

HEADLINES

CIRCLE OF LOVE FAST APPROACHING!

If you wish to volunteer at the Circle of Love, please contact Phyllis Comrie at pcomrie@telus.net.

And if you would like a flyer to send to your friends who would love this event – please email revcarrie@telus.net and Carrie will send one to you.

TROWARD CLASS

The Troward Class begins next month – September 17th and runs for eight weeks. Troward was an enormous influence on our teaching – and understanding Troward deepens our ability to manifest the life of our dreams.

Sign up sheets will be in the social room Sunday.

26th BIRTHDAY

Our Centre will celebrate its 26th Birthday in September. We're going to have a party! Stay tuned for further information!

Rev. Carrie's Message

During the month of July, ministers throughout our movement used the theme of Human Kindness for their Sunday talks. It is ironic – or perhaps it's fortuitous – that the five Sundays in July corresponded with a month of terrible violence on this planet. In the wake of the tragedies, we were called upon to focus upon greater love unfolding in hearts everywhere.

August's theme is Beauty, Nature, Art and Aesthetics. I gave a sweet sigh when the topics arrived. How lovely to focus upon these subjects! They are all so good for the soul. They give us the opportunity to truly focus on all that is soul enhancing – to enhance our lives with all that is beautiful.

I was thinking of Mary Oliver's words: "When it's over, I want to say: all my life I was a bride married to amazement." Beauty, Nature, Art and Aesthetics give us that opportunity.

We are called to look beyond ourselves. Paraphrasing Michael Beckwith, we've become caught up in thinking we are what we look like, the physical, the exterior. We think we are a lampshade and we've forgot that we are the light!

The surest way for me to remember that I am a luminous being is to walk in nature, to drink in beauty and art – to look at things that are aesthetically pleasing to my soul.

I get to choose, each moment, what I will look at and what it means to me. I get to choose my thoughts.

This month, let us focus on all that is beautiful and let our souls be uplifted!

President's Report

Hi All

Well another month has come and gone.

There is not much to report this month.

As I reported last month the Bus Trip was cancelled. Several of our members (me included) decided to visit Petra and David Durrance at their Hobby farm in Cobble Hill. Eleven of us went in three cars and had a great day. Petra served us a light lunch and we toured the Farm. Everyone enjoyed it and thought it might be a yearly event.

As usual our Pot Luck Lunch on July 31st was very successful and enjoyed by all. The next Pot luck will be on October 3rd.

We held our first Committee meeting for Circle of Love at Phyllis Comrie's place. It was a very productive meeting. We are looking for Volunteers to help with the various things we will be responsible for. If you are going to be attending the Circle of Love and would be willing to Volunteer please see Phyllis or myself. Your help will be greatly appreciated. It doesn't seem possible that it is only two months away.

That's all for now

**Love and Blessings
Anne Millar**

CIRCLE OF LOVE GATHERING – OCTOBER 17-21 UPDATE

You can now register for the Circle of Love on our website: www.cslvictoria.org. There is a registration button that allows you to use your credit card on paypal or to use paypal itself if you have an account. Using the online registration, there is a handling fee. If you pay by cheque, it is \$500.

If you pay by cheque, please make it out to the CSL Victoria. You can put it in the offering plate Sunday or mail it, c/o Rev. Carrie Hunter, 311-9560 Fifth Street, Sidney, BC. V8L 2W5.

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. Gary Lynn Floyd and Amy Bishop round out the music program. For all the Amy fans, please note she will be auditioning for THE VOICE in the U.S. next season!!

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.

The Kingfisher has rooms at varying rates, the least expensive being \$99 per night for a double room. The meal package is \$362 and will be charged upon check-out at the resort. The restaurant offers outstanding meals! 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.

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

To book your reservation, call 1-800-663-7929

TROWARD CLASS

Rev. Carrie will begin a Troward Class September 17th in Polynesian Room at 250 Douglas Street. The class runs eight weeks, culminating November 12th.

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. There is a sign-up sheet in the social room - or email revcarrie@telus.net.

Rev. Carrie's Talk Titles for August

August 7 – The Moment When Day Begins
August 14 – Are you Ready to Receive
August – 21- Running Toward Love
August 28 - The Way I See It

Soloists for August

August 7 – Maxine Fisher
August 14 – Jennifer Louise Taylor
August 21 – Nelson Brunanski
August 28– Jenny Rhodes

Thanks to all you talented people for your very special gifts – and to Louise Eldridge, our music director.

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 Jennifer Jameus 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 Rev. Jennifer Tennant who heads our compassionate care team so that she may be in touch and offer prayer. To send a card, contact Jeni Hillier at 250 598-8802 or j.hillier@shaw.ca. She would be happy to do so.

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.

Also, we will be selling prayer scarves at our Circle of Love Gathering as a fundraiser for our Centre. If you would like to get involved with knitting, talk to Irene or Bonnie and they will fill you in on details about the scarves!

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 2nd Friday of each month. For information, please contact Christine Rerrie at crerrie@shaw.ca