

Affirmation of the Month

At the core of my being there is an absolute stillness. As I consciously enter into this sacred place I am renewed, revitalized and restored. And so it is.

Announcements

Board Meeting: The next Board meeting will be at 1:00, September 15, 2013 at 3144 Qu'Appelle Street.

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.

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Kim's Korner

My time at the Asilomar New Thought Conference in Monterey, California was, as always, a time of deep spiritual renewal. A very special thank you to all who worked and contributed their time and energy in making it possible for me to be there. The keynote speaker, Azim Khamisa, shared a heart rendering story of transformation through forgiveness. His son, Tariq, while delivering pizzas, was shot to death by Tony Hicks, a 14 year old gang member. Rising out of unspeakable grief over the loss of his son he came to realize that there was a victim on both ends of the gun. Azim forgave Tony and started the Tariq Khamisa Foundation (TKF) to break the cycle of youth violence by saving lives through teaching peace and planting seeds of hope for the future. A month after establishing the foundation he contacted Tony's grandfather and guardian, Pies Felix, and invited him to join him. Together, since 1995, the two have shared their story and message through TKF's Violence Impact Forums. The duo has reached a half a million elementary and middle school children in person, and over 20 million via video programs, guiding the youth to choose a peacemaker's life of non-violence. Azim is in close contact with Tony, and when Tony is released from prison he plans to work at the Foundation with Azim and his grandfather. I am certain this trio will continue to do powerful works through the transforming power of forgiveness, and continue leading young people in following a path of non-violence. I feel deeply blessed to have been in this man's presence and to have heard his message of hope for our youth. I am also grateful to bring you into his presence through his story. Google Azim Khamisa for more information.

In Love, Rev. Kim

President's Remarks

Welcome back everyone from your rest and rejuvenation, and Happy 23rd Anniversary. Although the first Sunday is officially our 23rd Anniversary, we will be celebrating it the last Sunday of the month with our Pot Luck Sunday and inviting our friends to join us for Friendship Sunday. What a wonderful celebration it will be, food and friends go so well together. So Happy Anniversary everyone and Thank you for all you do to make this such a wonderful Centre.

Bless you all, Bonnie

Quote of the Month:

“Seeing the Christ in Another

If you recognize that a situation occurring between you and someone else represents an opportunity to heal something in yourself, you can create the healing experience by being in that present moment. A way to bring your energy into present time, as opposed to allowing your mind to be in the past or in the future, requires simply looking at the person with whom you are having an issue and *seeing the Christ in them*.

In this sense, the term “Christ” means the part of them that is divine and one with you and with God. As you do this, you join with them, and in that moment you acknowledge the Christ within yourself. If you have the presence of mind to do this, you will transform the situation immediately.”

~ Colin Tipping, *Radical Forgiveness*, page 309

Events

Foundation Course: Wednesday, September 11th, 2:00-4:00pm
Rev. Kim will be presenting an 8 week Foundation Course at the home of Gwyneth Hart, 34-909 Admirals Road (778-440-0391). Please sign up downstairs if you would like to attend. You can see Rev. Kim for more information.

Fall Harvest: Sunday, Sept 15th
Please come and share your abundance with others. Bring in your bounty and help raise money for the Centre. From your garden or your kitchen, whatever you would like to share. And don't forget your cheque books so you can enjoy the fruits of someone else's labour!

Friendship Sunday & PLC 23rd Anniversary Pot Luck Sept 29th



Please invite your friends to join us for a special celebration service.....delicious Pot Luck, & Anniversary Cake! A wonderful time is always had by all. We look forward to seeing you there!

Coming in October & November:

Thanksgiving October 13th

Volunteer Appreciation Pizza lunch October 27th

PLC Dance with DJ Patrick November 9th

Book Table & Craft Sale at Cloverdale School November 16th

Night of Lights at Hillside Mall November 17th