

*Feeling called to a day of spacious grace and peace,  
to open more fully to the mystery of God's love?  
You might want to consider...*

## **The Anchorage "Desert Days"**

**Fridays, Aug. 4, Led by Catherine Powell**

**Oct. 6, Led by Michael Fleenor**

**Dec. 1, Led by Susan Rice**

**9:30 am - 2:30 pm**

***Come away* for spacious silence within a gentle rhythm of music and reflection with God in solitude, allowing the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and our hands through the mystery of discovering more deeply our true source of inner peace, healing, and guidance.**

The theme for the year is "Always, We Begin Again!" (St. Benedict) This concept seems appropriate for the beginning of our next 25 years! The main point of the day is to spend time in quiet with our holy and loving God. A probable schedule will be:

- 9:30 Light a candle to honor God's presence – then an introduction to the space and to each other
- 10:00 Opening Prayer, comments on topic, with handout for reflection
- 10:30 Find space to be with God – sit quietly, walk
- 11:30 Lunch – all together. We will use lunch to ask this question for the group to share  
"What are you learning from God, what has God been saying to you, over the last 2 months?"
- 12:30 Regather in quiet, with comments on topic, handout for reflection
- 1:00 Find space to be with God
- 2:00 Closing prayer
- 2:30 Adjourn

*Within the unhurried rhythm of the day, find a place that nurtures your soul, maybe outside, with as few distractions as possible, and just "be." Sense God within you; respond with your heart. It seems God also delights in having uninterrupted time with each person, to have our faces turned toward this One who loves.*

**Led by:**

**Catherine Powell**, is the Founding Servant Leader of The Anchorage. Her formation includes the Shalem Spiritual Guidance Program, the 30-day Ignatian Spiritual Exercises, and Jesuit Center training to lead 8-day retreats. Her passion is encouraging a mutual love relationship with God. You can learn more from her about that in *Make Your Home in My Love: Live in My Joy*.

**Michael Fleenor** served as a Servant Leader (Board) and then Chair, with The Anchorage. He is a retired internal medicine physician, who mostly served in public health. He was Health Officer in Birmingham, AL, for the last 10 years. He moved from AL to Asheville NC in 2014 with his wife Betsy and lives a quiet life in the mountains. He enjoys hiking, writing, genealogy, and contemplation.

**Susan Rice** enjoys offering transformational coaching, spiritual direction and creating space for others to experience the love of God. She also loves being in nature, exploring new places and ideas, and listening with others as they discover transformational unfolding of their gifting. She and her husband, David, have served in cross cultural missions for 36 years, and offer member care for missionaries.

**Location:** Gower Estates, Greenville, SC.

**Fee: \$42 (includes lunch) IN PERSON!!** (\$30 if BYO Lunch)

**(\$10 deposit due 2 weeks ahead)**

**Registration Form** ..... **Please detach here and mail** .....

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Desert Day Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 Dep\_\_\_\_\_

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