

## Registration Form

Complete the form below. Mail with a check made payable to: *Trinity United Methodist Church*

**Meninger Retreat**  
3331 Shadowmoss Drive  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Dietary Restrictions:** \_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_ Vegan  
\_\_\_ Gluten-Free

**Church:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Single Room \$310

\_\_\_ Double Room \$245 per person

**Roommate** \_\_\_\_\_

(if you'd like us to place you with a roommate, check "double" and leave blank)

- Please include full payment with registration
- Cancellations, less a \$75 fee, must be received by January 15, 2016. No refunds can be given after that date.

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*On RETREAT with*

**Fr. William MENINGER**

*— The Great Mystics —*



*February 26-28, 2016*

**Cerveny Conference Center**  
at Camp Weed  
Live Oak, Florida

## The Retreat

Spend a weekend On Retreat With Fr. Meninger, as he presents the great mystics.

Since the very beginnings of Christianity, there have always been in the Christian church great mystics. People like St. Paul, St. Augustine, St. Francis of Assisi, Julian of Norwich and Thomas Merton are known to us all. There are many others, perhaps lesser-known like Moses the Black, Paula of Jerusalem, St. Monica, St. Beatrice of Nazareth, etc. Famous or lesser-known, they are all great mystics, that is, they are holy people who have approached God directly without intermediaries, even the intermediaries of thoughts or words. In short, they are the contemplatives. Some have written about their experiences extensively, some briefly, some not at all.

I have chosen, somewhat arbitrarily some of the great mystics to speak about this weekend. You may wish to read their writings or you may simply wish to be instructed and edified by a description of their lives and their approach to prayer. Some of these great mystics

are: St. Beatrice of Nazareth, Marguerite Porete, Walter Hilton, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Therese, and Evelyn Underhill. It was only after I decided on these great mystics that I realized that all but one of them are women. So be it. They shall be our teachers.

"God loves you; just love God in return. Do this and everything else will be added unto you. Give the priority of life to whom it belongs, to God."

## Retreat Bookstore

A large selection of books and CD's from St. Benedict's Monastery will be available for sale. The proceeds return to St. Benedict's to support their ministry.

**Please note—the bookstore accepts cash and checks only.**



Beautiful and peaceful - Mandi's Chapel is the spiritual center at Camp Weed.

## Fr. William Meninger

Father William was born, raised and educated in the Boston area in Massachusetts. His mother was born and raised in County Kerry and his father was a Quaker from Pennsylvania.

Ordained in 1958, after 8 years in St. John's Seminary, he was incardinated into the Diocese of Yakima, Washington where he worked on an Indian Reservation and with Mexican traveling workers for 6 years. In 1963 he entered the Trappists at St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, Massachusetts, where he served in the guest house for 15 years. There he taught Scripture, liturgy and patristics and served as prior and dean of the junior professed monks.

In 1979 he was transferred to a daughter house, St. Benedict's Monastery in Snowmass, Colorado, where he served as Prior, vocation director, novice master, and teacher of theology and scripture. He spent 3 years in Israel where he studied scripture and taught at the Center for Biblical Studies in Jerusalem and at the Trappist Monastery of Latroun.

He also did graduate studies at Seattle University, Harvard Divinity School, and Boston University. In 1974 he originated the workshop on Contemplative Meditation (later known as Centering Prayer) which he now teaches worldwide along with workshops on Forgiveness, the Enneagram, Sacred Scriptures, and Prayer. He leaves the monastery only 4 times each year to do this, lest he lose his own monastic orientation while sharing it with others.



Father William Meninger



Aerial view of Camp Weed

## Retreat and Registration Details

### Location:

Cerveney Conference Center at Camp Weed  
11057 Camp Weed Place  
Live Oak, Florida 32060  
386-364-5250  
<http://www.campweed.org>

### Arrival:

February 26, 2016 - 4 p.m.

### Departure:

February 28, 2016 - 2 p.m.

### Cost:

Includes two nights lodging, six meals (dinner Friday through lunch Sunday) and retreat fee. Lodging is hotel style, with two beds and all linens provided, and no television or phones in rooms.

Single Room - **-\$310** Double Room - **-\$245 per person**  
Please include full payment with registration.

### Camp Weed Animal Policy

"We do not allow pets. We do accommodate persons who need assistance provided by service animals. In the event that a member of your group requires a service animal, the animal must be certified as a service animal."

Please contact [jeanie@campweed.org](mailto:jeanie@campweed.org) or telephone her at 850.364.6250 should you have any questions.

### Cancellations:

A refund, less \$75, will be given on cancellations made in writing before January 15, 2016. No refund can be given after that date.

### For more information:



- <https://www.facebook.com/meningerretreat2016> or search Facebook for **Meninger Retreat 2016**
- **Email** [MeningerRetreatRegister@gmail.com](mailto:MeningerRetreatRegister@gmail.com)
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