

Holy Week Labyrinth Retreat

Led by Nancy Corson Carter

Wednesday, March 31, 2010

9:30am-12:30pm

Held at Binkley Baptist Church

1712 Willow Drive, Chapel Hill NC 27516

The labyrinth is an ancient spiritual tool. Its winding circuitous walk symbolizes a pilgrim's walk with God. First recorded as used by Christians in the 4th century, it served in the Middle Ages as a substitute for a Christian's pilgrimage to Jerusalem when such journeys became unsafe during the Crusades. However, the labyrinth is an archetype found in all religious traditions in various forms around the world and throughout history. Unlike a maze, it has no tricks and no dead ends.

The 2010 ecumenical Holy Week Labyrinth will be sponsored by nine Durham-Chapel Hill congregations:

Binkley Baptist Church

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Chapel of the Cross Episcopal

Church of Reconciliation Presbyterian

Church of the Advocate Episcopal

St. Thomas More Catholic

United Church UCC

Unity Spiritual Life Center (Durham)

University United Methodist

There is a special opportunity this year to learn more about and experience the labyrinth. A half-day retreat will be held Wednesday, March 31, 9:30 am-12:30 pm, and is open to 25 participants (first come, first served). The retreat leader is Nancy Corson Carter, member of Church of Reconciliation and a Presbyterian elder. Retired from college teaching, she writes, is an environmental advocate, and leads retreats. She helps lead a weekly contemplative service at her church.

This retreat will consist of gathering, a brief introduction to labyrinths, personal reflection time (opportunity for journaling—through words or drawing!), walking the labyrinth (30-45 minutes), additional reflection time, and group closing time. Participants are asked to bring a Bible, a clipboard or writing surface, paper, and writing/drawing materials.

The cost of the retreat is being partially underwritten by sponsoring churches. A love offering will be received to offset remaining costs. Participants are welcome to make a donation in this way.

The deadline for registration is March 28. Please contact Binkley member Velma Ferrell to register (velmamferrell@nc.rr.com; 919-493-2066).