

SILENT RETREAT AT DAYSPRING for BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING FRIENDS

June 6 – 8, 2025

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

Friends, I hope you can share in this opportunity for SILENCE at Dayspring Retreat Center. The joy of spiritual community as summer approaches: what a blessing! Love and LIGHT to you as you consider joining this adventure. In peace, Jean Christianson, facilitator, member Annapolis Friends Meeting

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. ... (We) 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.

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, 5/30.

1) Email registration info below (and any questions) to info@annapolisfriends.org

2) Mail \$275 check payable to Dayspring Retreat Center 11301 Neelsville Church Rd., Germantown, MD 20874 OR pay online: <https://dayspringretreat.org/payment/>

Name _____ E-mail _____ Monthly Meeting _____

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Special needs _____