Spring is Here

By Amy Hoover

Spring has sprung at the retreat center! The birds have returned and so has the construction. The garden is planted (thanks, Peg!) and trees have popped their leaves. With spring comes graduations, confirmations and other celebrations of transition. Special congratulations and prayers for many blessings to the Creighton University Class of 2017. May you, and all those experiencing life transitions, be filled and guided by the Holy Spirit. It was a privilege to host your retreats these past years and celebrate and bless you this week!

Eight-day Silent Retreats

Eight-day silent retreats are planned for June 1-10, July 31-Aug. 9 and Sept. 28-Oct. 7. The first two retreats will be directed by graduate faculty and students in Creighton’s Christian Spirituality Program. These retreats include all meals, with a package rate of $650. The third retreat will be directed by Amy Hoover and the Rev. Bob Dufford, SJ. This retreat includes room, board and a spiritual-direction stipend. The cost is $730 with a nonrefundable deposit of $50. For more information, visit our website or contact Terri Lou, (712) 778-2466.

Circle of Life Retreat
A Circle of Life Retreat, directed by Joyce Rupp and Macrina Wiederkehr, will be held **Oct. 27-29**. Using the seasons as a backdrop for prayer, the directors will encourage participants to find their personal stories hidden in the life-giving spirit of these four emerging transitions: spring, blossoming and new beginnings; summer, fruitfulness and passion; autumn, harvesting and fruitful dying; winter, nurturing the seed in the holy darkness of your being. **Registration is now open.**

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**Visit Our New Deck**

Our new Prayer Meditation Deck is complete and ready for you to visit and spend some time in prayer. We are excited to have a local Boy Scout troop coming soon to create a patio entryway and "spruce up" the exterior. Thanks, Paul!

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**Thank You!**

We continue to update cabins, trails and signage. We often have the need for help staining the decking or groundskeeping. If you or your group would like to help, please don’t hesitate to contact Director Amy Hoover at 712.778.2466 or amyhoover@creighton.edu. You can contribute online [here](#) (Fill out your information, then scroll down to Gift Designation. In the "Other Designation - Specify Here," type in Creighton Retreat Center.)

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**About the Retreat Center**

The Creighton Retreat Center is located at 16493 Contrail Ave., Griswold, Iowa, 51535. The center offers eight- and 30-day Ignatian retreats upon request. Accommodations can be made based on your individual schedules. Please contact Terri Lou for more information.

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**Questions?**

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