

Pathways Retreat

June 2017

You continue to send forth your Spirit and the earth is renewed!

Psalm 104:30

Summer Solstice

Summer Solstice falls on June 20 this year, marking the beginning of summer and the longest day of the year in the northern hemisphere. It is a time to celebrate light. Consider lighting a solstice fire and celebrating with O Antiphons for Summer:

O Dazzling Sun,

Come! Come with your golden rays.
Anoint us with your energizing beams.
Recharge us with your radiant vitality.
Refresh our overworked spirits.
O Come!

O Long Days of Extending Light,

Come! Come with your wide expansive arms.
Open our eyes to the daily miracle of life.
Slip into our distracted hearts with every dawn.
Expand our ability to see the beauty in our world.
O Come!

O Summer Word of God,

Come! Come with your transforming breath.
Breathe on us until we are ripe with life.
Fire us to be light for the world.
Nourish us with your healing rays.
O Come!

- Joyce Rupp, *The Circle of Life*.

Community Service & Creation Care



A group of 6th grade students from Bethany Middle School enjoyed a bonfire after working together at Pathways Retreat. For their service day they removed and burned invasive brush in preparation for the next tree planting.

We welcome your school or church group to consider community service and creation care. For more information or to schedule a time, contact Steve Thomas at Steveforpeace@gmail.com or 574-202-0048.

See page 2 for another creation care opportunity!

Rest, Reflection and Renewal for Pathways

Pathways will be on sabbatical for the month of July, taking an opportunity to practice restful breathing. Staff will not be offering hospitality or leading prayers during this time. This provides the land, ministry and staff some fallow space to embrace the rhythm of rest, reflection and renewal.

Regular Rhythm of Prayer will resume in August!

[Contemplative Sit](#): Tuesdays, 7:30-8:00am

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

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

[Iona Healing Prayer Services](#) will also resume in August on a **new day**, the second Thursday of the month. The next Iona Healing Prayer Service is August 10 at 7:00pm.

Spiritual Care Training

Monthly meetings September 2017-June, 2018

In this 72-hour training, participants will gain a theological and psychological understanding of providing care that enables them to be present with others: to walk alongside, companion, and hold space for the other. Equally important, participants will practice rich and varied ways to pray, personally and with those with whom they meet.

[Click here for more information & to register online.](#)

Healing Care Group

Weekly meetings July 31-November 20 (no meeting Sept. 27)

This is group provides 16 weeks of experientials around inner healing. Classes are led by Norma Miller who has completed the Formational Prayer certification program through Healing Care Ministries at Ashland, OH.

Classes are held at Pathways Retreat from 1-3:30pm.

Cost for all sessions along with notebook is \$340.

To register contact Norma Miller, 574-536-5672 or [click here](#) for all the details.

Pathways Hosts Church's Annual Girls Retreat

Pathways was delighted to host a 3rd-5th grade girls annual church retreat in May. When asked how they were able to experience rest, reflection, and renewal, they said:

"We experienced rest, reflection, and renewal by spending time in the cozy gathering room talking and playing games, by walking in nature and doing the labyrinth, and by having prayer in the upper room. We LOVE Pathways!!! It is the perfect setting for this annual retreat."

[Consider reserving Pathways for your group's annual retreat this fall!](#)

Spring Creation Care Day

Saturday morning

June 10

Help us plant shrubs, mulch, and complete a variety of early summer maintenance tasks.

Free fresh air, exercise, and (hopefully) sunshine!

Watch for more information



*Exuberant Spirit of God
Flame,
Wind,
Speech,
Burn, breathe, speak in
us: fill your world with
justice and with joy.*

-Jan Berry

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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