

# TAKE FIVE WITH FIVE OAKS

## OCTOBER 2011 EDITION

Five Oaks is a United Church Education and Retreat Centre located on a beautiful piece of property near Paris, Ontario

### We Need Your Help

The Five Oaks Board has been working to re-define the mission and vision of the centre. To ensure the mission and vision are inspiring we are asking for input from as many folks as possible. At the Annual General Meeting attendees were asked to complete the following exercise to help us with this work.



- How does this image speak to you?
- How does this image help Five Oaks tell our story?
- How will this image call us to the future?
- What are we missing? What does this image not capture?

Please take a few moments to email your responses to the following questions to [director@fiveoaks.on.ca](mailto:director@fiveoaks.on.ca), or mail your responses to: Five Oaks, 1 Bethel Rd, RR 3, Paris, ON, N3L 3E3.

### Hand in Hand

This month we will be launching a brand new program called **Hand in Hand: Equipping Congregations for Pastoral Care**. It is our hope that two *Hand in Hand* programs will be offered each year at Five Oaks to develop and nurture capacity for pastoral care in congregations with both lay people and ministry personnel.

In order to keep registration costs as affordable as possible, we are seeking donations to support this program. Please consider asking your church board, pastoral care committee or UCW to contribute financially toward this important ministry. Your help is greatly appreciated.



### Words to Ponder

"Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn."

- Elizabeth Lawrence

### CYF Program Update

With fall arriving the Children, Youth and Family Ministries is busy getting ready for a couple of events.

October 28 – October 30 is our Fall Youth Retreat. We invite all youth grade 7 and up to join us for weekend of songs, games and community building.

We invite the Youth leaders to attend the NEOS program that is also running that weekend.

For more information check out our website. We look forward to seeing you at Five Oaks soon.

### Upcoming Programs

- Hand in Hand: Equipping Congregations for Pastoral Care, October 17 (evening), Cost: \$35
- Listening to the Holy Through Dreams, October 28, Cost: \$65
- Labyrinth Walking with Lauren Artress, October 22, Cost: \$115

### In early November:

Changing Church, Spiritual Practices Intensive, Retreat for Clergy.

Remember there is a lot of great information on upcoming programs on the Five Oaks website [www.fiveoaks.on.ca](http://www.fiveoaks.on.ca).

