

## ***This Year's Retreat***

**Theme:** "Friendships of Women"

**Format:** Multiple sessions, each including:

- 1) Brief Presentations on women in the Bible
  - 2) Questions for discussion in small groups
  - 3) Gathering together to share highlights
- 15-minute breaks after sessions

**What to bring:**

Your Bible

We have journals available, but you may want to bring your own notebook

Colored pencils for use with the journals

Toiletries, if staying overnight

## ***About Bergamo Center***

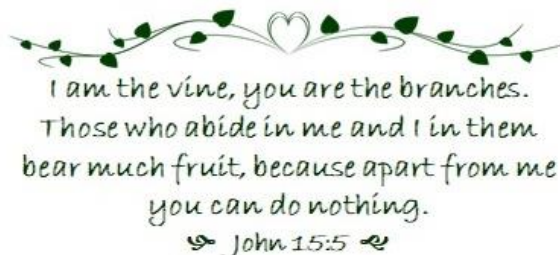
The Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning is situated on Mount Saint John and its 150 acres of beautiful manicured grounds and wooded trails. Mount Saint John is home to various ministries of the Marianist (Society of Mary) religious order, whose name you may recognize due to their founding of and enduring role at the University of Dayton.

Not far from downtown Dayton, the Bergamo Center is a place to slow down and renew the spirit, refresh the body and expand the mind. Our Lady of Lourdes grotto is just one of many spots on the grounds ideal for quiet meditation. Visiting groups often comment on the immediate calming effect of the grounds.

**Note:** Shakertown Road is no longer under construction, so you can enter the grounds from the south, which is closer to the facility.

## ***Offering***

During the worship service on Saturday, we will take up an offering to benefit the YWCA's Women's Shelter of Dayton.



## ***About the Session Facilitators***

All of the session facilitators this year are members of the retreat planning committee. We reviewed your comments from last year, and have incorporated many of your thoughts. The intent this year is to create a retreat that is scripturally based and spiritually fulfilling. There is more small-group time, allowing friendships to develop and grow.

**Susan Fitze** is a lifelong member of Trotwood Church of the Brethren. She has 3 grandsons.

**Kathy Reynolds** attends Lower Miami Church of the Brethren. She has 6 grandchildren.

**April Boles** is a wife and mother to 4 children. She is a nurse and member of the New Carlisle Church of the Brethren.

**Carrie Drees** is a wife and mother to 3 children. She attends the Oakland Church of the Brethren.

# ***Southern Ohio District Women's Retreat***

at the  
**Bergamo Center  
for Lifelong Learning**

**September 7–8, 2018**

## ***Friendships of Women***



Bergamo Center  
4400 Shakertown Rd.  
Dayton, OH 45430  
[www.bergamocenter.org](http://www.bergamocenter.org)

## Schedule

### Friday:

- 4–6:00 PM Check in  
6:00 Dinner  
6:45 Welcome & Singing,  
with [Karen Dillon](#)  
7:00–8:15 Session A, with [Susan Kinsel](#)  
[Veronica & Elizabeth](#)  
8:30–9:30 Song & Story Time

### Song & Story Time Notes:

If you have a story of love, women, or friendship to share, let [Karen Dillon](#) know. We also have quilt squares to create. Bring your Bible for inspiration.

### Saturday:

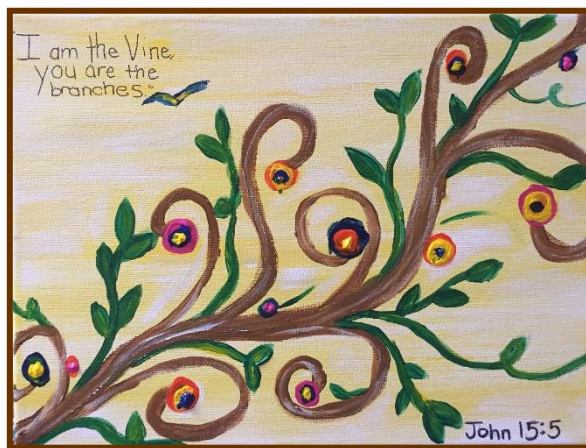
- 7:30 AM Morning Watch, with [Helen Wolf](#)  
and [Charlene Foster](#)  
8:00 Breakfast  
8:45 Singing  
9:00–10:15 Session B, with [Kathy Reynolds](#)  
[Phoebe & Ruth](#)  
10:30–11:45 Session C, with [April Boles](#)  
[Esther & Prisca](#)  
12:00 PM Lunch  
12:45 Singing  
1:00–2:15 Session D, with [Carrie Drees](#)  
[Miriam & Deborah](#)  
2:30–3:30 Breakout Session 1  
3:45–4:45 Breakout Session 2  
5:00 Worship  
6:00 Supper  
6:45 Closing Circle

## Breakout Sessions

We have many favorite activities available for your breakout sessions, including Bible Study, choir practice, crafts, and a tour of the gardens with one of the Marianist brothers.

*Special opportunity:* [Samantha Mang of Hang Loose Painting](#) created an original painting for our retreat. She provides 9 x 12" canvas, acrylic paints, and considerable teaching talent to guide us through creating our own work of art, based on her painting. She will lead two classes during the hour-long breakout sessions. If you want to participate, there is a \$15 charge. Please sign up on the registration form.

If you are on Facebook, look up Hang Loose Painting to see some of Samantha's photos.



## Quilt

The quilt we create during our time together will be ready to go home with one of you at the end of the retreat. We will draw a name to determine the recipient. Details will be announced at the retreat.

## 2018 Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

### Registering for (Please check one)

Full Retreat with housing, \$100.  
Roommate preference:

Full Retreat with housing, \$120.  
Single room, availability limited:

Full Retreat with NO housing, \$75. :

Saturday only, \$50. :

Sign me up for the painting class! \$15

Send payment & completed registration form to:

[Karen Dillon](#)  
756 Old Springfield Rd.  
Vandalia, Ohio 45377

Phone: 937-890-7388 [crimdill@aol.com](mailto:crimdill@aol.com)

Make checks payable to [Camping and Retreat Ministries](#).

Registrations & payment are due by **August 31, 2018**