

HOW TO USE THE BUILDING

Donations

We are still trying to raise the last \$110,000 to complete Phase One of the landscaping plan. P. Allen Smith has completed the design work and there remain aspects of the entrance garden and trees for privacy screening that need to be completed. We would welcome gifts toward the salary of our staff person who is handling communications, hospitality and operations. Also, we have an endowment which we hope will grow over the years. Gifts for the endowment are also welcome and needed. The House of Prayer is a perfect place to send a memorial. We will acknowledge the gift to the family and make a calligraphic record of it in a beautiful donor book that is in our library. We would welcome your help

It is my/our intention to contribute to The House of Prayer campaign for the Diocese of Arkansas. Enclosed is my gift of:

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000
 \$5,000 \$_____

I am considering making a larger pledge to be paid over 1-3 years. Please contact me to discuss my gift.

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Please make checks payable to Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas — House of Prayer, and mail to House of Prayer, P.O. Box 251611, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72225.

Visitors

Visitors to the House of Prayer on Monday through Thursday should go to St. Margaret's Church to meet with Vance Marker and receive a key for the House of Prayer. Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., visitors may go directly to the House of Prayer, which will be open. People under 21 years of age must have an adult present in the building to use the House of Prayer. The House of Prayer will be open at the following times:

Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Friday	Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Check in at St. Margaret's Office to receive a key.	Call 501.821.7773 for greeter availability or use key fob for access (see below).	House of Prayer is open to visitors, who can go directly to the House of Prayer.

Friends of the House of Prayer

People over 21 years of age who have established a relationship with the House of Prayer can apply to receive a key fob that will let them enter the building seven days a week, 24 hours a day, all year. Please visit www.arkansashouseofprayer.org to complete an application or contact the Rev. Joyce Hardy at 501.821.7773 or at pjhardy51@comcast.net.

Greeters at the House of Prayer

A greeter will be present on Saturdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday afternoons from noon until 5 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities

The House of Prayer has a variety of opportunities for volunteers. Greeters are needed on an on-going basis. Volunteers are needed in the House of Prayer library and in the garden. If you are interested, please contact The Rev. Joyce Hardy at pjhardy51@comcast.net or leave a message at the House of Prayer, 501.821.7773.



HOUSE
 PRAYER

“Be still and know that I am God.”
 Psalm 46:10

*The Rev. Peggy Bosmyer
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*The Rev. Joyce Hardy
 Minister of Hospitality and Program Coordinator*

*The Rev. Susan Sims Smith
 Chairman of Steering Committee*

INTRODUCTION TO THE HOUSE OF PRAYER

Welcome

Welcome to the Arkansas House of Prayer. We hope your time here will be peaceful and renewing. In silence we may feel God's presence, experience guidance, restore our energy, and be filled with insights. As you leave the fast pace of daily life, may the quiet in this place, the design of the building, and the beauty in nature bless you on your journey. The House of Prayer is a joint ministry of the Diocese of Arkansas and St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, 20900 Chenal Parkway in Little Rock.

Journey

The building and grounds are designed to take you on a journey, where you can begin the process of letting go of daily life and entering a prayerful/contemplative frame of mind. The path through the woods leads to Room I – the outdoor entry garden. Silence begins at the door from the entry garden to the building. Entering the building in silence, you arrive in Room II, the pre-meditation room, which provides a transition from the outer to the inner and a place to leave shoes and belongings.

Shoes are removed or covered before entering Room III, the round meditation room. This is a movement into even more quiet. In addition to a round meditation room with chairs and floor cushions, off this room are three individual small prayer niches where you may sit on a bench for silence and prayer.

Moving into Room IV, the meditation garden, takes you back outside, into

nature, near a large fountain. Now you are preparing to return to the world and daily life. At some point, you will exit through the garden, retrieve things left inside and return down the path to your car.

You may find another order or rhythm that works for your journey through the House of Prayer. This suggestion of progressing through the four rooms is one way to approach the use of the building.

Shoes and the Meditation Room

Please walk into the round meditation room in socks, bare feet, or with shoe covers only. Upon entering the House of Prayer, visitors will come into the pre-meditation room. There you may leave your belongings. This is where you remove shoes or put on foot coverings (provided) over your shoes before you move from the pre-meditation room to the meditation room. (Shoes may be retrieved from Room II after leaving the meditation room.)

Silence

Please observe silence as you move through all indoor rooms of the building. The House of Prayer is an interfaith haven, set apart in nature, dedicated to contemplative prayer, meditation and quiet, where all are welcome. There will be no talking, singing, liturgy, teaching or chanting inside the building. Cell phones need to be turned off at the entrance. There will be silence – blissful, lovely, blessed quiet.

Garden

P. Allen Smith, our garden designer, will donate ten thousand daffodils to be planted in the fall of 2008 to bloom in the spring of 2009.

Scheduling

To schedule a space for a workshop, check with Vance Marker, Parish Administrator at St. Margaret's at 501.821.1311, to see if a room is available inside St. Margaret's. A class could take place inside St. Margaret's and people may walk over to the House of Prayer for silence off and on during the workshop. While using the meditation room, other meditators may come in and have silence at the same time as perhaps a group. Also, a class could be taught in another location, another church, a synagogue, or the Buddhist center, and the participants could drive to St. Margaret's to sit in silence at the House of Prayer. Since all are observing silence, there is no need to schedule the use of the House of Prayer. People may flow in and out of the building as they wish.

Library

The House of Prayer includes a small reading library. We are in the process of establishing a collection of books on prayer, meditation, and the spiritual journey. If you have a book to suggest or a book to donate, please contact the Rev. Joyce Hardy or drop off books in the church office. Please do not remove the books from the House of Prayer. While you are at the House of Prayer, enjoy the books in the library, perhaps write in your journal, or reflect on your meditation time.

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