

Labyrinth Information

Matthew 5 Prayer Labyrinth <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3NE4z5Rb15s>

Crosby Beach – Dream Labyrinth <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v= whJDU-2fFI>

The Labyrinth at the Washington National Cathedral
<http://www.nationalcathedral.org/worship/labyrinth.shtml>

Labyrinth at Ascension Church, located outside next to the statue of Mary (map: <https://www.google.com/maps/place/Ascension+Church/@41.874098,-87.789592,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x0:0xf9772020ed70f786>), donated to Ascension in 2013. Modeled after the Chartres Cathedral in France is where the original labyrinth exists, dating back to the year 1201. http://www.labyrinthos.net/photo_library14.html

The Labyrinth at First United Church in Oak Park
<http://www.firstunitedoakpark.com/worship/labrynth/>

Directions to First United Church in Oak Park <http://www.firstunitedoakpark.com/contact-directions/>

Use the Labyrinth Locator to find another labyrinth near by or in a place you might be visiting soon

http://labyrinthlocator.com/locate-a-labyrinth?state=IL&simple_results=no&action=locate&offset=40

Taize Prayer Information

Please plan to attend a Taize service sometime before October 7th. Locally, they are held on Friday evenings, so plan now to find a service that fits into your and your family's schedule.

A couple of videos showing the communal and musical qualities of a Taize service
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wmo_wjVE3Xw
http://www.dailymotion.com/video/xgkd34_taize-roterdam-1_people

A history of the Taize Community http://www.taize.fr/en_article6526.html

Read about meditative singing, and explore the other links that describe the nature of the service itself http://www.taize.fr/en_article338.html

Read about those who visit the Taize community – who goes and what they do there
http://www.taize.fr/en_rubrique9.html

Taize Services are held on the **Third Friday** at 7:30pm in Oak Park at
Cornerstone UMC 171 N Cuyler - November, January, March, May
Euclid UMC 405 S Euclid Ave - October, December, February, April

Taize Services are held on the **First Friday** of each month at 7:30 pm at
Ascension Catholic Church 808 S East Avenue (September 4th and October 2nd)

Taize Prayer Assignment due October 9th

In Taize, France is a monastic community of brothers begun by Brother Roger as a shelter for refugees during World War II. Today over 100 Brothers continue to live a Christ-centered tradition of devotion to peace and justice. The Taize community has a strong commitment to youth, and every year thousands of young people make the pilgrimage there from all over the world, to gather, live simply, and pray with song and meditation.

Locally, several places of worship host gatherings in the spirit of Taize, often referred to as prayers for peace. **Before attending, use the links provided to educate yourself about the Taize community and the characteristics of services inspired by Taize.** Then you will attend a local Taize Prayer service sometime during the next month and reflect on your experience. The assignment, due October 9th, will be a packet that includes

- A song sheet/program from the service you attended or a picture of yourself there with the song sheet 5 pts
- A two-paragraph reflection describing your experience, and comparing and contrasting the service you attended with the services described and depicted in the links you explored. Use specific details in your essay about the location, participants, and music, for example, when you describe the similarities and differences. Was the service you attended what you expected? Explain. 10 pts
- Three reasons (each about two to four sentences) why you might want to visit the Taize community in France, based on your research using the web links provided. What might you be able to connect to personally there? What do you find interesting about the community in Taize, France that you want to know more about or participate in? 10 pts

Labyrinth Assignment due October 9th

As an extension of our prayer unit in Religion class, all students are required to do a contemplative prayer in a labyrinth. **Before visiting the labyrinth, students must view the video links on labyrinths that are provided on the above document.**

After viewing the videos, students will visit the prayer labyrinth on the grounds of First United Church in Oak Park. (Link to directions found on the above document.) It is strongly suggested that students visit the prayer labyrinth in pairs or with a parent, as large groups are not conducive to contemplative prayer.

The typed document to be turned in via Edmodo will include:

- A photograph of the student in the labyrinth 10 Pts.
- A three paragraph typed response to the experience of the labyrinth: Include the day and time the labyrinth was done as well as who was in accompaniment. Tell feelings experienced while doing the labyrinth. What is good about this form of prayer? Was it what you expected (based on the videos)? What (if anything) did you find uncomfortable? What is your favorite form of prayer? Why? 10 pts.
- Grammar, mechanics 5 pts.