

HEADLINES!

- ⑤ The early-bird special of \$450 for the Circle of Love Gathering on Quadra Island has been extended until July 21st. Lisa and Erika have been moving house, as has Rev. Carrie – and Phyllis has been away – so we all come back together at that time to focus on the gathering.

If you haven't registered, go to www.cslvictoria.org and register on paypal. Or, send your cheque to the CSL Victoria, c/o Rev. Carrie, at 311-9560 Fifth Street, Sidney, BC, V8L 2W5. If you are in the Victoria area, you can drop off your cheque at our Sunday service.

You can still pay in instalments! \$100 in July, August and September and \$150 in October. Just write Circle of Love on your cheques!

- ⑤ **COMPASSIONATE CARE:** Good news! Phyllis Comrie is walking again after a prolonged recovery from breaking bones in a fall on Quadra in April. Nelson is back from Cuba and recovering from flu and a bad cold.

Our beloved Gwyneth, however, is still housebound and in a wheelchair after injuring her Achilles tendon. She enthusiastically welcomes your calls and visits!

- ⑤ **BEYOND LIMITS** starts July 12th. If you are travelling and can't make all the classes, Rev. Carrie will give you course materials and will do a make-up session with you personally when you return.
- ⑤ Rev. Carrie's new address is the one listed above in the Circle of Love bulletin. She is unable to transfer her phone number so will send out a special bulletin with that as soon as she has the new one. That number will be transferred over to the Centre so there will be a listing in the telephone directory and online.

MESSAGE FROM REV. CARRIE

For the month of July, Centres for Spiritual Living worldwide will be using the theme: Loving Kindness and Forgiveness.

So many spiritual teachers have written that when we focus on love, everything unlike it comes up for healing and as we look around at our world right now, it would appear that this is certainly true. Love is the Essence of our teaching. As Dr. Holmes said, Love points the way and the Law makes it happen. Global events may

be obscuring thoughts of human kindness and we may be finding it harder to feel the love.

Marianne Williamson recently said we have all been given an advanced course in love and there is no advanced course in love that does not include an advanced course in forgiveness.

It's easy to love people who behave the way we would have them behave. It's easy for us to have compassion for those who have shown compassion to us; but that's not an advance course in love. We can all do that. The advance course in love comes into play when we feel we have been betrayed or someone has done us an injustice or witnessed evil events : Can we respond with love and forgiveness? That's when we find out how we're really doing with our spiritual growth!

What the world is being called to do right now is a higher love: It sees beyond people's mistakes, allows the past to be the past and allows the world to be reborn.

It is amazing how difficult it is to do this, it is amazing how much resistance we have to giving up the thought that someone did the wrong thing or said the wrong thing and that somehow it would all be okay if they would only do or say something differently.

We are invested in the idea that someone else is going to make this better.

I recently read that once when Buddha had insults hurled at him, one of his followers asked why he did not respond or retaliate. Buddha said, " If someone gives me a gift and I refuse to take it, who owns the gift?"

I love that! If I refuse to accept insults, pain, betrayal – if I continue on in peace and love – the person initiating the painful actions has to own them. There is no place for them in my life.

That is the way of the peaceful warrior. We are being called upon to remember that we are eternal spirits flowing in perfect harmony and bliss and everything unlike love has no meaning in our lives.

It's easier said than done – but choosing love over hatred, anger, feelings of injustice and betrayal is truly a higher love – and God knows we have never needed it more than we do today.

It will be interesting to see what unfolds as we go through this month.

In love,

Rev. Carrie

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi All

Well another month has come and gone.

As usual our Pot Luck Lunch on May 29th was very successful and enjoyed by all. The next Pot luck will be on July 31.

This month we enjoyed two guest speakers, our own Rev. Jennifer Tennant and Rev. Gail Muzio.

Janet Lewis kindly looked into hiring a bus for our proposed Bus Trip to Cobble Hill in July. After some discussion the Board decided to postpone this event for future consideration. Thank you Janet for gathering this information for us.

Thanks to Christine Rerrie for the Special Father's Day Treat. It was enjoyed by all.

That's all for now

Love and Blessings
Anne Millar

CIRCLE OF LOVE GATHERING – OCTOBER 17-21 UPDATE Early Bird Registration Extended to July 21st

The decision was made this week to extend the Early Bird Registration for the Circle of Love to July 21st. Because of a later start with marketing than anticipated, organizers feel this is necessary.

You can 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. Note: This is if you are paying the early bird registration fee in full. Using the online registration, there is a handling fee, making the registration \$459 July 21st and then \$510 after that.

You may pay \$450 by cheque to the Centre if you register before July 21st and then \$500 after that.

If you wish to pay monthly, you qualify for the early bird registration fee if you begin payments by July 21st. Payments will be \$100 monthly through September and \$150 in October.

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.

BEYOND LIMITS

If there is a sufficient number of registrants, Rev. Carrie will again teach Beyond Limits during the summer months. Class is scheduled to begin July 12th in the Polynesian Room at 250 Douglas Street. This is a great opportunity for newcomers to enrich their New Thought experience and for those who have been with us for years who want more grounding in Science of Mind and the teachings of Ernest Holmes. You will learn how to do your own Spiritual Mind Treatment – as well as to get a great grounding in our teaching. A sign-up sheet is in the social room at the Centre – or alternatively, contact revcarrie@telus.net. You can text or phone Rev. Carrie on her cell: 778-533-2990.

Course fee is \$200 and there is an accreditation fee of \$45 that is due at the end of the course if you want accreditation. This goes to head-office. If you have taken the class before and wish to take it again, there is an audit fee of \$50.

No one is turned away because of finances. See Rev. Carrie if you wish to discuss this with her.

REV. CARRIES TALK TITLES FOR JULY

*July 03: Snap Crackle and Pop
July 10: What was. What is. What will be
July 17: The Heroes Journey
July 24: I can I will I do
July 31: Bite off more than you can chew.*

THIS IS HOW LOVING KINDNESS WORKS

My old friend Alan Cohen sent along this story from Maui today. He too is moving house and on his way to the Big Island of Hawaii. In a month when we are looking at Loving Kindness and Forgiveness, this story is so appropriate!

Fifty-year-old Wesley Autrey, while waiting for a Manhattan subway train, watched a young man be overtaken by an epileptic seizure and fall off the platform into the path of an oncoming train. In a flash, Autrey jumped onto the tracks, covered the man's body with his own, and pushed himself and the fellow into the gutter between the tracks. The train, unable to stop, hurtled over the two men. When it finally passed, onlookers were amazed to see both men emerge unscathed. The train had passed so close to Autrey's head that his ski hat was smudged with grease from the train's undercarriage.

In an NPR interview following the incident, Autrey revealed that years earlier a street thug had pointed a gun at his head and pulled the trigger. Miraculously, the gun did not

go off. "I figured I still had a purpose on earth," he remarked. "Maybe helping the man who fell was why I had to stick around."

(This is an older story, but it represents the greatness of which we are capable when we stay in our right mind.) On a bleak January night during the Great Depression, court was about to convene on the poor lower east side of Manhattan. Suddenly a grey-coated figure entered the courtroom and approached the bench. The visitor was Fiorello LaGuardia, flamboyant Mayor of New York City, who was known to ride on fire engines, read comics over the radio to the city's children, and drop in unexpectedly on sites of municipal services. LaGuardia informed the judge that he would be taking over the bench for the evening, and the judge went home.

The first case of the evening was that of an elderly woman accused of stealing a loaf of bread from a bakery. In her defence, the woman explained that she needed to feed her hungry grandchildren. The baker, outraged at the theft, demanded justice.

LaGuardia pounded his gavel and proclaimed, "I have no choice but to punish you. Ten dollars or ten days in jail." With that, the mayor threw ten dollars into his hat and passed the hat around the courtroom. "I hereby fine everyone present 50 cents each for living in a city where a grandmother has to steal a loaf of bread to feed her grandchildren." When the hat was returned, the woman paid her fine and took home an additional \$47.50.

Old systems and paradigms have to break down before they can be replaced. Breakdown is the precursor of breakthrough. The darkest time is just before the dawn. We can each contribute to accelerating this transformation by choosing grace over karma; to give mercy and to receive it. Letting yourself be loveable and loved is as important as giving love to others. Every day we have many opportunities to recognize and deliver grace. As we do, we fulfill our purpose and destiny as the offspring of God.

SOLOISTS FOR JULY

July 3 - Elizabeth Adams

July 10 - Jenny Rhodes

July 17 - Nelson Brunanski

July 24- Darlene Haynes

July 31 - Niels Petersen & Connie Lebeau and their daughter Danielle

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

