

## Hallowood Retreat & Conference Center

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Hallowood has been a ministry of St. Luke Lutheran Church of Silver Spring, MD, since 1992. Set in 55 acres of hardwood forest an hour northwest of Washington, DC, it includes a pond, labyrinth, courtyard garden, walking trails, and spacious covered deck. All facilities are in one building, with meeting rooms, dining room, and most bedrooms on the same floor. All bedrooms have a private bath either en suite or nearby.

### Driving Directions

#### **From points south, via I-495 (Washington, DC Beltway):**

From the “inner loop”, take Exit 38 to I-270. From the “outer loop”, take Exit 34 to I-270. Go north on I-270 to Exit 22, and turn right onto Old Hundred Road (MD 109 S), toward Sugarloaf Mountain. Go 3 miles, and turn right onto Comus Road (at the Comus Inn). Continue 3 miles, past Sugarloaf Mountain, and turn right onto Mt. Ephraim Road. Make the first left onto Banner Road. After .2 mile, keep left to stay on Banner Road. Hallowood is at the end of the road. Parking is available next to the main building.

**From points south, via US-29 & US-15:** Cross the Potomac River on US-15 at Point of Rocks. Bear right on MD-28. After 4.7 miles, turn right to stay on MD-28 (Dickerson Road). After 3.7 miles, turn left onto Mt. Ephraim Road (at the Dickerson MARC station). After 2.4 miles, turn left to stay on Mt. Ephraim Road. Go .5 mile, turn left onto Banner Road and proceed as above.

**From points north, via I-81 S:** Take Exit 4A to I-70 toward Frederick. Take Exit 53 to I-270 toward Washington. Take Exit 22 and proceed as above. **Alternate route:** From I-81 in Harrisburg, take I-83 S to PA-581 to US-15 S to I-270.

### Via Public Transportation

**By train:** Amtrak serves Washington, DC – Union Station from points north, south, and west. From Union Station, the MARC Brunswick line trains 891 and 877 stop at Dickerson, MD, which is about 4 miles from Hallowood. We can arrange a pickup in Dickerson; please let us know your plans. You can get the MARC schedule at <http://mta.maryland.gov/marc-train>. MARC trains do not run on Sunday, but a dropoff should be possible either at Union Station or at a Metro station that will get you to Union Station.

**By air:** Of the three Washington, DC airports, Dulles (IAD) is the closest to Hallowood, but Baltimore (BWI) and Reagan National (DCA) are only 10-15 minutes farther in terms of driving time. Expect about 60-90 minutes travel time from any airport, depending on time of day. Airport shuttles are available, but can be expensive. MARC and Amtrak trains connect BWI with Union Station in Washington and the MARC train to Dickerson. From IAD and DCA, Metro subway and buses provide connections to Union Station and MARC.

In addition to pickup at the MARC stop in Dickerson, we can arrange pickup from the Urbanna (MD) Park and Ride lot, which is serviced by commuter buses from BWI and other points connecting through the Shady Grove Metro station. It may also be possible for someone to make a modest detour to make an airport pickup on their way to Hallowood; please check with us before finalizing your plans.

### Accommodations

All rooms at Hallowood have one or two beds and a private bath, mostly en suite. All bed linens and towels are provided. A few rooms are on the second floor and require some stair climbing. Two ADA-standard rooms are available on the main floor; please note your needs on the registration form.

A very limited number of single rooms are available at Hallowood. Although we will keep a waiting list for on-site singles, you might also consider booking a room in a local B&B and registering for the retreat at the commuter rate. For a map of nearby B&B locations managed on the AirBnB web site, visit <http://tinyurl.com/nu22gx5>. Most are 15 minutes from Hallowood, in Boyds and Clarksburg, MD.

### Meals

Meals at Hallowood are simple and hearty and often include meat entrees. Chef George makes an extra effort to accommodate dietary limitations, as noted on your registration form. Be specific! A small amount of refrigerator space is available to retreatants who need to take care of their own special food needs.

### Arrival & Departure

The retreat begins with dinner on Wednesday and ends with lunch on Sunday. If you need to arrive late or depart early, please let us know. If necessary to accommodate your travel plans, it may be possible for you to stay at Hallowood an extra night before or after the retreat, for an extra fee. Please check with us first.