

PLEASE WELCOME OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Father Louis Canter of the Franciscan Ministry of Peace in Tampa, will be the keynote speaker for the men. Father Louis worked for decades with Catholic churches in Central Florida, is a long time leader and educator in the Franciscan tradition., and an accomplished musician/composer.



Rev. Sandy Messick was called to serve the Florida region in July, 2022. She had previously served as the Regional Minister for the Northwest and Northern Lights Regions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for 13 years and as a congregational pastor for 20+ years before that. Sandy enjoys spending time with family, planning their next vacation, reading, running, and encouraging and supporting the pastors and congregations in Florida.



WELCOME TO THE REGIONAL WOMEN'S AND MEN'S 2026 FALL RETREAT

AT

THE RETREAT AT SILVER SPRINGS



Living the Abundant Live: Together We Stand

*** RETREAT CHECK-IN TABLE
IS IN THE LODGE**

FRIDAY EVENING ARRIVALS

➤ 6:00 P.M. Check-In Opens

SATURDAY MORNING ARRIVALS

➤ 9:00 A.M. Check-In Opens

2026 Women’s and Men’s Retreat Schedule

FRIDAY, OCT. 16, 2026

6:00 pm	Check-In	Lodge Lounge
	Move into cabins, sign up for Saturday Afternoon Activities.	
7:00 pm	Gathering: Relax with friends old and new/snacks.	Auditorium
	Welcome and Introductions	
	➤ Welcome from Rev. Sandy Messick, Florida Regional Minister	
	➤ Rev. Mary Beth Harper, Director, Retreat at Silver Springs	
11:00 pm	Quiet Time	

SATURDAY, OCT. 17, 2026

7:30 am	Good Morning – Rise and Shine!	
8:00 am	MORNING DEVOTIONS – Prayer for meal	Outdoor Chapel
8:30 am	Breakfast	Dining Hall
9:00 am	Retreat Check-In Table Opens – Please check in if you have not already done so.	
9:30 am	Gathering Together	Auditorium
	➤ Opening Prayer	
	➤ Welcome (Possible time for Mary Beth for campaign)	
	➤ Introduction of our Retreat Keynote Speakers	
10:30 am	Break, Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks	Dining Hall
10:45 am	Session One-Keynote Speaker [Women]	Auditorium
	Session One-Keynote Speaker [Men]	Lodge Lounge?
11:50 am	Baskets/Group picture	
12:00 pm	Lunch	Dining Hall
1:30 pm	Session Two – Keynote Speaker [Women]	Auditorium
	Session One-Keynote Speaker [Men]	Lodge Lounge?
2:30 pm	Business Meeting [Women]	Auditorium
3:00 pm	Break	
3:15 pm	SATURDAY AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES	
	▪ Business of Your Craft	
	▪ Possible Sewing Craft?	

3:15 pm	SATURDAY AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES continued...	
	▪ Take a Hike (Sink hole, Campbell campsite...)	
	▪ Experience the Labyrinth	
	▪ Service Project	
6:00 pm	Dinner	Dining Hall
7:00 pm	Gathering Together/Baskets	Auditorium
	➤ Praise and Worship	
7:30 pm	Game Night/Ice Cream	
11:00 pm	Quiet Time	

SUNDAY, OCT. 18, 2026

7:30 am	Good Morning – Rise and Shine!	
8:00 am	MORNING DEVOTIONS	Outdoor Chapel
8:30 am	Breakfast	Dining Hall
9:30 am	Gathering Together	Auditorium
	➤ Morning Announcements	
	➤ Retreat Evaluation Forms	
10:00 am	DISCIPLES TOGETHER IN WORSHIP	Auditorium
	➤ Opening Prayer	
	➤ Opening Hymn	
	➤ MESSAGE: Father Louis Canter	
	➤ Communion: Sandy Messick	
	➤ Offering	
11:00 am	Circle of Fellowship and Closing Prayer	

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