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“ . . . fostering an awareness of and response to the sacred in nature, human nature and events of everyday life.”

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SOUL LINK RETREAT

“Revival: Breathing New Life into Tired Souls”

Because many churches are in a survival mode, holding tightly to a narrow understanding of conventional beliefs, teachings, and devotions, an increasing number of people are seeking sustenance for their souls outside of institutional religion. Soul Link has become a community for many who take their spiritual life seriously, and who want to share their journey with others. It is important to gather with those who share our questions and longings, for the pushes and pulls of our fast-paced lives easily kidnap us from our deeper, spiritual identity and sap the strength of our souls. It is for this reason that Soul Link’s winter retreat will be a REVIVAL With **Joe Uveges** providing the music, we will attempt to enliven our souls through a little singin’, a little preachin’ (very little), a little healin’ (just kidding), and the exchange of ideas regarding various aspects of the spiritual life (God, faith, prayer, etc.). This gathering promises to be entertaining, insightful, and inspirational.

Date: February 9, 2008

Place: Julie Penrose House (Mesa Rd. behind the Broadmoor)

Time: 8:30 (registration), 9:00 - 2:30 (retreat)

Cost: \$30 early registration, \$35 at the door. Scholarships available.

Information: 776-2672

From *For the Time Being* by Annie Dillard

“Spiritual path” is the hilarious popular term for those night-blind mesas and flayed hills in which people gope, for decades on end, with the goal of knowing the absolute. They discover others spread under the stars and encamped here and there by watch fires, in groups or alone, in the open landscape; they stop for a sleep, or for several years, and move along without knowing toward what or why. They leave whatever they find, picking up each stone, carrying it a while, and dropping it gratefully and without regret, for it is not the absolute, though they cannot say what is. Their life’s fine, impossible goal justifies the term “spiritual.” Nothing, however, can justify the term “path” for this bewildered and empty

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stumbling, this blackened vagabondage - except one thing: they don't quit; they stick with it. Year after year they put one foot in front of the other, though they fare nowhere. Year after year they find themselves still feeling with their fingers for lumps in the dark.

The planet turns under their steps like a water wheel rolling; constellations shift without anyone's gaining ground...Their feet catch in nets; they untangle them when they notice, and keep moving. They hope to learn where they came from...Decade after decade they see no progress. But they do notice, if they look, that they have left doubt behind. Decades ago, they left behind doubt about this or that doctrine, abandoning the issues as unimportant. Now, I mean, they have left behind the early doubt that this feckless prospecting in the dark for the unseen is a reasonable way to pass one's life.

Quote Corner

"The fact that you are not dead is not sufficient proof that you are alive." - David Stendle-Rast, OSB

"What we grasp leads to knowledge. What grasps us leads to wisdom." - Bernard of Clairveau

"The moment we definitely commit ourself then Providence moves, too." - Goethe

"Who is more foolish, the child afraid of the dark or the adult afraid of the light?" - Maurice Freehill

"Nobody can make you feel inferior without your consent". - Eleanor Roosevelt

"Never put a period where God has put a comma." Gracie Allen

"Don't look for the sacred in external forms or in what you think you know...mystery...can't be reduced to dogma, confined to houses of worship, or known by the rational mind alone." - Rabbi Rami Shappiro

Books For the Journey

***Prayer From a Nonbeliever* by Julia Camerson (Tarcher, Putnam)**

This is the inspiring story of an anonymous "modern" soul, as told through a series of impassioned letters to God. Following in the tradition of *Letters to a Young Poet* and *Conversations with God*, it is the bestselling artist-author Julia Camerson's most inspiring book to date.

***Mystic Street: Meditations on a Spiritual Path* by Steve Georgiou (Twenty-Third Publications)**

Written with prayerful simplicity, *Mystic Street* is a Christian's interior journey filled with a wonderful, innovative blend of tradition and modern revelations. It is a collection of spiritual vignettes filled with interreligious insights.

***For the Time Being* by Annie Dillard (Random House)**

Why do we exist? Where did we come from? How can one person matter? Dillard searches for answers in a powerful array of images...Vivid, eloquent, haunting. *For the Time Being* evokes no less than the terrifying grandeur of all that remains tantalizingly and troublingly beyond our understanding.

Soul-Link Happenings

Loving What Is

This empowerment group will help you to experience more joy and love in all of your relationships. Through a simple method of questioning our thoughts we discover happiness and freedom in our lives. Wednesday evenings (5:30 - 7:00) January 16, 23 & 30. Contact Michelle Hair 510-5096

Sustainability

'Sustainability' is a word generally associated with the environment, but it is also applicable in other arenas. Some respected thinkers suggest that religion and spirituality are losing the ability to sustain themselves in meaningful ways for the future. The "greening" of our individual and collective soul is our responsibility now, and a gift we can offer to generations that will follow. If you are interested in meeting with others to discuss this timely topic and to investigate a new paradigm for our spiritual lives, call Soul Link at 776-2672.

Permaculture Workshop

On Saturday, January 26, certified permaculture designer and professional gardener Becky Elder will lead an all-day (9:00 - 4:00) immersion into ecological living. Registration is \$40. To register, contact Steve at sustain@ppjpc.com.

From Healing to Holiness - Engaging the Power of Presence

Presenter Cynthia Bourgeault will guide and inspire participants through a series of presentations on the power of prayer to not only heal but also to put us in touch with our inner-compass, "the needle of the heart" that points to God. This workshop will take place on Jan 18-19 at Regis University, Denver. Register at www.spiritualdirectioncolorado.org by January 15. Cost \$90.

Spirituality and Aging

The Palisades at Broadmoor Park is sponsoring a talk on the spirituality of aging to be given on two different dates and in different places: Jan 18 at Broadmoor Community Church, and Jan 23 at First Presbyterian Church. Tom Stella will be the presenter - the event begins at 12:00.

There is no charge and no need to register.

Coming Events

Feb 11, Mar 10, Apr 14, May 12 & June 9:
Potluck Discussions
(Soul Link House, 6:30pm)

Jan 23, 5:30pm:
Board Meeting
(Soul Link House)

Jan 15 & Feb 19, 6:30pm:
Book Group
Rescuing the Bible From Fundamentalism
(Soul Link House)

Feb 24, 1:00pm:
Film Group
Illusion
(Soul Link House)

Feb 17, 1:00pm:
Spiritual Support Group
(Soul Link House)

Save the Date

SoulLink
Spring Retreat

Saturday,
May 3, 2008

There are currently 333 names on our mailing list. If you know anyone who would like to receive the newsletter, have them call the office at 776-2672. If you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, please call and ask that your name be deleted. Each newsletter is also posted under the Resources tab on our website at www.soullinkonline.org.



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Mail In Registration Form

Clip and return with registration fee no later than February 4, 2008

Please complete information below, and send it along with your payment of \$30 per person to:

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Name(s) of person(s) attending _____

Phone number _____

Drop-ins are welcome the day of the retreat. The registration fee “at the door” will be \$35 per person. We hope you will invite a friend to join us for the is time of reflection and conversation.