The Beautiful Corner - June 2024

The Beautiful Corner will resume at 11:00 a.m. on June 12, 2024, in the Fireside Room, with Jenny Lynn Estes' book <u>The Anglican Rosary</u>. Through nine chapters, and nine weeks, she will guide and instruct our practice of prayer using the ancient technique of praying with beads. Please read the first chapter for the June 12 gathering. Anglican Rosaries will be available at this first meeting. There are many types of centering meditation; perhaps this one will speak to you.

Why do we call our gathering the Beautiful Corner?

In the homes of Russia, the East corner of the living area is called the "Красный Уголок" (kras' nee oo'galock). In contemporary Russian this means "the Red Corner". In ancient Russian it meant "the Beautiful Corner". This is where the family keeps their icons. They venerate the icons and pray every time they leave the house or return home, upon rising and retiring, and prior to each meal. Even the humblest abode has a "Beautiful Corner". In our version of The Beautiful Corner, we will be offered time to sit and ponder the things in our lives which require time and attention. We may find thoughts on prayer, worship, or the spiritual way. Surely, we will find an icon there. The books we read are intended to give us common ground, a focus for discussions of our personal experience and spirituality. Often, we read them aloud to each other allowing the words to penetrate our understanding in new ways. When reading about a type of prayer, we also use this time for praxis.

Please contact me if you have questions or would like to join us. Carole Hansen, 360-969-0502, mystic@whidbey.com

