

Pathways Retreat

May 2016

We look to the seas, great and wide, which teem with life innumerable, helping to maintain the balance. O, that we might receive your gifts, taking only what is needed with grateful hearts.

Psalm 104, *Psalms for Praying*, Nan C. Merrill



Introducing New Co-Director, Evan Miller

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Evan Miller, a Pathways Retreat Associate since 2014, is joining co-directors Julie Stegelmann and Linda Lehman Thomas to give leadership to the oversight and operations of Pathways Retreat.

Evan is a spiritual director and business leader in the community. He received his spiritual direction training at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and is co-owner and CEO of Hertzler Systems, a computer software and consulting company. As a practicing spiritual director and business leader, Evan is especially interested in the intersection of spirituality and leadership. His mission is to help leaders of both faith-based and secular organizations grow spiritually and bring their whole, maturing selves to their leadership role, regardless of the context.

Evan is married to Sara VonGunden, and lives in Goshen. Between them they have five adult children, and five grandchildren. He is an active participant in the Open Table Mennonite Fellowship, and an avid ecologist, gardener, bicyclist, and violinist.

As co-director, Evan provides leadership for the group that tends the creation and maintenance of our grounds and buildings, called the “Space Circle” in Pathways’ organizational plan. Together with Julie and Linda, he also functions as a spiritual director to Pathways Retreat, listening for the heartbeat of God in this place and ministry.

Outdoor Hospitality Project Update

Last month we shared the need to raise funds for Phase II of the retreat house expansion—the Outdoor Hospitality Project. This includes an enlarged and durable-surface parking lot, rain garden, a walkway to the back door, and plants.

Thank you to the generous donors who have contributed \$14,920 toward the goal of \$21,000.

Excavation for the parking lot and rain garden is set to happen May 14-21. The concrete will be poured the last week in May and over 600 plants will find a new home in our rain garden the beginning of June.

Visit the [Pathways Retreat website](#) to see the plans that we have for our outdoor space and to make a donation.

Contemplate 'Greening'

Contemplative sit readings for May focus on greening and growing and come from Hildegard of Bingen (1098–1179). Hildegard coined the term *viriditas*, or greening power, connecting it closely with creativity.

Join us each Tuesday morning, 7:30-8:00am for contemplative sit. No registration required.



*Glance at the sun.
See the moon and the stars.
Gaze at the beauty of earth's greenings.
Now, think.
What delight God gives to humankind
with all these things. . .
All nature is at the disposal of humankind.
We are to work with it.
For without we cannot survive.*

-Hildegard of Bingen
as quoted in *Original Blessing*, Matthew Fox



Stations of the Resurrection

Available until May 15, Pentecost Sunday
Dawn—Dusk

Come walk through the woods and meditate on scripture, artwork and written reflections. A golf cart (available by arrangement) makes this journey accessible to all.

A Day Away

May 27, 9:00am—3:00pm
A retreat for rest, reflection and renewal to help you close the school year and look toward summer.

[Register Now](#)

Contemplative Sit

Tuesdays, 7:30—8:00am
A time to sit in silence amid the loving gaze of God.

Centering Prayer

Thursdays, 7:30—8:00am
Rooted in the prayer tradition of the Psalms, an invitation to "Be still and know God."

Lectio Divina

Tuesday, 5/3 and 5/10, 5:30—6:00pm
Meditative reading of scripture.

Visit our [website](#) to learn more about what's happening at Pathways.

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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