

Interfaith Mission Service presents program on rituals

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The Interfaith Mission Service will present the first of a two-part program on Ritual in Religious Life on Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. at Faith Presbyterian Church.

Panel members from various faiths will describe the rituals in their respective religious traditions, what roles they play, their purpose, who leads them, who participates in them and other aspects of the importance to the faith.

Panel members will be Darren Hiebert of the Baha'i faith, Monsignor Michael Sexton of the Roman Catholic tradition, Flora Boardman of the Greek Orthodox Christian church, Bill Brown of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Imam Mustafa Abushagur of Islam, Judy Guerry of the Religious Society of Friends/Quakers and Alice Dilbeck of Unitarian Universalists.

On March 12, Ritual in Religious Life II will feature panel speakers representing Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism and the Protestant and Pentecostal traditions of the Christian faith.

Faith Church is at the intersection of Whitesburg Drive and Airport Road. For more information, call 536-2401 or visit the Web site ims@hiwaay.net.

Area events

rector for Wyndham Park, will speak on the stages of dementia Wednesday at the Adult Day Care Center of Trinity Methodist Church from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The program is part of the Alzheimer's Association's Brown Bag Lunch free lecture series held the first Wednesday of each month. Each month speakers address problems caregivers encounter such as wandering, handling finances, choosing a nursing home and using new drug therapies.

Trinity Church is at 607 Airport Road. For more information, call the Alzheimer's Association office at 880-1575.

Focus on South Africa

Huntsville Seventh-day Adventist Church will hold a special program on South Africa next Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

The program will include authentic music and dress and will focus on specific needs of those living in impoverished conditions in South Africa. Any-

one from a South African country is invited to join the pagantry by wearing their traditional dress.

Lunch will be served following the service. The church is at the intersection of Whitesburg Drive and Drake Avenue. For more information, call 534-7834.

Personality conference

CULLMAN — A weekend workshop, "Getting to Know Yourself," will be held Jan. 19-21 at the Benedictine Spirituality and Conference Center.

The workshop is based on the Enneagram, which identifies nine fundamental personality types and ways in which they interact: the reformer, helper, status seeker, artist, thinker, loyalist, generalist, leader and peacemaker.

Sister Janet Marie Fleming, director of the center and a member of the Sacred Heart Monastic Community, will offer ways of recognizing the nine types as well as how to realize one's own potential while avoiding its traps.

Reservations are required by Jan. 12. For more information, call (256) 734-8302.