

**COCI Steering Committee
June 4, 2009
6:30 p.m. Plymouth Church**

Present: Tim G, Jan S, Sandi W, Judy P, Jane T, Margaret M, Chris F, Paul W, Kathy R.

Upcoming Spiritual Journey series facilitators for the remainder of 2009:

June V018	Paul	October V022	Kathy R
July V019	Margaret	November V023	Tim
August V020	Kathy B	December V024	Paul
September V021	Sid		

Kathy Bradley sent thanks, and Kathy Reardon echoed this, for all the planners (Marilyn, Jan, Margaret, Jane, and Kathy Bradley) who helped with the Susan Komis event. Margaret turned in receipts totaling \$149.11 for the Susan Komis "Teresa of Avila" event. Jan turned in receipts for food totaling \$225.49. All members present declared this to be a enormously successful event, and Susan to be a gifted presenter and teacher.

Upcoming activities

Paul will organize a Taize service on Sunday, June 14 at 6:00 at Covenant Christian Church in Urbandale. Paul will send out an email about this.

Kathy is considering offering an informal meeting for support group facilitators at her home sometime in July.

Kathy handed around information about a Lexio Divina weekend, August 14 – 16 at St. Benedict's Center in Schuyler, NE.

September 25-27, Thomas Keating will be at the annual meeting in Chicago. Kathy handed out information about the registration.

October 10, an afternoon retreat followed by dinner at the Mezzanine level is scheduled. Art activities, meandering, viewing of a Keating video, Centering Prayer sits were some of the ideas suggested. Paul offered to bring art supplies for people to make mandalas.

Saturday, November 7, Collegiate Presbyterian in Ames will host a Centering Prayer and Labyrinth walk from 9 - noon. Sandi shared details about the labyrinth, made of inlaid oak in the floor of the Fellowship Hall. Kathy encouraged Sandi to check with Sara Hopkins in Newton about instruction.

December 12 is the Advent retreat at Plymouth UCC.

January 9, 2010 (snow date January 16) from 8:30 – 1:30 will be facilitator's training at Central Prebyterian.

Saturday, February 13 at Faith Lutheran Church, there will be a Silent Saturday from 9 – noon. Focus on mandalas.

On Saturday, March 20, the annual United in Prayer Day at St. Catherine of Sienna Church, hosted by the Centering Prayer group there.

April 9-11, Centering Prayer Weekend retreat in Newton at the Christian Conference Center. Margaret, Judy, and Steve are helping Paul with this event.

Some kind of “Pentecost” gathering on May 22, 2010, focus TBD.

Kathy will work with Susie Paloma to put all these upcoming items in a brochure/flyer.

Group Check in

- Tim reported that the St. Paul’s group on Thursdays at 11:30 is 5-7 people.
- Paul reported that the Wednesday noontime group at Covenant Christian continues to be about three people. They share a daily devotional and psalm.
- Jan reported that the Thursday 5:45-6:15 group at Faith Lutheran has 4-6 people. The 4th Thursday, Paul leads a Lectio Divina group, and this has been very popular.
- Margaret reported that the Monday night group at Plymouth rangers from 3-8 people. They continue to do 2-20 minute sits with a contemplative walk between.
- Chris reported that the Friday noon group at Central Presbyterian remains stable with 3 – 5 people.
- Judy reported that the first meeting of the Wednesday (5:30 – 6:15) group at Oakwood Methodist in Pleasant Hill went well. Paul will get this posted on the website.
- Sandi reported that the Tuesday 6:00 – 6:30 group at Collegiate Presbyterian in Ames has 5-7 members regularly.
- Tim reported that the St. John’s Tuesday (5:30) group has about 3-4 people on a regular basis.
- Sandi reported that the other two Ames groups are intact.
- Kathy reported that the attendance at St. Catherine’s (Wednesdays from 5:30 – 6:30) seems to be good with 8 or more people.

The next Steering Committee will be August 6. Centering Prayer will be at 6:00 and the meeting will be at 6:30 pm. This will be a potluck. November 5 will be the meeting after that.

Submitted by Chris Frantsvog