



# 2024 Fall Seniors Retreat

Falling in Love with Creation - For God so Loved the World  
Monday October 7th 2024

*You are invited to the beautiful Hidden Acres Camp to explore the theme of Falling in Love with Creation - For God so loved the world. What does loving God's good creation look like? What changes in us when we pay loving attention to creation? Come join us for a day of encouragement, reflection and good food.*

## Schedule for the Day

- 9:30am Registration & Coffee
- 10:00am Welcome & Worship
- 10:30am Input from Resource People
- 12:15pm Lunch
- 2:00pm Solo Prayer Time
- 2:30pm Storytelling/Group Discussion
- 3:15pm Closing Comments and Announcements
- 3:30pm Departure

## Meet our Resource People...



**Dean Peachey** is blissfully retired and living in New Hamburg with his wife Melissa. He is an active participant in Let's Tree Wilmot, a volunteer-driven initiative that is planting and caring for thousands of trees in Wilmot Township. He enjoys birdwatching, biking, gardening, and other activities that did not get enough of his attention during his previous lives in conflict mediation, university teaching and administration. Lingerer over coffee also qualifies as an acceptable activity these days.



**Shauna Leis** fell in love with creation at an early age and has been an educator, in classrooms and outdoors, since her youth. She currently teaches at Nature Connect a forest school in Kitchener and in various classrooms, as an occasional teacher, with the Waterloo Region District School Board. Shauna connects her calling as an educator and love of the outdoors with her passions for creating visual art, creative writing, nature journaling, gardening, and nurturing relationships with the Land and members of local Indigenous communities.



**Brent Musser** is the Environmental Stewardship and Facilities Director at Hidden Acres. Brent cultivates his passion for stewardship everyday at camp in his work. He is an avid birder and holds a deep appreciation for all God's creation as sacred and meaningful, a place of hard work and also of peace.



As an elementary school teacher, **Philip Martin** worked hard to help his students fall in love with creation. When he started taking small groups of students down to the Grand River early in the morning, he realized how important it was for him to have a place in nature to connect his spirit with God and the world around him. When he retired, Philip began visiting the river daily. In recent years he has been participating in the All Nations Grand River Water Walk. Philip believes that Christians can learn a lot from our Indigenous neighbours about being part of creation.

## Two ways to register:

Register online at our website, using the QR code OR mail this section of the poster along with a cheque made payable to Hidden Acres Camp: 1921 Line 37, New Hamburg, ON, N3A 4B5

Name:  
Phone:  
Address:  
Church:  
E-mail:  
Do you need Transportation? Yes No  
Can you offer a ride? Yes No  
Do you have any dietary restrictions? If yes, please explain:

I give permission for Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp to use any photograph or video I/we are in for promotional material: **Yes No**

**Cost: \$50/person**

In addition to serving our senior community, this retreat supports the work of the camp. Please contact the camp for financial support if needed.

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



Access our online registration form by scanning this QR code or visit [hiddenacres.ca/programs/seniors-retreat](http://hiddenacres.ca/programs/seniors-retreat)

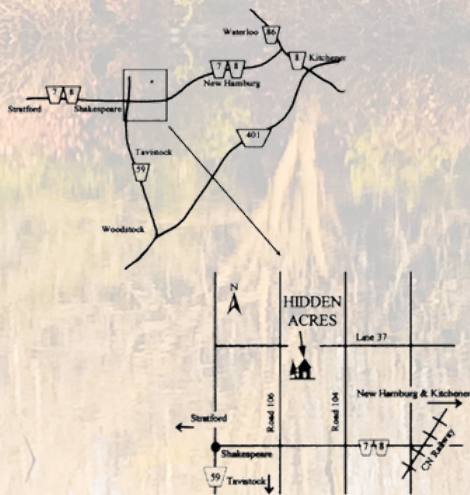
## Upcoming Events at Hidden Acres

**Annual General Meeting  
November 19th**

**Men Listening, Men Talking Retreat  
November 29-30**

**Grandparent & Grandchild Day  
March 10th**

**Spring Seniors Retreat  
Date TBD**



## Thank you!

Hidden Acres would like to send a heartfelt thank you to the members of the Seniors Retreat Committee:  
Ilene Bergen, Muriel Bechtel  
& Lois Cressman

## 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 charitable, non-profit organization, Hidden Acres is a peaceful gathering place where diverse groups of people experience life-giving connections with God, one another, and nature.

## HIDDEN ACRES MENNONITE CAMP

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