

Benedictine Spirituality in Community

MVP 2018 Spring Retreat

Sponsored by Retreat Ministry Mission Group

Sunday, May 6th (arrival at 4:30pm) to
Tuesday, May 8th (departure at 1:00pm)

at **Saint Therese's Retreat Center**
5277 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43213

Cost: \$150.00 includes 2 nights and 6 meals

Deposit: \$50 due by Monday, April 23, 2018
to the MVP Mission Center

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Humility is the Foundation

Retreat Leader - Rev. Jim McCurdy

The retreat will examine the basic tenets of the Benedictine Spiritual Journey.
Jim holds that different teachers offer help in the different aspects of the Christian life.

Ignatian spiritual exercises are inward in focus.

Franciscan disciplines focus on the environment and care of the needy.

The Benedictine rule focuses on how we live with each other in the body of Christ.

“Regula”, the word that is translated rule, in ancient times meant “guidepost” or “handrail”.

It was something to help in the dark or when one was not steady.

In other words, the rule was wisdom rather than a law.

Retreat Leader - Rev. James K. McCurdy

Born in N.J., Jim was baptized and raised in his Irish Catholic family and attended Catholic parochial school from 1st to 12th grade. Jim was attracted to religious life as early as 4th grade. After leaving the Church by age 18, Jim came to Christ anew while in the U.S. Army. Upon leaving the Army, Jim attended Nyack College, in Nyack N.Y. Jim graduated with a B.A. Philosophy of Religion. He married Rebecca McCurdy upon that graduation. Jim graduated from McCormick with a M.Div. and during his seminary years he graduated from S.C.U.P.E. (Urban Ministry Program) having served in the Olive Branch Mission with addicts. Jim acquired his D. Div. from Columbia Theological in Decatur, GA., with a dissertation focused on the Matthean Beatitudes as the Epitome of Faith.

For the past 20 years, Jim has attended Trappist and Benedictine monasteries, and has lived by the Rule of St. Benedict. It has aided his journey as a Presbyterian Pastor. Rebecca McCurdy has been the Volunteer Coordinator of Life Care Hospice of Wooster. Jim and Beki have 3 children, Dan, Chris and Katya. Dan and his wife Rose, and Chris are Presbyterian pastors in Wisconsin. Jim and Beki have 3 grandchildren.

Jim has served Presbyterian churches in Indiana, Alaska, Chicago and Ohio. Jim currently is the solo pastor at the First United Presbyterian Church in Alliance, OH.

To Register: Mail bottom of this form with payment to:

Muskingum Valley Presbytery
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Or email the contact information of attendees to: mvpjourney@gmail.com
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Please make checks payable to Muskingum Valley Presbytery
Write "RMMG Spring Retreat" on the memo line

Or register on-line through our webpage at www.mvpjourney.org

Please register by Monday, April 23, 2018
Total cost is \$150.00; Registration deposit is \$50.00

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Name of attendee(s): _____

Home address: _____

Phone: _____ please circle – Office / Home / Mobile phone

Email: _____

Church name: _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Scholarship request? (yes) (no) _____ (if yes, contact Donna Robertson 330-241-9932)