



**BOOK DAYS: SOULS ON THE JOURNEY
2009/2010**

Returns for our fourth year
Presented by Oasis Ministries

At two locations: Kenbrook & Kirkridge Retreat Centers

Have you been longing for a spiritual book discussion group? Join us for a day of sharing prayer time, discussion and experiential contemplation. These days are open to anyone who would like to share gentle time together to meet Spirit through our shared love of books. These gatherings will foster openness and offer safety for our various theological, political, and denominational positions.

Leaders: Both facilitators are spiritual directors and graduates of Oasis' *Spiritual Direction for Spiritual Guides* and *Deepening Year for Direction Ministries*. **Kathleen Roney**, M. Div. is a prison chaplain and is also a doctoral candidate in Spirituality at Drew University. **Linda Klopp**, B.A. is an artist, group leader, and yoga practitioner.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Place: *This year we are pleased to announce two locations for book days, which we will use on an alternate basis.*

Please make note of the location with each date!

Kenbrook Camp, 190 Pine Meadow Road, Lebanon, PA, 17042
(Woodland Lodge, Cedar Room) (717) 865-4547; www.kenbrook.com

Or

Kirkridge Retreat Center, 2495 Fox Gap Road, Bangor, PA 18013
(Farmhouse) 610-588-1793, www.kirkridge.org

Retreat fee: \$35-\$55 per gathering date (discounts of 10-15% if you register for 4 or more at one time: \$125 for four gatherings; \$235.00 for all 8 gathering dates)

Registration: Oasis Ministries for Spiritual Development, 419 Deerfield Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011; 717-737-8222; oasismin@oasismin.org



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Book List 2009/2010

Tuesday, September 15, 2009- Kenbrook
Exploration of Western Christian spirituality

Things Hidden, Scripture as Spirituality, Richard Rohr

St. Anthony Messenger Press 08/08 ISBN: 978086716590

Richard Rohr is the founder and animator of the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Rohr examines some of the great themes of the Bible. Rohr begins by advocating a beginner's mind in relation to the Bible: a certain openness to mystery and the imponderables of human nature.

Tuesday, October 20, 2009- Kirkridge
Open exploration

My Stroke of Insight, Jill Bolte Taylor ISBN-10: 0670020745

A brain scientist's journey from a debilitating stroke to full recovery becomes an inspiring exploration of human consciousness and its possibilities. As the damaged left side of her brain--the rational, grounded, detail- and time-oriented side--swung in and out of function, Taylor alternated between two distinct and opposite realities: the euphoric nirvana of the intuitive and kinesthetic right brain, in which she felt a sense of complete well-being and peace; and the logical, sequential left brain, which recognized Jill was having a stroke, and enabled her to seek help before she was lost completely.

Friday, November 20, 2009- Kenbrook,
followed by Oasis annual dinner gathering
Exploration of the spiritual desert

Crossing the Desert Learning to Let Go, See Clearly, and Live Simply, Robert J. Wicks

Sorin Books 01/07 ISBN: 1933495081

"A few of the brothers came to see Abba Poemen. They said to him, 'Tell us what to do when we see brothers dozing during prayer. Should we pinch them to help them stay awake?'

"The elder said to them, 'Actually what I would do if I saw a brother sleeping is to put his head on my knees and let him rest.' "

Dec- no gathering

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Tuesday, January 19, 2010- Kirkridge

Exploration of spirituality from a woman's perspective

The Gospel of Mary Magdalene, Jean-Yves LeLoup

Inner Traditions 07/02 ISBN: 0-89281911-1

Jean-Yves LeLoup is the founder of the Institute of Other Civilization Studies and the International College of Therapists. His translation of the Gospel of Mary is presented along with a commentary on the text which was discovered in 1896, nearly 50 years before the Gnostic Gospels were found.

Tuesday, February 16, 2010-Kenbrook

Exploration of the spiritual psychological

Love & Death, My Journey through the Valley of the Shadow, Forrest Church

Beacon Press 09/08 ISBN: 9780807072936

Forrest Church served for almost three decades as Senior Minister and is now Minister of Public Theology at All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church in New York City. In this courageous and wise work, Church recounts his "journey through the Valley of the Shadow." He was awakened to the shock of death with the sudden passing of his best friend when he was in college: "We cannot protect love from death. But by giving away our hearts, we can protect our lives from the death of love."

Tuesday, March 16, 2010-Kirkridge

Exploration of spirituality through work of fiction

People of the Book, Grenadine Brooks

Viking , ISBN-10: 067001821X

One of the earliest Jewish religious volumes to be illuminated with images, the Sarajevo Haggadah survived centuries of purges and wars thanks to people of all faiths who risked their lives to safeguard it. Geraldine Brooks, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of March, has turned the intriguing but sparsely detailed history of this precious volume into an emotionally rich, thrilling fictionalization that retraces its turbulent journey.

Wednesday, April 21, 2010- Kenbrook

Poetry exploration and **author visit!**

Facing East, Praying West: A Poetic Journey through the Spiritual Exercises, Kent Ira Groff,

Paulist Press, Jan 3, 2010 ISBN is: 978-0-8091-4628-4

Groff is a spiritual companion for journeyers and leaders, a retreat director and a writer poet living in Denver, Colorado. With experience as a pastor, chaplain, and seminary professor, he serves as founding mentor of Oasis Ministries, Camp Hill, PA. Poetry has a way of drawing on intuitive, imaginative, and intellectual dimensions of our response to God's grace, often hidden in undercurrents of desolations and consolations. Letting the flow of words, images, and metaphors out through our fingertips—or in through our eyes—creates a holistic and primal way of praying.

Tuesday, May 18, 2010-Kirkridge

Exploration of rebirth (Spring)

Grace (Eventually): Thoughts on Faith, Anne Lamott

Penguin , 2007 ISBN-10: 0143142089

This quirky and appealing collection of 28 essays is Anne Lamott's third volume, after *Traveling Mercies* and *Plan B*, on her journey of faith as a contemporary Christian. Once again, she shares her idiosyncratic responses to the times in which we live. She sees God as "an equal opportunity employer" and believes it is possible "to experience the divine anywhere." So she stays on the lookout for the spiritual meaning of every experience.

Why spend this time at a book discussion with Oasis?

- It's a day of retreat, space for silence and prayer
- No experience necessary!
- There's discussion, conversations for growth
- Opportunity for spiritual reflection
- Diverse theological, political, and denominational positions
- All are welcome!