



Cultivating Communities of Wounded Healers

The New Evangelism

Communities of Wounded Healers

- Kenotic (Philippians 2:5-11)
- Inclusive
- Green
- Local (John 1:14 MSG)
- Decolonizing
- Ecumenical
- Evangelism through fascination, not force (Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, William Barber III)



Welcome to Spring Forest, a new monastic community in the United Methodist tradition



Our Farm & CSA



- Regenerative farming methods heal the land and sequester carbon in the earth, contributing to climate justice
- Supplies area food pantries
- 8 partner churches
- Partner Café distribution site
- Revenue stream to help sustain the mission of Spring Forest
- Biggest connector to world and to SBNR neighbors
- Ecumenical connector

Global Friends

- ESL (2 partner churches, World Relief)
- Hospitality and immersion events
- Collaborative
- Refugee resettlement
- Ecumenical



- Educational programs focusing on indigenous and migrant justice
- Missions to support immigrants (DC, etc)
- Led by a UM Deaconess





Grow It!

Wellness program for parents and kids

- Nutrition lesson and snack from farm prepared by 2 chefs (Christian and Muslim)
- Kiddie yoga
- Forest experience
- Farm experience
- Multicultural and interfaith

Emerging Children's Ministries

- Youth retreats
- Youth service days
- Summer day camp K-5
- Che Bella
- H.O.N.E. Elementary school partnership focused on nutrition

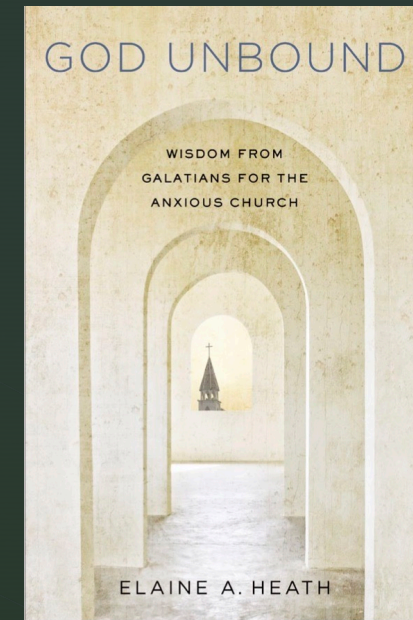
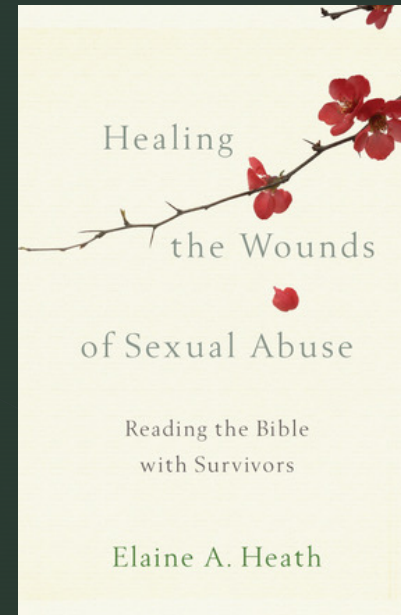
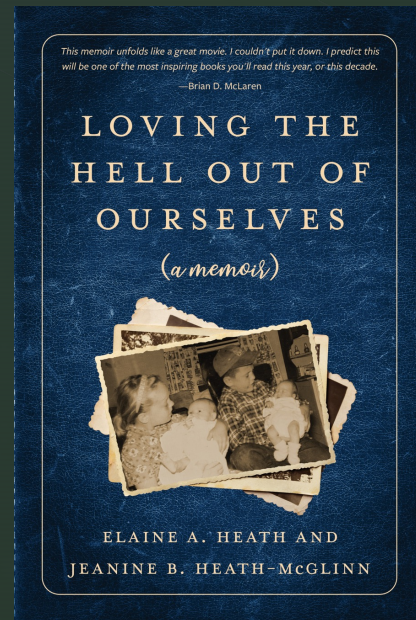
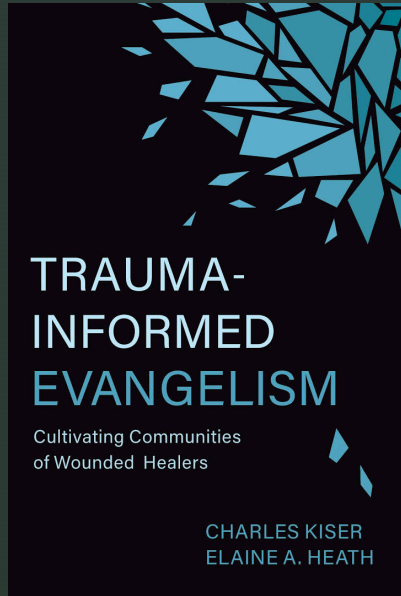




Trauma Informed Lead Team

- Cultural humility
- Antiracist
- Affirming
- Practicing self awareness and healing from their own wounds
- Shared power
- Collaborative

Recommended reading for cultivating communities of wounded healers



Breakout Group Questions:

- What are some principles of how Spring Forest is cultivating communities of wounded healers, that can translate into any social context?
- In your ministry context, how might you and your congregation begin to move intentionally toward incarnating these principles? What might be the first steps?

