

# Callings

in the Church of the Saviour

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## Institute of Radical Reconciliation

By Rev. Joseph P. Deck, III

*"Since the calling forth of uniqueness is a mission of God, it seems self evident that this is our primary mission as Christians. We are to call forth the gifts of other people, to set them free, to throw the lifeline to them, and to be the ones who, under God, help a person discover that for which he or she was created." N. Gordon Cosby*

Approximately six years ago, I walked Gordon Cosby from the Festival Center to the Potters House. Our conversation turned to preaching and sermon preparation. Right before we entered into the Potter's House, I asked Gordon, "What has been his biggest disappointment in ministry?" He replied, "falling short in racial equity." My response was, "maybe we forgot what we learned in kindergarten, and that lesson was how to share. We have failed in our desire to pay the price of sacrifice in order to share power. To hear a strong call is one thing, but to step out on faith, willing to sacrifice, and walk the journey even unto death to me is authentic call." Deep within I felt the baby kick, and I was pregnant with the call to Radical Reconciliation.



It has been said, "A divine calling is first birthed out of conviction. God miraculously does a work either immediately or progressively on a person's heart, and that work propels the person into action." The time for outward expression for my call is ready to be birthed in the Institute of Radical Reconciliation. This "call" is to develop and push for practical ways to encourage community discourse that leads toward sobering healing; living side by side as a beloved community through intentional programming, fellowship, and learning opportunities that promote neighborly familiarity.

We live in a time of fear and violence, intentionally and purposefully aggravated distrust, often perpetuated against one another. Abuse, and misuse of power, has created divides socially, economically, and environmentally that keep us apart as adversarial strangers unable to love our neighbors. We can hardly trust. The fabric of our society continues to unravel in a system that works for a privileged

few that creates a deficit of healthy neighborhoods where citizens are, by design, and subterfuge, denied rights and privileges, and fair livelihoods. There must be an answer to this injustice and lack of equity both racially and relationally. The vision and the mission of the Institute are as follows:

### Our Vision

We envision a nation whose neighborhoods, faith communities, non-profits, corporations, public agencies, and individuals are characterized by places and spaces in our lives of authentic, respectful, and empowering relationships that recognize and build on the gifts and strengths of all its members for the life of the group to build a reconciling community of justice and equity.

### Our Mission

We support individuals and institutions to develop the capacity and tools for radical reconciliation and justice; transforming mistrust and exclusion to relational networks of care and concern.



### How

We see a need to create structured opportunities for people of different backgrounds and varying beliefs, to come together to build understanding and trust. This could ultimately involve our confronting the powers, and principalities that undermine socially disabled peoples seeking justice moving them to the position of social equity. The cost of such discipleship might well become fearfully high but worth the cost to build the beloved community. The Institute will consist of the following programs:

#### 1. Radical Racial Reconciliation Program & the Radical Relational Reconciliation Program

- Retreats, Town Hall Meetings, Seminars, Classes, Curriculum Development, Conference

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## 2. Radical Reconciliation through Arts Justice

- Poetry, Song, Stories, Vignettes/Plays, Music, Dance, Storytelling, Drawing, Painting, Sculpturing, Comedy

## 3. Radical Reconciliation Mentor Program

- Mentors and mentees will be recruited and paired together seeking diversity in race, culture, socio-economic background in order to create a space for the gift of mutually liberating relationship to develop
- Developmental trainings to keep both the mentors and mentees focused on the vision and measurable metrics
- Graduation program
- Multi-generational dialogue and focus to bring baby boomers, generation x'ers, y'ers, and millennials together

## 4. Radical Reconciliation Publications

- Random Acts of Reconciliation Publication
- Individuals writing in the name of the Institute

- Blog
- Newsletter
- Social Media Presence

Reflecting on Alan Mulally's presentation at the Global Leadership Summit 2016 Leaders must have: "compelling vision, comprehensive strategy, and relentless implementation." These words will guide the institute and become affirmations of action to serve.

An advisory board and mission group will be part of the organizational structure. The community of the Church of the Saviour and network of other diverse communities who feel the call and desire to be a part of the institute's success will be the "Hope" that will be the catalyst to a brighter and prophetic future for generations who follow us.

The Institute of Radical Reconciliation is an organization that will be housed and launched from the Festival Center October 2017. I ask for your support and prayers. Please contact me at (202)328-0072 if you have any questions.

## Editor's Corner Lots of New Callings



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make a contribution to:

*Callings*

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Fall always feels like the beginning of a new year, and with the passing of Mary Cosby in July, this seems like a season of endings along with seeds of new life. Call remains central to our identity, spiraling through our lives with different expressions at different stages. All you need to do is leaf through this issue of CALLINGS to see that the Holy Spirit is at work in the wider Church of the Saviour community.

My biggest regret is that we don't have room to list the lively schedule of offerings at the Potter's House. Indeed, to keep up with the author events, discussion tables and regular spiritual gatherings, you need to check the Potter'sHouse.org website.

One of our most beloved members, Jimilu Mason, was not able to be present at Mary's memorial service. As the sculptor of the Kneeling Jesus in front of Wellspring, Christ House and the Festival Center, Jimilu's presence is strong and persistent on retreat and in the Adams Morgan neighborhood, and yet she is feeling isolated and alone where she is. Although I would not ordinarily do this in CALLINGS, I am going to include her address and urge you to drop her a note: Jimilu Mason, Unit A 203, The Seasons, 7100 Dearwester Drive, Cincinnati OH 45236.

If you have a story to share about the way call is developing in your community, feel free to send it by November 30 for the next issue. Because of our space constraints, I may need to edit it, but I will do that by "pruning away" rather than adding my interpretation of your words.

With gladness,

*Marjory*

Upcoming deadline for Callings articles: Nov. 30.

*Marjory Bankson is editor of CALLINGS and chair of the Church of the Saviour Council.*

## The Church of the Saviour Council

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# Birthing a New Call at Bread of Life Church

By Kim Montroll

Our call at Bread of Life Church is to be repairers of the breach especially at the point of economic and resource inequalities. Through our commitment to new economic practices and structures, we birthed Life Asset a few years ago, and are absolutely awed and inspired by the over 200 entrepreneurs so far who have used micro-loans to start new small businesses.

We are now birthing a new call, **Money Counts**, fostering healing, empowering community for financial wellness through financial coaching circles, where people establish, achieve and celebrate their financial goals. Together we will transform the paralyzing burden of debt and money struggles, each tapping into their own power and encouraging others, in steps for debt repayment, savings, rent, education, giving, credit repair, entrepreneurship, etc... Collectively we will grow in being part of a larger movement for economic change.

Our Money Counts mission group is deeply called to somehow, however small it may be, be repairers of the extreme economic inequalities of our time:

The racial wealth gap divide continues to grow, built on generations of discriminatory practices in housing, criminal justice system,



employment and educational access. At current rates, it would take 228 years to close the wealth gap between African Americans and whites.

The predatory payday loan industry collects about \$7 billion a year in fees. Recent regulations will likely put some payday lenders out of business, but many are sliding into high-cost installment loans. A Federal Reserve survey found that 47% of Americans would struggle to come up with \$400 in the event of an emergency.

A 2015 ACLU report found that roughly 10 million people in the US owe a combined total of over \$10 billion in "pay to stay" prison debt, daily fees charged in prisons in 43 states, that can leave re-

turning citizens, who served their time, with crippling debt and ruined credit scores.

We've just moved into our Money Counts' office on the 3rd floor of the Festival Center, and have started the 501(c)3 process. It's an exciting and daunting time!

Some of the marks of call are that it is persistent, requires the gifts and coming together of many, and is impossible in human terms. Money Counts is all of those! We'd love to share with anyone drawn to learn more, please contact me!

*Kim Montroll, [kimmontroll@gmail.com](mailto:kimmontroll@gmail.com)  
(In mission group with Jim Knight and Lee Porter)*

## Dayspring's New Mission Group

### Interfaith Neighbors at Dayspring

The mission of Interfaith Neighbors at Dayspring is to work with Muslim, Christian, Jewish and non-denominational individuals in the Montgomery County Interfaith Refugee Resettlement Neighbors (MCIRRN) coalition in their call to "assist refugee agencies in settling refugees in Montgomery County in safe, stable and affordable housing... supporting families and individuals in becoming productive self-sufficient members of our community, advocating for needed services and networking to locate resources for long term as well as immediate needs."

One of our goals is to have a family come and live at Dayspring in the Woodside House. The family we are readying the house for, is from the Sudan: an 85 year-old great-grandmother, grandparents, parents, sister, and 4 children ages 5, 4, 2 and 2 mos. This family has spent 13 years in a refugee camp in Chad. We are currently raising money to help this family while the father looks for a job in the area. We also are providing toys, bedding and bathroom supplies for other refugee families coming from Syria and Afghanistan. If you are interested in helping with this mission, please call Barbara Quist at 240-893-4660 or Christy Gordon at 301-943-1503.



*From left to right: Barbara Quist, Jen Goode, Christy Gordon, Lissie Sorensen (absent: Janet Hudson, Karen Johnson)*

# Over 25 Years of Loving Our Neighbors

By Gail C. Arnall

**The Festival Center Celebration**  
**October 22, 2016**  
**6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**T**he Festival Center Board and new partners invite you to join them in celebrating the “ministry of presence” that this sacred space has provided to the Adams Morgan neighborhood. Please reserve your seat by calling Rene Petaway at 202-328-0072 or emailing Rene at [rpetaaway@slscool.org](mailto:rpetaaway@slscool.org). Space is limited, so we need to know that you are coming.

As a special feature for the evening, The Sanctuaries will provide their unique music that fuses hip hop and soul with folk and classical Indian ragas, incorporating spoken word poetry, thumping beats, and soaring vocals. If you have not heard them before, you are in for a treat. And, we have a special dinner planned that will exceed your expectations.

Over the years, The Festival Center has provided space and support for almost all of the church’s ministries. These include Jubilee Housing, Jubilee Jobs, Andrew’s House, Becoming Church, Christ House, Disciple Year Program, The Family Place, Inward/Outward Program, Jubilee JumpStart, Ministry of Money, L’Arche, Friends of Jesus Church, Samaritan Inns, FLOC, Servant Leadership School, Sitar Arts Center, Damascus Road, Tell the Word, Reunion, Festival Church, Jubilee Church, 8th Day Faith Community, Jubilee Support Alliance, Faith and Money Network, AA and NA groups. Other groups, such as Spiritual Support Groups and faith community mission groups, also call the Festival Center home. We will honor these partnerships during the evening.

## But the BIG news is what is on the horizon.

**A new Festival Center Executive Director.** If all goes as planned, the Festival Center Board will be able to introduce you to the new Executive Director for the Festival Center. The selection process is well underway. Many of you know that Joseph Deck is moving on to establish the Institute of Radical Reconciliation, to be housed at the Festival Center. (See below). The new Executive Director will provide the leadership that will be needed as we reach out even more to our communities of service.

**Renewed and Rebranded Servant Leadership School.** You will hear about the new Servant Leadership School and why the name of the school has been changed to SOTERIA. We are renewing and rebranding the Servant Leadership School in partnership with Table Church, a nearby non-denominational church in a groundbreaking partnership with Inspire DC (a project of the United Methodist Church). Zach Soperl from Table Church is the new part-time director of SOTERIA.

Soteria is the Greek word for salvation, and is tied back to the Hebrew word shalom, words that both connote the webbing together of God, humans, and all creation in justice, fulfillment, and delight;

it’s a state that can only be achieved when every human life has voice, and each person’s gifts are gainfully employed in their community. We hope that the students taught here at Soteria DC will be empowered to make soteria, and shalom, a reality in this city. Please check out the three classes that are being offered this fall at: [www.soteriad.com](http://www.soteriad.com).

**New Institute of Radical Reconciliation.** Joseph Deck will share with you his vision for a new Institute of Radical Reconciliation that has emerged as call for him and others over the past year. As Executive Director of the Institute, Joseph will be planning seminars and trainings to introduce all of us to a new concept of “relational reconciliation.” You will want to hear about this new mission and find ways to support it.



*The Sanctuaries hosted more than 60 gatherings last year. One highlight was being invited to perform at the Parliament of the World’s Religions in Salt Lake City, a gathering of over 10,000 people from around the world, last fall. Another highlight was working with fifteen of our artists of diverse racial and religious backgrounds to record a seven-track album, “The Mixtape,” that sold out its first pressing.*

## Commercial Kitchen and Partnership with Mission Muffins.

The Festival Center kitchen will be remodeled in the coming months to become a fully equipped commercial kitchen for use by a variety of food-related missions. Discussions are underway with Central Mission to have their Muffin Missions program use the renovated Festival Center kitchen as their production kitchen as they expand both their retail and wholesale operations. Come learn about this new enterprise to put men to work, and learn more about the potential uses of the kitchen.

**Disciple Year Program Continues.** This year you will get to meet six outstanding individuals who will spend a year working in various missions around the city. The young people coming this year are especially gifted. They will be working at: Jubilee Housing, Samaritan Ministry, Interfaith Power and Light, The Potter’s House, and Briya Public Charter School

There is much to be thankful for as we enter into a new era at the Festival Center, with new leadership and new programs. Come be part of the celebration.

# Discipleship Year Gang - 2016-17 — Introducing themselves to you



**Catherine Goggins.** Hi, I grew up along the James River in Newport News, Virginia, with my four siblings. I got to study agriculture and economics at Virginia Tech while falling in love with the surrounding mountains. For the past year I've been living in Córdoba, Argentina, accompanying students as part of a Jesuit study abroad program. Wherever I am I love to garden, bake bread, knit, and run. I'm looking forward to August and am excited about getting to know the rest of the Discipleship Year 2016-2017 cohort! I'll be serving at The Interfaith Power & Light organization, working on environmental issues and concerns.

**Kathleen Roark.** Hi, I'm a volunteer coming from Allegan, MI. I studied Business Administration and Communication at Aquinas College. Since graduating in December of 2015, I've been working as an Event Assistant at the Pregnancy Resource Center in Grand Rapids, MI and am beyond excited to start working with Samaritan Ministry in their Next Steps Program! I hope to supplement our year of service with lots of coffee, sunsets/rises, and good conversation (some of my favorite things)! I cannot wait to see what God has in store for all of us during this year.

**Erica Hollins.** My name is Erica, my friends call me Ricki. I was born and raised in the wonderful city of Chicago, IL. I recently graduated from Davidson College with a Bachelors in Sociology and Economics. I have the honor of working with Jubilee Housing at their

Family Resource & Youth Center. This experience will jump start my career in affordable housing! I am excited to join the DY team because I have a passion for social justice, economic stability and urban studies. I identify with a lot of marginalized groups, and I take high pride of my identity intersectionality. When I am not serving the community or taking care of my family and friends, I am to listening to music, dancing, singing, or watching Netflix. I look forward to sharing, learning, and growing with each of you over the next year!

**Claire Coker.** Hello, I grew up in the sweetest hometown there ever was called Frederick, MD. I recently graduated from Lipscomb University in Nashville, TN where I studied Law, Justice, and Society and Vocational Ministry. Starting this fall, I will serve at the Potter's House as their community outreach coordinator. Creating space for conversations and wrestling with hard truths excites me and I can't wait to see how that passion plays out in this position. I'm a lover of asking questions, reading too many books at once, finding new music to enjoy, and exploring the beautiful complexity of faith. Looking forward to learning and growing alongside those in the Discipleship Year program!

**Amy Feeser** is my name. I grew up in Lancaster, PA and graduated from Eastern Mennonite University with a degree in social work in the Fall of 2015. This past year I had the opportunity to live in DC and work with individuals coming home from prison. I am excited to start working with Jubilee Housing on their re-entry team and continue working with returning citizens. I enjoy biking around the city, hiking, reading, and making good food!

**Grace Fowler.** Hi, I am a recent graduate of Cal Poly SLO, with a bachelor's degree in Psychology. I've lived in the Central Coast of California my whole life and am excited to move across the country for this next stage of life. I will be working with the Briya Charter School, with their preschool program. I have worked with kids ever since I was a teenager and still love the opportunity to play with Play-Doh and call it work :) I love reading, binge watching Netflix, and good food. I look forward to all the experiences we will have as a house!

## Soteria DC: New Name for the Servant Leadership School

By Zachary Spoerl

We hope that the students taught here at Soteria DC will make it their goal to foster communal flourishing and that our entire city will benefit as Christian leaders continue to be trained and challenged. I encourage you to show your support for the school by signing up for one of our three Fall courses online at SoteriaDC.com, our new website! Classes cost \$40.00, but as always we will have scholarships available, as we continue to believe that money should never prevent someone from joining the work of the school.

Beginning September 20th, Soteria Community School will offer these courses at the Festival Center:

**Contemplative Prayer:** taught by Terry Flood on Tuesday nights

**Racial Reconciliation Practicum- The Obama Years and Beyond:** taught by Dr. Kim Turner on Wednesday nights

**Food Justice:** taught by Arunjana Das on Thursday nights

To take a class, head to the website, click the "register" tab in the top right hand corner, and enter a username of your choice as well as an email at which you can be reached. Then check your email for a message that will invite you to choose a password. Don't worry, you only have to do this process one time! Then you can choose any of the classes online by clicking on their photo and/or title, and simply press the "Take This Course" button to sign up! You can also call me at 727-234-3846 if you're having trouble signing up, or would simply like to sign up via phone and pay at the first class meeting.

**Zachary Spoerl, Director of Soteria D.C.**

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# Peacemaker Edgar Palacios Named Ambassador to Canada

By Carolyn Miller Parr



On August 28 Festival Church bade goodbye to one of our oldest and most beloved members, Rev. Edgar Palacios. He will become El Salvador's Ambassador to Canada.

Edgar and Amparo led the effort to end the civil war in El Salvador. Marked by military death squads for execution, they fled to the United States under armed UN protection in 1989. Despite great personal danger Edgar returned al-

most immediately to continue his efforts as founder of The National Debate for Peace in El Salvador, executive director of the National Council of Churches, and pastor of Shalom Baptist Church.

Amparo stayed behind to become a voice for peace here in Washington, directing her efforts at persuading Congress to stop funding the Salvadoran military.

Amparo began attending Festival Church, and was ordained as one of its earliest members. Later she worked at Family Place. She died in 2008.

Edgar helped draft the peace accords that ended the war in 1992, and he and Amparo were present at their signing at the United Nations. Edgar joined his wife in the U.S. soon after, and became a member of Festival Church as well as Associate Pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. and a visiting scholar at Wesley Theological Seminary. He also served on the board of the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America.

At their international conference in 2012 the Baptist World Alliance presented Edgar with their Human Rights Award.

## Life Asset is Thriving

By Terry Flood

Walk through the Door of Life Asset, 2448 18th Street NW and you will meet hope in action. Over 188 aspiring entrepreneurs have discovered the path to start their own businesses this year. Would you like to come back for Paint Night? Bring \$25 and your creativity – Beteseb Painting will set you up with an easel, paint, brush and a guide to produce your own original art work. Need child care? Check with Renita and Angel's Arena – loving care available all the time for up to 6 children, infants to 3 years old. Does your car need a power wash? Life Asset can refer you to Always Superior Cleaning.

With loans, from \$500 to \$1500, formation of a small support circle, and a business plan, new microbusiness owners are providing services, income and even additional employment for our community. The pay back on the loans is a stunning 98%. After one year 97% of the new businesses are still up and running. Women make up 82% of the new business owners.

Markus Larsson, CEO of Life Asset, came to CofS from Sweden 13 years ago, searching for a deeper meaning to his life and work. Over several years, Markus made a substantial change in his life direction. Always the entrepreneur himself, he and Gordon shared a dream of a credit union for the poor. A few others joined with their call and in 2011 Life Asset was formed with two missions: starting a Credit Union for the unbanked and poor, and microbusiness training and loans for those outside the conventional banking system.

When asked about what keeps him going, Markus said his spirit is like that of his son Lukas. When Lukas was learning to crawl, he would crawl forward a little ways, then sit up, throw his arms in the air, and laugh. There is a lot of laughter too, when entrepreneurs realize their dreams!

*Terry Flood is a member of Bread of Life Church and Executive Director of Jubilee Jobs.*

### New Community Church



#### Open Studio

1st Sunday from 1-4pm and  
Every Monday from 6:30-8:30pm

Our 1st Sunday Open Studio in September will be closed.

Please join us next month and every Monday night from 6:30-8:30pm. Bring your own projects and ideas, and feel free to utilize the random assortment of materials ArtSpace has to offer. Meet other local artists and crafters, listen to relaxing music, and treat yourself to that much-deserved creative escape from your hectic work week. Drop in fee of \$5. Supply donations are welcomed.



New Community ArtSpace  
614 S Street, NW

New Community ArtSpace engages youth and adults in class, workshops and community-based arts projects that help transform and empower individuals and the neighborhood. ArtSpace offers

The Festival Church and Servant Leadership School  
are pleased to announce the  
**Jerry S. Parr Lecture/Dialogue Series**

Our next speaker will be Cassandra Deck-Brown, Chief of Police,  
Raleigh Police Department, North Carolina, on  
**Repairing the Breach: Perspective of an African American Female Chief of Police.**

**Where:** The Festival Center, 1640 Columbia Rd. NW, Washington, D.C.

**When:** Friday, September 16, at 6:00 p.m. You're invited to a meet Chief Deck-Brown at a pre-lecture reception with light hors d'oeuvres between 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. The lecture will begin at 7:00 p.m.

*This lecture series addresses the intersection of faith, spirituality, and social change. Chief Deck-Brown will address the challenge of her work for the security of all citizens in her jurisdiction with special reference to women, youth and racial justice. She will discuss ways to heal that our communities need to go forward as neighborhoods of reconciliation.*

..... **Chief Cassandra Deck-Brown** .....

In February 2013, Cassandra Deck-Brown was selected to lead the Raleigh Police Department. Her service as chief caps a departmental career that began in 1987, shortly after she graduated from East Carolina University. Like other sworn members of the RPD, Chief Deck-Brown's first assignment after she completed the police academy was to serve as a patrol officer.

She worked in crime prevention and as a school violence intervention investigator, investigated cases as a detective, led investigative, administrative and operational squads as a sergeant, and served as the department's grants administrator at the rank of lieutenant. As a captain, she led one of the city's six police districts. As a major, her assignments included command of the Detective Division. Serving as the department's deputy chief, she managed a number of critical functions and projects.



All along the way, she was a trailblazer, often becoming the first woman or the first African-American in the department to assume a role or obtain a rank. She now shares her experiences as she mentors others, and her interest in the city's next generation is demonstrated through her support of youth programs.

Throughout her career, Chief Deck-Brown prepared herself for the opportunities and the challenges that now comprise her days, earning a master's in public administration from N.C. State University and completing career development studies. Cassandra Deck-Brown believes her primary goals as chief of police are summarized by two words found on the badge she shares with every Raleigh Police Department officer: serve and protect.

No charge. Come and bring a friend!

## Related Ministries

**The following ministries have grown from churches and mission groups of The Church of the Saviour. Each is independently organized.**

Academy of Hope • Becoming Church • Bethany, Inc. • Bokamoso Foundation • Christ House • Columbia Road Health Service • Cornelius Corps • Cornerstone • Dayspring Earth Ministry • Dayspring Retreat Center • Discipleship Year • Faith & Money Network • Family Place • Festival Center • For Love of Children • Hope and a Home • Inward/outward • Joseph's House • Jubilee Housing • Jubilee Jobs • Jubilee JumpStart • Kairos House • L'Arche • Life Asset Credit Union • Life Pathways • Manna, Inc. • Miriam's House • New Community ArtSpace • New Community for Children • O.N.E.DC • Potter's House • Samaritan Inns • Sarah's Circle • Servant Leadership School • Sign of Jonah • Sitar Arts Center • Sounds of Hope • Tell The Word • Wellspring Conference Center

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## Special Events

Visit [Potter'sHouse.org](http://Potter'sHouse.org) for a full list of events including author events, children's story time on 2nd Saturdays, wisdom circle (Sunday @ 2), dismantling racism discussion table (Tuesdays @ 12:30), Recovery Café (Sat @ 7), and Sacred Space (Sunday @ 5).

**Sep 16 | "Repairing the Breach: Perspective of an African American Female Chief of Police," Cassandra Deck-Brown** for the Jerry Parr Lecture Series, 6pm at the Festival Center.

**Sep 16-18 | "On the Way with Jesus,"** open silent retreat led by Fred Taylor. \$210. Reservations: [DayspringRetreat.org/events](http://DayspringRetreat.org/events).

**Sep 20 | Soteria DC** classes begin at the Festival Center.

**Sep 24 | Autumn Equinox Ceremony.** 6:30 pm on Saturday. Meet at the Dayspring Church Farmhouse (11301 Neelsville Church Rd., Germantown MD) rain or shine. No charge. RSVP Jim or Cheryl at 301-916-4827.

**Oct 14 | CD Release by Joe Uehlein and the U-Liners.** Carroll Café at Seekers (276 Carroll St NW, Wash DC). Reserve tickets at: [carrollcafe.org](http://carrollcafe.org).

**Oct 22 | Festival Center Celebration.** 6:30-8:30 featuring performance by The Sanctuaries. Reservations: Rene Petaway, 202-328-0072 or [rpetaway@slscool.org](mailto:rpetaway@slscool.org).

**Dec 2-4 | "Making Room for Love."** Open silent retreat led by Jim Hall and Cheryl Heller. \$210. Reservations: [DayspringRetreat.org/events](http://DayspringRetreat.org/events).

