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Tea is served: Benedictine Sisters announce teahouse opening

CLYDE, Mo. - Picture beautifully decorated tables set with delicate tea cups and plates of delicious goodies amid a serene and peaceful setting of a Benedictine monastery and you have High Tea at St. Paul's.

Beginning in October, the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde will open their new teahouse as a unique location for those wishing to experience the ambience of a tea room with great friends.

"The Benedictine Rule we follow teaches us that hospitality is one of our greatest gifts," Teahouse organizer Sister Cathleen Marie Timberlake, OSB said. "We are so excited to offer this fun new venue for our guests."

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Offering a peaceful setting for enjoying good tea with great friends, St. Paul 's (left) will be the site of a new teahouse hosted by the Benedictine Sisters on the grounds of their monastery in Clyde. Guests will enjoy Day Hour in the chapel then retire to St. Paul 's for tea and lunch.

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On selected dates in October, November and December, the Benedictine Sisters will open their St. Paul's teahouse to guests. Established in 1929, St. Paul's was originally built as the chaplain's residence. Over the years, it has also served as living quarters for sisters and housing for guests. Favored by many as the guesthouse of choice, its quaintness and vintage character make it a perfect setting for afternoon High Tea.

Each day there will be one seating for 15 to 17 persons in one of three rooms appointed for tea and arranged with antique furnishings and specialty gifts. The menu will include sandwiches, scones, assorted pastries, coffee and tea. There is no set cost, but donations will be accepted. Guests are also welcome to attend Day Hour with the Benedictine Sisters in the stunning Adoration Chapel prior to lunch and tea.

"As part of the complete experience, we invite our teahouse guests to join us in chapel to enter into the centuries-old monastic practice of sanctifying time through periods of communal prayer throughout the day," Sister Cathleen Marie said.

Guests should arrive by 11:45 a.m. if they have arranged to join the sisters for Day Hour prayer in the chapel. Lunch is served 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

For days and hours of operation and more information, please go to <http://teahouse.clydemonastery.org/> or call (877) 672-7627.

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