

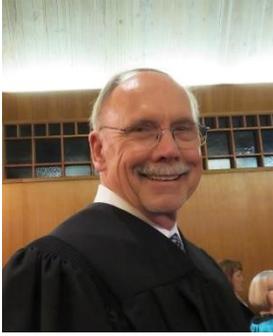
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Center for
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Message from Rev Maur

What a great gift it is to engage fully in life. What a delight to really enjoy who we are right where we are.

We live more fully when we learn better how to create new experiences in our lives.

Creation is constantly in play. We all access this divine principle consciously or not. Sometimes we just create experiences willynilly. We give no real thought to what we are creating. Habitual reactions take over. Say someone cuts us off in traffic. We might honk our horn or signal our displeasure with a hand signal. This gives the other driver an excuse to get more aggressive with us. I have heard tell of incidents where road rage results in injuries and even death to one or both of the participants.

As Religious Scientists our intention is to create an habitual state of mind that includes conscious reactions. We consciously access the powerful principle of creation. There is a certain tranquility built into that approach. We are confident, assured. In the instance where another driver cuts us off, maybe even preventing us from making the next turn on our route as happened to me recently, we can respond with awareness. Perhaps we just apply the brake and allow some distance between our vehicles. Or we take other appropriate actions calmly, perhaps changing our planned route.

How do we get into such a habitual grounded state of mind? We establish our intention to be in constant harmony with our higher creative power. We realize that we have the ability to live in awareness of the Presence. Through affirmations, mantras, meditations and affirmative prayer we still the constant chatter within. This stillness then becomes our habitual mind set anchored in the Infinite, in the Spirit.

In this improved state of consciousness we are able to be more thoughtful, compassionate and even joyous. Then when someone does the unexpected or takes a rude action, we allow a little open space between their action and our response. Reaction becomes response. We are grounded. We respond graciously rather than react rudely.

This is a way we use spiritual law to more fully engage in life. We become a point of peace in the world. We help create better experiences for ourselves and for those around us.

Thanks for being part of the consciousness of our growing spiritual community

Namaste

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Our Center grows as each of us envisions growth and expansion in our spiritual practice. We use spiritual law when we affirm our vision of growth.

SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS

May 6 -- Rev Julie -- "How Deep Is Your Well?" Rev Julie will reveal something of the mystery of how you contact the Infinite. Darcy Schmitt and Brent Gjevre will provide music.

May 13 -- Rev Maur -- "The Creative Order. What does it really mean to you?" Susan Brakeall and Mark Pearson will provide music.

May 20 -- Rev Don -- "Surprise! Transcending Facts/Revealing Truth!" Christine Elder and Randy Byrnes will provide music.

May 27 -- Rev Dr Marcia Pearce -- "No Matter What." Dr Pearce will share how Principle and Precedent interact. Blaine Moody and Annie Cornely will provide music.

The theme for the month of May is "Spiritual Laws and How to Use Them."

CONCERT AND WORKSHOP

Charley Thweatt

Saturday Concert & Sunday Workshop

Your Heart Will Drink This In

Saturday, May 12th

Concert 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
\$20 Suggested Love Offering

Sunday, May 13th

"How To Take Your Power Back"
Workshop 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
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Charley Thweatt Bio:

Charley Thweatt brings his gifts of warmth, humor, presence and ease to any gathering. He has been a favorite with Unity groups since the early 80s, when he took a leap of faith from his budding architecture career into touring full time with his spiritual concerts and workshops. Charley has a talent for turning a room full of strangers into connected family, by sharing his original music, his angelic voice and his insightful workshops. He has been a presenter for spiritual organizations and metaphysical conferences for 36 years, throughout the U.S., Canada, Europe, Australia, Fiji and Japan.

The biggest influences on Charley's spiritual path have been Unity, Centers for Spiritual Living, *A Course In Miracles*

and seven years of touring with Alan Cohen's workshops and retreats. Charley has also been the musical opener for such other luminaries as Wayne Dyer, Marianne Williamson, Deepak Chopra, Ram Dass and Louise Hay. He has appeared on national television and radio with his songs, with such titles as

You're an Angel, Take Your Power Back
and

Dancers in the Light. You'll find his many CDs and more about his transformative work at his website: www.musicangel.com.

"Letting It Fly" Concert

Music is powerful. And in the hands and heart of this musician, our walls melt and the room becomes one. Come join in this fun and moving program of music and connection with lots of opportunity to participate and sing along. During some of Charley's songs, we will touch into that sweet inner place of peace. And during others we will shift into full out joy and joining. No two concerts are alike. It's always an in-the-moment event, with Charley listening for which song he is guided to play next. Amazing moments are available in this experience, and in a very brief time you may even feel that sense of inner connection that usually comes only after attending an entire weekend retreat!

"How to Take Your Power Back" Workshop

In Charley's workshop we'll look at three major spiritual principles, which can change your life. How? By bringing you back to your true power. Is life urging you to get off the bench and back in the game? Do you ever get the feeling that there's more you could be seeing? Are you ready to tap into a greater source of inspiration and trust? In this two hour workshop we will dive into three powerful areas of our lives with music, lecture and experiential exercises. When you have activated these innate aspects in yourself, you will be more in your power and an even greater power for good! People find themselves glowing with a new depth after this experience.

Sign Up Sheets are in the Library.

Or sign up by:

Email: woodlandchapel@gmail.com

Phone: 503-362-4139 and leave a message

ALL ARE WELCOME



Our Building Fund

We have been so blessed by the Divine through our congregation's generous support of our special building projects. About nine years ago in less than six months our congregation raised \$25,000 to resurface the pitched roof over our sanctuary. Just last year we raised over \$6,000 to paint and improve our building before our 60th birthday bash. These recent donations came from a variety of sources, from our congregation and notably from members of River Sangha. The picture above shows our people in front of our building before it was painted last summer.

At its March 18 meeting our Board of Trustees prioritized three projects needed to improve our building and grounds.

Here they are.

1. **Roof Repair:** This past fall three different roofers told us that our flat roof needs to be resurfaced or replaced soon, preferably before next winter. Preliminary estimates run from \$25,000 to \$13,500.
2. **Asphalt Repair:** Anyone who drives in can see that our asphalt driveway and parking lot needs repair. Preliminary estimates for repair are about \$12,500.
3. **Walkway Repair:** The walkway from the front of our Center to the Library door should be replaced with lighter materials. The walkway itself has slid down the hill a bit and is not level. Preliminary estimates are about \$12,000
4. Among other projects the labyrinth comes to mind.

One generous donor has already given \$3,100 toward the first project which is expected to cost about \$14,000.

We can do it! We have in the past and we are well on our way to our goal for our first project.

Our May Calendar

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May 2018

How to Use Spiritual Laws





| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 9 AM Yoga 12:00 Practitioner 1 Class 6:00 pm Meditation and Affirmative Prayer Class 7:00pm MA Marijuana | 2 6:00 am Yoga 10:00-2:00 Office Hours 10:15 Ministry Team 7:00pm River Sangha | 3 10:00-2:00 Office Hours 10:15 am Department Heads 8:00pm Under 30 AA | 64 6:00am Yoga | 5 8:00-9:00am AA |
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| 13 — Mother's Day 10:30am Meditation Service 11:00am Sunday Celebration 1:00 PM Charley Thweatt Seminar 7:00 pm AA | 14 6:00am Yoga | 15 9 AM Yoga 12:00 Practitioner 1 Class 6:00 pm Meditation and Affirmative Prayer Class 7:00pm MA Marijuana | 16 6:00 am Yoga 10:00-2:00 Office Hours 7:00pm River Sangha | 17 10:00-2:00 Office Hours 10:15 am Department Heads 8:00pm Under 30 AA | 18 6:00am Yoga | 19 8:00-9:00am AA 1:00 pm Volunteer Recognition Luncheon |
| 20 10:30am Meditation 11:00am Sunday Celebration 12:30 Introduction to Spiritual Living 7:00pm AA | 21 6:00am Yoga | 22 9 AM Yoga 12:00 Practitioner 1 Class 6:00 pm Meditation and Affirmative Prayer Class 7:00pm MA Marijuana | 23 6:00 am Yoga 10:00-2:00 Office Hours 7:00pm River Sangha | 24 10:00-2:00 Office Hours 8:00pm Under 30 AA | 25 6:00am Yoga | 26 8:00-9:00am AA |
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This is CSL

We have videos of some excellent messages shedding light on the direction that the Centers for Spiritual Living is taking. We have held three sessions so far. Expect more.

Audio recordings of some sessions are also available.

Just call our office or Rev Maur and leave a message if you would like to schedule a group or a private showing.

A Poem of Blessings

Gael Olmstead wrote a poem which she shared in our Affirmative Prayer and Meditation Class. It moved us so much we asked her if we could publish it in our May newsletter. She agreed. You might let her know how it affects you.

I am blessed and I am a blessing
A fountain of Life ever flowing.
With the wings of a Dove
I send forth my Love
In my staying and in my going.

I am a blessed child of Light
the oil of Spirit every glowing.
With the wings of a Dove
I send forth my Love
In my staying and in my going.

My cup, my portion, my blessing
Has no limit nor no measure.
The more I give
The more I receive
The Great Circle of Life,
my treasure.



Science of Mind Treatment I am the Power!

There is a Power, an Intelligence, a Love that is greater than any one of us. It has always existed and will always be. It is the Source of all, seen and unseen. The Creator of all life.

I live in and through this Power. It operates in me, through me and as me. This Power is perfect and it is my power now.

I declare that the Eternal Power that is God operates in every dimension of my being. I feel the power of health flowing through my body. I acknowledge the power of Spirit as it floods my mind with gracious, loving thoughts and my being with joyful feelings. I welcome the natural movement of this power as it flows through me into every circumstance of my life. I am a being radiating grace, ease and joy. Any challenge I face dissolves in the light of the Power of Infinite Intelligence as Its Love washes over me. Life reflects its powerful love back to me. What I know for myself, I know for Woodland Chapel and all of its members. Woodland Chapel grows as center of spiritual awareness and attracts more people who can benefit from the Powerful Love of God that flows through it.

I give thanks for this vision. I am grateful for life, for my life lived abundantly. I rejoice in my powerful expression of divinity and in the growth of our Center.

I release and I let Go. Right here, right now and always, I allow the Power of Divine Law to manifest these words and so much more.

And So It is.