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Spring Blessings

We prayed every day during Lent for those in the Ukraine. We loved this prayer written by Kate Bowler and want to share with you.



A Blessing for Ukraine God, the unthinkable has happened. Swiftly, relentlessly, by stealth and through open destruction, the peace and beauty of the ordinary, has been shattered in a day. O God of justice and might, We call to you to come and bring this suffering to an end. Comfort these trembling hearts. Shield the vulnerable. Strengthen those with the resources and the resolve to protect what they love in the face of such overwhelming force. Grant wisdom to the nations of our world, to our leaders, and to us, to grasp the unfathomable, to see evil in its true light, and come against it unflinchingly. Dear Ukraine, though we shudder to

watch what is happening We will not look away.

May we all continue to pray every day for peace in our world.

Coming Soon

Just as we have been refreshing the property at Well of Mercy over the last couple of years, we are working on fresh new looks to lead Well into the future. Be on the lookout for upcoming announcements that will include a new website, a 'Save the Date' to celebrate our 25th Anniversary and other fresh looks with the same commitment to holding the *Quiet!*

Watch the newsletters, social media posts, and your mailbox as we continue to Refresh, Grow and Celebrate serving you at Well of Mercy.



Upcoming Retreat

Bird Retreat

May 17 – 18

Celebrate the arrival of spring by tuning into the sights and sounds of our feathered friends. Well's gorgeous landscape provides the perfect habitat for a beautiful and diverse community of birds.



Participants should bring clothes and shoes for various outdoor experiences and binoculars if possible. Bird guides and song identification apps are helpful but not required. This birding adventure will be led by fellow bird enthusiasts Jane Motsinger, Virginia Perry, and Catherine Wandell.

1-night retreat

\$140 includes a one-night stay in a private guest room, all meals, and all birding activities.

Retreat begins Tuesday, May 17, at 1 pm in the Chapel and runs through Wednesday, May 18, at 1:30pm.

Limited to 12 retreatants

Call to Reserve Your Spot - 704-539-5449

Check [Facebook](#) for retreats released between newsletters.

Programs often fill before they can be published in the newsletter.

Allegiance to Earth: Earth Day 2022

Earth Day is April 22th!

We hope you have plans to celebrate. You can plant a tree, collect trash along the highway, help clear waterways, recycle clothes, vow to reduce your use of plastics or find other ways of preserving and carrying for Mother Earth.



At Well of Mercy, we take pride in being a Natural Wildlife

Preserve. We steward our 110 acres 365 days of the year, not just on Earth Day. It's one of our core values.

We encourage guests to enjoy the beauty nature offers. You may notice our hummingbirds while relaxing on a porch or the bees and butterflies dancing on the milkweed.

[Here](#) are a few tips on best bird feeder practices that can help or hurt bird populations and what you can do to make sure you're doing the right thing.

Connecting to Our Roots: Critical Concerns

One of the Sisters of Mercy Critical Concerns is: Non-violence.

“We work for peace through prayer, education, personal and communal practices of nonviolence, and legislative advocacy to reduce armed conflicts, gun violence and human rights abuses.”

Please join us as we continue to pray for the world to find peace and consider and share with us any steps you might take in your life to practice nonviolence.

A peaceful practice you can try at home is to take your thumb to each finger and say one finger at a time, “Peace begins with me.” For a visual of this exercise, click [here](#).



Guest Notes

A note from a recent guest, *“Thank you so much to this amazing staff. You made*

Gift Shop Corner

New items in the gift shop!

Artisan Walking & Talking Sticks made

us feel so welcomed and so loved. We could definitely feel God's presence in this space. The land is so beautiful. Being in nature is just what we needed to refresh our souls! We will be back- this is our new happy place. You have created an awesome atmosphere to commune with God."

We'd like to thank all of the donors that have contributed to Well of Mercy because it's people like you that make these experiences possible for others. Thanks for paying it forward. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation. Sharing your resources today will help us continue to reach people like this guest for years to come. Thank you!



"Everything and everyone was perfect. I can't wait to return. I so appreciate this retreat center and the staff, it truly is a blessing."

- Guest Feedback

Find us on [Facebook](#)

by Bev Wood, Hickory, NC resident and former Well of Mercy employee.



They are made from sticks from her property and decorated with leather, feathers, paint, wood-burning and even a few beads. Walking sticks can be knee savers! Perfect for when you stroll the Prayer Path at Well. The Talking Sticks are great for group work. \$45 each

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