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\_\_\_ Full payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ A tax-deductible contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is also enclosed to support the ministry of spiritual transformation through retreat.

\_\_\_ Check Enclosed (payable to "Woodmont UMC" - with "The Big Silence" on the memo line).

**Registration is not considered complete until the full payment has been received.**

Cancellations by December 1, 2020 will be returned less a \$25 administrative fee.

Cancellations after December 1, 2020 will be returned only if your place is filled by another participant (less the \$25 administrative fee).

Please share any mobility or dietary concerns:

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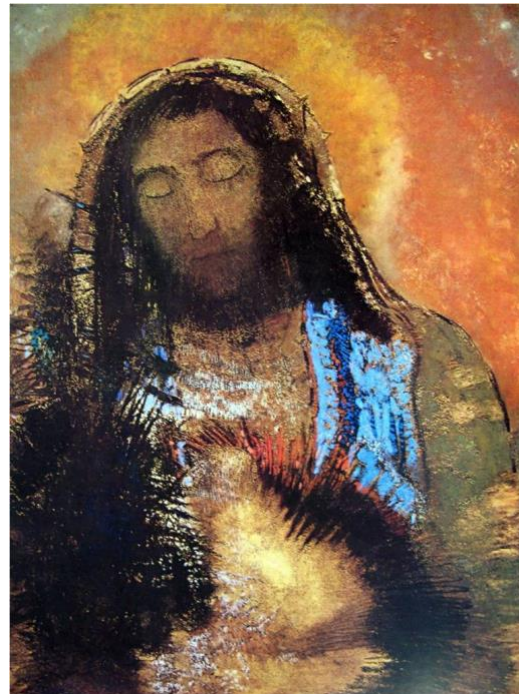
You will receive a registration confirmation with any further information necessary for the program.

**The Big Silence Retreat  
C/O Woodmont UMC  
1926 Richardson Drive  
Reidsville, NC 27320**

# THE BIG SILENCE

## A 4-Day Mostly Silent Retreat

### January 17-20, 2021

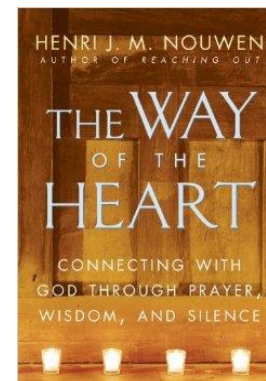


**STUMBLING into the  
HEART of CHRIST**

### Welcome to The Big Silence!



You are invited to experience big spaces of solitude and silence in community for the purpose of tending the inner fire of your soul. Inspired by the documentary *The Big Silence* with Abbot Christopher Jamison (please view online-see links next page), and encouraged by several *Clergy School of the Spirit* students, this 4-day mostly silent retreat will be grounded in the modern classic *The Way of the Heart* by Henri Nouwen. Since it was first published more than twenty years ago, *The Way of the Heart* has helped millions of men and women cast off the anger and greed that trouble the world—and find love, compassion and peace in the heart of God.



Through Henri Nouwen's guidance, this retreat clears before us a spiritual path consisting of three stepping stones: **Solitude** (learning not to be alone but to be alone with God); **Silence** (the discipline by which the inner fire of God is tended and kept alive); and **Prayer** (standing in the presence of God with the mind in the heart).

**We will . . .**

**Experience community and conversation** on Sunday as we prepare our hearts and minds to enter into The Big Silence.

**Nurture trust** as we seek to move/stumble/fumble our way into the heart of Christ.

**Deepen our contemplative grounding** through brief daily teachings/readings to help break through obstacles and illuminate The Way of the Heart.

**Expand our capacity to listen to God** through prayer, wisdom, and silence.

**Explore optional opportunities** to connect with God in the spaciousness of silence: walking the labyrinth; soaking in the beauty of nature; the sacred art of mandalas; one-on-one and/or small group processing; iconic images; and praying the Divine Hours in community—Morning, Midday, Vespers (evening), and Compline (before bed).

**Receive rich and empowering resources** for your continued journey into the heart of Christ.

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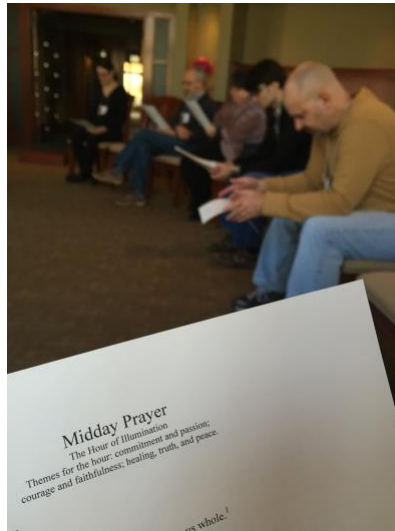
## Retreat Details

**Place:** St. Francis Springs Prayer Center  
477 Grogan Rd, Stoneville, NC 27048  
336-573-3751  
(www.stfrancissprings.com)

**When:** Arrive Sunday, January 17  
between 3:00 & 3:30 p.m.  
Retreat begins at 4:00 p.m. & concludes  
Wednesday, January 20 at 2:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$495 Early Bird rate by Sep. 15, 2020  
\$515 Regular Registration  
\$540 Late Registration after Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>  
(Cost includes tuition, private room, and meals.  
Limited number of rooms available.)

**Registration Deadline:** Monday, Dec. 14, 2020.  
Early registration is HIGHLY recommended.  
This retreat is often sold out a month prior to  
the deadline.



Directions and details will follow your  
registration via e-mail.

### In Preparation:

please READ *The Way of the Heart* and/or  
*Out of Solitude* by Henri Nouwen

and WATCH "The Big Silence" [all 3 parts]  
1) gloria.tv/video/HaC3Bg1yPX632WhatEWqEnSZS  
2) gloria.tv/video/NiFXukVkiGko41ztkNuZUScXa  
3) gloria.tv/video/4uZFJjxjbcJ6ASgQ7xQmEURko



### Retreat Leaders:

Rev. Jonathan Brake, Woodmont UMC,  
Reidsville, NC

Rev. Dianne Lawhorn, Mt. Tabor UMC,  
Winston-Salem, NC  
The Lydia Group



Senior Advisor  
Ann Starrette, Davidson UMC  
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## The Big Silence Registration Form

Register Online at  
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OR

Mail this form with your check  
(both sides)

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