MoonLight

Illuminating the difference you make with MoonTree

The Five Expressions of MoonTree

Your financial support of MoonTree is critical to our continued operations though money is only part of what empowers us to flourish. In addition to our financial capital, we rely on produced, natural, human and social capital as well. Each of these are tied to a unique expression of MoonTree (Studios, Lodge, Fund, Community, and Lab) with their own unique calls to action; Make Fire, Be Water, Give Life, Feel Earth and Think Air.



MAKE FIRE Express passion through creativity



GIVE LIFE Move with directionless compassion



BE WATER Nourish life through relationships



FEEL EARTH Touch and connect with nature



THINK AIR See through the whole to the part



MAKE FIRE Express passion through creativity

MoonTree Studios: Fearlessly Creating

MoonTree, through its role as a supporting member of the Marshall County Crossroads Committee, has helped lead the initiative to form the first Marshall County Arts and Culture Council. Through collaboration with local arts organizations including Wild Rose Moon, Heartland Artists Gallery, Rees Theatre, Cre8-UR-Canvas, Bremen Community and **Performing Arts Center, Culver** Academies, and Marian University's Ancilla College and MoonTree, the Marshall County Arts and Council facilitates communication, collaboration, and sharing of resources for all arts and culture stakeholders in Marshall County.



Oil Painting by Peter Lupkin

Stained Glass by William Lupkin



Blown Glass by William James Lupkin



Mixed Media Art by Birdie McElroy



Photography Collection from Ralph Cowan gifted by wife Pat Cowan

Stained Glass by William L. Lupkin Designs

Oil Painting by Peter Lupkin



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MoonTree Lodge: Lovingly Rebelling

Mindfulness is about being present to the world around us. It especially emphasizes a presence and respect for the life within and around us. Through serving as housing for Sisters, artists-in-residence, volunteers, interns, and other guests, the MoonTree Lodge has always been a center for conversation and contemplation. With centering prayer offered Monday thru Thursday from 3-3:30PM in the prayer loft, monthly Poetry Club meetings, and ongoing conversations, the Lodge continues to serve as a center for seeking change through, and for the sake of, love.

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MoonTree Fund: Intentionally Growing

Funded primarily through the generous support of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, MoonTree also requires support from people like you who believe in our mission, vision, and values. Like water, we all take different shapes and forms and respond with adaptability to an everchanging world. So too must our MoonTree Fund from which we are able to pull additional supporting capital. As we seek to grow it with the intention of a ministry that operates in perpetuity, we explore new models and opportunities that can ensure our presence and work for future generations prioritizing how we exist in relationship with ourselves, one another, and our Earth Community.



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MoonTree Community: Simply Being

The MoonTree Community started off simply in an old turkey barn. Now that we are housed in Marshall County's first LEED® Gold Certified building complex, it is more important than ever that we remain grounded by getting our hands dirty while working in partnership with the wider Ecological Services Department of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ at the Center at Donaldson. The Fr. Ed Reutz Memorial Food Forest, which just underwent its initial planting phase of apple, pear, and cherry trees this past spring, is just one example of that work.





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MoonTree Lab: Mindfully Engaging

The liberal arts and sciences have been an important part of the rich history of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ since they've been in the US. Through educational collaboratives with Marian University's Ancilla College, Marshall County Soil and Water District, the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Fund, and Permaculture Education (to name a few), MoonTree is firmly carrying forward that legacy of a liberal studies lens that provides an integral and holistic sense of our wider Earth Community.







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