

Students will arrive next month!

## Lagom Landing:

*a year-long adventure . . . building a LIFE!*

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When we graduate from high school, some of us know immediately where we're headed. For others, it's harder. Lagom Landing helps young adults "land" into their calling. Over the course of a school year, working with your hands and living in community, you'll learn the basics of residential construction and other hands-on trades. Discover focus in your life, joy in helping others, and skills that will differentiate you from your peers... no matter what you go on to "do" in life.

### STUDENTS!

Two inspiring students will be starting our Pilot Year, moving in September 8-9, and beginning Orientation on September 10. We are so grateful for your support as we've dreamed about this day!

Starting on October 11th at 6:30pm, we will host a Thursday night weekly potluck open to the public at 6:30 called "Speaking with Bread." Bring a dish to pass, eat dinner with our new students, and hear from a different mentor every Thursday speak about what makes him or her "come alive".

Here are some brief updates from our summer:

### WILD GOOSE FESTIVAL





## Wish List

Here are some things we could use, if you have, or wish to give:

--Copies of Madeleine L'Engle's *A Wrinkle in Time* and *A Wind in the Door* (required reading in our first few weeks).

--Copies of *Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals* (our one copy was given to us by Julie Johnson--thanks Julie!--and it's perfect for our Morning Watch time.)

--Empty notebooks, journals

--Large chalkboard

--Empty dry-erase board with or without a calendar on it.

--Laying Hens (our stalwart holdout, Faith, is lonely!)



Liz helps a

The wild goose is a Celtic symbol of the Holy Spirit. In late June, Laurel and I, accompanied by our niece Liz and a friend Hannah, journeyed down to Shikori Hills, North Carolina, to experience the [Wild Goose Festival](#).

Wild Goose is aptly named. There is a real convergence of life and imaginative Christian thinking, sharing, and music. A strong sense of hope filled our spirits as speakers challenged us to re-imagine new but honest ways to live out the gospel in our changing culture.

Our campsite became a landing place for kindred spirits. I met my "brotha from anotha motha" in Todd, a ragamuffin philosopher who daily inspired us with his wit and insight. My cousin Pete, playing with his band Aradhna, stopped in and we caught up with each other. Laurel's friend Liz and her pal Kelly and their kids, all from Knoxville, TN, shared our campsite and we had a great time reflecting on what we were hearing and doing. Gary, Jubilee, and Winnie, friends who had moved to CT, were just around the corner camping! Keith, who picked up Todd hitchhiking, showed up to return Todd's glasses he had left behind. As Keith shared his story, it became clear that it was no accident that Todd forgot his glasses.

Wild Goose was 3 1/2 days of the Spirit unloosed, sometimes chaotic, but always inspiring us to look deeper into experiencing and sharing the LIFE to which we have all been called.

Lagom Landing connected with many good people and organizations throughout the weekend and the ways in which these connections bring fruit will take place in their own time. We have seen this process of germination occur in the arrival of our first students. The seemingly random way in which the seed is watered and sprouts forth is a work of the Creator. I love the parable in Mark 4 where the farmer throws the seed around and goes to sleep.

Laurel and I have thrown the seed of this dream out in many surrounding areas, and we are learning now to rest in the truth that the growing process is ultimately in God's hands, and not our own.

Love to you all!

Rock

## CANNING VEGETABLE SOUP

young friend at  
our Lagom  
Landing booth.



The wild goose flies in a closing worship parade to "Oh When the Saints . . ."



We added a ping-pong table to the workshop, and already the competition has been heated! Got game? Come play!



One of our mentors, Judy Price, taught us how to preserve delicious vegetable soup to enjoy this winter. Seven attended this August 18 seminar, bringing the fruits of their spring and summer labors. Here is one of our new students learning how to use the pressure canner, with Judy's assistance.

Mark your calendar and call to reserve your place at future events where Judy will help us preserve:

- [Applesauce: Monday, September 24, 5-9pm](#)
- [Meat: Monday, November 12, 5-9pm](#)
- [Strawberries: June, 2013](#)

Many thanks to Judy for securing wonderful canning supplies for us through a grant from The American Association of Family and Consumer Science, New York Affiliate.

## GENEROUS DONATIONS

In addition to the donations of time and talent we receive from our mentors, we are reliant on the cash and kind donations of our donors. We are honored with the bequest of carpentry tools for our workshop that came from the estate of carpenter Conrad Kososki. We continue to also give thanks for the many who have donated funds to a scholarship program, which allows for us to offer our current students 1/2 off tuition. Click this photo of our renovated barn to donate online:

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