



# EVENTS at



## October 30, 2021

# Poetry Reading with Sister Marva Hoeckelman, OSB

The Abbey of the Hills Inn and Retreat Center will be offering a Poetry Reading with Sister Marva Hoeckelman, OSB.

Sister Marva will highlight poems and readings from her book *“Leaps of Faith”*, a wonderful, quirky, faith-filled book of playful poems and fanciful photos. The book depicts contemporary monastic life in the middle of America using imaginative creation and personal experiences.

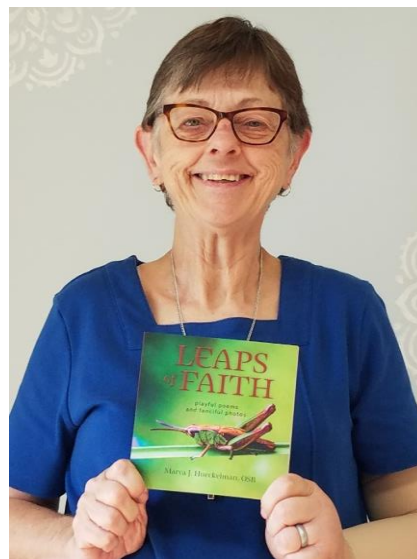
This event will begin at 1PM and we will serve punch and cookies. There will be a book signing and a chance to visit with Sister Marva.

### **COST:**

This is a free-will event. The Abbey of the Hills is sustained in large part by the donations of the retreatants. For those who can give, your donation will help “pay the gift of peace” forward to help those with limited means.

### **REGISTRATION:**

No registration needed. Please visit our website at <http://www.abbeyofthehills.org> or call 605-398-9200 for more information.



Sister Marva was born in Warrenton, Missouri outside of Saint Louis, and she lived in the Saint Louis area for the first 40 years of her life. She wrote her first poem at the age of 10 or 11. She earned a degree in English from the University of Missouri- Saint Louis and a degree in elementary education from Mount Marty College in Watertown, South Dakota. She also attended several Iowa Summer Writing Festivals in Iowa City, Iowa and numerous other writing workshops.

While her travel experience is somewhat limited, she toured Germany and Italy in 2002 and Guatemala and El Salvador in 2009. Her employment history includes but is not limited to fifteen years as a patient admissions interviewer at Saint Mary's Health Center in Saint Louis and five years as a second-grade teacher in Lincoln, Nebraska. She entered Mother of God Monastery in 1991. Recently her prioress released her from her day job so she could spend full time on her writing.

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