

Remembering and Celebrating Rev. Grace Phelps

Grace loved helping plan the clergy spiritual life retreats. She spent many hours working with the Orders & Fellowship Team over several years to bring us meaningful and grace-filled retreats. As many of you know, we lost Grace when she began to have trouble at one of those planning meetings and later passed away. It has been a difficult time for her family and all of us as we grieve and miss her presence with us.

So, we invite you to join us in remembering and celebrating Grace's life and ministry at this year's spiritual life retreat, "Stop Day," May 7- 10th at Montgomery Bell State Park. We will have an area designated for you to stop, reflect, and contribute to the celebration. You can write something, draw something, bring a picture or whatever your creative spirit feels in the moment. We will provide basic supplies. At the end of the retreat, we will put all your contributions together and give them to Grace's family.

Tennessee and Memphis Conferences
of the United Methodist Church
Clergy Spiritual Life Retreat
c/o Joanna Newberry
1019 Clark Circle
Celina, TN 38551
Attention Stop Day

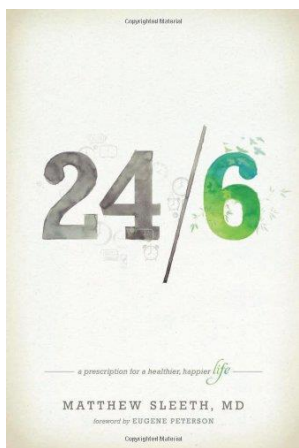


An Annual Spiritual Life Retreat for The
Orders of Elders, The Order of
Deacons, The Fellowship of Associate
Members & Local Pastors in the
Tennessee and Memphis Conferences

THEME: "STOP DAY"

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
~ Exodus 20:8

"It's the only commandment that begins with the word remember—almost as if God knew we would forget." ~ 24/6



With Bishop McAlilly and in partnership with Dr. Matthew Sleeth and Rev. Ryan Bennett.

Dr. Sleeth is the author of the critically acclaimed *Serve God, Save the Planet*. He is also the founder of Blessed Earth, a nonprofit

organization that focuses on creation care.

Rev. Ryan Bennett, and his wife Heather Bennett, launched the first state affiliate, Blessed Earth Tennessee.



Go to: <http://www.blessedearth.org/> to get their stories.

Retreat Schedule: Sunday, May 7th:

7pm: Relaxed worship with music, Justin Coleman preaching, and remembering Rev. Grace Phelps

Monday and Tuesday, May 8th-9th:

5:40 am: Sunrise Prayers – Meet Gregory Waldrop in the lobby. Don't be late. The sun rises at 5:49 am!

9:00 am: Morning prayers

9:30 am: Session with Matthew Sleeth

11 am to 6:30 pm: Creative Sabbath Opportunities:

Lunch on your own **OR**

- 12 Noon: Picnic & Prayers with Gregory Waldrop. Please sign up in the morning for box lunch.
- Sleep
- Games/cards
- Prayer room
- Stained glass (add \$15 to registration fee).
- Yoga
- Guided nature walk with Park app or Park Ranger
- Creation Care
- Folk Dance
- Golf – sign up in advance with Josh McClurkan for foursome
- Go for a walk or run
- Rent a boat and/or go fishing (ask front desk in advance)
- See front desk for volleyballs, tennis balls and biking information

Dinner on your own.

6:30-8 pm Session with Matthew Sleeth

9pm: Vespers Opportunities:

- Rocking chair devos
- Jam/Jelly sessions
- Taize Prayer

Wednesday, May 10th:

- 9 am: Session with Bishop McAlilly
- 10:30 am: Closing Worship with Communion

Registration Options:

Online @ <https://tnumc.membershiptoolkit.com>
Click on the Log In button or the Registration button. Select "Create Account" and fill in the name, email, and password information. Click "verify my email" and then check your email for a link to complete the process. The link expires in 2 hours. If you do not receive the email, check your spam or junk folders. Once you have verified your email address, log back in and finish the registration process.

Mail-in Registration:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

District: _____

Conference: Mem ___ TN ___

Fees: \$60 in advance. \$70 at the door.
Each participant receives the 24/6 book and DVD.

If you are sending a check please make the check payable to TN Conference Office, then mail the check to Joanna Newberry, 1019 Clark Circle, Celina, TN 38551, Attention Stop Day

Registration is FREE for current seminarians and Residents in Ministry (please circle if applicable).

Housing is NOT included in the registration fee. Please contact Montgomery Bell State Park to book housing: 1-800-250-8613.

CEUs: Those participating in the retreat are eligible to receive 1 CEU with an additional 0.5 CEU for doing the reading.