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CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP BIOS



STEWART MICHELINI

Stewart Michelini grew up in a military family and has lived in Germany, as well as Maine, California and many states in between. With a degree in Economics, he is retired from IBM and served 35 years in the Army National Guard. His interests include history, canoeing, reading, and horses. Stewart began practicing Centering Prayer six years ago. He is a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Cullman, Alabama and lives on Smith Lake.



MARY PORTER

Mary Porter has been a teacher, social worker, Presbyterian pastor/chaplain, and certified Sage-ing Leader. In retirement, she wears the mantles of grandmother, writer, mentor, and musician. She works part-time as a Music Practitioner for VITAS Hospice, playing harp at the bedside. Mary and Lynn Bledsoe, another Presbyterian minister, founded the nonprofit, Birmingham Ruth and Naomi Senior Outreach, while working for change in long-term care. Mary has been practicing centering prayer for about 12 years.