



## Community Life Together at Meadow Wood

We are in the learning and growing stage of “being community.” This process is a wonderful and transforming effort to any who are willing to jump in and be part of a community that is as imperfect as its residents! The challenges can make us stronger and more united in our love for one another if we will let them.

Despite the inevitable to-do lists and adjustments, we are delighted and amazed. After dreaming, planning and laboring for over five years, our vision is finally a reality. The common house is an unfolding blessing. It is the scene of our regular common meals as well as celebrations and gatherings. The kid’s play room has received an influx of really cool toys, and we’re finding new and exciting uses for the other rooms we’ve built. The library has proven to be a godsend for quiet, impromptu gatherings and prayer meetings.

After a determined effort to install the landscaping, the property is becoming a truly beautiful place to live. We have also received several wonderful community-building gifts -- new chairs for a casual outdoor gathering point, a major "digging area" for kids, and a ping pong table. The kid's playhouse has been moved to its new location (literally sited above the pond, with a rope bridge to get there), and we're trying to figure out how to best use the existing barn. A resident also donated a small green house so we can start our own flowers and vegetables from seed in the spring. Here's a look at some of what goes on here.



### Ongoing Events

**Besides having super together every Tues. eve and breakfast two Saturdays a month, we have had the following large events:**

**April 2008--we celebrated our second Passover meal with 60 in attendance.**

**November 2008--we enjoyed our 3rd Thanksgiving meal together in our common house.**

**December 2008--a hilarious and moving Christmas arty. We also had our second annual Christmas brunch on Christmas day.**

**This summer we are planning a "campout" in our back woods for any who want to join for all or part of it.**

**Every other Sunday evening there is a song and prayer in the common house. The second Sunday in every month there is an Orthodox vespers service.**

**The following groups are also meeting:**

**Greek class**

**mens support group**

**prayer each weekday evening in the library at 8:30**

**first Mon. of the month the Meadow Wood board meets**

**second Fri. of the month there is a community meeting**

**various committees meet throughout the month**

**Also the common house is used sporadically for things such as:**

**birthday parties**

**wedding**

**talent show**

**baby shower**

**co-op food network meetings and other community groups**

**art show**

**jewelry, cosmetics display**

**garage sale**

**game night**

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**Call Barb 360 692-8064 for details on upcoming events**

