



**2017 Dates & Times:**

*Come to one or all*

- February 20
  - May 15
  - August 21
  - November 20
- 9:00am - 7:15pm

# INTO THE DESERT

## NURTURING A DIFFERENT WISDOM

*So I am going to allure you, lead you once more into the desert, where I can speak to you tenderly. ~ Hosea 2:16*

*Jesus returned . . . powerful in the Spirit. ~ Luke 4:14*

**What to bring:**

- Bible
- Journal and pen
- Your open, available self to receive Mystery, something you could not have planned for
- Leave all other distractions at home

**Cost:**

- °\$75 per retreat. Lunch, dinner, coffee/tea, snacks, and support materials will be provided.
- Partial scholarships available, please ask.

**Location:**

Starrette Farm Retreat  
Statesville, NC.  
view: [TheLydiaGroup.com](http://TheLydiaGroup.com)

**Registration:**

Because the Retreat House space is limited, when 9 registrations are received, registration will close. See page 2 for registration.

*Into the Desert* retreats are an offering of the Spiritual Formation ministry of Davidson United Methodist Church - which exists to nurture vibrant spirituality and attentive discernment for souls thirsty for “something more.”

Come away and experience a “cloistered” time, a sheltered space from the outside world to increase your capacity to listen. The foremost attitude of an apprentice/disciple is to listen. And it is listening that trains and tunes the heart to hear God’s voice through the Word, through nature, through our experiences -- and so to grow in love for the Master. Listening increases our capacity to become more receptive and responsive to a different wisdom - a wisdom the world cannot give.

Coffee and light nourishment will be provided before a short teaching. In spacious places, find a spot for individual silence and reflection. Small group sharing will be encouraged as we end our time together. This is a gift of rest and communion with God and one another. Please consider joining us. Everyone seeking wisdom is invited!

**FACILITATORS:**



**Ann Starrette:** Ann and her husband Tom live in Statesville, NC. In her role as director of spiritual formation at Davidson United Methodist Church, Ann offers spiritual direction, leads retreats, teaches classes and serves as the director of School of the Spirit: a one year community experience in spiritual formation for clergy and leaders. Ann views her role as quietly planting inner seeds of freedom, growth and change toward wholeness.



**Roxanne Morgan:** Roxanne and her husband Bill live in Marvin, NC. For years, Roxanne’s primary roles were as wife to Bill and mother of their two daughters, now young adults. She serves in numerous capacities at Warehouse 242 (a Presbyterian congregation) as an elder, and teaches spiritual formation classes. She has also served as a facilitator for the Trust Circle for Discernment ministry at Davidson United Methodist and currently serves on the leadership team for School of the Spirit. Roxanne has a God-given artistic bent that delights in fostering creativity.



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2017 Into the Desert Registration

Two convenient ways to register: 1) send form and include with your mailed check, or 2) call in your credit card registration

SAMPLE FLOW OF THE DAY BELOW, PROVIDES AMPLE FREE SPACE TO FOLLOW A PROVIDED THEMED GUIDE OR NOT AS THE SPIRIT INVITES.

- 8:30-8:45 Arrival
9:00 Opening Session with Talking
9:45 Centering Prayer in Community
10:15 FREE SPACE
12:00 Lunch in Silence
4:00 Centering Prayer in Community
4:30 FREE SPACE
5:00 Supper in Silence
6:15 Closing Circle with Talking
7:00 Sending Forth with Holy Eucharist
7:15 Depart in Silence

Name
Address
City, State and Zip
Phone (cell) EmailAddress
Your occupation
Your faith tradition

Circle dates for which you are registering: (\$75 per day or \$275 for all four Into the Desert retreats)

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Amount Enclosed \$
(make check payable to Davidson UMC / "Into the Desert" on memo line)

Mail registration and check to:
Ann Starrette, Registrar, PO Box 1288, Troutman, NC 28166

To register by phone using your Credit Card, please call Ann at 704-488-5825

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Our hope and prayer is that we will be so drawn that our great God will lure us into the desert giving us space to listen to the Holy One as God alone knows we need.
Please consider joining us on this adventure!
Your host and facilitators,
~ Ann Starrette & Roxanne Morgan
The ego gets what it wants with words, the soul finds what it needs in silence.
~ Richard Rohr