



*Coming in June!!!
Deep Healing
an exhibit of new works by artist
Ruth Gourdine*

June 22-27 in our Chapel

Born in Virginia, Ruth earned her fine arts degree (B.F.A.) from [Virginia Commonwealth University](#). She has worked as a painter, printmaker, filmmaker, and graphic artist, and has taught extensively in each field.

Artist's statement:

As long as I can remember I have had pencils, pens, and brushes in my hand to make the pictures that constantly flow in my mind. Even when I didn't have access to these supplies as a child, I would simply take a stick and draw into the earth. When I was six or seven, my parents gave me a water color set. By the time I was ten I was doing oil painting. I've always felt I was born to become an artist. Art showed me a path to personal empowerment and this drive to produce has transported me into a world full of love. This is my greatest satisfaction as an artist.

*The works that I am presently creating can be called **Healing Art**. Working with relief material usually takes between two and three months of preparation – protecting the material and repeatedly layering the oils and precious metals on to the surface. It is painstaking and demanding, yet somehow I feel guided by a higher source when working this way – as if the contours of my canvas are leading me to a place of divine consciousness.*

