

## Spiritual Life Center Offerings and Resources April, May, June

### April

#### **April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2008 ~ Contemplative Prayer**

First Congregational Church of Chatham 5:30, lead by Rev. Dr. David Erickson

#### **April 18, 19, 20, 2008 ~ Go In Peace: A Retreat for Christian Women Healing from Abuse**

Nicole Sotelo, author of *Women Healing from Abuse : Meditations for Finding Peace*, will be the retreat leader at Evensong by the Sea Ecumenical Retreat Center, Harwich Port.. Contact: 508.432.0027, [www.evensongretreat.com](http://www.evensongretreat.com)

#### **April 19 & 26, 2008 ~ Spiritual Gathering of Men:** To be Announced

9:00-10:00 A.M. at the First Congregational Church of Chatham. Contact 508.945.0800

#### **April 20, 2008 ~ Connections 9:00-9:45 am**

Amy Middleton, Church School Director at the First Congregational Church of Chatham, will lead a discussion with parents who wish to strengthen their connections with their children, with each other, and with God. (Classes will be held the third Sunday of each month.) Children are invited to 'Morning Song' (hymn sing) while parents are at class, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in the Inspiration Room. Contact: 508.945.0800

#### **April 25, 26, 27, 2008 ~ Sacred Connections: Re-Membering Our Lives**

A women's retreat to celebrate and re-member our heart connections to our God, our selves, places we hold sacred and those we love. Rev. Marie David will be the retreat leader at Evensong by the Sea Ecumenical Retreat Center, Harwich Port. Contact: 508.432.0027 [www.evensongretreat.com](http://www.evensongretreat.com)

**April 27 & 28, 2008 "The New Birthing of Christ for Today: A Celtic Perspective,** a retreat with Rev. Dr. J. Philip Newell; hosted by South Church, Andover – an exploration of the growing awareness of the unity of creation amidst the terrible broken-ness and fragmentation in our lives and the world. Participants will reflect on Celtic Spirituality as a way of being deeply transformed and passionately engaged in our consciousness of the earth's oneness, and in the human journey toward peace and wholeness. Contact: South Church website [www.southchurch.com](http://www.southchurch.com) or call Holly at 978.686.6961.

**April 28, 2008 ~ Spiritual Gathering of Women: 6:30-8:00 Fresh Bread and Other Gifts of Spiritual Nourishment;** The Little Easters: Noticing the simple, joyful moments of spring. Discussion, meditation and prayer. First Congregational Church of Chatham Sanctuary. All are welcome. Contact: 508.945.0800

### May

#### **May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2008 ~ Contemplative Prayer**

First Congregational Church of Chatham 5:30, lead by Rev. Dr. David Erickson

**May 3, 10 Spiritual Gathering of Men:** To be Announced  
9:00-10:00 A.M. at the First Congregational Church of Chatham. Contact 508.945.0800

**May 4, 2008 Second Hour 'Prayer: The Heart's Message'** with Kathe Rhinesmith  
11:15-12:15, First Congregational Church Chatham. Contact: 508.945.0800

**May 6, 13, 20, 27, 4:00-5:30 pm ~ 'Beginning Again, Benedictine Wisdom for Living With Chronic Illness'**; a support group for those experiencing chronic illness will explore how the concepts of stability, humility, prayer, and self knowledge can help anyone live with illness. Rev. Anne Bonney and Ann Wormer, Lay Pastoral Associate, will facilitate at the First Congregational Church Chatham. Contact 508.945.0800 or 508.945.9147.

**May 6,13, 20 1:00-2:00 pm The Celtic Revival in Ireland, Scotland and Wales,** a 3 week course taught by Dr. William Barker at the Chatham Public Library, 564 Main Street. Course examines the history of the Celts, their music, languages, art, customs, spirituality and character traits. Contact: 508.945.5170.

**May 17, 9:30-4:00, The Sacredness of the Ordinary ~ With Rev. Elaine Gaetani, retreat facilitator.** Come and join us for a day apart as we explore the many opportunities to grow in faith and practice on a day to day basis. Through the use of creative visualization, contemplative prayer, mindfulness practice, community building, journaling, scripture, group sharing and worship we will seek to grow more fully into the practice and understanding of "God with us", in our everyday, ordinary lives. First Congregational Church Chatham. Contact 508.945.0800

**May 18 ~ Connections 9:00-9:45 am**

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**May 26, 2008 ~ Spiritual Gathering of Women: 6:30-8:00 Fresh Bread and Other Gifts of Spiritual Nourishment** ~ The Heart of the Seed: recognizing the potential for wholeness in growth. Discussion, meditation and prayer, at the First Congregational Church of Chatham Sanctuary. All are welcome. Contact: 508.945.0800

**June**

**June 5, 12, 19, 26, 2008 ~ Contemplative Prayer**

First Congregational Church of Chatham 5:30, lead by Rev. Dr. David Erickson

**June 8 & 9 Why the Church Needs Rebels: A Retreat With Edwina Gately.** Edwina will share her story of conscious rebellion as she struggles to respond to God's call in a church which is not always faithful to the Gospel demands for justice, accountability, and inclusivity. Participants will engage in a retreat of challenge, dialogue, and inspiration, exploring how change happens in response to God's call. Evensong by the Sea

Ecumenical Retreat Center, Harwich Port. Contact: 508.432.0027,  
[www.evensongretreat.com](http://www.evensongretreat.com)

**June 15 ~ Connections 9:00-9:45 am**

Amy Middleton, Church School Director at the First Congregational Church of Chatham, will lead a discussion with parents who wish to strengthen their connections with their children, with each other, and with God. (Classes will be held the third Sunday of each month.) Children are invited to 'Morning Song' (hymn sing) while parents are at class, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in the Inspiration Room. Contact: 508.945.0800

**June 23 ~ The Birth of Summer – A Celtic Celebration**, a time to pause and celebrate the season of summer; through prayer, meditation and celebration! 6:30-8:00 pm, the First Congregational Church Chatham. Contact 508.945.0800.

**June 30 ~ Spiritual Gathering of Women: 6:30-8:00 *Fresh Bread and Other Gifts of Spiritual Nourishment*** ~ The Encircling Rainbow: Sharing God's promises and signs of hope. Discussion, meditation and prayer, at the First Congregational Church of Chatham Sanctuary. All are welcome. Contact: 508.945.0800