

Presenting our keynote speaker and candidate for ministry...

Dani Hillyer

Pastor Dani Hillyer is a Colorado native living in Castle Rock with her husband, two young children, and Golden Retriever.

Her family enjoys hiking, camping, skiing, swimming, cooking, games, and playing at the park. Dani is a candidate for Ministry of Word & Sacrament, PC (USA). She grew up in Columbine United Church where she participated fully through Sunday School and youth groups. She attended Grand Canyon University (Phoenix) where she compared the progressive, liberal theology of her youth to the conservative Christian theology of her university education, finding a middle ground based on Biblical study. After college Dani worked as Director of Children’s Ministry at Columbine United, then virtually attended McCormick Theological Seminary (Chicago) while under care of Denver Presbytery. Recently, Dani received and accepted a call to serve as Associate Pastor at Grace and Covenant DTC Presbyterian churches.



The Stories We Carry

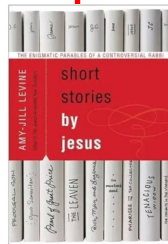
For centuries people of faith have cradled stories of divine presence amidst the ordinary, tales of redemption, transformation, and unwavering love. As we journey through life those stories morph and evolve, mirroring the shifts in our own perspectives and experiences.

At this year’s SISTR retreat we invite you to delve into the tapestry of your own stories – the ones that define, empower, and sometimes confine us. Together we will see how our stories relate to the mysteries of Jesus’s parables, and with courage and conviction embark on a journey of rediscovery, reclaiming the essence of our true selves – our Christ selves, getting back to who God wants us to be.

Join us for a weekend of revelation and renewal, a weekend that will be more than a retreat. Join us for a sacred pilgrimage in alignment with the core of our being, guided by the timeless wisdom of our faith and the boundless grace of our Creator.

Recommended Reading for the Retreat “Short Stories by Jesus” by Amy-Jill Levine.

This book opens the parables of the Gospels and allows the reader to consider the stories Jesus told from original and alternative perspectives.



Registration Form

Space is limited! Register A.S.A.P.

Tear off page at dotted line, fill out both sides, make check payable to GMPC (memo: SISTR), mail to: Green Mountain Presbyterian Church
Attn: Women’s Retreat 2024
12900 W. Alameda Parkway
Lakewood, CO 80228

To pay online **go to** <https://www.gmpc.net/giving>
Then text a picture of both sides of your completed registration form to Sharon at 720-933-8779

EARLY REG DEADLINE: AUG 6 (\$175)

LATE REG DEADLINE: AUG 20 (\$195)

NOTE - Vegetarian and/or GF diet requests (noted on the reverse side of this form) MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 20.

Name

Phone

Email

Church

Enclosed:

- \$175 from now thru Aug 6
- \$195 between Aug 7-20
- \$215 single room *if available* and *payment received by 8/6*
- I paid online

A special THANK YOU to the

Fiduciary Stewardship Commission of Denver Presbytery for awarding the SISTR team a generous 2-year gift to defray the cost of registration for all.

Retreat Hosts

- Covenant Presbyterian DTC
- Genesis Presbyterian Church
- St. Paul Presbyterian Church
- Green Mountain Presbyterian Church

Things WE Need to Know

Please indicate any preference you have for a roommate (2 ladies per room): **Who?**

Name _____

Most lodging on 2nd floor, no elevator, please let us know:

- 2nd floor fine
 2nd floor is OK if help with luggage
 1st floor needed
 I can come early and help carry luggage

Do you have any special needs?

- accessible room? (only 2 available)
 gluten free?
 vegetarian? (fish, eggs, dairy included)

Things YOU Need to Know

Bring personal gear, good walking shoes and toiletry items. Wear comfortable, casual attire.
Elevation of the retreat center is 6000 ft.

Bedding, towels & hand soap are provided by the retreat center.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE!

RETREAT MISSION PROJECT

Nakai Mission Partnership

(Women's Health Initiative)

"Nakai" is a Shona word meaning "Be Good, Be Well, Be Healthy."

The Nakai team is focused on health for women and girls of all ages in Zimbabwe. Additional information will be shared at the retreat.

Please consider bringing cash or a check payable to **Denver Presbytery**, and note on the memo line, "Nakai Mission Partnership"

Schedule

Friday

- 4:00 pm - Check-in begins
5:30-6:30 pm - Social hour, meet & greet, food trays
6:30-9:00 pm - Introductions, singing, presentation #1, small groups.

Saturday

- 7:00 am - Optional Devotions
8:00 am - Breakfast
9:15-11:30 am - Worship, singing, presentation #2, small groups
12:00 pm Lunch
1:00-4:00 pm - Free time & optional activities*
4:15-5:15 pm - Presentation #3
6:00 pm - Dinner
7:15-8:45 pm - Mission project intro, storytelling overview, small groups
9:00 pm - Comedy Hour

*Optional activities or free time in the afternoon – Bible Study led by Pastor Kim, labyrinth, walk-about, puzzles, chair yoga, napping, reading, crafting, coloring, relaxing, tour Colorado Springs (on your own), etc

Sunday

- 7:00 am - Optional Devotions
8:00 am - Breakfast
9:30 am - Worship and Communion
11:00 am - Retreat ends

Registration by Aug 6th is \$175

Late registration: Aug 7-20 is \$195

No refunds after 8/6/24

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Sisters in Spirit
Women's Retreat



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Studying our stories through the transformative lens of faith

Presented by:

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September 6-8, 2024

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