

To see everything in God and to see God in everything normally takes a lifetime of practice.

Thomas Keating



Mission

Pathways Retreat is a spiritual retreat center for Rest, Reflection and Renewal.

Practice Seeing God

Living out this mission, Pathways Retreat provides space and ministries to practice seeing God. Many of the people who come to Pathways are helpers in our community who want to see God in their work and lives which is especially important in these stressful and divisive times. Rhiannon Harrison, assistant principal at Elkhart Central High School, is one of these helpers.

Seeing God is Beautiful

Rhiannon began coming to Pathways for spiritual direction and personal retreat about 10 years ago in her early years of teaching in the Elkhart school system. Taking time to experience silence and to meet with a spiritual guide has increased Rhiannon's capacity to see God's presence in her life. This, in turn, has increased her ability to hold space and compassion for her students and recognize God's work in their lives. She shares this story:

"I have mediated many conversations between two students experiencing conflict. I remember one in particular that I asked the police officer to keep an ear out because I thought they might fight each other in my office. But I knew that they needed that space to talk and so I opened the space and set ground rules. It became a holy moment. It was beautiful. One girl shared about how she had a lot going on in her life. She opened up. And they cried. It was healing. And as they talked I thought, '*This is beautiful. This is God here.*' The practice of spiritual direction helps me recognize those moments."



Window into 2017



Pathways winter wonderland



Local school service day and bonfire.



Annual St. Francis Animal Blessing



New welcoming gate (and signage), pictured here with the participants from our first Bird Walk

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Pathways envisions a more compassionate community where all may know Love and Wholeness. As those who visit and are served by Pathways Retreat experience rest, reflection and renewal, they return to their communities with greater Love, extending God's desire of Wholeness for all.

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