

Poetry in the Spirit

Facilitated by Skip Renker and Julia Fogarty

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6:30-7:45pm Thursdays in August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29



Emmanuel Episcopal Church Wood Fellowship Hall 1020 E Mitchell Petoskey, MI 49770 www.eecpetoskey.org

There's no need to register. Please join!

About this series

In this course—mostly discussion—we will attend to a range of spirit-infused poems from such modern writers as Mary Oliver, Denise Levertov, and Michigan's own Theodore Roethke, as well as earlier poets like Walt Whitman and George Herbert. We'll pay attention to images, forms, and meaning, and see how such poetry can move and inspire us in our lives. If you weren't much of a poetry reader before this course, don't worry—you will soon become one! We will consider this book: The Poetry of Impermanence, Mindfulness, and Joy, edited by John Brehm, Wisdom Publications. Available on Amazon and possibly Thrift Books, a good used book site.

About the facilitators

Skip Renker taught poetry reading and writing courses and workshops for many years at Delta College. He has several degrees, including an MFA in poetry from Seattle Pacific University. He's published 3 books (available on Amazon or from Skip) and his poems have won several local, state, and national awards. Julia Fogarty received her PhD in composition and rhetoric from MSU and had a long career at Delta College, winning awards for her promotion of many new initiatives. She has judged poetry contests and co-edited a prestigious poetry journal.