Ninth Annual Gregory Stockmal Reading

featuring Pam Bernard

Wednesday, October 18
7:00 - 9:00 pm

Clark University
Grace Room
Higgins University Center
950 Main Street, Worcester

PRAYER FOR THE CHILDREN

The impeded stream is the one that sings.
- Wendell Berry

Goodbye to the bedroom, dark and drafty, wakening always to shame—no call for help, no sound at all—to the myths, molded to keep the children quiet. Goodbye to the covenant breakers, the apologists and deniers, evaders smug in their corners, to the liars and harmers, to the do-nothings.

Goodbye to users and exploiters, manhandlers and promisers, to deceivers and those who scar and debase, whose dominance wins every time.

May rain climb the foothills. May the mongrel who once menaced the back meadow of the children’s dreams wag its whole body toward them, smiling.