

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

I have a great love for the Hawaiian Islands, and I was recently remembering a trip to the Big Island of Hawaii, where the volcano was erupting. We could walk on black lava, seeing steam pouring out of holes in the landscape and beyond us was a cloud of thick smoke, where fiery lava was pouring into the sea, creating even more land.

In Kona, residents weren't very concerned that the eruption was happening, although many of them have friends or had friends or know of someone who has lost a home or land because of the lava flow. The air quality was not as good as it once was and there is ash in the air.

It seems to be a human trait to ignore what is right before us at times. We might feel that way looking at the world news, but it *is* about us. Everything that happens around the globe is about us. We are the people of planet earth. We are humanity in all its diversity. We are of the same source, share the same characteristics, and want the same things. It is how we believe we can obtain what we desire that is so different and therein lies the challenge.

People who believe they must appease a male God, a power so vengeful that it requires martyrdom, will make decisions that are vastly different from people who believe they themselves are empowered to act on their own behalf, that they have an inner God, a creative intelligence that functions in support of them. Emma Curtis Hopkins (D. 1928) said we are all doing the same thing. We are thinking: There is Good for me and I ought to have it." The thief, the beggar, the industrialist, the student are all motivated from that inner prompting.

How to get our good is the driving force behind today's' headlines. Some can only see terrorism. Some see hard work as the answer and others think some outer agency is the source of their good.

How different our world would be if everyone knew the power of their own mind: If we felt the oneness with the Source itself which is being us, acting by means of us, revealed as our life!

Through troubling times, when the news appears to be all bad, let us not give up on humanity. Our problems are spiritual – the misuse of our Power- and the solutions are spiritual as well.

We don't need political revolutions; we need a revolution in our thinking – in our perception of our place in the Universe and how we co-create our own experience.

Sharing this truth, speaking our truth, acting upon our truth is what will ultimately change the world.

Let us each be an instrument of change!

And so it is!

With love,

Rev. Carrie

Here we are April already.

First I would like to thank Jennifer Jameus for stepping forward to take over Pat Alfke Wright's roll as bookkeeper for the Church. You are greatly appreciated.

Also thanks to Pat Alfke Wright for her seven years of service as our Book Keeper. Pat you always went above and beyond. We all hope you and Tom enjoy all the traveling that you have planned.

Everyone enjoyed the special Sunday on March 13th with Andy Bryce and Nathan Aswell. Both the service and the workshop were well received.

Many of us are looking forward to the Circle of Love in April.

On April 10th we will enjoy another visit from Nancy Shipley Rubin. Nancy will be giving the Sunday talk and a workshop in the afternoon.

That's all for now.

Love and Blessings

Anne Millar

### **HAWAII'S NANCY SHIPLEY RUBIN RETURNS TO US SUNDAY, APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>**

Nancy will be doing the morning talk at our Centre and the afternoon workshop as well. Last time she was here, she was very well received.

Nancy comes with a new message this time: **WALKING INTO GRACE.**

*Join us as we explore a fun and practical guide to awakening Grace-filled moments. In the morning talk, Nancy will chart how to stay aligned to spiritual influences, helping you identify your voice of truth. You will learn how to ground the awareness of Presence into your daily activities to bring more ease and joy. The goal is alignment. In our time together, she will demonstrate how to ask clearly for what you need as you open your heart wider to your inner gifts. Our study together provides a great opportunity to explore your next step and get your empowerment list activated in a circle of loving support.*

*The problem many face on the spiritual journey is that on a deeper level, there are pockets that do not know how to trust light. Until Nancy personally faced this dilemma, she says she had a limited relationship to her spiritual center. Sometimes the greatest challenge was to stay open to new resources as her body and mind adjusted to a different support system. Without some kind of practical guide and application, the intentions can sit on the shelf as a good idea.*

*This is an exquisite time to access your heart and deeper presence. The opportunity we have now is to explore these forces as a way to solve problems and create opportunities. The bottom line is learning how to receive. Make sure to give permission to change, and be willing to move beyond what you thought was possible.*

## **CIRCLE OF LOVE GATHERING – OCTOBER 17-22**

Our Centre will be hosting its own Circle of Love Gathering October 17-22 at the Kingfisher Resort and Spa near Courtney.

This is going to be a stellar event! Karen Drucker, the first lady of New Thought music will be the headline artist and speaker. Hollywood actor turned singer and CSL minister, Rev. Jonathan Zenz will also be speaking and performing.

The fabulous Lisa Ferarro will be music director and will partner in song with Erika Lockett.

Rev. Dr. Kathy Hearn, the former head of United Centers for Spiritual Living, will be a keynote speaker, together with Dr. David Leonard and others to be announced.

Early bird registration will begin shortly with a fee of \$450. The Kingfisher has rooms at varying rates, the least expensive being \$99 per night for a double room. We are waiting to learn the price of a meal package. The Kingfisher is now taking reservations and when you call, let them know that you are attending the Circle of Love Gathering. Reservations are now being made, and space is limited, so be sure to make yours as soon as possible. If your name is on the list in our social area, please call now to reserve your room. We will begin promoting this event outside our Centre soon. In addition to being a fundraiser for our Centre, it will be a fabulous event! It will bring back memories of Asilomar on a smaller scale for those who attended those events!!

Prices for Rooms (based upon two people the room. If there is a third person, add \$25.00)

Ocean View - (1 Queen-sized bed and one double) \$99

Ocean View – (1 King and one double) \$99

Arbutus Suite (1 King-sized bed) \$169

Chinook Suite (2 Queen-sized beds) \$194

Orca Suite – (1 King and 1 Murphy bed) \$214.

**To view these rooms/suites, go on line to [www.kingfisherspa.com](http://www.kingfisherspa.com).**

**Note: the prices quoted online will be higher than what we pay!**

**To book your reservation, call 1-800-663-2929**

## **TROWARD CLASS**

Rev. Carrie will begin a Brunch with Troward Class Saturday, April 23rd from 10:30 – 2:30 in the Polynesian Room at 250 Douglas Street. The class runs eight weeks, culminating May 14<sup>th</sup>.

This class is a prerequisite for Practitioner Training, although anyone who has taken Foundations or Beyond Limits is free to join. Troward's influence on the teachings of Ernest Holmes is reflected in all of Dr. Holmes' books. It's a class for those who wish to truly deepen their spiritual connection.

Course fee is \$250. A payment schedule may be arranged. Credit cards accepted.

Rev. Carrie will bring a main dish and serve tea and coffee. Everyone is invited to bring a contribution to the brunch! Troward itself will give us plenty to chew on! There is a sign-up sheet in the social room - or email [revcarrie@telus.net](mailto:revcarrie@telus.net).

## **BEYOND LIMITS**

*If there is a sufficient number of registrants, Rev. Carrie will again teach Beyond Limits – a great opportunity for newcomers to enrich their New Thought experience. You will learn how to do your own Spiritual Mind Treatment – as well as to get a great grounding in our teaching.*

## **TALK TITLES FOR APRIL**

April 3 – Rev. Carrie – Reaching for a Higher Altitude  
April 10 – Guest Nancy Shipley Rubin – Walking Toward Grace  
April 17 - It's all in Your Mind  
April 24 – This Thing Called Life

## **SOLOISTS FOR APRIL**

April 03: Jenny Rhodes  
April 10: Lillian Slanina  
April 17: Merissa Cox  
April 24: Darlene Haynes

Thanks to all you talented people for your very special gifts – and to Louise Eldridge, our music director. We welcome Nelson Brunanski back to our Centre to lead our chorus on Sundays!!

### **TREASURE TABLE**

***Our Treasure Table will offer items for sale on the second Sunday of each month. Bring your treasures along to share. It's a great place to shop!***

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***Co-op Number:*** Don't forget to use Michelle Marier's Co-op number when getting gas as the rebate is coming back to the Centre. **29857**

***Thrifty Foods Gift Cards:*** A wonderful way to support the financial health of our Centre is to use a Thrifty's Food Card. We have lots of them! Please see Pat Alfke Wright if you don't yet have one. When you load up your card and use it to buy groceries, the CSL Victoria receives 5% of everything you spend!

***Pastoral Care Cards:*** Do you know someone in our congregation who is ill or in need of a pick me up? Contact Jeni Hillier at 250 598-8802 or [j.hillier@shaw.ca](mailto:j.hillier@shaw.ca). She would be happy to send a card.

***Prayer Scarves:*** We provide prayer scarves or shawls to members of our congregation who have lingering illnesses or challenges. Irene Parkinson and Bonnie Youngman have created several of these and they are so appreciated by those who have received them! Rev. Carrie attaches prayers to the scarves before gifting them. If you know of someone with a serious illness who would benefit from one of these gifts, please contact Jeni or Rev. Carrie.

***Please note:*** From time to time we will take pictures or videos of people at services or events to put on our Website or Facebook. Please let us know if you do not want to be included in this.

### **ONGOING EVENTS**

***Amazing Grays:*** This women's spiritual discussion group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month. For information, please contact Christine Rerrie at [crerrie@shaw.ca](mailto:crerrie@shaw.ca)