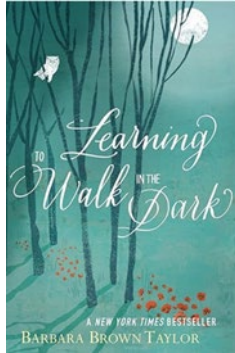


Reflections Book Study



Join with the Girl Friends Reflection Group in their new book study of *Learning to Walk in the Dark* from the New York Times bestselling author, Barbara Brown Taylor. It provides a way to find spirituality in those times when we don't have all the answers.

Taylor has become increasingly uncomfortable with our tendency to associate all that is good with lightness and all that is evil and dangerous with darkness. Doesn't God work in the nighttime as well? In *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, Taylor asks us to put aside our fears and anxieties and to explore all that God has to teach us "in the dark." She argues that we need to move away from our "solar spirituality" and ease our way into appreciating "lunar spirituality" (since, like the moon, our experience of the light waxes and wanes). Through darkness we find courage, we understand the world in new ways, and we feel God's presence around us, guiding us through things seen and unseen. Often, it is while we are in the dark that we grow the most. With her characteristic charm and literary wisdom, Taylor is our guide through a spirituality of the nighttime, teaching us how to find our footing in times of uncertainty and giving us strength and hope to face all of life's challenging moments.

We'll meet on Saturday mornings from 10:30 to noon, beginning on **May 4 and concluding on June 8. We meet at the church and hope to see you! All women of St. Mark's are invited and encouraged to ask a friend to join you. Please let Pam Snell know if you plan on attending so books may be ordered. Pam can be reached at 307/631-4578 or**



Daughters of the King invite
the Women of St. Mark's and St. Christopher's
for Quiet Prayer Time

(April 20th - Registration requested by April 7th)

The Bishop Talbot Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King will be holding a partial day of prayer *Saturday April 20, 2024* from 9 a.m. until noon at St. Christopher's.

This time will be an opportunity to step away from the noise and distractions in our lives to pray, meditate and listen. We will be able to push pause for a few minutes and connect with God.

If you are unable to come for the whole morning, please come and participate in the prayers that call to you.

The schedule begins welcoming women into a calm, quiet place with refreshments, singing two quiet praise songs and then moving into the sanctuary. In the sanctuary, every half hour a prayer will be offered with a corresponding reading. After the reading, women are welcome to stay and quietly pray in the sanctuary or go out to the Parish Hall and meditate using provided finger labyrinths, journals, decorate prayer cards, listen to music or read.

- After the 9 a.m. welcome the following prayers will be offered:
9:30 a.m. – 9:40 a.m. A Prayer for Our Relationship with God and corresponding reading
- 9:40 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Private meditation in sanctuary or come into the Parish Hall and meditate using one of the activities provided
- 10:00 a.m. - 10:10 a.m. Prayer for World Peace and corresponding reading
- 10:10 a.m. - 10:30 Private meditation
- 10:30 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. Prayer for Families, Friends and Neighbors and corresponding reading
- 10:40 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Private meditation
- 11:00 a.m. The Anglican Rosary with prayer will be introduced. A rosary kit will be sent home with attendees to make their own.
- 11:30 a.m. Close with Psalm 118 and one last praise song.

We hope you can join us for this time of prayer. Please let us know you are coming so that there is enough food and kits on hand. Let Mara Funk, Como Boyle, Judy Cuthbertson, Karen Boehner, Dolores Dionne, Dorothy Fowles or Dorothy Stevens know you are coming by April 7, 2024.