



Ministries for Spiritual Development



*Drawing from the Depths of Spirit
Contemplatively
Actively*

2017-2018 Program Guide

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This program gave me just the boost that I needed in my personal walk of faith and my purpose in ministry.

I would highly recommend Oasis to anyone wishing to enrich their spiritual life so as to better serve others.

-Kiran Young Wimberly
SDSG Graduate

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Welcome to our 2017-2018 Program Guide. On the following pages you will find the heart of what we have to offer in the coming year. I encourage you to find what fits you and sign up. And please prayerfully pass on to others an invitation to our programs. We depend on the connections you make.

I often get asked, "Why do people come to Oasis programs? And when they come to one why do they often come back for more?" For some it is straight forward--they are looking for training in spiritual direction or contemplation and we offer quality training in those areas and so they come and treasure what they find. But for others it is far from straight forward. They feel a draw toward a deeper walk with God and are really looking to find a community where that desire resonates on the faces of others as they speak it into the opening circle. Or they have some notion of wanting to be able to lovingly listen to others around spiritual matters and come hoping to be equipped in that way. Some want to take their prayer to new levels of communion. Some come wanting to balance seminary academics with immersion into the mystery of God. Some have walked from church without walking from Spirit and seek to grow and integrate their spiritual life in new ways and learn from other seekers on the path.

What draws you? What tugs at your heart and spirit? What would it mean to deepen your trust right there? Know from Oasis, if you come we will meet you where you are and surround you with a loving, safe, and contemplative learning community. More than anything else, that is what Oasis offers.

--Glenn Mitchell, Director of Oasis



*Spiritual Direction
for Spiritual Guides
September 2017 to May 2018*



Now in its 27th season, Spiritual Direction for Spiritual Guides (SDSG) is a two-year training program in contemplative spiritual direction. During the two years of learning the art of spiritual direction, participants will discover the richness of contemplative community, the intimacy of small group interaction, and the gift of close supervision in the practicum portion of the program.

Program Format:

Our “Classic Track” format is well refined to provide a learning environment offering participants an intimate community, strong teaching and quality supervision. We also recognize that for a variety of reasons related to schedules and distance, participating at this level can be challenging for some. Two years ago, we began an alternative track that addresses these challenges. We call it our “Hybrid Track” and it creates a local option for community and learning while maintaining access to the teaching and the content of the program. Wherever we have at least four interested participants in an area a cohort can be formed, a leader provided and five of the yearly meetings will take place locally. The hybrid cohorts join the full SDSG community for the opening and closing retreats and for one meeting day in the winter, thus reducing the number of trips to our training site to three a year while being present to half of the year’s total training days. Content of “missed” sessions is provided online.

Training Site Location: Kirkridge Retreat Center

(Located in the beautiful Pocono Mountains)
2495 Fox Gap Road, Bangor, PA 18013
610-588-1793 * kirkridge.org

Questions? Be in touch with
Rev. Glenn Mitchell, Director of
Oasis at glenn@likeafeather.com



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The focus in the first year is twofold:

Grounding participants in the Christian contemplative tradition, through readings, presentations and prayer experiences, and training participants in becoming guides for others on their spiritual journey. Participants are asked to have a spiritual director while in the program and, by December 2017, begin meeting with two individuals as a spiritual guide in training. Meeting days include a rhythm of teaching sessions, prayer experiences, community building, individual reflections, discussions, and small group experiences. Central to our process in both years are peer groups of 4-6 people who spend time each month in spiritual support of one another and in reflecting together on the practice of spiritual direction in which the participants are engaged. Each peer group is facilitated by a trained spiritual director. In the Hybrid Track, five of these peer group meetings will take place locally.

The focus in the second year, the rhythm and contemplative atmosphere of the meeting days continue while the content shifts and deepens with sessions focused on spiritual direction, specific spiritual traditions, various contexts for practicing spiritual direction, and with expanded peer group time for strengthening the practice of spiritual direction. In the Hybrid Track five of these peer group meetings will take place locally.

YEAR I—Classic Track

OPENING RETREAT

10:00 am, Thursday, **September 28, 2017**
through 3:00 pm, Friday, **September 29, 2017**

MONTHLY SESSIONS (Thursdays)

10:00 am.– 5:00 pm,
Oct. 26, Dec. 7, 2017
Jan. 4, Feb. 8, Mar. 8, Apr. 5, 2018

CLOSING RETREAT

10:00 am, Thursday, **May 10, 2018**
through 3:00 pm, Friday, **May 11, 2018**

YEAR I—Hybrid Track

OPENING RETREAT—dates above
Jan. or Feb. Meeting Day—to be decided
—dates as above

Five Monthly Meetings of 3—3.5 hours each;
days and times to be decided by group

CLOSING RETREAT—dates above

Leaders:
 Glenn Mitchell
 Jo Ann Kunz
 Melanie Taormina
**Leader bios, and
 additional peer group leader
 bios available online at
www.oasismin.org**

*Deepening Year
for Direction Ministries
October 2017– May 2018*



This is a year-long program in continuing education consisting of two retreats and six monthly sessions for practicing spiritual directors who desire to deepen their discernment and enhance their direction skills in a contemplative approach to the art of spiritual direction.

Each month includes:

- ◆ Opportunities to participate in group spiritual direction followed by group reflection
- ◆ Listening to presentations by staff and guests on topics and themes of the day
- ◆ Inter-active reflection and dialogue with staff on various themes
- ◆ Engagement with themes through guided retreat time
- ◆ Peer sharing, mutual support, and the experience of contemplative community
- ◆ Use of verbatim and response questions to enhance growth in discernment
- ◆ Sharpening skills through supervision by staff and peers
- ◆ Celebrating gifts and growth in self-awareness and self-understandings
- ◆ Developing the art of prayerful self-supervision

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Topics explored this year include:

- ◆ Contemplation and the Art of Spiritual Direction
- ◆ What is Spiritual Direction?
- ◆ Discernment of Interior Movements
- ◆ Transference and Counter Transference
- ◆ Awakening to Desire, Love and Mysticism
- ◆ Attachments, Addiction and Spiritual Direction
- ◆ Spiritual Growth: Movement, Resistance and Grace
- ◆ Issues of Social Justice in Spiritual Direction
- ◆ Working with Dreams in a Group Process
- ◆ Understanding and Responding to the Process of Grief
- ◆ Forgiveness: Encouraging the Healing Choice of Release
- ◆ Honoring Boundaries, Positions of Power and Language of Power
- ◆ Legal and Ethical Issues in Spiritual Direction
- ◆ Sabbath Practices and Self-Care of the Director's Body and Soul
- ◆ Interpreting the Language of our Bodies through Focusing
- ◆ Growing and Tending a Spiritual Direction Practice

Location:

Kenbrook Retreat Center

190 Pine Meadow Road

Lebanon, PA 17046

Phone: (717) 865-4547

Web: kenbrook.org

Dates:

OPENING RETREAT

3:30 pm, Sunday, **October 1, 2017**

through 5:00 pm, Monday, **October 2, 2017**

MONTHLY SESSIONS (Mondays)

10:00 am.– 5:00 pm,

Nov. 6, Dec. 4, 2017

Jan. 8, Feb. 5, Mar. 5, Apr. 2, 2018

CLOSING RETREAT

3:30 pm, Sunday, **May 6, 2018**

through 5:00 pm, Monday, **May 7, 2018**

Leaders:

Jo Ann Kunz

Ruth Workman

Glenn Mitchell

Leader bios available online at

www.oasismin.org





October 2017– May 2018

Contemplative Leadership invites participants who are eager to explore and ready to deepen both aspects of its title name: **contemplation** and **leadership**. This program seeks participants who are keen to be: *Deepening in Practice— Growing in Leadership*.

Understanding that the contemplative way is to infuse life with an awareness of God, this program is for persons seeking to enhance this awareness through classical disciplines and other creative

practices while also learning how to lead others into the contemplative life 'back home'. These emphases of personal spiritual formation, transforming as a contemplative leader and hands-on group leadership training will permeate the program. There will be presentations on a variety of practices, reflection on contemplation and leadership, along with much experiential learning. This will be coupled with opportunities in a peer group to learn the means of developing methods, enhancing skills, building confidence, and receiving feedback for leading contemplative programs in one's own community.

PROGRAM INTENT

The intent of *Contemplative Leadership* is three-fold:

- * **Deepening contemplative living** (personal transformation)
- * **Growing contemplative leaders** (leadership formation/transformation)
- * **Equipping teachers of contemplation** (leading groups in contemplation)

Retreats

Crossroads Camp and Retreat Center
29 Pleasant Grove Road
 Port Murray, NJ 07865

Monthly Gatherings

The House Next Door at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
173 Princeton-Highstown Road
 Princeton Junction, NJ 08550

Questions? Be in touch with Andrew Barton at abarton53@gmail.com



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Gatherings Include:

Engagement with the themes through:

1. Presentations by leadership
2. Contemplative practices
3. Dialogue among participants
4. Readings and reflection
5. Space for personal retreat & solitude
6. Peer Group experiences
7. Prayer & Worship experiences

Themes:

Contemplative Leadership embraces both Practice and Presence through:

1. Stillness & Silence
2. Movement
3. Inward Attentiveness
4. Daily Attentiveness
5. Compassionate Living
6. Listening & Speaking
7. Creativity & Playfulness
8. Ritual and Rhythms

OPENING (2-night) RETREAT

at Crossroads

10:00 a.m. Wednesday, **October 18, 2017**
through 2:00 p.m.,
Friday, **October 20, 2017**

MONTHLY SESSIONS

at Princeton Junction

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Thursdays
Nov. 9, Dec. 14, 2017
Feb. 8, Mar. 8, Apr. 12, 2018

CLOSING RETREAT at Crossroads

10:00 a.m., Thursday, **May 10, 2018**

Leaders:

Dale Selover
Andrew Barton
Glenn Mitchell

**Leader bios available online
at www.oasismin.org**



MEN4DIRECTIONS

September 2017–May 2018



Men4Directions is a renewable year-long program* of Oasis Ministries intended to help men grow in faith, self-awareness, and spiritual wholeness. The program includes small group community, quarterly retreats, and solo-time in the wilderness to engage with Spirit and Soul.

* In an effort to deepen community and foster long-term growth, participants are welcome and encouraged to continue on the M4D journey in subsequent years. While cyclical, the M4D model may also be thought of as an on-going spiral allowing us to descend to new heights together. Participants are given the option of reregistering at the start of each year.

Why Men?

We can all use help finding our way from time to time—men are no different. Men need the support of one another to be honest and real about life. Through small group discussions, monthly consultation with a "spiritual brother", and contemplative practice, men are encouraged to know themselves, listen to the still small voice within, and to honor their souls. The result could change lives and lead to a whole new world.

Why 4 Directions?

The directions refer to east, south, west, and north—compass points along our journeys. It's not a linear approach, but a circular path that honors the rhythms of life. The cycle of the day, too, is acknowledged: morning, noon, evening, and night; four seasons of each day, a life-time in the making.

Questions? Be in touch with the M4D Leader Roy Shirley at e.roy.shirley@gmail.com



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A Year To Grow

4 Seasonal Gatherings

- Gathering 1 Looking SOUTH at vitality, the heat of the day, Imagination
- Gathering 2 Looking WEST at our shadows, the dark side of our lives, mystery, soul
- Gathering 3 Looking NORTH at wisdom, the stillness of winter, competence, and strength
- Gathering 4 Looking EAST toward new beginnings, the advent of life, the rising of the sun, birth and re-birth—a contemporary version of a vision quest will accompany this final gathering—a 24-hour fast and solo experience in the wilderness.

Retreat Dates:

September 15-16, 2017

(4:00pm Friday—4:00pm Saturday)

November 17-18, 2017

(6:00pm Friday - 3:30pm Saturday)

February 16-17, 2018

(6:00pm Friday - 3:00pm Saturday)

May 4-7, 2018

(6:00pm Friday - 3:30pm Monday)



4 Commitments Make it Happen

Covenant - a promise among brothers to study, pray, share, and grow together for one year

Community — quarterly retreats in the woods to listen, discuss, and discern with others. The time between retreats will be bolstered by one-to-one elder mentoring and peer support.

Contemplation – a regular practice of silence and solitude

Compassion — a regular practice of service to others

Location:

Kenbrook Retreat Center

190 Pine Meadow Road

Lebanon, PA 17046

Phone: (717)865– 4547



A Journey of the Spirit (Seasonal Labyrinth Walks)



Dates: Summer - June 17, 2017
Fall - September 23, 2017
Winter -January 20, 2018
Spring - March 24, 2018
Saturday, 9:30am-3:30pm

Description: Come join us for a day each season to explore and walk the labyrinth. This very ancient practice in the church has much to offer us today as we open to the Spirit and walk the way. Show up for one or all four of the days and learn about the tradition, with time for reflection and prayer, and with guidance in the walking.

Place: St. Paul Lutheran Community Labyrinth, 145 East Grand Avenue, Tower City, PA 17980
Phone: (717) 647-4700

Leaders: Marie Rodichok and Bonita Rose

Cost: \$25-50/ day (as you are able) Please bring a bag lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Finding the Presence of God in our own Backyard



“Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul.” John Muir

Description: Come and join us for a day apart, a day of play and prayer, of beauty and healing and rest, as we encounter God in this lovely backyard setting, planted with wildlife in mind. There will be abundant opportunity for stillness, for noticing, for gratitude, for sharing, and for learning about partnering with God in the stewardship of Creation. Our day will include an exploration of native planting for wildlife and a seed collecting walk, for those interested in planting at home.

Date: September 9, 2017, 9:30am-3:30pm

Place: Cladel Property, 412 S. Meadow Lane, Hummlestown, PA 17036

Leader: Ann Bodling

Cost: \$60- \$85, as you are able. Please bring bag lunch, and folding chair (event is rain or shine)



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Deeper into the Wild: Hiking the Seasons as a Mystic on the Trail

Dates: *Fall, September 22, 2017*
Winter, December 21, 2017
Spring, March 21, 2018
Summer, June 21, 2018
9:00am-3:00pm



Description: *Deeper into the Wild* consists of four hikes, each five to seven miles, occurring, if possible, on the actual day of the solstice or equinox, as a celebration of the season at hand. Registration can be for single hikes or for all four. The hikes are open to everyone, regardless of experience. Hiking participants will be guided into times of reflection and sharing as part of the experience, to deepen awareness, the quality of solitude, the sense of freedom, and the depth of the experience of community.

Place: *The hikes will be in south central PA and northern Maryland*

Leaders: Michael Allwein, Barbara Hutchinson, Marjorie Ellen Rupert, and Mary Grace Shearer

Cost: \$25-\$50 (as you are able), per hike in gratitude for Oasis

A Day of Praying with Clay

*"...We are the clay,
you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hand."
-Isaiah 64:8NIV*



Description: May your hands be full of clay and your hearts be full of imagination as you enter into this most grounding experience. Work with designs and textures from nature to create objects for your home, for your garden or for personal prayer. Create finger labyrinths, clutching crosses, offering bowls, wall hangings, votive holders and more, as the Potter leads you. Work through a series of guided meditations, with music, in silence and with poetry; and marvel as your creations take shape. Space is limited to 24, so please register early!

Date: Friday, October 13, 2017, 10:00am-3:30pm

Place: Art Space on Main, 138 West Main St., Elkton, MD 21921

Leader: Maria Cirillo— Lein

Cost: \$60- \$85 (as you are able) plus the studio charges a \$30 fee at the door.

Lunch is provided .



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Seeing the Seasons— A Year with Photography as a Contemplative Spiritual Practice

Fall - October 21, 2017

Winter- January 20, 2018

Spring- April 21, 2018

Summer– June 23, 2018

10:00am-4:00pm



Description: In our days together, we will explore the wonders each season reveals about God, ourselves, and our world, as seen through a camera lens. No fancy camera equipment is needed nor any in-depth prior knowledge of photography: just a desire to see more of God's grace and love in each season and each day.

Come join us as we spend these days playing and praying with our cameras, sharing our reflections and learning something new. Participants will also have access to an on-line site for sharing photographs and reflections with one another "beyond the day." Register for one or all of the days but each event is limited to 16 participants, so register early .

Place: First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown, NJ. 101 Bridgeboro Road,
Moorestown, NJ, 08057

Leader: Dick Herman

Cost: \$60-\$85 (as you are able) Please bring bag lunch. Event is rain or shine.
Please bring a camera or smart phone.

Writing as a Sacred Path

*What can writing teach us
about making a beginning?*

*What can writing teach us
about living in the middle?*

*What can writing teach us
about endings?*



Description: Join us as we explore the ways the practice of writing can serve as a window - a sacred path - that illuminates how we live as people of faith. The discipline of writing can teach us to pay attention, to listen closely, to risk moving ahead one word at a time into an as yet unknown future. Together, we will explore the ways writing intersects with, informs and (most often) deepens a life of faith. The day will be structured around times of teaching, writing, conversation and silence. Attention will be given to balancing space for quiet reflection with opportunities to connect with other attendees.

Date: Saturday, October 21, 2017, 9:30am-3:30pm

Place: Still Waters, 501 W. Slate Hill Road, Carlisle, PA 17013

Leader: Kelly Chripczuk

Cost: \$60- \$85 (as you are able) Please bring a bag lunch.



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Meditation and Motion: Finding Stillness in Movement and Rest



Description: This retreat day will offer the opportunity to quiet our minds and bodies. We will experience a way of knowing that goes beyond one's rational understanding and embraces the whole of a person: mind, heart, and body. There will be times of meditation to "be still and know". There will be times of body movement (body prayer or meditation in motion) to more fully connect to the very life force of God that we carry within us, to that place of stillness within. These contemplative practices will allow us to sink into God's formless hands for cleansing, transformation, and spiritual growth. There will be opportunities for journaling, quiet individual reflection, and group reflection.

This event is suitable for people of all levels of fitness. The body movements are slow and gentle. Participants are asked to wear loose, comfortable clothing.

Date: Saturday, November 4, 2017, 9:30am-3:30pm

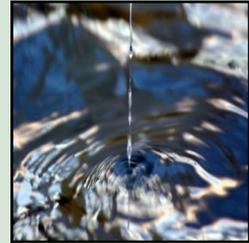
Place: St. John's United Church of Christ,
1050 Buffalo Rd., Lewisburg, PA 17837

Leaders: Arlyne Hoyt

Cost: \$60-\$85 (as you are able) Please bring a bag lunch.

Explore Contemplation And Spiritual Direction

A Retreat Day of Learning and Prayer



*Jesus said to them: "Come apart
into a deserted place and rest a while."*

Description: Come join us for 'a day apart' coupled with an introduction to contemplation and spiritual direction. Leaders will explore with participants the nature of contemplation, the work of spiritual direction, and ways to deepen one's spiritual life. There will be opportunity for sharing with others, for learning and for questioning, all in an atmosphere of loving quiet. Gift yourself and someone else with this day of exploration.

Date: Saturday, November 11, 2017, 9:30am- 3:30pm

Place: St. James Lutheran Church, 109 York St., Gettysburg, PA 17325

Leaders: Mike Allwein and Glenn Mitchell

Cost: \$60- \$85 (as you are able) Please bring a bag lunch.



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Waiting with our God: An Advent Day

Much, if not most, of our lives is spent waiting...for someone...for something...even for God.



Description: As we enter the long waiting season of Advent, you are invited to gather with other waiting companions to *Be still. Be patient. And expect the Eternal to arrive....* (Psalm 37:7). The day will include a rhythm of gentle facilitation, silence for prayerful reflection, creative engagement with God, group interaction, and one-to-one sharing.

Date: Saturday, December 2, 2017, 9:30am-3:30pm

Place: Hosanna! 29 Green Acre Road, Lititz, PA 17543

Leader: Jo Ann Kunz

Cost: \$60—\$85 (as you are able) Please bring a bag lunch. Drinks provided.

Art4Soul Care Retreat

“Art4Soul is a creative way to listen to your heart, your inner voice, and the voice of the Spirit speaking from the collage of the soul.”



Description: We will spend time in spiritual reflection, making art, listening inward, and sharing outward the insights impressed upon you in the context of God's grace and love for you. Each person will create a SoulCollage® that emerges from this fun and spiritual process. The images we create can open new awareness and deeper understanding of God's unfolding narrative in our lives. PLEASE sign-up early so we can plan for the material needs.

Date: Saturday, February 3, 2018, 9:30am-3:30pm

Place: Hosanna! 29 Green Acre Road, Lititz, PA 17543

Leader: Sharon Barley

Cost: \$60-\$85 (as you are able) Please bring a bag lunch, pair of sharp scissors, old magazines with lots of pictures to share, and an open heart for what new grace comes into your life!



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An Enneagram Introduction: The Basics



The goals of this workshop are:

- * To provide a basic introduction to the Enneagram as a system*
- * To define the nine types and help the participants identify their own type*
- * To explore the implications for spiritual growth for each type*

Description: The Enneagram is a method of developing spiritual and psychological self-awareness. It identifies nine ways of experiencing ourselves, which deepen our capacity to understand, celebrate, and relate more meaningfully to ourselves and others. This introductory workshop will present the basic dynamics of this ancient wisdom path, focusing on the formation and transformation inherent in each of the nine styles, their particular gifts and challenges, and how this knowledge invites us to move forward in more life-giving ways.

Date: Saturday, February 24, 2018, 9:30am-3:30pm

Place: Hosanna! 29 Green Acre Road, Lititz, PA 17543

Leader: Jo Ann Kunz

Cost: \$60-\$85 (as you are able) Please bring a bag lunch. Drinks will be provided.

The Pilgrims Pathway: The Twelve Steps of Recovery for Life



*Pathway to Freedom, Forgiveness,
Fulfillment*

Description: While we may think the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous may only be for those seeking freedom from addictive substances or behaviors, they also are a guide for anyone desiring to deepen contemplative practices for life. We ALL are addicted to something – for some it is physical, some mental, but for all, the **spiritual life** is the ultimate pathway to a life of freedom, forgiveness, and fulfillment.

Date: Saturday, April 7, 2018, 9:00am-4:00pm

Place: Daylesford Abbey, 220 S. Valley Rd., Paoli, PA 19301

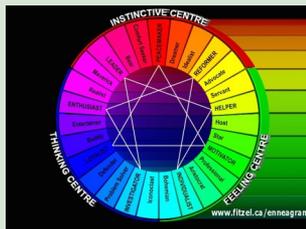
Leader: Paul Gennett, Jr.

Cost: \$60 -\$85 (as you are able) Lunch is provided.



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The Enneagram: Beyond the Basics



Familiarity with the fundamental dynamics of the Enneagram is necessary for this workshop. "An Enneagram Introduction: The Basics" satisfies this prerequisite. Those who have attended other introductory Enneagram workshops are also welcome.

Description: *The Enneagram: Beyond the Basics* is a day-long learning opportunity for those with a rudimentary knowledge of the Enneagram who desire to deepen their understanding of this ancient spiritual self-awareness method. This workshop will invite participants to explore the Enneagram's wisdom in facilitating personal and interpersonal shadow and integration work (especially helpful at midlife).

Date: Saturday, April 14, 2018, 9:30am-3:30pm

Place: Hosanna! 29 Green Acre Road, Lititz, PA 17543

Leader: Jo Ann Kunz

Cost: \$60- \$85 (as you are able) Please bring your own bag lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Annual Poetry As Prayer: Denise Levertov



"Invocations of Humanity"

Description: This our 9th annual Poetry as Prayer Day features the work of poet Denise Levertov, whose long career illuminated the human condition. Levertov was passionate about human experience: love, motherhood, nature, war, the nuclear arms race, the environment, mysticism, faith, poetry, and the role of the poet, all found their way into her "invocations of humanity" (Joan F. Hallisey). Levertov understood that awe, praise and celebration are as strong of impulses in human nature as is lament. And for her the mystical was always an experience that placed one back into the human family--awake and responsive to the human needs of the day. Come and share in this day as we let her words speak to us in our day and awaken in us our own invocations of humanity.

Date: Friday, April 27, 2018, 9:30am-3:30pm

Place: Lititz Church of the Brethren, 300 West Orange St., Lititz, PA 17543

Leader: Glenn Mitchell

Cost: \$65- \$85 (as you are able) Please bring a bag lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Art and Soul with T r se of Lisieux

*“If every tiny flower wanted to be a rose, spring
would lose its loveliness.”*

-Th r se de Lisieux



Description: Celebrate the artist in you with inspirations from the life of T r se of Lisieux, creative contemplative and mighty mystic. Come to know the depth of her devotion, the breadth of her artistic creation, and the power of her spiritual wisdom that is manifest in her writings and meditations. Experience the process of art journaling through a variety of writing, gazing and illustrative exercises. Learn to use simple art materials to help focus, express or respond to prayer through drawing, painting, collage, illumination, mixed media and more.

This artistic pilgrimage will take place at the Lein Home, a river refuge on the shore of the Elk River in Elkton, MD. Create soul-filled images, immersed in the beauty of Creation, on the shore of this northeastern gateway to the Chesapeake. Space is limited to 16, so please register early!

Date: Saturday, April 28, 2018, 9:30am-3:30pm

Place: The Lein Home, 14 Park Lane, Elkton, MD 21921

Leader: Maria Cirillo-Lein, Catherine Forberger, and Kathleen Tavani

Cost: \$60-\$85 (as you are able) Lunch and art materials provided

Journey to Wholeness Retreat Day

*Fairytales, myths, and the
unfolding of our own hero/ heroine’s story*



Description: Joseph Campbell discovered a pattern within every story ever told--a Hero/ Heroine’s Journey. Each one of us is given this Invitation in Life. What is the Story/Stories we tell ourselves and others?... Is it time to Re-Write our Story?... During this retreat we will explore various stories (myths, legends, and fairytales) that help us see this pattern as well as take a look at our own Life and Our Stories... Come join us for this day of play and creating! We will use various art mediums and contemplative practices as we explore our Story! Dress to be messy!

Date: Saturday, May 5, 2018, 9:30am-3:30pm

Place: WarmSpring Farm, 11907 Welsh Run Road, Mercersburg, PA 17236

Leader: Cheri Roth

Cost: \$60-\$85 (as you are able) plus a \$15 materials fee. Please bring a bag lunch. Drinks will be provided.

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A Day Beholding Birds

*Best of any song
is bird song
in the quiet
but first you must have the quiet.*
--Wendell Berry, *A Timbered Choir*



Description: Come join us in the beautiful setting of St. Francis Center for Renewal for a day beholding the beauty and wonder of birds. We will allow the birds to be our guides into our own meditation, into our own sense of being. We will open to the birds speaking to us beyond the sounds of their calls and the flash of their bright feathers in the sun. We will deepen our encounter with all that we experience. We want to end the day not so much with a list but with a deeper peace and many sweet memories of where we were met, where we were enlivened, by the birds we beheld.

Date: Saturday, May 19, 2018, 9:30am–3:30pm

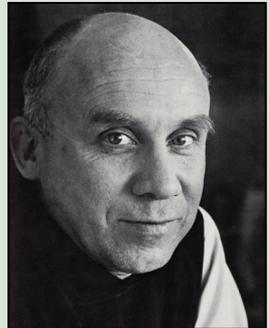
Place: The St. Francis Center of Renewal, 395 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017

Leaders: Linda Klopp and Glenn Mitchell

Cost: \$60- \$85 (as you are able) Please bring a bag lunch, and binoculars if you have them. Drinks will be provided. Dress for out-of-doors. No experience necessary.

Thomas Merton Retreat Day

*A Repeating Event with
New Explorations*



Description: Come join us for a day apart with the works of Thomas Merton. We have been gathering annually for 15 years in the beautiful setting of Still Waters to explore the continuing contribution of Merton. Thomas Merton (1915-1968), Trappist monk, writer, poet, contemplative, was one of the most influential Christian voices of the 20th century. The day will hold reflections on a theme, time for retreat along the banks of the lovely Conodoguinet Creek, and time to share with other seekers.

Date: Friday, June 8, 2018, 9:30am –3:30pm

Place: Still Waters Retreat Center, 501 W. Slate Hill Road, Carlisle, PA 17013

Leader: Glenn Mitchell

Cost: \$75 - \$95 (as you are able) Space is limited to 18, so please register early. Please bring a bag lunch, Drinks provided.

The Contemplative Art of Watching Butterflies

“The butterfly counts not months but moments, and has time enough.”

-Rabindranath Tagore



Description: The program will include instruction on the best plants to use to attract butterflies to your home garden, tips on viewing and photographing butterflies, suggestions on field guides and garden information and also ample time to settle inward and discover the significance of butterflies in your own personal journey through private prayer time journaling and art experience. The day will also include walks to view butterflies in the Mercer Educational Gardens.

Date: Saturday, June 9, 2018, 9:30am-3:30pm

Place: Mercer Educational Gardens, 431 A Federal City Road, Pennington, NJ 08534

Leader: Teresa Knipper

Cost: \$60 -\$85 (as you are able) Please dress for the outdoors with sturdy shoes, hat, insect repellent and sunscreen if you use, and bring water and lunch.

Still and Still Moving:

*In retreats/teaching, and
companioning others and in your
life’s web*



Description: How can you practice “stillness in motion” in tattered threads of your life’s web? Learn ways to open to surprise—with silent times, film clips, music, writing, gestures, and reading. Examples: pause with another to convert your insight into a question?; invite “silent applause” in groups; use “examen” in the shower to discern a centering word/image—then expect still points on the go; enter your “portable monastery” at the computer. *T.S. Eliot phrase

Date: Friday, June 15, 2018, 9:30am-3:30pm

Place: Christ Presbyterian Church, 421 Deerfield Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011

Leader: Kent Groff (Oasis Founding Mentor)

Cost: \$60 -\$85 (as you are able) Please bring a bag lunch, drinks are provided.



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June 2017

- 9: Thomas Merton Retreat Day
- 17: A Journey of the Spirit (Seasonal Labyrinth Walk)
- 21: Deeper into the Wild Hike

September 2017

- 9: Finding the Presence of God in your own Backyard
- 15-16: M4D Retreat
- 22: Deeper Into the Wild Hike
- 23: A Journey of the Spirit (Seasonal Labyrinth Walk)
- 26-27: SDSG II Opening Retreat
- 28-29: SDSG I Opening Retreat

October 2017

- 1-2: DYDM Opening Retreat
- 13: A Day of Praying with Clay
- 18-19: CL Opening Retreat
- 21: Seeing the Seasons: A Year with Photography
- 21: Writing as a Sacred Path
- 25: SDSG Year II Session
- 26: SDSG Year I Session

November 2017

- 4: Meditation and Motion
- 6: DYDM Session
- 9: CL Session
- 11: Explore Contemplation and Spiritual Direction
- 12: **Oasis Celebration Banquet**
- 17-18: M4D Retreat

December 2017

- 2: Waiting with our God: An Advent Day
- 4: DYDM Session
- 6: SDSG Year II Session
- 7: SDSG Year I Session
- 14: CL Session
- 21: Deeper Into the Wild Hike

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

January 2018

- 3: SDSG Year II Session
- 4: SDSG Year I Session
- 8: DYDM Session
- 20: Seeing the Seasons: A Year with Photography
- 20: A Journey of the Spirit (Seasonal Labyrinth Walk)

February 2018

- 3: Art4Soul Care Retreat
- 5: DYDM Session
- 7: SDSG Year II Session
- 8: SDSG Year I Session
- 8: CL Session
- 16-17: M4D Retreat
- 24: Enneagram: An Introduction

March 2018

- 5: DYDM Session
- 7: SDSG Year II Session
- 8: SDSG Year I Session
- 8: CL Session
- 21: Deeper Into the Wild Hike
- 24: A Journey of the Spirit (Seasonal Labyrinth Walk)

April 2018

- 2: DYDM Session
- 4: SDSG Year II Session
- 5: SDSG Year I Session
- 7: The Pilgrims Pathway: The Twelve Steps of Recovery
- 12: CL Session
- 14: Enneagram: Level II
- 21: Seeing the Seasons: A Year with Photography
- 27: Poetry as Prayer: Denise Levertov
- 28: Art and Soul with T r se of Lisieux

May 2018

- 4-7: M4D Closing Retreat
- 5: Journey to Wholeness Retreat Day
- 6-7: DYDM Closing Retreat
- 8-9: SDSG Year II Closing Retreat
- 10-11: SDSG Year I Closing Retreat
- 10-11: CL Closing Retreat
- 19: A Day Beholding Birds

June 2018

- 8: Thomas Merton Retreat Day
- 9: Contemplative Art of Watching Butterflies
- 15: Still and Still Moving
- 21: Deeper Into the Wild Hike
- 23: Seeing the Seasons: A Year with Photography

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