

Woodland Chapel's



Joyful News



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First Church of Religious Science
Rev. Maur Horton, Executive Officer

Remember in November

November is a month for remembrances. The liturgical calendar begins with "All Souls Day." On this day we remember all those who have passed on before us. In the traditional churches this day honors all the saints. When you realize that in the language of the New Testament, the saints refer to members of the church community, you come to know that we honor all persons both living and dead who have shared our belief in the Infinite, the One God.



On November 11 we will remember all the veterans who have served our country. This day started out to remember Civil War veterans who had died in the service of their country. It gradually has expanded over the years to include all veterans everywhere, whether living or dead. We owe so much to the faithful performance of their duties. Often in situations where it would have been easy to hide they stood up and carried the banner of liberty, the standard of freedom forward. They have our profound thanks. We are here in this magnificent nation because of these men and women.

On November 28 we will celebrate Thanksgiving Day. What a quintessential American feast day. It is not particularly related to any liturgical tradition or to a special movement of the churches. No it arose from the gratitude that the founding fathers of our country felt to the Deity that had brought them safe through the first year of their life together in the colony of Plymouth. We often associate this day with turkeys and gourds and the decorations of fall leaves bristling with multiple shades of yellow and red. We see black pilgrim

hats and uniforms with white square-cut collars. Yet it is gratitude to God that lies behind all the costumes and festivities. We are grateful not just that God is good. We all know that. Rather that God operating in this world and more specifically in our lives is good. Six times in the first story of creation in Genesis chapter 1:1-24, the ancient Hebrew storyteller reiterates "And God saw that it was good." All the goodness that we experience is some part of the infinite goodness of God. We remember the goodness of God living in us, as us, through us on Thanksgiving Day.

A new opportunity for Woodland Chapel to remember occurs on November 10. Members of Woodland Chapel will have the opportunity to remember what our Chapel was founded to be, a community of people who believe in God and seek to find and express the spiritual truth of the Divine within. Our vote on whether to affiliate with the Centers for Spiritual Living will be the occasion for this remembering.

November is a time to remember. You are a unique manifestation of the goodness that is of God. Remember the many services the "saints" who have gone before you and the "saints" who surround you bring into your life. Be thankful. Remember, too, the goodness that you bring into this world with the gift of your service. What you do, what you say, the way you approach others—these are causes for deep gratitude. Remembering to always approach yourself, your neighbors, and your community with kindness and faithful service will fulfill the promise of all these great recollections. You, too, are a beneficial presence in this world, one of its "saints." Let it be so always. ☺

Rev Maur

Woodland Chapel Celebrates
Joy! In One Spirit, One Life, One World!

Woodland Chapel
The Church of Joy!

Ministry of Prayer

To contact any of the following people, leave a message at Woodland Chapel
(503) 362-4139

Reverend Maur Horton
Reverend Don Kerr
Practitioner Kathy Prather
Practitioner Connie Walker

Applause

A big thank you to **Valerie Kehlenbeck** and **Gwen Myers** for volunteering to take care of the plants in the solarium. The plants appreciate all the tender loving care.

Thank you to **George and Dona Copa** for their loving presence and for the donation of books and kitchen items. Lots of people had fun at their estate sale.

Thanks to **Brent Havener** for loaning his leaf blower so that **Andy Byers** could blow leaves off our roof, out of the gutters and off the lower parking lot.

Thanks to **Charlie Prade** for bringing his truck and his leaf blower to work on the meditation garden and lower parking lot during the last gardening day of the season. He was helped and assisted by **Rev. Don and Phyllis Kerr**.

Thanks to everyone who purchased used books at our sale.

Thanks to all who stayed and participated in our open forum board meeting.



Sunday Meditation Schedule

Every Sunday morning at 10:30, Woodland Chapel presents a Meditation Service. Each facilitator will guide you into stillness of spiritual connection with their own unique method. We look forward to you joining us.

- November 3**
Kathy Prather, RScP
- November 10**
Connie Walker, RScP
- November 17**
Rev. Maur Horton
- November 24**
Rev. Don Kerr



MUSIC



- November 3**
Matt Sazima and Kathleen Walter
- November 10**
Doc Fleetwood and Kathleen Walter
- November 17**
Christine Elder and Kathleen Walter
- November 24**
Kathleen Walter, Karen Hansson, and The Joyful Singers

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dick Walker .. November 3
George Copa .. November 3
Ellaine Smith .. November 6
Shannon Wilson..November 9
Connie Walker .. November 27



Woodland Chapel sends birthday cards to our community members. If you would like to be remembered in this way, fill out the form on the Community Matters table.

SUNDAY SERMONS

- November 3**
Bobbie Lee
You Can Fly
- November 10**
Rev Linda Finley
- November 17**
Rev. Don Kerr
Awake
- November 24**
Rev. Maur Horton
Windows of the Soul, Part 3





PRACTICING THE PRESENCE

By Kathy Prather

Visioning



I was waiting in Redman, Oregon for a bus tour to begin. So I started reading my Oct. 2013 Creative Thought magazine. I opened it to an article written by Frank Maitoza about visioning. He quoted from Michael Beckwith and his definition of visioning. I was in a very open frame of mind and it seemed to me that I should spend this day quietly visioning.

We saw some really interesting sites on our guided tour of the area. We visited a Badlands Wilderness area east of Bend/Redmond. This was followed by a visit to Reynolds Reservoir. This is a beautiful area in the middle of the desert with willows growing around the edge. I wandered off along one side of the pond looking very keenly at the ground and thinking about visioning. Michael Beckwith's words were "catching in consciousness that which hasn't manifested yet, but is seeking to manifest through us"—trying to emerge as us.

I felt that this idea was enveloping this day. We had our boxed lunch there and then continued on to our final site. That night there was a BBQ and we were getting to the time of saying good-byes and giving hugs to our new acquaintances. All day long I had notice an American Indian woman named Tanna and her husband, Lynn. She seemed to have a nice disposition and had dimples when she smiled. I had been wanting to talk to her but I hadn't been able to think of what to say to her. I decided I had to take the risk because time was running out.

So I went up to her and we kind of hugged and I looked right at her. I said to her "I know I don't look like it, but my mother is American Indian. She is 1/8 Indian and I am 1/16 Indian. You remind me of my mom." She asked me what tribe we were from and I told her "Wintu." She nodded. I told her that my mom has dementia. And she gave me a hug and said "I'm sure your mother loves you very much." Then she asked me where my mother lived and I said "Quincy, California." (This is an isolated place of about 5,000 pop.) She said "My husband graduated as valedictorian from Quincy High School in 1958. His dad was the pastor of the Methodist church there."

I said that when I had heard their last name it had rung a bell. I then went over and briefly talked to her husband. I mentioned that our neighbors of 60 years, Jack and Shirley McLean, in Quincy had been great friends with the Engdahls. I realized later that his father had been the minister when we had first moved to Quincy in 1956.

What I needed from the universe was a message from my mom that she loved me. I also needed some closure because our neighbor, Shirley, who was like my second mom, had passed away in February. I was also reminded of my home church which I attended as a child.

And this all happened because I was in a receptive frame of mind. I had received the vision. I had taken the risk to act on it even though I didn't know where it would lead. I had also healed some of the angst of the struggles of the American Indian in this society. By meeting and recognizing each other it had eased the memory of pain held in the collective subconscious.

I am now a person with new memories and a new idea about who she is. She is a person who can act on her vision. 🌍



Speaking of Speakers

November 2013



November 3: Bobby Lee, RScP is a licensed Religious Science Practitioner, a fourth year ministerial student at The Eugene Center for Spiritual Living, and the director of the SpreadLove Science of Mind study group in Gleneden Beach.

November 10: Rev. Linda Finley became a Practitioner in 1997, a minister in 1999, when she founded the Center for Spiritual Living in Petaluma, California. She was hired as the Spiritual Director of the Eugene Center at the end of 2006

November 17: Rev. Don Kerr first got into metaphysical thinking as a Theosophist. He completed his training to become a Religious Science Minister with Rev Mary Midkiff at Woodland Chapel in 2004. He continues to serve as an Assistant Minister at the Chapel. He will speak on TBA.

November 24: Rev. Maur Horton started in metaphysics in 1976 and completed his training to become a Religious Science Minister with Rev Tony Bonaccorso at Woodland Chapel. He has served as an Assistant Minister since 1991. He will speak on "Windows of the Soul, Part 3." 🌐

This is a brief summary of a three page report which you can access from our website, www.woodlandchapelsalem.com.

Affiliation can benefit Woodland Chapel because it:

1. Provides the Chapel with an opportunity to re-envision itself in light of its connection with a worldwide community of Science of Mind churches.
2. Can give the Chapel a contemporary name, "Woodland Chapel Center for Spiritual Living," for example.
3. Expands educational opportunities for our congregation with new certificated and non-certificated courses.
4. Supports our staff and congregation with a local network of like minded churches.
5. Brings the advantages of an international organization and brand to help others find and identify us.

Potential areas of concern are largely answered:

1. There will be no loss of autonomy. Once our senior minister is affiliated with CSL, our current ministers and practitioners can continue to function in their present capacities.
2. Costs are manageable. The chapel sets the monthly amount it contributes to CSL and the salary of its minister. Other costs such as for sign change and legal review of bylaws may cost as much as \$4,500 total.

If the congregation approves, there are five basic procedural steps to affiliation. 🌐



WOODLAND CHAPEL

Where People, Life, and God Meet in Wholeness

November 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:00am Yoga	2 8:00-9:00am AA 10:00am-4:00pm Annual Arts and Crafts Day
3 10:30am Meditation Service 11:00am Church Service 7:00pm AA	4 6:00am Yoga 4:00-6:00pm Understanding the Bible 7:00pm Mushroom Society	5 7:00am Meditation in the Sanctuary 9:00am Yoga in Library 5:00-6:30pm Buddha 101 7:00pm AA/OA	6 6:00am Yoga 10:00-2:00 Office Hours 2:30-4:00 Book Study/ Discussion Group 7:00pm River Sanga	7 10:00-2:00 Office Hours 8:00pm Under 30 AA	8 6:00am Yoga	9 8:00-9:00am AA
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What's Happening

Meeting of Members on November 10



Board Action

The board of trustees approved a motion to call a meeting of the members of Woodland Chapel on Sunday, November 10. It will occur after service toward the end of hospitality time at about 12:30. There will be two major items of business. The first is to vote on affiliating with the Centers for Spiritual Living. The second is to vote on selecting Rev .Maur as our senior minister.

On October 13 the Board held an open forum meeting with the congregation in the Chapel Library. The meeting started about 12:30 and ended shortly before 2 pm. About 25 people stayed and listened to a report from members of the committee studying whether Woodland Chapel should affiliate with the Centers for Spiritual Living.

Various members of the committee read the report out loud. We went around the room giving everyone a chance to comment and ask questions. Comments varied from people who were totally in favor of affiliating to those who did not think it necessary.

After everyone had a chance to ask questions, Rev Maur who chaired the meeting, asked for a show of hands. The question was: should the board call a meeting of the congregation to vote on affiliating with the Centers for Spiritual Living. Twenty voted in favor. Five voted in opposition.

The board and congregation then took a five minute recess. The board and those who wished to stay reconvened. The board accepted Robbie Porter's resignation from the board due to changes in her personal and work life, but not from Chapel membership. The board appointed Candy Willimann to fill out Robbie's term. The board also approved a motion calling for a meeting of members of the congregation on November 10 after service.

Notes from the discussion at the October 13 Open Forum.

Probably the biggest issue raised against affiliation was the fear that our **present staff of ministers and practitioners** would not be able to serve. The committee has found in conversations with the staff and ministers at the Centers for Spiritual Living that so long as Woodland Chapel has a senior minister recognized by CSL, current staff **can continue in their present functions.** Rev Maur has started the process to be recognized by CSL. It remains for the congregation to select him as senior minister. This information relieved many of concerns about affiliating.

The next biggest issue was the fear that the Chapel would not **remain autonomous.** The affiliation committee has reviewed all relevant documents and agreements. The committee has concluded that if members decide to affiliate, **the Chapel would continue to be autonomous and run its own affairs with its own bylaws without administrative interference from CSL.** The Chapel remains free to disaffiliate anytime by vote of the congregation. *(continued on next page)*

What's Happening

Meeting of Members on November 10

~ Continued ~

The issue of timing came up. **"Why now?"** Committee members and those in attendance responded that the Chapel has an opportunity to look deeply at itself and renew its vision. This is true whether it affiliates or not.

In the response to *"Why now,"* some mentioned it is time for the Chapel to clarify what it really is and wants to be. **Affiliation would facilitate visioning. The support of sister churches and CSL staff can help.** The Chapel can join the recent effort which has joined the old Religious Science International and former United Churches of Religious Science together as the Centers for Spiritual Living. Affiliation would foster oneness rather than separation.

The opportunity to **change our name** came up was one of the most widely mentioned benefits. **Affiliation makes this easier.** "Woodland Chapel Center for Spiritual Living" would remove confusion with Scientology and Christian Science. This kind of name would help the Chapel focus on its essence as a community of those who seek to find spiritual truth. It would identify its role better to our members and to our community. The Chapel would remain a Science of Mind Church, teaching the principles of Religious Science.

Improved education for our congregation was mentioned. A number of those in attendance remarked on the wide variety and excellent quality of courses available in the CSL churches they have belonged to. **The Chapel would gain access to many classes** and improve its educational programs.

The **potential for growth** was also identified as a key benefit. Affiliation could help the Chapel grow **by providing our ministers, practitioners, and members with a broad community to support their spiritual growth.** They could participate in regular discussions with other ministers and practitioners about ideas that work in similar churches. **The Chapel would be listed in the directory among the 400 Centers** for Spiritual Living, making it easier to find.

Other points were raised. One person suggested we need a full time minister and a paid secretary. Another suggested that proselytizing is a way to grow our church without affiliating with CSL.

Please see a summary of the report of the Committee on Affiliation that appears elsewhere in this issue of Joyful News. ☺



Our Vision

Woodland Chapel Celebrates
Joy! In One Spirit, One Life, One World!



Our Mission

Woodland Chapel promotes Spirit-centered living by teaching principles that heal the mind and body, expand prosperity, and nurture relationships in an inclusive, joyous community.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

10:30am Meditation – led by a Practitioner – Sanctuary
11:00am Worship Service – Sanctuary
11:00am Junior Church – Classrooms

Junior Church

All children are always welcome in our Junior Church! For the month of November, the theme will continue to be "Peace Around the World" with a number of fun games and projects to do around that topic that will introduce elements of geography, world religions, and cultures in a fun way. Candy Willimann and Heather Terhune, welcome you!



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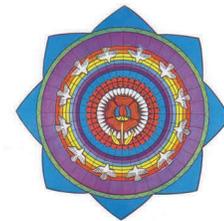
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Wills and Bequests

Deciding where you want your property to go after your transition is simply a prudent course of action. Among the choices you can make is the choice to help the church by making sure that some portion of your property goes to Woodland Chapel.

Through their wills and estate plans, friends and members of Woodland Chapel have given the church bequests of money, land, and other property. Some of the gifts have been small, some large, and all were appreciated and helpful to the church. It is relatively easy to help Woodland Chapel in this way. The simplest way is to name Woodland Chapel as a beneficiary in a will. If you prefer, you can make a gift right now as part of your estate planning. You will want to consult an attorney to plan these gifts.

Spiritual Mind Treatment

For

November 2013

One Life

There is but One Life. That Life is the life of God and it is my life now. I know for myself and for Woodland Chapel clear thinking guided by Divine Intelligence and right decisions informed in Wisdom. I envision myself and every member of our congregation embraced in love, confidence, health, wholeness, energy and abundant wealth. These are the natural outcomes of living in Spirit. I am grateful for all these gifts of the Spirit. So it is Amen.



Let all that you do be done with love.
1 Corinthians 16:14



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