

PAGEANT WAGON PUBLISHING PRESENTS

GOOD NEWS CHRISTIAN WRITERS RETREAT WORKSHOP 2024:  
*Pioneers with Pens: Journey with Excellence*  
AT RESTORATION FAMILY FARM

"We have become His poetry, a re-created 'Pioneer' People that will fulfill the destiny He has given each of us." Ephesians 2:10 TPT

## 2024 Faculty Biographies



**Kathryn Ross** is a writer, speaker, and teacher who owns Pageant Wagon Publishing with book shepherd and publishing services for Christian writers and speakers. She is the author of *The Gatekeeper's Key*, *Fragrant Fields: Poetic Reflections for Journaling*, and the *Fable Springs Parables Picture Books*. In 2023, she launched the *Gold Nugget Chronicles Chapter Books* based on the biblical performance storytelling of her late husband, Ed Ross. Miss Kathy founded the Good News Christian Writers Critique Group in 2013 with her late editor and writing mentor Janice Hall Heck. The Good News Christian Writers Retreats and Workshops, in partnership with event facility at Restoration Family Farm, are dedicated to the legacy of Janice's writing mentorship to the group over the years.



**Linda Slomin** is a Licensed Professional Counselor who retired from Cumberland County College (now Rowan College of South Jersey) after 34 years. In 2020, Linda self-published her first book, *The Very Sensitive Princess*. The idea for the book came after doing a puppet show on the mission field while ministering to children in India and Zambia. She worked to redraft a performance play for the printed page and delights children with companion puppet making when marketing the book. She is currently at work on a book exposing the false gospel of self-righteousness and aims to set people free of religious and legalistic bondages. She is married to Donald and has a stepdaughter, Katie, and a grandson, Kai. She attends Chestnut Assembly of God Church in Vineland, New Jersey.



**Stacy Lee Flury** has published an award-winning book endorsed by Jim Daly of Focus on the Family, *Turning the Tide of Emotional Turbulence: Devotions for Parents of Teens in Crisis*. Stacy recounts how faith in God gave her victory over the swirl of negative emotions that raged in her heart parenting a troubled teen. She blogs at *Hope for the Broken Family* and is a Certified Biblical Counselor who helps families battle upheaval in their homes. Stacy is the 2021 *Enduring Lights Silver Medalist for Exemplary Christian-Themed Books* since the year 2000. Currently, Stacy has rekindled her artistic background in illustration and prophetic art, which will be featured in her second book currently in

production. She looks forward to encouraging other Christian writers with the wisdom, skills, and experience she's gained through the years.



**Trish Weldon** is a Bible study teacher who has written and taught a study guide for the Christian classic, *Hinds Feet on High Places* by Hannah Hurnard, as well as an in-depth study on *The Women of the Bible*. Her first book, *Meet Me in Your Quiet Place: Hearing God's Gentle Whisper in a Busy Bee World*, launched in the summer of 2023 through Pageant Wagon Publishing. She writes about real life situations to inspire and encourage her readers in their relationship with the Lord at her devotional blog *Rooted in Purpose: Reflections and Life Lessons from the Pen of Trish Weldon*—“My heart’s desire is to encourage writers to pursue what the Lord has called them to write and not give up. The blessing of writing is truly in the journey.” She is married to her wonderful husband Bill with a beautiful, blended family of 6 children and 6 grandchildren.



**Christine Strittmatter** is a wife, mom, teacher, military veteran, mentor, and writer, passionate to share Scriptural truths with women and children. She taught for 20 years at a Christian school and has a master’s degree in Human Services, Marriage and Family Studies from Liberty University. She’s received master’s certifications from LU in Pastoral Counseling and Military Resilience. She has published two books, *The Real Life Mom: 96 Inspirational Thoughts & Stories for Mothers*, and *The Real Life Mom: 52 Devotions to Cultivate Fruitful Living* which inspires, encourages, and challenges others in their everyday walks with God. She’s also published articles in *New Jersey Family Magazine*. Chris and her chivalrous husband, Dave, have two grown children in over 40 years of a blessed life together. She hopes to encourage new writers with their personal goals and dreams.

## 2023 PIONEERS WITH PENS SPECIAL GUEST FACULTY:



**Lillian Baker** is a wife, mother, and proud grandmother of six. She has facilitated various book studies and vision board workshops both in her church and her workplace as a social worker. She received her bachelor's in Behavioral Science from Wilmington University, Life Coach Certificate from CaPP (Coaching and Positive Psychology Institute), and Christian Life Coach Certificate from Light University of American Association of Christian Counselors. She has published devotionals in *The Secret Place* devotional booklets. Lillian's passion is to help women move forward, be what they were created to be, and complete their assignment (John 17:4 MSG).



**Nichole DeJesus** is a multi-gifted teacher, artist, writer, and minister of the Gospel. She has earned a masters in the art of teaching, a bachelor's in Liberal Arts, and an associates in social work. She has studied visual arts at Liberty University and teaches art in Vineland Public Schools. She is currently at work on her first book for publication which will feature some of her prophetic art illustrations added to empower her compelling story. She lives with her husband Angel in Vineland and attends Chestnut Assembly of God Church where, as a team, they lead the children’s ministry.

**GOOD NEWS CHRISTIAN WRITERS RETREAT WORKSHOPS MISSION STATEMENT:**

*Under the umbrella of Pageant Wagon Publishing, Christian writers in Southern New Jersey gather in a retreat atmosphere to secure vision, hone skills, and critique manuscripts for publication.*

*Learn to tell His Story through your story and bring Good News to the mountains of social and cultural influence.*

*Kathryn Ross, Director*