

Pathways Retreat

Rhythms



December 2014



*Openness is the door through
which wisdom travels and
contemplation begins.*

Joan Chittister, Illuminated Life

Pathways Retreat House Expansion

For the 4th consecutive year, we recently had the privilege to welcome 20 Goshen College education students to Pathways Retreat. These young folks, who had just completed their student teaching in local schools, were brought here by their professors for a time of retreat led by our co-directors. They were invited to walk a labyrinth, color a mandala, or sit with a cup of coca on their hands. To “be” rather than achieve, produce, or accomplish anything.

When asked what they noticed during the retreat, one student shared, “I thought I would get the next stage of my life figured out during this time. Instead, I noticed the beauty of the birds and just sat and watched them. And that’s exactly what I needed.”

The gathering time in the Retreat House was cozy as the students squeezed into our little space which comfortably holds eight. This affirmed, again, Pathways need for larger space.

As we have noticed the Spirit’s movement and listened for God’s invitation, the Board of Directors believes Pathways Retreat is to expand its services, hospitality and healing presence within the Elkhart County community by enlarging the Retreat House.

How might you support the expansion of this ministry that is the only one like it in Elkhart County?

By making a financial contribution and allowing it to be matched three times! Donors of this community have already created a fund to triple all donations up to \$15,000. **This means that for every dollar you give, the same amount will be matched – three times.** So, \$250 becomes \$1,000, \$100 becomes \$400, \$75 becomes \$225. Donations do not need to be received until April 2015, so it’s possible to spread out your tax deductible contribution over two years.

We invite you to consider supporting the expansion of this ministry, so our doors may be open to more.

With joy,

Janice Eigsti-Miller, Evan Miller, Rachel Schertz, Melissa Schroeder, Julie and Bodie Stegelmann, Linda and Steve Thomas

~Board of Directors

Advent Lectio Divina

Tuesday Evenings 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Join us each week as we dwell with the Advent Gospel texts through the practice of Lectio Divina. Come and listen deeply to scripture and its connection with your life. This is an opportunity to be still and breathe!

**When all things in silence lay,
and the night was in the midst
of her course,
Your Word leaped down
from your royal throne, O God.
So we rejoice and give you praise,
that your Word may live in us,
and that we may glorify you forever.**

based on Wisdom of Solomon 18:14, Orthodox liturgy

Tuesday morning Contemplative Sit and Thursday morning Centering Prayer continue every week, 7:30 – 8:00. Join us as we rest in stillness in the presence of God. ***There will be no morning or evening prayer the week of December 29 – January 3.***

Christmas Gift for the Creatures

We welcome gifts of birdseed that help us provide for our feathered, furry, and song-filled friends throughout the winter. Birdfeeders hang outside the cottage and retreat house windows.

Christmas Gift for Loved Ones

If you are looking to give a gift that can nourish body, mind, and soul consider giving a gift certificate to a retreat day in Solace, our cottage in the woods. Full day \$40 – 50. Half Day \$20 – 30.

Mystic of the Month Saint John of the Cross

Carmelite mystic and poet
1542-1591

I was sad one day and went for a walk;
I sat in a field.

A rabbit noticed my condition and
came near.

It often does not take more than that
to help at times-

to just be close to creatures who
are so full of knowing,
so full of love
that they don't
-chat,

they just gaze with
their
marvelous
understanding.

Daniel Ladinsky, *Love Poems from God*



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

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