



8:30am – Coffee, rolls and fruit

9:00 am – 11:30am –retreat

RSVP by January 12, to Mary McDonlad

Exploring the Desert Within As we approach the Lenten season, the story of Jesus' time in the desert is a reminder that we are each called to explore our own temptations and the deserts within us that allow them to flourish.

The gospels tell us that it is the Spirit who leads Jesus into desert and only after this is he able to begin his mission on earth. Mark's gospel also notes that the angels ministered to Jesus throughout his desert experience.

In this morning retreat, Heidi Busse will explore Christ's time in the desert from a modern context.

- Who are the angels in our lives that comfort us in our time of need?
- What is holding us back from a deeper relationship with God?
- And how might we emerge from our deserts into more fully formed Disciples of Christ?

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