

Affirmation of the Month

Today I am made new. My expectation is only of good. I keep my thoughts centered on my unity with the divine bounty and see only good flowing to me. I am grateful. And So It Is.

Announcements

Board Meeting: The next Board meeting will be a short meeting after the AGM on March 9, 2014.

New Board Planning Meeting: Rev. Joanna will host the meeting at her home March 15th at 9:30 a.m.

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 Pat Alfke Wright 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!

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. (Jeni will be away from early February until the middle of March, so Christine Rerrie will be doing cards in her absence: crerrie@shaw.ca or 250-477-9687.)

Sunday Morning Flowers: Christine Rerrie is now the Team leader for Sunday Morning Flowers. crerrie@shaw.ca

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.

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Minister's Note

March is always a time of spring and awakening on this beautiful southern tip of Vancouver Island! How blessed we all are to have chosen to live in this place of such dazzling beauty and mild climate. Here we are indulging in the spring flower count when most of the continent is still digging out from the winter snows. We have each manifested this wonderful environment for the unfolding of our lives.

And yet, we know that there is war, poverty, and suffering in the world. How can we reconcile that with the Omnipresence of Divine Love?

As God truly is All There Is, I trust that the world that I experience is a reflection of our collective consciousness on our planet. Those aspects of the human experience that do not resonate for us, we have the capacity to change when we change our thinking.

As we trust that, in the words of Dr. John Waterhouse: "The way to create the world we want is to raise our thinking above what we don't want by recognizing Divine Presence everywhere and in everything as peace, abundance and solution. As a result, our thoughts will materialize into a better world, a world that works for everyone."

"A world that works for everyone" was the vision expressed by Rev. Dr. Kenn Gordon, Spiritual Leader of the Centers for Spiritual Living, when he spoke to us in February. That inclusive, love-based inspiring vision is one that we already embrace in our teachings and practice.

Our world is rich with possibility for the future and I trust that our Centre is evolving on a perfect path.

Love and light!
Rev. Joanna Drewry

President's Remarks

Well March is an exciting month our AGM is on March 9. As well as our regular business there will be a vote to affiliate with Centers for spiritual living. Our trip into change has moved smoothly with the current. We should be proud and excited for our Centre as it moves through these challenges. This community is one I am so proud to be a part of.

Bless you all,
Bonnie Youngman

Our Children in the Philippines

Every month or two we receive wonderful letters from the two children we sponsor in the Philippines. We received valentines, and a letter from our previous sponsored young lady Jennifer, who has now completed her midwifery studies and is back in touch with IAT. Grace tells us about their traditional celebrations including cultural dancing and a parade. She helped her family and grandparents with planting, as usual. This time she shared an old story of a community village. Her exams always go well.

Dexter shared about his family Christmas, and also spoke of their "Barangay Fiesta", a tradition dating back to when the Spaniards colonized the country. He and his fellow students have been tree planting and he passed all his exams. He is now starting practise teaching.

Always we are wished much love and blessings with heartfelt gratitude for sponsoring them.

Submitted by Pat Alfke Wright

Events

Coming in March

Annual General Meeting: March 9th

(And remember to put your clocks ahead the night before)
Please join us after the service for our Annual General Meeting. All are welcome, however only those who have been members for at least 60 days prior to the meeting are able to vote. We may be voting on plans for the future of the Centre. A light lunch will be served.

St. Patrick's Day Cupcakes: March 16th

Treasure Table: Please note that the Treasure Table will be held on ***March 16th*** instead of March 9th this month.

Pot Luck Sunday: Sunday March 30th is the fifth Sunday this month so we will be having our regular fifth Sunday Pot Luck event. Mark it on your calendar and come and enjoy. Bring your favourite Pot Luck Dish. These are always fun social get togethers.

Coming in April

Easter Sunday April 20, 2014: Stay tuned for further information about this Special Day.