

## General Information

**HIDDEN ACRES** is a 22-acre camp and retreat centre, nestled among the gently rolling hills and farms of Perth County, quietly secluded from the pressures and hurry of daily life. The spring-fed pond, countless trees and acres of grassland are just a few of the reminders of God's creation that make Hidden Acres a natural setting for a variety of activities and functions.

A non-profit organization, Hidden Acres is owned and operated by Christians who have shared their resources to provide a setting in nature for all groups of people to experience a meaningful encounter with God, through times of reflection, recreation, relaxation and worship.



## Upcoming Events at Hidden Acres

Mark Your Calendar!

### Annual Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

June 12, 2018

### Family Camping Weekend

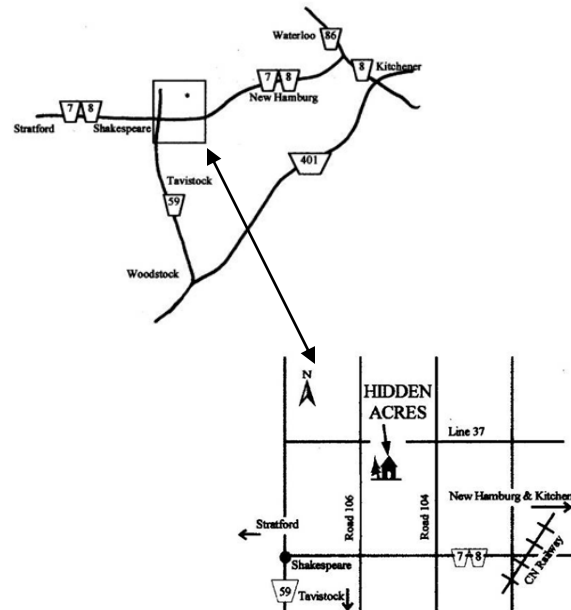
June 29-July 1, 2018

### Building Community Retreat

September 7-9, 2018

### Fall Seniors Retreat

September 24 or 25, 2018



### HIDDEN ACRES

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## Spring Seniors Retreat



## Green and Full of Sap:

A Rooted Spirituality  
for Later Life

**Resource Person**

**- Marianne Mellinger -**

(along with a Video Interview with  
Ralph Lebold)

**April 30<sup>th</sup> or May 1<sup>st</sup> 2018**

## Schedule for the Day

- 9:15 Registration & Snack  
9:45 Welcome and Worship  
10:00 Morning Session  
12:15 Meal, Fellowship & Free Time  
1:45 Afternoon Session  
3:30 Dismissal

\*Both the morning and afternoon sessions will include music and stretch breaks

## About the Retreat

Join the conversation as we explore our spiritual lives in the context of aging. In the midst of the losses and challenges of aging, learn how our spirituality is one aspect of our lives that has the potential to continue to grow and deepen. Listen as several elders reflect on how aging has affected their spirituality. Reflect on your own spiritual life either individually or in small groups.

### Morning Session:

- Input by Marianne and feedback
- Interview with Mary Schiedel
- Video Interview with Ralph Lebold (recorded in August 2017)

### Afternoon Session:

- Singing
- Fishbowl-Style discussion facilitated by Marianne with Nelson Scheifele, Amy Kuepfer, Lois Steckley, and Miriam Maust
- What will we take with us from this day?

## Resource Person

Marianne Mellinger's academic training includes seminary and a D.Min. in psychology and religion. Since moving to Canada in 2000 she has served as interim pastor at Preston Mennonite



Church and as the Coordinator for Leadership Formation for Mennonite Church Eastern Canada. In 2005 she began teaching practical theology in Conrad Grebel's Graduate Theological Studies program and became the Schlegel Specialist for Spirituality and Aging at the Schlegel-UWaterloo Research Institute for Aging. She retired in 2016.

Marianne is married to Ken Hull. She has three children and six grandchildren. Her vision for retirement is to live into the teaching of the prophet Micah, "to do justice, to love compassionately, and to walk humbly with God".

## Music

Music will be led on Monday by Ken Eby and on Tuesday by Lois Cressman and Phyllis Martin.

Hidden Acres would like to extend a

## Thank You

to all of the members of the Seniors Retreat Committee: Nelson Scheifele, Mary Schiedel, Kathy Bender, Sue Steiner and Maurice Martin

## Registration

## Spring Seniors Retreat 2018

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need transportation? \_\_\_\_\_

Can you offer a ride? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any dietary restrictions?  
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I/We would like to attend on:

Mon., April 30<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_ OR Tues., May 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_

### **Cost: \$41/person**

Please mail your registration and make cheques payable to:

Hidden Acres Camp  
1921 Line 37, New Hamburg, ON  
N3A 4B5

### **Please register by April 24<sup>th</sup>**

Registration is **limited** and valid upon receipt of registration forms AND payment.

Phone and email registrations will NOT be accepted prior to this deadline. You will be registered for the day checked off unless you hear otherwise from camp staff.