

Spirituality & the Arts



This spring and early summer, St. Mark's will host a new series exploring aspects of spirituality as manifested by local artists through their art forms. There are many paths that connect us with God and the marvelous works of God's creation. Often those paths are explored through prayer, scripture, and worship. Equally powerful are the insights and learning that we gain from music, poetry, dance, theater, visual art, gardening, woodworking, or any other of the experiences we call "art." This series will present local artists who have embraced one or more art forms as a central focus in their life, and found paths to understanding their relation to their world and others through the experience of their art.



Moya Andrews Sunday, April 18, 7pm.

Master gardener Moya Andrews will share her insights on the art of gardening and how gardening helps her connect to her spirituality. Moya, originally from Queensland, Australia, served as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculties at Indiana University until 2004. In the same year she began hosting *Focus on Flowers* for WFUI. Moya is a member of the Bloomington Hospital Board, and has authored *Perennials Short and Tall* (Indiana University Press).



Carrie Newcomer

Sunday, May 16, 2-4 pm & 7pm.

Singer-writer Carrie Newcomer is well-known for the beauty and sensitivity of her folk songs. She has released over fifteen CDs and collaborated with local writer Scott Russell Sanders and other local songwriters in producing *Wilderness Plots*. A soft-spoken Quaker with a deep connection to the world around her, she helps congregations throughout the country by running workshops on writing, faith, and vocation and activism in the arts. Carrie will join us for Sunday morning worship, offer an afternoon workshop on writing, and present a concert-lecture-discussion that evening.



David Owen Sunday, June 20, 7pm.

David Owen, a former St. Mark's pastor, is a visual artist whose personal journey includes a reawakening of the artist within himself. David will discuss the act of painting, which for him is a means to "move away from ego and self-centeredness toward consciousness and spirituality." David will also explore the work of Vietnamese-American painter Quang Ho.

For more information, contact Mary Beth Morgan at the church office (332-5788, or spiritandarts@yahoo.com).

You can also find information on Facebook. Search for "Spirituality and the Arts at St. Mark's."

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CARRIE NEWCOMER



Sunday, May 16th, 2010

Writing Mindfully:
Exploring the Sacred Ordinary
a workshop from 2-4 pm

Listening to Your Life:
The Art of Paying Attention
a concert-discussion at 7 pm

Carrie will also help lead the
9:30 and 11:00 am worship services

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Carrie Newcomer is a rare breed of singer/songwriter: the kind who illuminates life with startling depth, humor and clarity. Her ability for sharp observation of the world led the Dallas Morning News to rave, "She's the kind of artist whose music makes you stop, think and then say, 'that is so true.'"

Her music has been praised in *Rolling Stone*, *USA Today*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Acoustic Guitar*, and other outlets. In the words of acclaimed writer Barbara Kingsolver, "Carrie Newcomer is much more than a musician. She's a poet, storyteller, snake charmer, good neighbor, friend and lover, minister of the wide-eyed gospel of hope and grace."

In 2009, Newcomer was invited by The American Center, a division of The American Embassy in India, to represent the U.S. as a cultural ambassador. Newcomer performed concerts for Indian audiences, taught workshops on songwriting, community service, and met and performed with Indian musicians. She also visited slum programs for women and children at risk throughout India. Newcomer says,

"Music can be a language deeper than words. I love our differences. Cultures are rich and what makes each culture unique is to be celebrated, but I was powerfully moved by what we share as a human family."

For more information about Carrie, visit her website: www.carrienewcomer.com.



Workshop

Writing Mindfully: Exploring the Sacred Ordinary 2:00-4:00 pm

Songwriters, poetry, and prose writers of all experience levels are welcome to explore writing in this workshop. It focuses on the power, value, and healing in telling our stories from our authentic voices and everyday experiences.

Carrie has presented this workshop in spiritual and secular settings throughout the United States. This class is presented in a safe and nurturing context..

Registration Fee: \$35; Students: \$20

(Contact Rev. Mary Beth Morgan at St. Mark's for information about scholarship assistance)



Evening concert, lecture, and discussion

Listening to your Life: The Art of Paying Attention 7:00 pm

All are welcome as Carrie shares her music, stories, and insights, and invites discussion and dialog with the audience.

This is a gift from the St. Mark's community, free and open to the public. No registration is needed.



Sunday Worship Services

9:30 am and 11:00 am

Carrie will join the St. Mark's community in leading our two regularly-scheduled Sunday worship services. First-timers are, as always, welcomed.

Carrie Newcomer Workshop Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

How did you find out about this workshop?

Please mail this form and registration fee (checks made out to **St. Mark's UMC**. Please write "Carrie Newcomer" in the memo line on your check) to:

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Questions?

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