

Guest Speaker

**Allison Bottke**

When Allison Bottke's life changed, it wasn't merely another bend in the journey. It was a brake-locking, tire-screaming U-turn in the middle of a fast moving highway in order to head in a completely opposite direction. Affectionately known as the "God Allows U-Turns Poster Girl," Allison's story is one of triumph over tragedy. A frequent guest on radio and TV programs around the country, the 700 Club featured her life story in what has become one of their highest rated programs ever, and she has appeared on the covers of such national magazines as Writer's Digest, BOND, Obesity Health (OH), The Christian Communicator and Christian Women Online (CWO). Allison is the author or editor of twenty-four published non-fiction and fiction books.

www.AllisonBottke.com

Musical Guest

**Melissa Gray**

Born in Connecticut and a graduate of Northwestern University with a degree in theater, Melissa is a wife and mother of six. Melissa leads worship at Grace Community in Detroit, and for fun teaches Christian yoga at Living Waters Yoga in Grosse Pointe. Her third CD has recently been released.

**The Day's Schedule**

8:30 a.m.

Name Tag Pick-up/Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m.

Opening Songs/Prayers

**Melissa Gray**

**Allison Bottke**

**"GOD ALLOWS U-TURNS"**

11:30 a.m.

Luncheon/Book Nook

1:00 p.m.

Songs/Prayers

**Melissa Gray**

**Allison Bottke**

**Six Steps to SANITY  
for Everyday Living**

3:00 p.m.

Dismissal

Mail to St. Thomas Lutheran Church,  
23801 Kelly Rd., Eastpointe, MI 48021

Make checks payable to

St. Thomas Women's Retreat

Registration Fee - \$20

After February 21, 2010 Registration Fee - \$25

Deadline for Registration is February 28, 2010

Prepaid Reservations Only

Registration Fee is Non-Refundable

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**28th Annual Women's Retreat**  
**Saturday, March 6, 2010**  
**8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**



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*For Your Meditation*

Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. [Jeremiah 33:3](#)

You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the LORD your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed. [Joshua 23:14b](#)

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. [Romans 8:26-27](#)

Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you. [Psalm 9:10](#)

But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you. [Psalm 5:11](#)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. [Proverbs 3:5-6](#)

Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD. [Psalm 27:14](#)

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