## Discovering the Book of Judges A Retreat at Shrine Mont, Orkney Springs, VA October 27-29, 2023



## Friday, October 27th

**4:00pm**- Rolling check-in opens, find Jackie Ly at the Tucker Dining Hall gazebo (nicknamed the "Birdcage") to get your lodging information. See "GG" on the map.

**5:30-6:30pm-** Dinner at Virginia House Dining Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the main hotel building-Friday Night Only. \*If you plan to arrive after 6:30pm please let Jackie know if you would like a to-go BBQ meal packed from Shrine Mont or if you will eat before you arrive.

**7:30-9:00pm-** Session One with Father Andrew Merrow and Dr. Stephen Cook followed by Evening Worship, Art Hall (attached to Tucker Dining Hall)

In this introduction to the weekend, we will get to know one another, review the purpose of Christian retreats and consider what we each hope to gain from this weekend experience. Dr. Cook will introduce the Book of Judges to set the stage for our study this weekend.

## Saturday, October 28th

8:00-9:00am- Breakfast at Tucker Dining Hall

9:00am-12:00pm- Session Two with Dr. Stephen Cook, Art Hall

This weekend we will unpack the Book of Judges with Old Testament scholar, Dr. Stephen Cook. Following an introduction to this book, we will look closely at Deborah, Gideon and Sampson, interspersing breaks and time for reflection. Bring your bible and journal and we will provide beverages and snacks.

**12:30-1:30pm-** Lunch at Tucker Dining Hall

**1:30-5:30pm-** Free time to walk, rest, read, gather, or do what the Holy Spirit moves you to do. You might also like to chat with Father Andrew - he is available for appointments.

5:30-6:30pm- Dinner at Tucker Dining Hall

7:00-8:30pm- Session Three with Father Andrew Merrow and Dr. Stephen Cook

The group will respond to several discussion questions reflecting on what we have learned and how the texts can inform our faith at home.

## Sunday, October 29th

- **8:00-9:00am-** Breakfast at Tucker Dining Hall (Let the kitchen know if you are not staying for lunch)
- 9:00-11:00am- Time to prepare for Sunday worship
  - **9:00-10:00am** optional discussion with our facilitators about Judges and what we have learned, Art Hall
- **11:00am-12:00pm-** Worship at the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration with other parishes on retreat
- **12:30pm-** Lunch at Tucker Dining Hall, then depart at your leisure.

