

“The Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica are women rooted in the Benedictine charism who seek God and share our living tradition. We are a community 152 women called by our monastic profession to a balanced life of community, prayer, and ministry. Our ministry flows out of monastic living and focuses on empowering women. Our hunger and thirst for justice and peace focuses on works of charity as we respond to the root causes of injustice”
--From the Monastery Website



Sister Barbara McCracken is a member of the Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica. She currently serves in Kansas City, Kansas as an associate director of Keeler Women Center which provides programs and services for inner city women. She served for ten years as a staff member of Shalom Catholic Worker House in Kansas City, Ks, providing hospitality to homeless men. For thirteen years she served as peace and justice consultant for the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. With an advanced degree in behavioral and social psychology, she has been an educator and an advocate for peace and justice.

About our Retreat Leaders:

We are fortunate to have two of our programs led by Benedictine Sisters of Mount Saint Scholastica. Sister Judith Sutura will be leading our Friday night program on “Benedictine Spirituality.” Sister Barbara McCracken will be leading our Saturday morning program on “Dorothy Day, A Woman of Action.” The Saturday afternoon program “PW at the Fulcrum of History” will be lead by members of the PW leadership team of Second Presbyterian Church.



Sister Judith Sutura, OSB, is a member of the Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica with degrees in counseling and in monastic history. She serves as an oblate director for Mount St. Scholastica, and as a writer, speaker and retreat director. She edits *Magistra*, a journal of the history of women’s spirituality. She is the author of *Advent and Christmas Wisdom from Saint Benedict*, published by Ligouri Publications.



Being Women of God’s Kingdom

Sponsored by PWC of Second Church

Friday-Saturday, March 23-24, 2012
Sophia Center
Mount Saint Scholastica
751 South 8th, Atchison, KS

Purpose of Presbyterian Women

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study, support the mission of the church worldwide, work for justice and peace, and build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God’s kingdom.

You're invited to join the women of Second Church for an overnight retreat. Come Friday evening, then stay the night at "The Mount" where the retreat will continue on Saturday. Can't join us Friday? Just come for the day on Saturday! All women are invited and encouraged to attend.

Schedule for the Retreat

Friday Evening:

5:30 Evening Prayer - Choir Chapel
6:00 Supper
7:00 Benedictine Spirituality

Saturday:

6-8:00 Breakfast
8:30 Morning Prayer – Choir Chapel
9:15 Eucharist (optional)
10:00 Dorothy Day, A Woman of Action
11:15 Personal Time
12:00 Dinner
12:45 Midday Prayer – St. Lucy Chapel
1:15 Personal Time
3:00 PW at the Fulcrum of History
4:15 Personal Time or Early Departure
5:30 Supper (optional)
6:45 Vespers – Choir Chapel (optional)
7:30 Depart

• **Build deeper faith bonds with the women of Second church and feel mutual support**

Women's Retreat

Where: Sophia Center, Mount Saint Scholastica, 751 South 8th, Atchison, KS

When: Friday-Saturday,
March 23-24, 2012
Registration Deadline:
March 9, 2012

What to Wear: Work Casual/Comfy clothes

What to Bring: Bible, notepad, overnight bag

Directions to Mount Saint Scholastica from Second Church (Takes approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes to reach The Mount from Second):

If you are coming from KCK take I-435 to I-29 north
Take I-29 north to Hwy 273 (Exit 20) and turn left
Follow 273/45 north continuing for about 20 miles to Hwy 59
Follow Hwy 59 into Atchison crossing Amelia Earhart Bridge.
Continue straight ahead on Hwy 59 to Hwy 73 also 10th Street (Pizza Hut & CVS)
Turn left onto 10th street.
Veer to left lane and turn left on Spring Street between Dairy Queen and the AmericInn.
Follow the signs to Sophia Center.

Mount Saint Scholastica is Handicapped Accessible

Registration Form

Return to: Renee Neff-Clark, 4801 Belinder Rd, Westwood, KS 66205 or Renee's Folder at Church; reneeneffclark@yahoo.com; 913-262-6589

Name _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Personal Arrival Schedule:

- Friday in time for supper (before 5:30)
- Saturday for Breakfast (7:30)
- Saturday for Morning Prayer (8:15)

Personal Departure Schedule:

- Before Supper on Saturday
- After Supper on Saturday

Fees:

- Friday-Saturday: \$55.00, if spending the night at The Mount (Single Room/Shared Bath); includes 3 meals (Friday supper, Saturday Breakfast and Saturday Lunch. Add \$6.00 if staying for Saturday supper)
- Overnight Limit: 24
- Saturday only: \$25.00
- Make check payable to Second Presbyterian Church, Memo: PWC Retreat

Carpools will leave from Second Church Parking Lot at 3:15 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. on Friday Eve and 7:00 a.m. on Saturday

- Will need a ride from the Church
- Willing to drive and can take _____ others:

- Friday at 3:15 p.m.
- Friday at 5:15 p.m.
- Saturday at 7:00 a.m.