

Tentative Schedule for A Preacher's Retreat Ghost Ranch, New Mexico August 3-7, 2026

(This Proposed Schedule Is Subject to Change)

Monday, August 3, 2026

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| 3:00 | Registration and Check-In Opens at Ghost Ranch |
| 4:00-5:30 | Reception and Fellowship (BYOB/S*)
<i>* Bring Your Own Beverages/Snacks to Consume or Share</i>
Location: Agape Courtyard |
| 5:30-6:30 | Dinner |
| 7:00-8:30 | Welcome, Orientation, and Worship
Sermon: Title TBA
Preacher: TBA
Location: Agape Worship Center |
| 8:30-? | Optional Evening Fellowship (BYOB/S)
Location: Agape Courtyard |

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

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| 6:30-7:30 | Optional Hike for Early Risers
Guided group hike to Matrimonial Mesa (gentle hike with elevation change)--departs from Cottonwood |
| 7:30-8:30 | Breakfast |
| 8:45-9:00 | Morning Prayer
Location: Agape Worship Center |
| 9:00-10:15 | Plenary Session
Title and Presenter TBA
Location: Agape Worship Center |
| 10:30-11:45 | Smaller Workshops (Choose One) |

	Three Workshop Topics and Leaders TBA Locations: Agape and Cottonwood
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-5:30	Free Afternoon/Activities
1:00-2:00	Optional Unstructured Conversation with Leaders
	Topic and Location TBA
4:30-5:30	Optional Guided Discussion with Leaders
	Topic and Location TBA
5:30-6:30	Dinner
7:00-8:30	Plenary Session
	Title and Presenter TBA
	Location: Agape Worship Center
8:30-?	Optional Evening Fellowship (BYOB/S)
	Location: Agape Courtyard

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

6:45	Optional Hike for Early Risers
	Guided group hike to Campo Santo (easy hike)--departs from Cottonwood
7:00-8:00	Optional Yoga Session in the Yurt (no extra fee for yoga)
7:30-8:30	Breakfast
8:30-12:00	Free Morning/Activities
8:45-11:45	Optional: Guided group hike to Kitchen Mesa (difficult, lengthy, scramble hike)--departs from Cottonwood
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:00	Plenary Session
	Title and Presenter TBA
	Location: Agape Worship Center
2:15-3:15	Plenary Session
	Title and Presenter TBA
	Location: Agape Worship Center
3:30-4:30	Smaller Workshops (Choose One)
	Three Workshop Topics and Leaders TBA Locations: Agape and Cottonwood

4:45-5:30	Optional Guided Discussion with Leaders Topic and Location TBA
5:30-6:30	Dinner
7:00-7:55	Panel Discussion: Topic TBA Location: Agape Worship Center
8:00-8:45	Evening Worship with Holy Communion Sermon: Title TBA Preacher: TBA Location: Agape Worship Center
8:45-?	Optional Evening Fellowship (BYOB/S) Location: Agape Courtyard

Thursday, August 6, 2026

6:00	Optional Hike for Early Risers Guided group hike to Chimney Rock (rigorous hike with some scramble)--departs from Cottonwood
7:30-8:30	Breakfast
8:45-9:00	Morning Prayer Location: Agape Worship Center
9:00-10:15	Plenary Session Title and Presenter TBA Location: Agape Worship Center
10:30-11:45	Smaller Workshops (Choose One) • Three Workshop Topics and Leaders TBA Locations: Agape and Cottonwood
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-5:30	Free Afternoon/Activities
1:00-2:00	Optional Unstructured Conversation with Leaders Topic and Location TBA
4:30-5:30	Optional Guided Discussion with Leaders Topic and Location TBA
5:30-6:30	Dinner
7:00-8:30	Plenary Session Title and Presenter TBA

8:30-? Location: Location: Agape Worship Center
Optional Evening Fellowship (BYOB/S)
Location: Agape Courtyard

Friday, August 7, 2026

7:00-8:00 Optional Yoga Session in the Yurt (no extra fee for yoga)
7:30-8:00 Breakfast
8:00-8:45 Concluding Worship
 Sermon: Title TBA
 Preacher: TBA
 Location: Agape Worship Center
9:00 Check-Out and Depart

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Tim Hart-Andersen, host for our week and current President of the board of Ghost Ranch, has been returning to this high desert retreat setting for more than 40 years. He recently retired after 24 years as senior pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis, a large urban congregation known for its ministries seeking social and ecological justice, creating affordable housing, embracing creative worship and the arts, and advocating for full inclusion. Hart-Andersen has offered leadership in financial stewardship across the church. Prior to coming to Minnesota, he served urban ministries in southern California and San Francisco.

