



some time), have served on the Human Relations Commission for the city of Galesburg and helped start "A Course in Miracles" group in Galesburg. We meet every Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Dr. Harsha Mehta's waiting room. I was, also, the pianist for Rio Presbyterian Church for several years.

## **7** What hobbies do you enjoy?

I enjoy singing and playing the piano. I especially enjoy words and love to write poetry and edit.

## **8** When times get tough, how do you keep your faith?

Talk to friends, write, pray, interpret my dreams, go for a walk or read "A Course in Miracles."

## **9** What religious leaders, public or private figures, do you admire the most?

I resonate with what Eckert Tolle and Wayne Dyer write. I admire anyone who strives to live authentically; there are many people in that category.

## **10** What is your favorite religious service?

I like community services that are ecumenical, especially at Thanksgiving. I believe that gratitude is the essence of peaceful living.

*To recommend a religious leader for this weekly segment, e-mail Elyse Russo at [erusso@register-mail.com](mailto:erusso@register-mail.com).*

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**Susan Simonds sits in a backyard swing and reads a book Tuesday afternoon during a portrait at her home in Galesburg. Simonds follows the path of a Quaker, and sits in this particular swing fairly often, using it as a means to read and relax, but also to ponder and interpret some of the things she has experienced in life.**