

**ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS MEETING SILENT RETREAT AT DAYSPRING**

**June 21 – 23, 2024**

*Be still and know that I am God (Psalm 46:10)*

Friends, I hope you can share in the silence of Dayspring Retreat Center. The joy of spiritual community as summer beauty emerges-- what a blessing! Love and LIGHT to you as you consider joining this adventure.

Details about the retreat follow, starting with excerpts from the Retreat Center=s welcome letter:

*The purpose of silent retreat is the deepening of communion with God, with other persons and with oneself. ... (W)e make space for...a time of waiting in silence, in solitude, to hear the voice of the One > Who speaks in everything that is, and who, most of all, speaks in the depths of our own being.= (Thomas Merton)*

**LOCATION:** Dayspring Retreat Center, 11301 Neelsville Church Rd., Germantown, MD 20874 (Telephone, in case of emergency: 301-916-1131.) See [www.dayspringretreat.org](http://www.dayspringretreat.org) .

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

- 1) Over 70 years ago, Church of the Savior in Washington, D.C. was led to establish Dayspring as a silent retreat center. Two simple buildings overlook meadows, woodlands and ponds filled with wildlife. The Inn (18 single rooms, each with Bible, bed, sink, desk and reading chair) and the Carpenter’s Lodge (living room with fireplace, dining room, kitchen and porch) are connected by a path.
- 2) Meals are vegetarian. A Dayspring cook prepares the food. Retreatants silently participate in set-up and clean-up.
- 3) Silence is maintained from Friday’s opening meeting for worship through Sunday’s closing worship. Worship sharing leads into and closes our shared silence.
- 4) Retreatants often bring devotional reading, personal journals, sketch books, knitting. Most importantly, we bring open hearts.
- 5) You will need toilet articles, casual clothes, walking shoes or boots, and a flashlight. Bed linens, blankets, pillows, washcloth and towels are provided. Socks and hats are recommended to deter ticks.

**SCHEDULE:**

**Friday:**

3:30 -  
7:00 Arrival  
7:00 Dinner, Intros, Orientation  
8:30 Worship Sharing, Meeting for  
Worship (Silence Begins)

**Saturday:**

7:30 Wake-up Chimes  
8:00 Breakfast  
9:30 Meeting for Worship  
12:30 Lunch  
3:45 Tea  
4:00 Meeting for Worship  
6:30 Dinner  
8:00 Meeting for Worship

**Sunday:**

7:30 Wake-up Chimes  
8:00 Breakfast  
10:00 Meeting for Worship  
11:00 Break (Maintaining Silence)  
11:15 Worship Sharing  
12:30 Lunch  
2:00 Departure

**REGISTRATION**

Registration deadline is Friday, 6/14. Write \$250 check payable to Dayspring Retreat Center and mail to Jean Christianson, 189 Edgewater Rd., Pasadena, MD 21122. Online payment can be made at [dayspringretreat.org](http://dayspringretreat.org) following Jean’s separate receipt of emailed registration info below. Feel free to email [jschristianson@gmail.com](mailto:jschristianson@gmail.com) or call/text 410-908-1912 with questions.

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