



**Episcopal Church Women
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The Art of Listening Really listening is often the greatest gift we can give to another person. How often can we bless or help someone simply by listening? But this skill does not come naturally. Too often in this busy world we think we're listening, but we may not be hearing as well as we could. With the help of some light-hearted exercises, come and strengthen your listening skills.

The Rev. Jan Wiley Dantone was born in Sherman, Texas. Her father's career as an Air Force pilot involved frequent moves; Jan lived in Texas, Oklahoma, California, Virginia, the Philippines, Germany and England before she graduated from high school. Jan graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1981. She spent seven years on active duty as a pilot flight instructor. Jan left the Air Force in 1988 and spent the next several years as a stay-at-home mom to three children before answering the call to ordained ministry. She is a 2006 graduate of Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry and is blessed to be serving at St John the Divine. She and her husband, Hal, live in Houston.

Brindley Trail Adventures Walk with Camp Allen's experienced, knowledgeable naturalist through the varying eco-regions that comprise Camp Allen on a one mile, moderately strenuous foot trail. Enjoy and identify the birds, the flora and other fauna and learn the history of this rich trail. Opportunities for birding (bring your binoculars) and sketching (bring your materials) abound. Wear comfortable walking shoes, a hat, insect repellent and sunscreen. **15 participant maximum so sign up early!**

Crying, Screaming, Kicking, Dragging, Tearing and Gluing: Answering the Call Given a choice, most of us would want to marry a prince and live happily ever after. But that only happens in fairy tales. In real life we are given certain talents, challenges, predispositions, personality traits, and experiences that mold us and shape our lives. As Christians, we are molded and shaped so that we can become the people God intends for us to be. Often it is the grain of sand we experience that forms the pearl. Under God's direction our battle scars may become our beauty marks. The grains of sand have been very painful, but answering the call has resulted in transformation beyond anything I ever imagined. This workshop will be a multi-media, presentation based on my personal experience of Answering the Call, and becoming a Christian artist.

Sandy Carlman was called to art in 1998 when her son Eliot died of an overdose of alcohol and heroin, abruptly ending her "normal" life. She found her new path as she grappled with the overwhelming grief that comes with losing a child. Using art as her own personal and private grief therapy soon led to sharing it with others in a variety of ways: art shows, lectures and workshops. Since art is an expression of the innermost feelings and experiences of the artist, of course her work reflects her religious walk. Every collage she makes is a visual reflection of her faith and a shout of praise to God.

Every Stitch is a Prayer We can work with our hands to create beauty for the Lord. Whether it is with simple, humble materials or luxurious silk and gold, we can learn to appreciate the religious symbolism that abounds, and share it with others. In a presentation consisting of PowerPoint slides and many displays of embroidery and needlepoint, Michele Roberts will talk about 100 types of crosses and their symbolism, plus dozens of other Christian symbols.

Michele Roberts is an American Needlepoint Guild Senior Master Teacher and an Embroiderers' Guild of America Graduate Teacher. She holds certification in Embroidery Techniques from the Royal School of Needlework. She is a member of St. John the Divine, Houston, where she is a licensed lay reader and a Daughter of the King. She is the author of several needlework books including *Christian Ornaments Volumes I, II, and III*.

ECW Jeopardy! If you're planning to be at Camp Allen and would like to see a taping of ECW Jeopardy, send in your Annual Meeting and Retreat registration soon. Play along to test your knowledge of the Episcopal Church Women, their activities, accomplishments and antics!

Ginny Reinhardt is a member of Christ Church, Tyler. She has served in several capacities in her parish ECW including president. She is the current Diocesan ECW Spiritual Growth Coordinator. An EFM graduate, she is also active in Altar Guild, Benedictine study, Cursillo and Meals On Wheels, and serves as a chalice bearer and intercessor.

Bonita Gibson, ECW Outreach Chair, St. John's Episcopal Church, Silsbee, is a professional grant writer and administrator with 20+ years of experience. She has worked with educational proposals at the public school, community college, and university levels and with nonprofits' proposals ranging from United Way to federal/state government levels. She is currently providing research, advisory and grant-seeking services that allow municipalities and nonprofit groups to maximize their grant initiatives.

Pam Holley is a member of Christ Church, Tyler. She is currently the Diocesan ECW Parliamentarian and previously served as the Northeast Convocation Coordinator. She has held several offices in her local ECW including President. She is active in Altar Guild, Loaves and Fishes Ministry, Greeter's Guild, Rector's Membership Committee, Meals On Wheels, and a Benedictine study.

Betty Crawford is a member of St. Luke's on the Lake in Austin. She has served as Diocesan ECW Austin Convocation Coordinator, Vice-President, and President as well as Chair for the ECW Annual Meeting in 2005. Betty has held many positions in her Parish ECW and currently is President. In her long tenure at St. Luke's, she says she "has done everything from nursery to Sr. Warden .. including cleaning restrooms!"

Family Reunion: Telling the Stories of God Our two favorite pastimes at Family Reunion are eating and telling stories. These are the things that connect us as family, tell us of our heritage, and give us hope for the future. Come, let us feast upon the Word, the stories of God, that connect us, inspire us, and empower us to live as God's people. Share some of your own favorite Bible stories and discover new ways of telling old stories.

Kathy Culmer is a storyteller, teacher and writer. In 2008, Kathy was a part of a biblical storytelling mission trip to The Gambia in West Africa, along with other members of the Network of Biblical Storytellers, and was the 2008 featured teller for the Network's Festival Gathering later that summer. Kathy has also been a workshop presenter at the National Storytelling Conference, the National Christian Education Conference for the Episcopal Church, National Conference for the Episcopal Church Women, and National Episcopal Youth Event. A member of St. James' Episcopal Church in Houston, Kathy serves as lay preacher and coordinator of Christian Education. She also serves as the Mission Funding Coordinator for the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. Kathy is the author of "Big Wheel Cookies: Two for a Penny," published in *The Rolling Stone and Other Read Aloud Stories*, and is the editor of a collection of personal narratives called *Yes, Jesus Loves Me: 31 Love Stories*.

Finding God in the Culture Millions of people receive all or part of their spiritual understanding through popular media. This fact represents both an opportunity to engage those outside the walls of the Church, and a challenge to interpret the culture so that the positive messages can be claimed and the negative condemned. This workshop will introduce participants to the art of reading the culture with discernment by examining popular music, contemporary fiction and the culture's mania for superheroes. Participants will leave with an understanding of how God might be moving in the culture, and with some of the tools necessary to lead classes and discussion groups about popular culture.

Dr. Greg Garrett is professor of English at Baylor University, Writer-in-Residence at the Seminary of the Southwest, and a licensed lay preacher in the Episcopal Church. A leading authority on religion and popular culture, he is the author of *The Gospel Reloaded* (with Chris Seay) on the Matrix films, *Holy Superheroes*, *The Gospel according to Hollywood*, *Stories from the Edge: A Theology of Grief*, and *We Get to Carry Each Other: The Gospel according to U2*, as well as the novels *Free Bird*, *Cycling*, and *Shame*, and the spiritual autobiographies *Crossing Myself* and *No Idea*.

The Gift and Necessity of Friendship We'll discuss the philosophical, theological and biblical definitions and understandings of friendship, as well as the distinction between the love of friendship and the love of marriage. We will also spend time sharing with one another our own experience of the gift that friendship is.

The Rev. Elizabeth Zarelli Turner is rector of St. Mark's, Austin. She has a B.A. in English and Biblical Literature from Seattle Pacific University (1976), a M.A.R. from Yale Divinity School (1978) and a Masters of Divinity from the General Theological Seminary (1984). She has served as assistant rector at Church of the Redeemer in Cincinnati, OH; as the assistant Ecumenical Officer for the Episcopal Church in New York City; as assistant to the rector of St. James' Church in New York City; as interim and associate Dean of Admissions at the Yale Divinity School; as assistant rector at All Saints' and at St. Mark's in Austin. She is the author of "Love, Marriage, and Friendship" in the volume, *Men and Women: Sexual Ethics in Turbulent Times*.

Healthy Eating: What Does That Have To Do with the Gift of Hospitality? We'll discuss attitudes about preparing, serving and enjoying food, from Abraham and Sarah entertaining the angels unawares to Rachael Ray preparing a 30-Minute Meal for a few friends.

The Rev. Enid L. Ross is a staff chaplain at The University Medical Center at Brackenridge, Austin, Texas. The Rev. Ross graduated from Macalester College with a degree in music and literature and received the Masters of Divinity from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She has been described as a foodie.

The Hymnal 1982-How much do you know about the hymnal that is used in your worship service on Sundays? This session will be a survey of hymns and *The 1982 Hymnal* – how is it organized, what does all that information that is included on the page with each hymn mean? This session is designed to give everyone a greater understanding of the hymnal that we use and of the hymns that are in it. We will be "making a joyful noise" in this session, so come and join with us as we study the "other book in the pew-back" in our churches.

Glenda Bundick is a retired music professor having taught thirty-three years at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton, Texas. Upon her retirement in May 2006, the Board of Trustees at UMHB named her a *Professor Emerita*. During her thirty-three years at the university, Mrs. Bundick taught music history, church music courses, organ and piano, and she was the founder and first director of the University Handbell Ensemble. She is currently on the staff at Christ Church in Temple as the organist/choir director. She has been with Christ Church for twenty years, having worked for three different rectors during her tenure. Mrs. Bundick and her husband, Dorwin, have been married for forty-two years and are the proud parents of two sons, Glen and Jon, and the proud grandparents of three grand-daughters, Gracie, Emma, and Gianna.

Icons of Prayer Participants at this workshop will learn about the history of these visual aids for prayer and have time to experience meditation with icons.

Kathleen Phillips has been a spiritual director since 2000 and director of FIND, the diocesan school for spiritual direction, since mid-2004. She is a professional writer and lives in the country near Bryan.

Recalling Our Stories: Grace and Empowerment for Ministry In this workshop, we will recall sacred stories from Scripture, tradition and our own lives. Viewing these stories from different perspectives and weaving them together, we will marvel at God's hand at work bringing about redemption, transformation, and empowerment for ministry.

The Rev. Genevieve Turner Razim grew up in Lake Jackson, attended high school in Austin and college in Denton, Texas. While working as a graphic designer in Dallas, she discerned her call to ordained ministry. After receiving her Master of Divinity from Perkins School of Theology at SMU, she moved to Houston with her husband, Edward, and their two school-aged sons, Alex and Thomas. Genevieve is an associate rector at Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church, Houston. Genevieve's mother, Sharon Turner, is also a priest and is currently serving as interim rector at St. John's, Columbus.