B. J. will welcome our questions and dialogue with us based on their experiences.

SUNSET TRACE: A LIFE BLENDING® Experience with Hal & B.J. Stowers -- Hal Stowers will guide us on ways to tune in and open channels to God and nature -- a personal journey through one of the most beautiful and natural beach parks in Florida, Honeymoon Island State Park.

LIFE BLENDING® STUDIO WALK at Happy Bayou -- Hal & B. J. will guide us through an indoor outdoor studio experience at “Point Sun Moon & Sea -- Happy Bayou” -- sharing a setting that has been both found and created, an environment that has kept them in touch with God and nature on a daily basis -- nurturing their spirits and inspiring their life work for almost four decades.

We will stay at Sutherland Crossing in lovely Crystal Beach, FL, an easy drive from Tampa International Airport. Retreatants will have single rooms, but may share a bath. The meals will also reflect the LIFE BLENDING® approach to living, using ideas and suggestions from their book.

Friday, May 4th – Monday, May 7th

Please plan to arrive to begin by 5pm and depart by 12.

Fee: \$475

Deposit (\$10) Mar. 30th

Location: Sutherland Crossing, Crystal Beach, FL

Led by: Ashlyn Mengel, Cathie Powell with cameos by Hal and B. J. Stowers, meals by Margaret Hardy

Space for 10.

***“I join hands with others in the great circle,
dancing around your altar God;
Singing God songs at the top of my lungs –
telling God-stories.”***

Psalm 26:7 (*The Message*), one of Hal’s favorite verses.

MORE INFORMATION

Spiritual Direction

Interest in spiritual direction, as well as other spiritual disciplines, has grown exponentially over the last 30 years as many are discovering this incredibly blessed, ancient way of tending the soul. Clergy and laity are expressing a hunger for going deeper with God, in order to find meaning in a culture that is frenzied, impersonal and exhausting.

Such experiences were also rampant in fourth century Christianity, as believers spent time with the desert mothers and fathers in order to find ways to listen more intentionally for God.

Conversations may be about the person's prayer life, or anything else that suggests an invitation from God. We meet monthly, allowing time in between for the work of the REAL Spiritual Director, the Holy Spirit.

Some folks in ministry have even suggested that to be in ministry of any kind without being in spiritual direction is a disservice to those served, but mostly to the one serving. We are hopeful that more men and women will see the blessing of 'tending the holy' together with someone who is called and formed in this way of paying attention to God.

The image of midwife says it well. The woman is going to have the baby whether the midwife gets there or not. In the same way, we all have a relationship with God with or without a spiritual director. But, like the midwife, the director has been through similar experiences before – although every birth is unique – and can suggest when to breathe lightly and when to push – just gentle nudges that are supporting and encouraging on this adventure of faith.

Directed Group Retreats

During a Directed Retreat, though with a group of others, you may honor your own rhythm for prayer, rest and nourishment. The only conversation after initial introductions is during your daily time 1-on-1 with a Spiritual Director as you process your prayer, and discern the movement of God's Spirit in your life

The structure for retreat is Ignatian, as the spiritual director suggests Scripture readings each day for prayer, particular for each retreatant, and encourages the retreatants to enter the story using their imagination. We will close our 4-day retreat with a gathering of the gifts received during the retreat. This sharing creates a ripple effect for then everyone leaves with the awareness of many ways that God has blessed each person so uniquely.

Directed Group Retreats continue to be incredibly fruitful, as we spend the majority of the day with few outside distractions, simply paying attention to God. **God is so 'front and center' at these retreats!**

Directed Individual Retreats

The format is similar to the Directed Group Retreats above. You meet daily with your spiritual director, however, your spiritual director is in Greenville, so included in your day is the one-hour drive from Solitude Pointe in Cleveland to Greenville and back. Much of the drive is scenic, along highway 11, with an occasional view of Table Rock.

Your cabin has a living room, bedroom, bath, kitchen and deck or screened porch, so you may do your own cooking. You'll want to purchase your groceries ahead of time so you can more fully be away with God on your retreat. If driving is a concern, we may be able to arrange for a closer place. Just let us know.

We suggest at least three nights to allow time to settle in. Longer retreats can be even more fruitful, as God leads. We are glad to coordinate your stay.

Leadership

SHARON DECKER is a successful business executive who



has effectively balanced her professional life with responsibilities of the home, service to the community and devotion to her faith. She spent over 17 years with Duke Power Company, a career that evolved from her first job as a Consumer Education Representative to positions including Chief Communications Officer

and Vice President of Customer Service. Her journey has included positions as Founding President of The Lynnwood Foundation and The Lee Institute in Charlotte, President of Doncaster, a women's apparel company and most recently as Founder of The Tapestry Group, a faith based initiative focused on providing women with ideas and inspiration for living well.

She is co-host with Pam Stone and Ramona Holloway of the Sunday morning radio show, *The Satisfied Life*, on 107.9 The Link. She serves on the boards of Family Dollar Stores, Inc., Coca-Cola Bottling Company Consolidated, SCANA Corporation and Herschend Family Entertainment. She is the mother of four and she and her family reside in Rutherfordton, NC. Sharon is a Lay Pastor in the local Presbyterian Parish and is currently pursuing her Master of Divinity degree at The Christopher White School of Divinity at Gardner Webb University and her required internship position this next year is as Interim Director of Graduate Ministries at The Center for Christian Study, Charlottesville, Virginia, serving the Darden Business School and UVA Law School communities.

Picture of Bill

BILL DIETRICH is a longtime spiritual director, retreat and spiritual formation group leader. For over 20 years he served in various capacities with the board and staff of the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation in Washington, DC, and served as Shalem's Executive Director from 2003 to 2009. He continues to teach in Shalem's Spiritual Guidance Program and is also an Associate



at Pendle Hill, the Quaker center for spiritual nurture near Philadelphia. He currently serves on the board of Companioning the Dying, a program for hospice workers and others who are called to accompany others' final journeys. He also volunteers in patient care and other capacities with Montgomery Hospice. Bill is a member of Bethesda Friends Meeting (Quakers), and is also a board member of the Silver Spring Zendo, One Heart Sangha, an interfaith community that teaches Zen meditation.

Prior to his involvement with Shalem, Bill had a successful career in public accounting and corporate finance. Since 1986 he has served on the Board of Trustees of the Ariel Investment Trust, a socially responsible family of mutual funds. He and his wife, Anne, live in Rockville, MD and have 3 grown children and one grandchild.

MIKE FLANAGAN is the Rector of Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Simpsonville, SC. A native of Charlotte, NC and raised in York, SC, he was trained as an Industrial Engineer at North Carolina State University, and worked in that field for ten years. Mike left the engineering field to attend seminary in Wisconsin and was ordained in 1991. Mike served as assistant rector at St. Michael and All Angels in Columbia, SC, and came to Simpsonville as Rector of Holy Cross in January of 1995.



In addition to serving the church as a priest, Mike also composes, plays guitar and sings. In September of 1991 he completed a compilation of original songs on a CD, "Come to the Wilderness." Mike is married to Deborah (29 years!) and they have a son, Nic, married to Jaclyn, and a daughter, Megan.

MARGARET HARDY is a spiritual director & retreat leader, a student of culinary arts at Anne Arundel Community College's Hotel, Culinary Arts and Tourism Institute in Glen Burnie, MD. As a volunteer, she cooked for two months in 2007 in the retreat center kitchen on the Isle of Iona. She is in the beginning stages of developing a program of cooking and eating together for seniors living alone or in assisted living. Her volunteer activities include community theater, choir, altar guild and baby-hugging at a pediatric hospital.



JANICE JENNINGS has a background in marketing and has been a Greenville Realtor for over 17 years. Longing to go deeper in relationship with God and to strengthen her skills for helping others, she completed the Sursum Corda Spiritual Direction Formation Program and is finishing her International Life Coaching certification through Life Coaching Institute. Janice has been married to her husband, Victor, for 35 years, and is the mother of two grown sons. She leads an adult Sunday school class at Messiah Lutheran Church in Mauldin, SC, serves on the Greater Greenville Association of Realtors Board of Realtors and is actively involved in foreclosure prevention and affordable housing.



She has heard God's call to her to serve as Interim Executive Director for The Anchorage and is excited about the year ahead.

ASHLYN MENGEL serves on the Music Ministry staff of Christ Lutheran Church, Charlotte, NC, where she plays organ and piano, and participates in planning worship. She earned a Master of Sacred Music degree from Emory University in conjunction with Candler School of Theology, and a Bachelor of Music degree from The University of Texas at Austin. Ashlyn and her husband, Chris, live in Charlotte with their daughters, Ainsley and Kaitlyn.



DONNA MEYER is the Director of Ministry Formation at Bon Secours St. Francis Health System and a nurse. In her 30+ years of nursing experience she considers her work with the poor in an inner city clinic as the place she most visibly encounters the human face of God. Donna has led retreats in New England, has provided days of prayer for various groups and has been a spiritual director for both lay people and clergy. Her background is Ignatian spirituality. She received her nursing diploma from St. Luke's School of Nursing, her BA from Smith College and her M. Div. from Weston Jesuit School of Theology. She and her husband Paul have three adult daughters.



ROBERT MILES has served St. Michael Lutheran Church in Greenville as Pastor since 1988. His education includes a BA from Davidson College and an M. Div. from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. He has a love for preaching, teaching, and being with people in ways that produce growth and change. He has had a long-time interest in the book of Genesis, and in family systems. He enjoys time on the water especially in a sailboat or kayak. He is married to Debbie, an early childhood educator, and they enjoy time with their two grown children, Jessica who is married to Seth, and Adam.



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CARROLL PAGE has been telling stories since his college days, when it became part of his ministry to youth and college students. He has been a “teller” at several storytelling events and in many schools. Through the years, he has been a part of the National Storytelling Association and the Network of Biblical Storytellers. His experience allows him to relate stories to all age groups and to connect stories and spirituality.



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Cathie believes that “God is enough” while this culture shouts otherwise, saying we always need a little bit more. Her greatest sense of call is to provide settings for others to experience this “enough-ness” of God.

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Jeff brings his giftedness as a listener and as one who can distill complex concepts into bite-size pieces. He is regarded as a consummate teacher in church and academic settings. He and his wife Bev are the parents of four sons ranging in age from 22 to 3 years old.

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