

## About the Session Facilitators

**Barbara Menke** is a member of Oakland Church of the Brethren and a graduate of Bethany Seminary. She is retired and living with her husband, Tom, in Greenville, Ohio. Reading and sewing are some of her favorite pastimes, when she is not involved with her grandchildren and caring for her mother. She enjoys learning something new and being able to pass it on to others.

**Kathy Reynolds** is a member of Lower Miami Church of the Brethren. She retired in 2016, after a career of technical writing, course development, and instruction in industry, which led to teaching at the University of Dayton. Kathy and husband Mark live in Beavercreek. With a new granddaughter (for a “grand” total of 7 grandchildren), knitting is a priority as well as a pleasure. Women’s Retreat has served as inspiration and solace for her, as well as an experience in which to grow spiritually.

Barbara & Kathy would like you to search for and listen to the Taize song “The Kingdom of God” on YouTube, if possible. We’ll use it during the retreat.



## 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.

## This Year’s Retreat

**Theme:** “Love like an Ocean”

**Format:** Sessions include a presentation, small group time, and wrap up

Session A: *Hope Springs Eternal*

Session B: *Peace like a River*

Session C, *Joy like a Fountain*

Worship: *Love like an Ocean*

**What to bring:** Your assignment (see *below*)

Your Bible

Writing implements

A sweater or shawl—*The main room is chilly.*

Toiletries, if staying overnight

We supply journals & colored pencils

## Water & the Word

As you review the titles of our sessions and worship, a watery theme emerges. We ask that you ponder water’s importance in your life. For example: Did you lack water after the tornadoes? Do you remember your baptism? Has a flood affected you? Do you love to swim? Do you like to vacation at the lake or ocean?

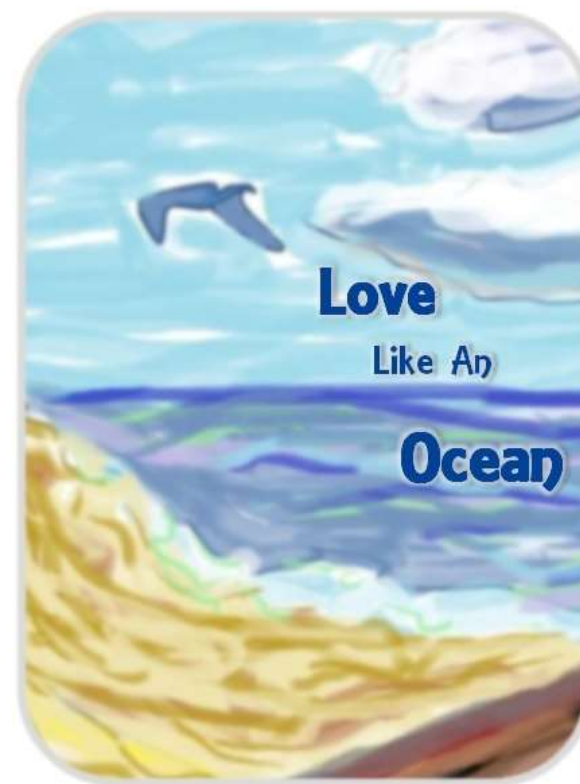
Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love are the Sundays in Advent. Do you have a favorite verse that brings you Hope? Brings you Peace? Is there a Scripture that represents the Joy you find in your faith? What verses best encompass the Love that you experience in your life, in your faith?

**Your assignment:** 1) Bring a small container of water (an ounce or two) from a source that has meaning for you. 2) Reflect on verses of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love to share with your small groups.

# Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Church of the Brethren Women’s Retreat

at the  
Bergamo Center  
for Lifelong Learning

## September 27–28, 2019



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



### Schedule Highlights

You'll receive a detailed schedule at the retreat. Here is an overview.

- ✓ Check-in is before dinner, from 4:00–6:00 PM. Dinner starts at 6:00.
- ✓ Talent Show is back! Be prepared to share your jokes, your skits, your music, your stories, and your company on Friday evening.
- ✓ Session A, *Hope Springs Eternal*, will be presented Friday evening after dinner. Session B, *Peace like a River*, will be presented Saturday following breakfast, and Session C, *Joy like a Fountain*, will follow lunch.
- ✓ We will have breakout activities at two different points of the day: morning and afternoon.
- ✓ During the worship service, *Love like an Ocean*, on Saturday, we will take up an offering to benefit

the **Disaster Service Ministries** of the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Church of the Brethren. Closing circle will be at the end of worship, to make your departure after supper easier.

### Breakout Sessions

New activities & old favorites are available.

- ✓ Bible Study
- ✓ Choir
- ✓ Labyrinth
- ✓ Crafts
- ✓ Garden walk and Gallery visit
- ✓ Yoga
- ✓ Journaling
- ✓ Poetry
- ✓ Painting with Samantha of Hang Loose Painting\*

\***Samantha Mang** is creating another original painting for our retreat. She provides 9 x 12" canvas, acrylic paints, and guides us through creating our own work of art, based on her original. She will lead a class during the morning breakout only. There is a \$15 charge. Please sign up on the registration form.

### About the Retreat

The committee had such positive feedback from participants about the small-group/Scripture-centric format from last year that we decided to use it again. This year we will organize the groups somewhat differently, still with some flexibility of choice.

From other comments, we designed the tempo of the retreat a little differently. We want to have restful moments, as well as stimulating ones.

**And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.**

1 Corinthians 13:13 *New International Version (NIV)*



### 2019 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 (Early signup guarantees your place; extra places may be available.)

Send checks made out to **Camping and Retreat Ministries** and your completed registration form to:

Camping & Retreat Ministries  
c/o Karen Dillon  
756 Old Springfield Rd.  
Vandalia, Ohio 45377

Scholarships are available: contact Karen Dillon  
Phone: 937-890-7388 [crimdill@aol.com](mailto:crimdill@aol.com)

Registration & roommate request due by **Sept 15, 2019**