

**The Leaven Center • Lyons, Michigan**

**A Creative Writing Workshop with Laura Apol**

# The Sacred in Everyday Life

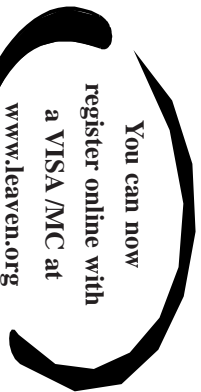
**February 12-14, 2010**



**LEAVEN  
P.O. Box 97  
Lyons, MI 48851**



## The Sacred in Everyday Life Registration Form February 12-14, 2010



Checks should be made to Leaven  
and mailed with this form to: Leaven,  
P.O. Box 97, Lyons, MI 48851

For additional information,  
see the website at

<http://www.leaven.org>,

e-mail [leavencenter@leaven.org](mailto:leavencenter@leaven.org),

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_ (e-mail) \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate request: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of deposit enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Deposit will be refunded only if you notify  
us at least 14 days in advance of the event. *For Canadian checks, indicate "U.S. FUNDS."*)

Will you need a barrier free room? \_\_\_\_\_ Food allergies, etc.? \_\_\_\_\_

Participants will stay at the Leaven Center Lodge and Guest House. The ground floor of both facilities is barrier-free. The 25-acre property has meditative walking paths that wind through meadows and alongside the Grand River. There is a spring-fed stream, a pond, and 1,000 feet of river frontage.

The Leaven Center near Lyons, Michigan, is administered by Leaven, a non-profit organization committed to nurturing the relationship between spirituality and social justice. The Leaven Center welcomes women and men of all races, ethnicities, abilities, sexual orientations, and faith traditions.

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## **The Sacred in Everyday Life Creative Writing Workshop for Women**

Our lives carry within them glimmers of the divine, moments of sacredness. Sometimes these moments come as bright flashes — epiphanies, inspiration. Perhaps more often, the holy moments are quiet ones, deeply embedded in what has become familiar and everyday: washing dishes, hanging laundry, raking leaves, drinking coffee with a friend, watching a child paint or practice piano. They're not huge moments, but in their very ordinariness they are, indeed, extraordinary — filled with grace. All they ask is that we pause long enough to see them for the holy times that they are.

In this workshop we will explore the holy moments in our lives through the process of writing. There will be room for many kinds of writing and many kinds of writers. We will read, write, and share our writing with one another (by choice, never by obligation). We will think about writing as a *process* — a way to tell stories we already know, but also to find stories we have not yet imagined.

**Leader:** Laura Apol

**Time:** Friday, 7:00 p.m. - Sunday, 1:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$190 (\$75 deposit + \$115 balance due)



**Laura Apol** is a poet who teaches writing and children's literature at Michigan State University. Her poetry has appeared in numerous anthologies and literary journals, including two full-length collections, *Falling into Grace* (1998), and *Crossing the Ladder of Sun* (2004), winner of the Oklahoma Book Award for poetry.