

Affirmation of the Month

In this holiday season the joy of God radiates out from me, flooding my world and touching the hearts of all who cross my path. And so it is.

Announcements

Board Meeting: The next Board meeting will be after the pot luck lunch, December 8, 2013. All are welcome.

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 Center. **29857**

Thrifty Foods Gift Cards:

Please see Rev. Kim if you do not have a Thrifty Foods Gift Card. When you load up your card and use it to buy groceries, the Positive Living Centre receives 5% of everything you spend!

Rainbow Kitchen is looking for containers to send food home. Please bring in your sour cream, margarine etc. containers and Bonnie will ensure that they get them.

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. She would be happy to send a card.

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.

Positive Living Centre of Victoria Centre News for December 2013

Kim's Korner

As I write the last article for the monthly bulletin, I would think my feelings would be somewhat like an actor in a theatrical play that has had a twenty five year run but now the final curtain is coming down. I've had people say "Kim, your ministry won't end it will just take on a new form." Yes, I believe that to be true, and I know that the new form will bring its own unique adventures. However, for a time I will miss this form where I have walked along side committed individuals, dedicated to their own spiritual paths and in support of each other. In our encounters we have laughed and cried, as we have discovered together the deeper meaning of our lives. Each one of you leave a treasured imprint on my heart. Thank you for walking with me and for your loving support as we have evolved together.

There have also been challenging times, and these times have been our growing edge and a part of the life of every community. From my perspective we walked through those times with faith and grace and I believe we have been enriched spiritually as we grew together in understanding and compassion.

Ministry was mine to do, this I know with absolute certainty, and right from day one the universe has aligned in wondrous ways. Doors opening in what seemed like seamless walls, leaving me in awe of the miracle-working power of a Source beyond my human capabilities. I know doors will continue to open and I am excited to discover what is behind them.

In June I leave on a road trip to Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and for the first time ever I have no pressure to be back at a specific time. A lovely gift of retirement. However, my love for Victoria and the ocean will beckon me home in due time. On December the twenty ninth with a mixture of sadness and excitement I will walk away and allow the absence of my energy to open space for your new minister. It's an exciting time for this beautiful community. Enjoy.

In Love, Rev. Kim

President's Remarks

Well, November brought us fun at our Fall Frolic Dance! Thanks to all who attended and made it such a fun event. Special thanks to Coralie and Jeanne for all the items they collected for our auction. I know the tea from Silk Road was a big hit. The Board made the decision to give IAT our tithe early to help them with the disaster in the Philippines. Together with each of your donations we sent \$2,865.00! I know this money will be very helpful in this time of need. Our prayers also go out to them.

And now we find ourselves in the Christmas Season with a full calendar of Festive Events. I hope you can all find something you enjoy to add some cheer to your season.

Christmas Blessings to all,
Bonnie Youngman

Coming in January:

Tithing Sunday: January 12th

This is when we invite the recipients of our yearly tithes to come and speak about their organizations.

Events

Goods and Services Auction December 1st

Bring your cheque book to make some amazing deals!

Heritage Acres Outing December 7th at 5:30pm

A sign-up sheet will be downstairs to assist with carpooling. We will be going at 5:30 and plan to have dinner there, and the evening will be followed by a get together at Joanna's afterwards.

Turkey Dinner Pot Luck December 8th

We will have our traditional turkey pot luck after the service. To ensure we have all the basic dishes covered, a sign-up sheet will be downstairs. Anyone interested in attending the Board meeting is invited to remain afterwards.

Bake Sale December 15th

Bring your Christmas baking and share with those who do not bake, or buy someone else's holiday goodies. It is a great opportunity to get a variety of treats. Please be advised the sale will not start until the upstairs clean up has been completed. This allows for everyone to have a chance to purchase.

Tally Ho Christmas Caroling December 20th at 5:30pm

Tickets are available at the Book table for \$20. Get your tickets early as we only have 19 and this event has sold out each year. You should dress warm for this event. It is so much fun to ride in a horse drawn carriage singing Christmas carols.

Christmas Service & Concert December 22nd at 7:00pm

There will be no morning service this Sunday. Refreshments will be served afterwards (anyone is welcome to bring treats).

Kim's Retirement Dinner December 27th at 6:30pm

Please pass the word to all who would like to join us in celebrating Rev. Kim's career as a New Thought Minister. The dinner is being held at the Four Mile House Restaurant, and the tickets are \$40. This includes a three course dinner, taxes and gratuity. A separate collection will be taken for a gift. Please get your tickets early so that we can ensure our space in the restaurant.

Kim's Last Service December 29th

Please join us after the service on December 29th to offer our thanks and good wishes to our beloved Rev. Kim as she embarks on the next leg of her adventure called life.