

# Women of Song: Joy and Courage for the Journey

## The Women's Retreat

*We invite you for the gift of twenty-four hours  
to leave behind the stress of daily living  
and discover ways to live in joy and grace.*

A special two-day Retreat  
with  
The Rev. Dr. Maggi Dawn

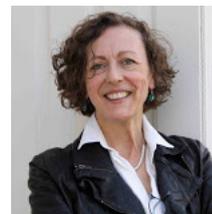
Begins at 5 PM Friday, March 13, 2015  
Ends at 4 PM Saturday, March 14, 2015  
The Mercy Center  
Frontenac, Missouri

“To the Lord I will sing;  
I will make melody to the Lord, the God of Israel.”  
-from Deborah's Song - Judges 5:3

## The Retreat

Please join the women of The Church of St. Michael & St. George for the annual Women's Retreat. Our goal is to provide you with an environment to renew, relax and experience the benefits of contemplative prayer with other women who are seeking a deeper spiritual life.

Our retreat facilitator, the Rev. Dr. Maggi Dawn, will guide us through meditations and expressions of worship to recalibrate our lives and reconnect with joy.



The Bible is full of stories of heroic acts and grand adventures, and these often end with great songs of praise to God. The majority of these stories feature men in the leading role, but there are also significant stories where women's voices are heard loud and clear.

Deborah, Hannah, and Mary were three women who expressed their love for God in poetic word and song; one was a professional woman who was celebrating a huge triumph, one was a wife whose sphere of work was in the home, and the third was a teenage girl still on the brink of adult life.

On this retreat, we will take inspiration from these three women for our own lives; to find out how to give our love and praise to God: whether at work, at home, as parents or partners, or as people looking at future plans. We will draw on songs, poetry, and visual arts to inspire us in our faith, in our community, and in our friendships with other women. (Note: no particular experience or skill is required for this retreat. We will be inspired by the songwriters of the Bible, but you do not have to sing unless you want to!)

## Our Spiritual Leader

The Rev. Dr. Maggi Dawn, currently Associate Professor of Theology and Literature at Yale ISM, and Dean of Marquand Chapel at Yale Divinity School. She is also a songwriter and singer, and is renowned for her work in renewing worship and

liturgy for congregations and small groups. She is an ordained priest in the Church of England, and has many years of experience in pastoral and inspirational ministry.

The Retreat will be held at The Mercy Center, 2039 N. Geyer Road, in Frontenac, approximately 20 minutes from The Church of St. Michael & St. George. Directions and a map will be sent to participants with the Retreat confirmation letter. The Center has a tranquil environment of hospitality and healing. The campus includes 70 acres, featuring walking paths, a labyrinth and Stations of the Cross. Meals are served buffet style in the dining room. Worship services will be held in the beautiful chapel. For more information on The Mercy Center, see their website, [www.mercycenterstl.org](http://www.mercycenterstl.org).

## What to Bring

Bring comfortable, informal clothing. Depending on the weather, you may want to bring a warm coat and walking shoes or boots. You also may want to bring your Bible and a journal. Come by yourself, or bring a friend, with whom to share.

Online payment available on the Church's website: [csmsg.org](http://csmsg.org).

*Registration fee: \$100 for double room, \$140 for a single room*

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Special dietary needs? \_\_\_\_\_

For more information, please contact Laurie Brown at 314.721.1502, or at [laurie@csmsg.org](mailto:laurie@csmsg.org).

Please make check payable to:

The Church of St. Michael & St. George with “Women's Retreat” in the memo.

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