

Woodland Chapel's



Joyful News



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First Church of Religious Science

Rev. Maur Horton, Senior Minister

Begin and End Everything with Prayer.

I am so grateful that the Chapel sent me to share in the Centers for Spiritual Living annual business meeting and conference. Everything we did started and ended with positive, affirming prayer. As a result God consciousness was almost palpable. We sang, we listened, we applauded. We also met one another socially and to discuss business. Yet every day, every session and workshop opened with prayer and ended with prayer.



The theme of this conference was *World of Wonder*, the title, *W.O.W.* And it was a conference about which I can say, "Wow, what an experience." I found a community of people that truly put the Divine at the center of each process. This community proclaims that love is the answer to all of life's challenges. That's a world of wonder.

For example the general session on Building Your Community featured eight senior ministers of healthy congregations. Each presenter acknowledged the fundamental truth that it all starts in consciousness, our individual and communal consciousness of God. Based in our vision of the Divine, ideas flow, actions occur and the people of the congregation find ways of being and doing that call the Universe in to support them. Everything is possible in God.

The entire conference reflected the purpose, vision and mission of the Centers for Spiritual Living.

1. Our PURPOSE is to awaken humanity to its spiritual magnificence.
 2. Our VISION is a world that works for everyone.
 3. Our MISSION is to provide spiritual tools for personal and global transformation.
- Over and over again presenters returned to the vision statement: showing how we can co-create "a world that works for everyone."

The Centers for Spiritual Living are fostering a greater awareness of the call to be involved in helping change the world we live in. While on the level of the Absolute in the Kingdom of God all is perfect, there is much that merits change in both our personal and our social lives.

All change is based in spiritual vision. To help in this, let's each of us take the opportunity to consider in our meditations, the answer to this question: "*What is the highest vision I have for my life?*" Listen for the answer.

Partnership is the key. If we partner with God, God will clarify our minds in love. We will uncover just what we are called to be and to do. Our Divine partnership ensures our Vision Teams will find projects that improve our individual and communal lives.

Each of us creates partnerships in our work and volunteer activities. As a community we partnered with Safe Families for Children on our Christmas Tree of Giving. Now we simply build on our successes. We can trust that our vision teams will help lead our Chapel to greater growth in Spirit and in Truth because we begin and end everything in prayer.

Love and Blessings 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

We are thankful for all who send in their tithes faithfully each month. This provided our chapel with a healthy bank deposit on a Sunday when weather prevented our church service.

We also thank **Phyllis Kerr, Connie Walker, Candy Willimann, Vicki Tournay, Donna Stevphns, Dick Walker,** and **Rev Don** for supporting our hospitality time each Sunday

Thanks to our Visioning team volunteers. These include: **Bill Gordon, Pearl Georgen, Cathy Daniels, Michele Giammateo, Rev. Maur, Rev. Don, Nadine Heusser, Carmen Bacho, Vicki Tournay, Cheryl Gribskov,** and **Carolyn Uplegger.**

And thanks to **Pearl Georgen** for leading workshops on Negotiating.



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.

March 2

Dick Walker

March 9

Rev. Maur Horton

March 16

Kathy Prather

March 23

Connie Walker

March 30

Rev. Don Kerr

MUSIC



March 2

Matt Sazima and Kathleen Walter

March 9

Doc Fleetwood and Kathleen Walter

March 16

Matt Sazima and Kathleen Walter

March 23

WC Goodtime Band

March 30

Kathleen Walter, Karen Hansson, and the Joyful

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Michelle Giammateo

March 2

Pat Elling...

March 8

Christina Wilson..

March 17

Rev Don Kerr..

March 23

Cathy Daniels..

March 26



If you would like to receive a birthday card and be recognized here, please fill out the Celebration form on the Community Matters table.

SUNDAY SERMONS

March 2

Rev Maur Horton

A New Vision: Be the Change You Want to See

March 9

Pearl Georgen

Making the Vision Real

March 16

Rev. Don Kerr

Uncommon Visioning

March 23

Rev. Trish Mackey

The Beginning is the Hardest

March 30

Christine Elder

The Sweet Spot: Living the Divine Connection of Your Dreams





President's News March 2014

January..... we (the Board) survived our first month under “New Management”. The flow of activity here in Woodland Chapel is increasing. Our Visioning session is generating interests in congregants to become more involved in Church functions. I think there is a saying something like: “Stand back and watch it unfold.” After our Visioning session it's: “Jump in and get 'er done.”

I believe everyone learned something from the CSL Eugene crew's January sermons on SOM. They truly presented Woodland Chapel with “New perspectives”. When our paths cross with theirs sometime in our future, and they will, take a moment and thank them for stepping in and giving their time and efforts in helping us in Woodland Chapel during January.

I want to acknowledge the wonderful job Charlie Prade is doing with the Book Club on Wednesdays. I've dropped in on a couple of their sessions and there is always a very lively discussion happening around the information they are gleaning from their book selections.



With the longer daylight becoming apparent and the days becoming slightly warmer the Church grounds will soon be bursting out with new growth and flowers everywhere. Nothing like a little TLC to our grounds to help Woodland Chapel look better. Many thanks to our “Grounds Crew”.

Connie, Candy and Phyllis did a “job” on the kitchen during the last week of January. The entire back of Candy's SUV was loaded with bowls, coffee pots, bun warmers...(previously mentioned by Rev. Don and Dave) and many other unused kitchen items. They have created the “vacuum”.... now let's wait to see what new items turn up to help our kitchen staff prepare for Coffee Hours and Pot Lucks. ☺

Dick Walker,
Board President

Woodland Chapel is an Institution of Learning

2 Classes begin in March



Metaphysical Bible Course, taught by Rev. Maur

Ten Monday classes from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Explore the truth hidden beneath parables and stories of the Bible. You'll have the opportunity to expand your consciousness through reading, explaining and meditating on specific passages. Fee for the class is \$100

Class begins Monday, March 17

Negotiating for Maximum Impact, facilitated by Pearl Georgen

3 Saturday workshops from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Would you like to improve your communication skills and get more of what you want at work and in your personal life? Would you like to be an influence for greater peace and cooperation in your neighborhood or community? Each class is \$20 or sign up and pay early and get a 10% discount.

Workshops are Saturday, March 29, April 5, April 12

See the flyers for more information, and sign up at the Community Matters table. 🌐

Claire Fuller shared a poem with us in January
Entitled *TWENTY FOURTEEN*
Written by her friend, Macy Hays

T There's now a new page turning
W Worlds of good await us still
E Each hour is here for us to fill,
N Now is the day we start new learning
T Time span to savor as new year gift;
Y You choose the path, slow or swift.

F For soon will dawn that bright new morn
O Over our lives as we stride along
U Under new moons we right old wrong
R Resolves are made, new starts belong.
T The days are ours. We set the pace
E Eager we move, broad smile on face
E Earnest, we plan how to run our race.
N New Choices to make. Go in Grace.





WOW What a Conference!

The Centers for Spiritual Living sponsored an informative conference, called World of Wonder, WOW. Indeed it presented so many inspiring general sessions and informative workshops. I can see why they elected to call it WOW. The conference was a great opportunity to discover just what kind of organization our Chapel is joining. Here is some of what I learned and experienced.

The Leadership Council conducts the business of the Centers for Spiritual Living. They have the final say on all matters not requiring a vote of the membership. They oversee all the operations of home office staff who exist to support the affiliated centers. I was able to meet ten of the members of the Leadership Council. The Spiritual Leader, Dr Kenn Gordon and the President, Dr John Waterhouse are on the council. Both of whom visited briefly with me. There are also nine elected to the Leadership Council: three ministers, three practitioners and three laity. They are elected for terms of three years with rotating vacancies. Three directors, key staff, join this group for a total of 14. In all I was able to visit briefly with ten of them.

Opening General Session

Dr Kenn Gordon opened the first general session with a passionate speech advocating that the Centers for Spiritual Living turn their attention outward to become a more compassionate organization. Rev David Alexander reported on efforts to form strategic alliance with other organizations which are making a difference in the world. He introduced Bishop Yvette Flunder of the Fellowship of the Affirming Ministries.

Bishop Yvette inspired us all with a speech that contained everything from stories about her grandmother to quotes from Paul. She was both funny at times and quite pointed. One of her comments was that those who wage fear are terribly well organized in their efforts to control the world. It is up to organizations like ours to prove peace is possible and work cooperatively with one another

Building Your Community General Session

Eight successful ministers shared their best practices for building their communities. Each agreed it all starts with consciousness, consciousness of the Divine potential in each of us and in our centers. Dr Petra emphasized leadership development. Edward Viljoen emphasized opening our organizations to community involvement. Christian Sorensen spoke of love and the personal touch. Moira Fox said we must grow ourselves to grow our centers. Patrick Cameron mentioned we must go from head to heart. David Brunner described how he contacted 1,000 former members and donors and asked them what needed to change at the center. David Ault declared that dynamic authentic personality is the key to building community. Discussion and questions from the assembly covered much ground: centers vs churches, peer to peer engagement, visioning process, engage your community by partnering with those who provide social services. Each center is different.

Minister's Session Workshop

We discussed having other healing modalities in our centers, such as Reiki, Oneness Blessings, and Healing Touch. Some do and some stick closely to using only Science of Mind prayer treatment. Most communities have developed a clear idea of what they will and will not allow in their centers. The key question is does the practice fit the vision of the center. ☺

WOW (continued)**The Metanoic Process Workshop**

This process starts with visioning and proceeds to setting specific goals and objectives through a collaborative GOAL process (Gratitudes, Opportunities, Aims and Limitations). The process is not completely developed as yet.

Visioning Workshop

This was an extraordinary workshop explaining the visioning process as visioning for life. The Bodhi center in Chicago uses visioning for all projects. If someone suggests painting the room a different color, the response is: "Let's Vision on that."

Over the past 10 years the Bodhi center has taken all questions into the visioning process. It is a form of meditation that asks questions and listens for answers which may be in words, images, feelings, physical responses, or nothing at all. It is a form of being in the present. It is a way of moving from Kingdoms 1 and 2 to Kingdoms 3 and 4. There is no wrong way to vision. We went through a meditative exercise and then considered these four basic questions. 1: What is your highest vision for your life. 2: What must I release to support my highest vision? 3: What must I embrace to support my highest vision? 4: What must I become to support my highest vision? 5: Is there anything else I must do to support my highest vision? This is a great personal tool that one can use every day.

Business Meeting on the Strategic Plan

Petra Weldes lead an efficient planning exercise. She had appointed facilitators for each of 12 different areas of the Center's strategic plan. Each participant chose a group of interest. After 45 minutes we were free to move to a second group.

I participated in the Spiritual Living Groups where we discussed the many types of circles that centers have, including meta model, and interest group such as theater and knitting. These are often led by facilitators whose primary qualification is a great interest in the topic around which the group focuses. CSL has started a circles program. Anyone can sign up to start one. The idea is to tap Science of Mind subscribers particularly those who are not currently in a center. We discussed the Oneness circles.

My second group was the Regeneration group. This group discussed how to improve youth and young adult participation in the Centers. Leadership in all its forms, mentoring, and education paths leading to both ministry and lay leadership were proposed.

Conversation with Rev Gregory Toole, Member Support and Education Director

There are from 50 to 75 certificated courses available on line. Quarterly webinars feature such topics as how to attract more families into our centers. Toolkits help establish teen and young adult ministries. Staff is beginning to revise youth curricula which are about five years old. The object is to make curricula more user friendly and smart phone accessible. There are 13 regional support coordinators, 11 in the United States. Oregon's coordinator is Dr Candice Beckett. The coordinators attempt to visit each center quarterly.

There are 22 diversity trainers who provide ways to grow and open the center.

There is a co-creation process which focuses on what's working and not working at the center, healing centers through connection with Spirit. This often helps centers who have lost their minister.

CSL is developing a leadership training track for lay leaders and a network of leaders among the centers.

There is still much to report. I purchased a set of DVDs that cover the general sessions and a set of audio recordings of the workshops. I am available to discuss any of the sessions or workshops that might be of interest. Rev Maur 

A Dear Friend of Woodland Chapel has made her transition

Mary Ann (Fanyak) Nehls was ordained as a minister at Woodland Chapel Church of Religious Science in June 2004. She is survived by her three children. Mary Ann's grace, strength, and joy expressed throughout her life will be truly missed by all who knew and loved her, though the memory of her will always be with us.



Congregation Directory is on its Way!

Carolyn Uplegger has drafted a directory of all congregants of Woodland Chapel. This will help us keep in touch with each other personally and facilitate working together on projects. The draft copy is on the Community Matters table ready for you to make corrections, additions, or deletions.

If you do not want your name or other information to be included in the book, please mark up the draft copy accordingly by March 16. We need your input in order to proceed. Thank you!

Book Study/Discussion Group

Wednesdays 2:30 to 4:00 pm

The Book study group will begin a new book, *The Alchemist* on Wednesday, March 5. After that we'll read and discuss *The Biology of Belief* by Bruce Lipton. Newcomers are welcome to join in the group at any time. See Charlie Prade for more information.

Thank You notes from recipients of Woodland Chapel's Giving Tree Christmas project

18-year-old Carissa wrote: I wanted to thank you for all the thoughtful gifts. It was really sweet. I was not expecting any gifts, but my Christmas was different. I'm sorry I didn't write back sooner. I've been busy with school stuff.

Foster mother Jessica wrote: It was great fun to watch Carissa open all her gifts. I know she felt very special Christmas day and as she shopped with her gift cards. I was truly blessed as well by your love and care for us.

Women of Woodland Chapel

March 13, 2014



The Women of Woodland Chapel will be hosting a meeting at noon on Thursday, March 13, in the Fireside Room. Bring a bag lunch and they will supply coffee and dessert. Come and help them plan for the future of Woodland Chapel.

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.

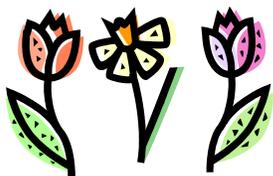
Schedule of Services

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 March, 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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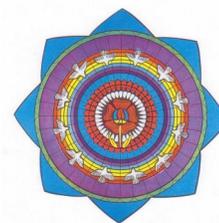
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All article and event submissions for next month's issue are due the third Sunday of this month. Articles should be typed and double spaced. Leave your article in the Newsletter Editor's mail slot to the right of the church office door or email your article to:

cddaljo@yahoo.com

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
March 2014
*God Is All I Experience***

In this very moment I know that God is all, all that I see and all that I experience. God expresses as me in every experience of my life. I am free to choose how I experience this profound relationship. I choose right here and right now to experience beauty, love, joy, freedom, well being, friendship, laughter, and an abundance of all the good things of life. I am grateful for the life I have and the opportunities it offers me to grow in Love and Spirit. And So It Is! 🌍

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

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mail it back to us.
Thank you.