



## Well of Mercy

December 2020

## Expectant Waiting

### Faith & Hope for the Future

Stepping away from my desk last week, I visited our Chapel of Mercy tucked away in the woods, to light a candle and pray for peace. Reflecting on the day, I found myself gazing through the center window, where the singing bowl rests. The window became a portal to the future and several questions began to surface:

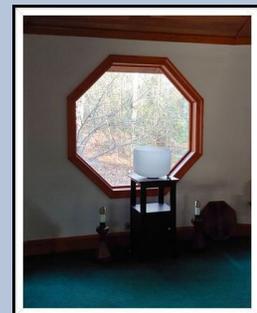
*How will we face the challenges that lie ahead in 2021?  
How will we serve a world still managing widespread health concerns?  
How will we raise the resources necessary to be successful?*

God provided an immediate answer; *“With faith and hope”*.

The elaboration on His message was also straightforward, *“Have faith in God that all will evolve as it is supposed to, with the necessary resources provided, and have hope that all will be well”*.

In reflecting on the answer, I was reminded of a friend who once told his children who questioned if Santa Claus was real; *“You have to believe to receive”*. While I don't see God as a mythical man in a red suit, the same advice seems applicable when putting my faith in God's ability to work out the details. *I have to believe to receive*.

The year 2020 has brought many challenges from analyzing *“how”* we do absolutely everything, to questioning *“why”* we do what we do. But in hindsight, it is obvious that God still believes in the healing



ministry at Well of Mercy. Even though we were closed for several months, Well's virtual ministry reach has grown exponentially and we've been able to focus on key areas of the 24-year old facility with needed repairs &/or remodeling. Even though we re-opened to fewer guests, we've been able to safely serve guests on property weekly since July. So while the future still feels a bit uncertain, God's presence is constant.

We are very grateful to be open, thanks to kind donors supporting the ministry, a dedicated board of directors, wonderful volunteers, and devoted staff. We love being a quiet place for guests to reclaim their peace and we are glad that Well of Mercy is still a place where God lives.

A recent donor shared; *"I have traveled the world, but I have never found the peace and God's spirit that I felt just being on the Well's property."* It is this peace and God's spirit that continues to greet and restore guests who visit Well of Mercy – even during a pandemic.

We wish you Faith & Hope for 2021,  
**Sandra O'Brien**  
Executive Director

## Women's Little Christmas

### [Epiphany/Women's Little Christmas](#)



**January 6, 2021**

**Self-Paced Virtual Workshop; \$15**

Epiphany offers Women an opportunity to pause and step back from whatever has kept them busy and hurried in the past few months. Sign-up now and this self-paced retreat can be viewed as often as you need throughout the year. Allow yourself the well-deserved opportunity of uninterrupted time in sacred space and the program will guide you through rest, restoration & reflection.

[Click for Details & Registration](#)

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## Power of Intention

[How Writing Can Help Fulfill Our Deepest & Most Important Goals](#)

## Year-End Giving

We are filled with gratitude for the donations received this year. Without your support, Well would not exist.

There is still time to make a 2020 tax deductible contribution on our [Facebook](#) page (no fees) or [Website](#) [Donate button](#). Any

amount you send helps ensure the continuance of this ministry of hope for the world.



**Donate Now**  
Secure donations through  
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## [2021 Retreat/Workshop Calendar](#)

Check out all the virtual and on-property programs currently scheduled. Come back often for updates and follow us on Facebook for the latest information.



**January 10, 13, 16, 2021**

**3 days, 2:00-4:00pm each day**

**Live Virtual Workshop; \$100**

limit of 10

[Click for Details & Registration](#)

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## **Activate Your Heart's Intelligence**

[Relieve Stress, Anxiety & Overwhelm](#)



**January 14, 2021**

**2:00-3:30pm**

**Live Virtual Workshop; \$15**

limit of 10

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## **Peace Room Upgrades**

Since the Peace Room has been closed during COVID, we've been remodeling by opening divider walls, expanding the gift shop, installing new flooring, and moving the art area to the nook with sink and natural light. Watch for the 2021 grand reopening!

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## **Job Opening - Kitchen Assistant**

Well is seeking an experienced cook to assist in meal preparation. Coverage is needed Wednesday - Friday and every other Saturday with schedule options available. Send inquiries to Brenda Wallace. [Brenda@wellofmercy.org](mailto:Brenda@wellofmercy.org).

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## **Call for Volunteers**

Want to spend more time at Well of Mercy or help virtually? We would love to chat about volunteer opportunities that include the following areas:

- Guest Check-in
- Guest Room Setup
- Kitchen Assistance
- Office Support / Coverage
- Word / Excel Assistance
- Zoom Workshop Manager

Email your interests and availability to [mercy@wellofmercy.org](mailto:mercy@wellofmercy.org) or call the office at 704-539-5449.

Thank You!

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## **Stay "Well" Connected**



