

Rev. Carrie's Message

A few weeks ago, I was speaking with a friend I hadn't seen for 15 years. I was talking about my spiritual journey and she said she admired that: she'd never pursued it herself. She'd been too busy just trying to "make ends meet." She's now 60 and she said that she'll get around to it someday. *Without thinking – I heard the words come tumbling out of my mouth: Someday is not a day of the week!*

I'm not much into proselytizing but this is what I wanted to say to her:

Ask every day to be infused with the remembrance of "who" in truth you are.

Allow yourself to become that component of light that has existed through space and time.

You are a grand light that cannot be destroyed, cannot be lost. Wake up to who you are.

You are the beginning and the end. You are the alpha and the omega. You cannot exist any other way except in fullness of your light.

Speak as God. Think as God. Become as a God. Do not allow the distractions of your day, your body, and your thoughts to own you. Step outside of the body and observe it as a vehicle that you instruct, a vehicle that transports you through time and space, and documents experience.

When you have a thought of someone who has passed into spirit, you are with them. When you hold a thought of disease, you start to become it if the environmental circumstances around you encourage it. *When you have a thought of limitation, you are gifted it.* Where your thoughts are is where you dwell: it **is your creational address**. This address then becomes your quantified universe and defined field of light. Redefine who you are to yourself and then it will follow as the day follows the night that you will be re-defined in every cell of your body, and level of your life.

You are the center of the Universe. Do not take that lightly. For wherever you stand in your thinking, in your self, in your awareness ripples out through all existence. It affects your past and present and your future, for all is connected to every thought of the Present.

Stop whining in your humanness and see how grand you are, for you are greater than all that has ever been created. You are the Light that called to itself. Awaken from sleep and amnesia and see the Grandness of your Being. Do not be humbled by your own light, for it is grander than you can conceive. That is your Divine Right and your Divine Inheritance. All things belong unto you.

You need only open your mind and your heart to receive.

And so it is!

In love,

Carrie

President's Message

This is a short report this month. Everything is going along well with some new changes to Order of Service and little tweaks here and there.

Many thanks to Nelson Brunanski for taking over the High Spirits Chorus. It is great to see them leading the congregational songs.

We are still working on changing our PR material. Thanks to Shannon Oatway for her beautiful design work on our business cards and tent cards, and for her collaborative efforts with Rev. Carrie on the branding for our Centre. Thanks also to Michelle Marier for ordering our new signs.

This past month we celebrated Mother's day with special ice cream treats. Our potluck lunch was May 31st.

Thanks to Harold Borges and Shannon Oatway for hosting the Wednesday Evening Meditations. They have postponed them while Rev. Carrie's classes are in session Tuesday evenings but expect to resume after that. Those attending the meditations found them truly inspiring.

Rev. Joanna Drewry went to Golden Colorado to take her oral exam for becoming a CSL Minister. She is now fully affiliated with CSL and has a provisional license while she completes her studies. We are so proud of you Rev. Joanna.

The dates for the Installation and 25th anniversary celebrations were incorrect in the last newsletter. Our concert will be held at our Centre, Friday September 11th, followed by Rev. Carrie's installation on Saturday September 12th at the Gorge Vale Golf Club. Drs. Kenn and Deborah Gordon will stay on after Rev. Carrie's installation to guest speak Sunday morning. It promises to be an inspiring weekend!

All is Good.

Love and Blessings
Anne Millar

Nathen Answell in Concert

Our Centre is thrilled to host an international singer/composer/speaker in concert Sunday, June 14th from 1-2:30 p.m. He will also be our guest soloist in our morning service. Nathen performs internationally and his heart has been immersed in New Thought performance for many years.

He is a gifted speaker and recording artist based in Vancouver, Canada, and he believes that his calling in this life is to inspire and heal through his words and music. His CDs "Little By Little" and "YES" are celebrations of life, transformation, evolution and the oneness of humanity.

Nathen honours his calling by speaking and performing internationally at Conferences, Concerts, Men's Retreats and Churches, presenting his music, stories and humour with his voice and the NS Stick (an 8-stringed electronic instrument that can be plucked like a bass, strummed like a guitar, or tapped with both hands like a piano). He also hosts a weekly online show called "In The Center of the Circle", which celebrates community and community builders.

Tickets are \$25 (can be picked up at the door). To make reservations, please contact Rev. Carrie at revcarrie@telus.net. (There are a few subsidies available for those facing financial challenges. Anyone requiring one should speak with Pat Alfke Wright (patalfke@shaw.ca)).

REV. CARRIE'S THEME FOR JUNE

CONSCIOUS CREATIVITY

Talk Titles

June 7 - What If?
June 14 – 10 Keys to Creative Genius
June 21 – From Thought to Thing
June 28 – The Life You were Born to Live

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC!

KUDOS to Louise Eldridge for her dedicated leadership of our music program. With changes in music, she is going the distance to rehearse with our soloists to introduce new music on Sundays!

And our heartfelt gratitude to Nelson Brunanski for taking over leadership of our High Spirits Chorus. They are bringing a whole new energy to our Centre! Louise and Nelson are great together and the chorus is a wonderful addition to our Sunday services. Some of our professional singers have joined in on Sundays, creating a terrific sound! And there is room for more to join. You don't have to have had musical training. You just need to love to sing! Speak to Nelson on any Sunday if you'd like to join in! Or email revcarrie@telus.net and she'll pass it along.

MUSIC SOLISTS FOR JUNE

June 7 – Jennifer Taylor – vocal and guitar
June 14 – Nathen Answell
June 21 – Jenny Rhodes
June 28 – Merissa Cox

Thank you so much to all of you for sharing your beautiful gifts with our community!

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER

GOD IS - There is one power and one presence - God. God is the source and creator of all. There is no other enduring power; God is good and present everywhere.

I AM – I Am/We are spiritual beings, created in God's image and likeness. The spirit of God lives within each person; therefore, all people are inherently good.

THINK IT - Thoughts held in mind produce after their kind. We create our life experiences through our way of thinking.

PRAY IT - There is power in affirmative prayer, which we believe increases our awareness of God. Prayer is a conscious conditioner that attunes and aligns our thoughts with the Mind, truth and reality of God in all things.

LIVE IT - Knowledge of these spiritual principles is not enough. We must live them and practice them to continually evolve to newer levels of understanding and spiritual mastery.

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 Center. **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. She would be happy to send a card.

Prayer Scarves: We are beginning a new tradition to provide prayer scarves or shawls to members of our congregation who have lingering illnesses. Irene Parkinson has created the first one and Rev. Carrie is attaching a prayer to it. 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.

SACRED SERVICE

There are many ways to give to our Centre and one that is really important is that of Sacred Service. That means being part of a group of wonderful people who volunteer in various capacities. There are all kinds of ways to serve, so if you feel called to be part of a great team, please speak with Jeanne Rioux or with Rev. Carrie.

Our intention is to have each new volunteer serve one Sunday each month for a three-month period to see how they enjoy the service and fellowship; and then to have the opportunity to switch to something else if they prefer.

Rev. Carrie will have a special tea at her new home so that you can get to know one another!

BLESSING

Life is always recreating itself out of itself in total and absolute newness!
And because I'm a part of this One Infinite Life, this is true for me. I'm always on the brink of newness, always ready to be made new all over again.
This prayer is just for that purpose...to embrace and accept newness wherever I am, and wherever I go.

I'm ready to experience life with new eyes, a new heart, a renewed sense of purpose... and a renewed physical form, too. I let the Infinite Intelligent power that has created the entire universe go to work on this in me; I invite it: I invoke it. Because the creative power responds to the direction I give it, and responds lawfully, I don't have to know all the details of what needs to be changed or added or let go of to experience my innate wholeness. I simply speak my word, trust in the spiritual creative laws of Life, and let them transform me by the renewing of my consciousness.

There are no ordinary moments. In each moment there is eternal newness that is ever available and I give thanks for its appearance! I let it happen in me, and I celebrate its illumination as my New Self! And so it is.