

Dear Sisters,

Time for the 2017 Fall Retreat is drawing near, and the Planning Team is very excited about the preparations that are coming together for this year's retreat. Last year we had 109 women in attendance, the largest number we have had in quite a few years. We appreciate your attendance last year and look forward to seeing you this year. If you were unable to attend last year we welcome you back.

Reverend Cathy Myers Wirt will lead this year's retreat. Rev. Cathy and her husband Douglas are Co-Regional Pastors of the Christian Church in Oregon and Southwest Idaho since 2001. Rev. Cathy edited the "New Day for Women" magazine for nine years, and is a therapist doing pastoral counseling. Rev. Cathy told the National Benevolent Association in an interview that "As a regional pastor, creating communities of compassion and care is what I spend my days doing. From my time in church camps, women's ministries, small-group faith formation groups—creating and sustaining community is the work of a regional church".

Rev. Cathy is on Facebook and if you are so inclined you may view her home page, read her work background, education, favorite books, music and more. Don't we just love Facebook? We must say that God was in the midst of our planning when we extended the invitation to Rev. Cathy and she accepted.

Rev. John Richardson, the new Interim Ohio Regional Pastor will join us on Friday evening to talk about his leadership of the Region. Rev. Cathy and Rev. Richardson are well acquainted and will team up for the plenary on Friday evening. We will use this time to meet, greet and get to know Rev. Richardson and Rev. Cathy, and for them to get to know us. Rev. Richardson will speak on the state of the region and the direction in which he is leading. Rev. Cathy will use her spiritual gifts and sense of humor to provide guidance and direction to this gathering. There will be ample time to share your concerns and ask questions.



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OHIO WOMEN'S MINISTRIES 2017 Fall Retreat

Camp Christian

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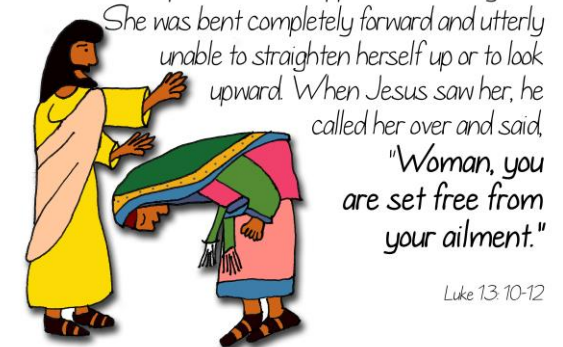
September 8-10-2017

"Forward Leaning"



with
Rev. Dr. Cathy Myers Wirt

"Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for 18 years.



She was bent completely forward and utterly unable to straighten herself up or to look upward. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment."

Luke 13:10-12

- Reverend Sarah Richey, Pastor of Hampton Park Christian Church in Toledo will be the retreat chaplain. Rev. Richey will have meditations at designated times and is available for support and pastoral care.
- The Red Tent is back by popular demand. It is a quiet place enjoyed by many campers as a place to meditate and commune with God. It will be housed in the craft cabin.
- Chalice Press will have a selection of books and Bibles for purchase. We have asked Rev. Cathy for a list of suggested books. Bring some money, you may want to purchase books or a Bible for journaling.
- The Silent Auction was a huge success last fall, so please consider bringing a basket or several and helping the team with the auction and distribution of the baskets.
- Craft tables are available for a just \$20.
- Youth Stewards age 15 and older are needed to assist the planning team and retreat attendees. They enjoy a free stay and a fun weekend at Camp Christian. Learn about women's ministries as you help with a variety of fun and rewarding duties.
- Things to bring to camp
 - a. Bring A Friend!
 - b. Bible, pen, and note pad
 - c. Casual clothes along with jacket, raincoat, umbrella
 - d. Twin size sheets, pillow, blanket, wash cloth, towels, soap, shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste, etc.
 - e. Flashlight
 - f. Money for the offering, silent auction, and bookstore

WORKSHOPS

This year we will be spending more quality time with our retreat leader. Rev. Cathy will be doing bible study and small groups as part of Saturday's plenary. We have three workshop choices.

- Bible Journaling
This workshop teaches the fundamentals of journaling in your Bible. It will introduce beginners and allow those with more experience to share their skills and increase their knowledge. Journaling in your Bible will open up a whole new way to spend time with the Lord. It is a creative way of memorizing and recording scriptures.
- Women's Ministry Best Practices
Does your church do somethings particularly well? We invite you to share your group's best practices in this interactive workshop. Best practices for mission, Bible study, book clubs, and fund raising are some suggested areas. Do you have a group or organizational structure that is working well? We want to hear about them and share them with other groups in the region. We are collecting the information prior to the workshop and it will be sent to all retreat attendees who request it. Send your information by Aug 31 to nitrogirls75@yahoo.com.

Vision Board

Write the vision. Visualize your victory. The vision board is a powerful and effective tool to help you live your best life.

Parking & Registration when you arrive at Camp

There is parking in the gravel parking lot next to the administration building where you should come to register and get your room assignment. There is parking in front of Monroe Lodge, near the gym and cabins depending upon your room assignment. You must turn onto the drive that leads to Monroe Lodge and make a right turn to get to the administration building. Please do not drive over the logs in the administration building parking lot. The logs are placed there for protection. Look for the signs which will be posted.

SERVICE/MISSIONS

This year we have chosen to support our Veterans and the Cleveland Christian home. The Veteran Administration in Columbus has an ongoing need for personal care items that are in constant demand. Due to budget spending limitations and other restrictions many of the items that are needed are only available through donations. Gift cards of \$10 and \$20 will be purchased with one-third of the donations and donated to the VA. The Coordinator will come to Camp on Saturday afternoon to accept the donations and speak to the group.

Cleveland Christian Home is in need of the following items (new or like new) for the children, teens and families that are served. They will receive 1/3 of the donations as well.

VETERANS

- Personal care products, sanitary pads, razors, deodorant, towelettes/baby wipes
- Towels/wash cloths
- Tote bags, small compact tote bags that are easy to carry.
- Underwear/panties & briefs. Assorted sizes
- Bras/Sports Bras, Sports bras are preferred
- Socks & footies
- Assorted sizes of sweat suits/sweatshirts & sweat pants

CLEVELAND CHRISTIAN HOME

- Gift Cards to Target or Giant Eagle
- School Supplies (See site for complete list)
- Winter Boots
- Winter Coats
- Gloves and Hats
- Thermal underwear
- Blankets
- Slippers
- Sweatshirts (men's sizes M-XL)
- Boxers (men's sizes M-XL)

Saturday and Sunday Offering and Silent Auction proceeds will be split 3 ways with the 2 mission projects & OWM operating expenses