

2026 PASTOR'S SABBATH AT ORCHARD HILL



ORCHARD HILL IS
LOCATED NEAR
MILLERSTOWN, PA, JUST
OFF RT. 322, MIDWAY
BETWEEN HARRISBURG
AND LEWISTOWN.

Pastor's Sabbaths are designed to provide pastors and certified lay ministers time away for rest, reflection, and restoration. The day begins at 9:00 am. A facilitator leads the group through a time of discussion and sharing. Following lunch (bring your own bagged lunch) there is free time for napping, porch sitting, hiking, walking the labyrinth, use the time as you wish. The day closes with communion. Make time now in your schedule to care for you. 2026 dates are:

Tuesday, September 15 with Rev. Hannah Sledge. TOPIC: Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7.

Tuesday, October 20 with Rev. Eric Shafer. TOPIC: "The Healing Power of Nature." We will spend a day resting, renewing our souls and delighting in the power of God to bring healing by focusing on the beauty of God's creation.

Tuesday, November 17 Rev. Kimberly Cartwright. TOPIC: "Give Me One Wild Word: Discovering the Divine Presence in the Natural World." Inspired by readings from the book Give Me A Word by Christine Valters Painter.

COST: \$30 0.5 CEU credits provided

A regular visitor to Orchard Hill says: *"The Center at Orchard Hill is a wonderful oasis, sitting on top of a mountain away from the noise and bustle of everyday life. The solitude it offers is a perfect setting to quiet the soul and open one to a peaceful communion with the Almighty. I have been privileged to enjoy many classes and retreats over the years at the Center. There is a certain holiness and spiritual fullness to the place that opens one's heart and senses to the beauty of God's creation - including oneself. I always leave there with a wonderful feeling of peace, able to say, 'It is well with my soul'."*

COME STAY WITH US! To further enhance our retreat events, we invite you to consider coming to Orchard Hill a day in advance, meaning you will not have a long drive to arrive at Orchard Hill by 9 am. Spend the free time hiking, walking the labyrinth, or sitting on the porch and enjoying the quiet beauty of Orchard Hill. Overnight accommodations are available for \$85 per night (private room). You may feel free to arrive any time after 1:00 pm the day before the scheduled Pastor's Sabbath. Bed linens and towels are provided. Please bring your own food for the time you will be there (*including breakfast and lunch on the day of the Pastor's Sabbath*). A coffeemaker is available for your use, as well as a full-size refrigerator, stove and microwave. If you are interested in overnight accommodation, please indicate so when you register.

Due to the difficulties with U.S. Post Office delivery service, to assure that we receive your registration in a timely fashion, we are asking that you register online at www.centerformation.org (Happenings tab) or contact us by phone 717-249-1512, ext. 1006 or via email at admin.lisa@centerformation.org.

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