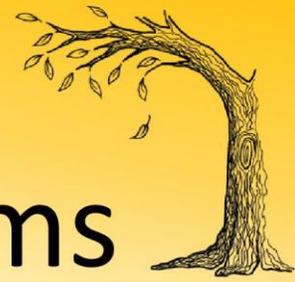


Pathways Retreat

Rhythms



May 2015

The Little Flower

**“If a little flower could speak,
it seems to me that it would tell us quite simply
all that God has done for it,
without hiding any of its gifts.
It would not, under the pretext of humility,
say that it was not pretty,
or that it had not a sweet scent,
that the sun had withered its petals,
or the storm bruised its stem,
if it knew that such were not the case.”**

— Thérèse de Lisieux,



Pathways Receives Grant

With much appreciation to the IU Goshen Hospital Community Benefit Fund, we are pleased to announce that clergy and those who work for healthcare and educational organizations may retreat in our cottage for half the suggested donation.

This includes all who are rostered, licensed or ordained by the church and anyone who works in a school, hospital or doctor’s office. If you are a provider of educational or healthcare services – such as a tutor, private teacher, yoga instructor, or massage therapist, this includes you, too.

Come experience solitude and silence in Solace, our individual retreat cottage in the woods. Suggested donation: \$15 for a half-day and \$25 for a full-day.

Any questions? Contact Julie or Linda.



Retreat House Expansion Update

In this season of hope and resurrection, we continue to trust that groundbreaking for the Retreat House expansion will happen in June. So far, \$126,606 has been raised which is enough for the addition. Thank you to each of our 97 generous donors!

However, two weeks ago we learned that a licensed professional needs to submit our site plan to the city and that significant parking lot improvements need to be made for our site plan to be approved. The estimated cost for this is an additional \$20,000.

Please prayerfully consider a donation toward this ministry expansion. Any donations received in 2015 from employees of IU Health will be matched since we are a grant recipient (see left).

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Weekly Prayers

Tuesday 7:30 a.m. Contemplative Sit

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. Lectio Divina through May 19.

Wednesdays: Labyrinth Walk beginning May 27.
Watch website for time.

Thursday 7:30 a.m. Centering Prayer

Introducing Evan Miller, Pathways Associate



My connection to Pathways began in 2009, just after completing my Spiritual Direction training at the Anabaptist Seminary (AMBS) in Elkhart. Linda and Julie approached me because they were looking for someone with both business experience and sensitivity to the contemplative tradition to serve on the Pathways' Board of Directors. As the co-owner and CEO of a Goshen-based

software company (Hertzler Systems) and a newly-minted spiritual director, I seemed to fit the bill.

I am delighted and humbled to be part of the new Pathways Associates program, and to continue to serve on the Pathways' Board. From this inside perspective, it is marvelous to see what God is evolving at Pathways. The pending retreat house expansion is especially exciting. I'm only beginning to realize how the expanded space might enable the expansion of our ministry.

My feet continue to be firmly planted in these two, sometimes disparate, worlds: business and contemplation. However, the longer I live into this space, the less they seem like strange bedfellows. I'm deeply interested in the intersection of spirituality and leadership. This fall I will complete a two-year program of advanced studies at Richard Rohr's Living School of Action and Contemplation. For my integration project for that program I am [writing](#) extensively about my own experience as a contemplative leader. My involvement with the Living School has given me a deep, abiding respect for the Franciscan teachings, and other contemplative traditions.

I live in Goshen, with my wife, Sara VonGunten (also a Pathways Associate). Between us we have five adult children and five grandchildren. I am an avid bicyclist, bread baker, and gardener, and sometimes violinist. Sara and I are also members of Eighth Street Mennonite Church in Goshen.

Mystic of the Month: Barbara Brown Taylor

I can set a little altar,
in the world or in my heart.
I can stop what I am doing long enough
to see where I am, who I am there with,
and how awesome the place is.
I can flag one more gate to heaven –
one more patch of ordinary earth with
ladder marks on it –
where the divine traffic is heavy when I
notice it and even when I do not.
I can see it for once, instead of walking
right past it, maybe even setting a stone
or saying a blessing before I move on to
wherever I am due next.

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Youth and Mentor Retreat

We were delighted to host 34 middle school youth and their mentors on Sunday, April 26. Youth and mentors rotated among three stations: labyrinth walk, stations of the resurrection, and prayer with creation.

When asked what they would share with a friend about Pathways, words like peace, rest, birdsong, quiet, and the cottage were named.

What a joy to partner with congregations in the formation of youth!



Pathways Retreat is a spiritual retreat center in the city limits of Goshen, Indiana, for rest, reflection and renewal with God.

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