

# Pathways Retreat

April 2017

## Trusting Death Will Yield New Life

Cycles of death and resurrection abound in nature. The weather conditions were recently “just right” for a prescribed burn of the wildflower meadow. This is periodically necessary to reduce woody plants, control the spread of exotic and aggressive plants, and remove the accumulated litter layer that smothers desirable wildflowers. The burn also helps the ground to warm as the soil is exposed to the sun, causing wild flowers to appear sooner than would happen without the burn. So, while the area is blackened now, it will soon green up with the “generative forces” of God’s creation (Wisdom of Solomon 1.14).



## April Prayers & Retreats

[Welcoming Prayer](#): Tuesdays, 7:30-8:00am

[Centering Prayer](#): Thursdays, 7:30-8:00am

[Lectio Divina](#): Fridays, 8:00-8:30am

[Spiritual Directors Day Away](#): April 10, 9:00-2:00

[Iona Healing Prayers](#): April 10, 7:00-8:00pm

[Heart of Centering Prayer](#): April 3, 17, 18, 7pm

Visit [pathwaysretreat.org](http://pathwaysretreat.org) to learn more.  
Please mark your calendars and join us!

*“It always amazes me to look at the little, wrinkled brown seeds and think of the rainbows in ‘em,” said Captain Jim. “When I ponder on them seeds I don’t find it nowise hard to believe that we’ve got souls that’ll live in other worlds. You couldn’t hardly believe there was life in them tiny things, some no bigger than grains of dust, let alone colour and scent, if you hadn’t seen the miracle, could you?”*

Lucy M. Montgomery,  
*Anne’s House of Dreams*

**Join us for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Stations of the Cross**  
**April 9 – April 15**  
(details on page 2)

*The birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus means that one day  
everything sad will come untrue....* J. R. R. Tolkien

## Stations of the Cross

April 9-15, dawn - dusk

This year marks the **10th anniversary** of the [outdoor Stations of the Cross walk](#) at Pathways Retreat! Our mosaic tile stations, created by local artist John Nafziger and Walnut Hill Mennonite Church, were first displayed in 2007 along the wooded trail at Pathways.

The classic version of this popular prayer walk consists of a series of 14 meditations on Jesus' final hours. A person or group "makes the stations" by walking to each sequential station for prayer and meditation about the event that the station symbolizes.

This walk through the woods to contemplate Jesus' journey to the cross appeals to all ages—children, youth, and adults. Each station includes scripture and written reflections—new this year--to guide you.

Come during daylight hours. A golf cart is available making this prayer walk accessible for people of most ages and physical abilities; please make arrangements for the golf cart prior to your arrival by [contacting us](#).

There is no charge. Donations are gratefully accepted.



Stations of the Cross



Stations of the Resurrection

## Stations of the Resurrection

April 16 – June 3, dawn to dusk

Through the 50 days of Easter, seven [Stations of the Resurrection](#) will be placed along the trail in our 17-acre woods. These stations mark the risen Christ's appearances from dawn of the first Easter morning through the ascension.

These stations are ceramic tiles made from watercolor paintings by local artist and spiritual director, [Sylvie Gudin](#). In addition to the ceramic tile, scripture and reflections accompany each station.

This walk through the woods appeals to all ages—children, youth, and adults.

Come during daylight hours. Call or text staff at 574-333-1822 for use of a golf cart. There is no cost, although donations may be left in an outside box attached to the Retreat House.

Stations of the Resurrection note cards are available for purchase in the Retreat House or by contacting one of the directors. The cost is \$3 each or all seven for \$18.

### Visio Divina

Fridays

April 7, 21, May 5 and 19  
9:00 - 11:00am

A retreat offering an innovative practice of spiritual direction in small groups based on art work done by participants, or on pictures of paintings brought by the facilitator. No training in art is necessary to participate; the goal is not production, but rather understanding and discernment.

Facilitated by [Sylvie Gudin](#)

Cost: \$120 for all 4 sessions  
[Learn more and register online here.](#)

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

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