



November 2016

Labyrinth

Forgiveness Film Project

The film project of our story continues in pre-production. I am so grateful for the gift towards the “seed money” that will assist in the early stages of planning and to pay for the expenses already incurred. The project will be launched officially in February at the Culture Care Summit. You are invited! <http://fuller.edu/culture-care-summit/>

ArtsCharlotte Gathering

Join with artists of all artistic affinities to discuss, “How can the arts contribute to the health of our city” on Monday December 12. Check out details and let us know you are coming at <http://www.artscharlotte.org/events/44/artscharlotte-gathering/>



November Ministry

Coram Deo Charlotte (AFFN) Cloister: I led this group in a time of deep prayer, using the principles of Visio Divina (Divine Seeing). We focused on Rembrandt’s painting, *The Storm on the Sea of Galilee*. It was a powerful time for all participating. *(I am available to lead your group in this. Let’s schedule a time!)*

Center City Chapel/Waxhaw Home Church: I spoke last Sunday on “Reading the History of the Early Church through the Images of Christ.” Art can be both reflective of beliefs and practices, as well as prophetic for what is to come in a culture. We learn much by “reading” the changes. *(Again, this is a topic I’d love to share with your church or small group!)*

A.C.T. Staff Gathering: I gave a report of the ministry of the A.C.T. Intl staff in Europe and shared my unique story of God’s call to be an encourager of artists, as well as the current fulfillment of that call around the world through ArtsCharlotte, my books, speaking engagements and the upcoming film.

Partnering Possibilities

Ministry cannot happen without your financial partnership.

Film Project: give towards this project by sending to **Account 0629**

Ministry Needs: give towards the cost of doing ministry (and, possibly receiving a salary!) by sending to **Account 0625**

Send Tax-Deductible Gifts to:

A.C.T. Intl, P.O. Box 1649, Brentwood, TN 37024

Or give on-line:

www.actinternational.org

Contact Information

www.montageinternational.org

www.artscharlotte.org

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Thank-you!!



The Roles of an Arts' Advocate

As I seek to live out the calling of God to be an "Arts' Advocate" or a "Creative Catalyst," I have realized that it includes many roles: to listen, encourage, mentor, comfort; to disciple, to be an evangelist, teacher, administrator and so much more. Here I am engaging at the event by the wonderful arts group, *Friday Arts Project*, in Rock Hill, SC. They have called me their "mother," "Great Aunt," and even their "Fairy God-Mother!" It is such a joy to work with some of God's most creative servants!

Advent Devotions: Center for Christianity, Culture & the Arts

Sunday, 27 November, is the First Sunday of Advent and the daily on-line devotions will begin that day and continue through Epiphany. They include Scripture, written word, music and visual art. My devotional will be produced on Monday 26 December. Sign up today! <http://ccca.biola.edu/events/2016/nov/27/advent-project-2016/> (Note: if you received the Lenten Devotions, you'll automatically receive the Advent offerings—no need to sign up again.)

Happy Thanksgiving!

We are grateful to God for so many gifts and blessings this year—especially the renewed health of our daughter. I'm also thankful for each of you and delight in hearing from you. I hope your holiday gathering will be honoring to our God and a time of rejoicing. **Gratefully, Dianne**