

Pathways Retreat

November 2017

When I rise up, let me rise up joyful like a bird. When I fall, let me fall without regret like a leaf.

[Wendell Berry](#)

Thanks for the Welcome

Thanks to a generous grant from Waterford Mennonite Church and the volunteer efforts of Father/Son duo BJ Miller and Brent Miller, we're excited to unveil three new outdoor structures: fencing around two air conditioning units, a welcoming gate and an information sign board.

The welcoming gate was installed in late October. We hope it will make it easier for new guests to find their way onto the brick walkway that leads to the Retreat House. We've watched newcomers stand in the parking lot and puzzle over which way to go and believe the new gate will make that decision easier.

Once a visitor passes through the gate they will see a new welcoming sign board (to be installed soon). It will have a large, updated map of the property, along with new and improved laminated maps guests can carry with them into the woods.

All three of these structures are beautifully designed and built. We're so grateful to the gifts of time, skill, and funds that made these possible.

We're also looking for some volunteers to stain the new gate and signboard. If you'd like to help, please contact [Evan Miller](#).



Participants of the bird walk, pictured here in front of the new welcoming gate at Pathways.

Pathways First Bird Walk

Six eager-to-learn birders joined bird walk guide, Annie Aguirre, on Sunday afternoon, October 29 for an hour-long bird walk. Seventeen different species were heard or sighted, including a Brown Creeper, the camouflage expert from Canada that spends the winter here. Annie has designated Pathways as a hotspot birding location. Keep posted for more birding opportunities in 2018.

Creation Care Day

A late fall Creation Care work party is **Saturday, November 11, from 9am to noon**. We'll rake leaves, rescue frogs from the window wells, pile up brush, and perhaps install some new wayfinding signs in the woods. Check out [our FaceBook Events page](#), and contact [Evan Miller](#) if you'd like to help.



Communion of the Saints

"The saints are those who, in some partial way, embody - literally incarnate - the challenge of faith in their time and place. In doing so, they open a path that others might follow."

[Robert Ellsberg](#)

November 1 is the date we celebrate the communion of the saints. We invite you to pause this month to mindfully bring to mind the names and faces of people, living or dead, who have been or are companions on your life journey. Who are those that have guided and nurtured you? Who accompanies you in the peaks and valleys of life? Who has been or is an embodiment of God's abiding and unconditional love for you?

Make a list. Reading through this list, one by one, feel your deep connection with each person. Give thanks for how this community of saints, living and dead, blesses you and helps you grow. Welcome the presence of these saints in your life. Recognize their goodness that lives on in your heart and supports you in each moment to live faithfully in your time and place.

November Calendar

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Listening Together

Mondays
7:00-8:30pm

Contemplative Sit

Featuring Wendell Berry Readings
Tuesdays
7:30-8:00am

Centering Prayer

Thursdays (except Nov. 23)
7:30-8:00am

Lectio Divina

Meditative Reading of Scripture
Fridays (except Nov. 24)
8:00-8:30am

Monthly Iona Healing Prayers

Thursday, November 9
7:00pm

Spiritual Directors Day Away

Tuesday, November 21
9:00am-2:00pm

*We clasp the hands
of those who go before us,
and the hands of those who come after us;
we enter the little circle
of each other's arms,
and the larger circle of lovers
whose hands are joined in a dance,
and the larger circle of all creatures,
passing in and out of life,
who move also in a dance,
to a music so subtle and vast
that no ear hears it except in fragments.*

Wendell 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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