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Well of Mercy

Autumn Shines Through

Finding the Beauty in Change

The leaves this month remind us that letting things go is occasionally necessary, even when we have to let go of something beautiful. It's hard to imagine these glorious trees at Well without their vibrant colored leaves but letting them go allows the next season to begin.

All those colors falling to the ground means the next season will greet us soon and we don't want to miss the quiet of Winter or the beauty and new life Spring will bring. We shared in our last newsletter that the foundresses, Sister Brigid and Sister Donna, have returned to Belmont to live—and while that leaves a bit of an empty feeling for those of us who loved having them close by, we realize it opens an opportunity for the next season of growth for Well.

The new space expands our opportunities for small group retreats. We're naming

this lovely, sacred home near the chapel **The Sisters House**, as we continue to honor Sister Brigid & Sister Donna's legacy. It has four bedrooms--each with a private bath and private screened porch.

Staff at Well of Mercy hosted the inaugural Directed Silent Retreat this fall at The Sisters House and had wonderful responses. As we look to 2022, we are opening the opportunity to others to host small groups in this beautiful space.

As Well enters a new season offering small group retreats; we will continue offering personal retreats for the individual but are also hearing a call to share Well of Mercy with a larger audience. The Sisters House is one way we can respond to the call; allowing us to be both good stewards of the resources available and offer the healing of Well to a broader audience.

We maintain a commitment to the sacredness of the land and the ministry, our roots of Mercy hospitality, welcoming the stranger, and holding sacred space so you can hear That Still Small Voice. If you have a small group that would love to sink into the quiet that is Well of Mercy in 2022, please let us know by completing a [request form](#). Limited availability.

Upcoming Retreats And Workshops

[Peaceful Day with Guided Hike](#)

Learn how connecting with, and caring for, the land can be a meditative endeavor--and how we can act in ways that contribute to a sustainable future for Earth. This workshop focuses on Well's beautiful property and our active practice of conservation.

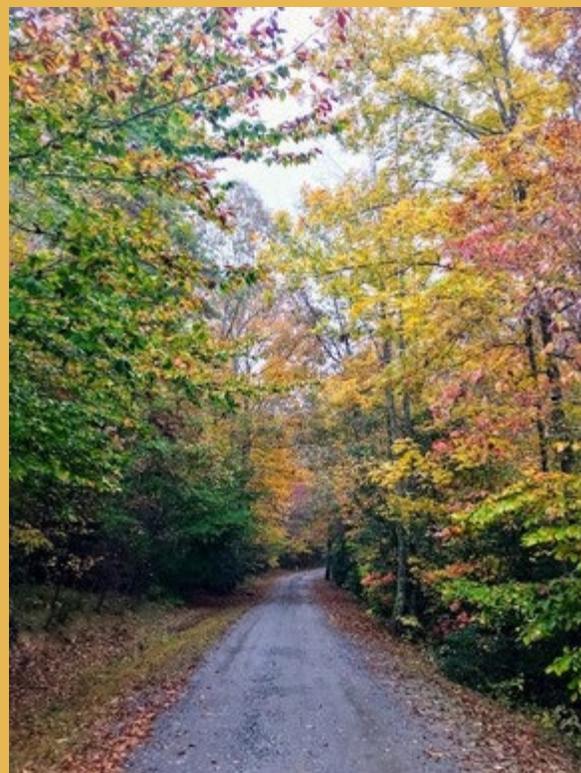
November 10, 2021

10:30am-4:30pm

\$55

Includes lunch

10 spaces



[Advent Retreat](#)

Journey with us through the season of Advent as we become aware of God's presence and

the grace of waiting for that something on the horizon. Gift yourself time at Well of Mercy to be in nature and sacred space—to listen more deeply to the Spirit within and to prepare for that something on the horizon.

This retreat will weave the four themes of Advent: Hope, Love, Peace, and Joy as we prepare our hearts and minds.

December 1-3, 2021

\$280

Includes lodging and meals

12 spaces



Check out our [full calendar](#) for the most current listing of workshops & retreats.

Allegiance to Earth: Leave the Leaves!

Fall is the time of year when many Americans rake and bag or burn leaves. We'd ask you to consider an alternative. Leaves make the perfect mulch, adding nitrogen to your soil. Please consider shredding and using leaves for mulch or composting.



At Well, we minimize leaf removal; only blowing leaves off to the edge of the trails and walkways for the safety of our guests—never burning leaves—and mulching leaves on the mowed sections of the landscape.

[Check out this article for a scientist's take on leaves.](#)

Inaugural Directed Retreat

The Inaugural Directed Retreat in the Sisters House was a wonderful experience for an intimate group of sojourners led by Well's Spiritual Director, Jane Motsinger.

Sharing a bit of feedback from one of the

guests...

Dear Jane (and all), Thank you for the most wonderful retreat. I don't know when I've been so generously surrounded with loving care from the beautiful spaces, complete with porches and bunnies, to your soul-opening counsel ("apply the senses"), to the world's best massage and healing touch sessions and, finally, lest we forget, the DELICIOUS beautiful food. It was such a soul-energizer.

Truly Well of Mercy is a well of wonder. The limiting beliefs of my early Catholic training were transformed and opened, returning to the icons, the grotto and the sacred stillness of the prayer path. It (and your staff) resonate of the Holy. Thank you, thank you, and yet again, thank you for offering the space of silence and beauty so lovingly.

Blessings and gratitude,
Mary



Group Request Inquiry

If you would like to inquire about hosting a small group at the Sisters House in 2022, please complete [this request form](#). Planning ahead is essential as we are booking a minimum of 3 - 6 months in advance.



Gift Shop Corner

The Dutch Kettle

New treats for the gift shop from our Amish neighbors!



Did you know Well of Mercy is located in close proximity to an Amish community; where there is occasionally a horse and buggy traveling down a road nearby?

The Shiloh General Store is only 15

Volunteers Needed

We are relying on more volunteers now than ever. If you're interested in joining the Well family of volunteers, please reply to mercy@wellofmercy.org and let us know both your interest and availability. Seeking weekly and fill-in positions for either full or half-day slots in the kitchen, office, and grounds.



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**All visits require advance
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minutes away and from time to time our guests enjoy delicious Amish sandwiches for lunch made with their homemade bread. We know a few of our guests have visited the store but often guests that come to Well never want to leave the property—so we're making it easier for you to grab Amish treats without having to travel.

Several of the Dutch Kettle products are now available in our gift shop. We will have a variety of jams, pickles, honey, and molasses. Most jams will retail for \$6 and prices vary on the other items. Not only is this a delicious treat to take home for yourself, but these also make great gifts for the holidays while supporting Well and our Amish neighbors at the same time.

Your continued support allows us to maintain our beautiful 110 acres.

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