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 Promoting a way of life that honors all paths to God  
 Illuminating the Washington DC Metro area since 1985*

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## Loving the One ... Loving Oneself Rev Trish Hall

Elizabeth Barrett Browning asked, "How do I love thee?" Have you ever asked yourself: How am I to love the One? How am I to love myself? Have you ever pondered ...

It's so easy to get turned around in thoughts, to get tangled in deep contemplations. How much easier it is to simply engage in something literally thought-less, something rote and numbing so I don't have to try to make sense of things that are much too big to think. And yet there is a gnawing in me that won't leave me alone - that calls to me from within, "I love you for you and I am one." Sometimes I pretend I don't know it's there, I try to ignore it. I realize that It is not to be ignored for without it I would not be. It is the one life that Hippocrates called the "soul" when he declared, "The soul is the same in all living creatures although the body of each is different." There is only the One

Life. In this journey when I turn toward the One and feeling such intensity I fear I may fly too close to the sun and fall into a blackness and disappear like Icarus and so I try to run from it. Then I realize, I may be able to run away from some things or situations but I cannot run away from that which is in me ... that which is me. I must befriend it. I must love It before I can truly love myself and here goes another one of those tangles: I must love It before I can truly love myself, yet where to do I start other than by learning to love me. I can engage in all sorts of mental gymnastics in order to avoid spending time with the One. Yet, because the One is expressing Itself as all that is, I cannot not spend time with the One. Everywhere I turn, every thought I think ... there is only the One so whether I'm racing along at 100 miles ... CONTINUED ... 14

**Building  
 Community  
 on a  
 Foundation  
 of  
 Love**

## Practitioners' Corner

... Tim Phares, RScP

Love changes everything: How you live and How you die

- Don Black and Charles Hart (from *Aspects of Love*)

February is the month in which we celebrate Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day is a celebration of love. It is also a month that looks forward to the end of winter and the advent of spring. We can see the warmer weather coming, with the renewal that brings.

In February, we can renew our passions. What is it that we love? Who is it that we love? Ernest Holmes says that "If we make ourselves receptive to the idea of love, we become lovable; to the degree that we embody love, we are love" (*Can We Talk to God?*)

How receptive are you to the Love of the Universe? How are you expressing it? We cannot share what we don't have, after all. Of course, the truth is that we all have it in abundance, but we close the door and don't let it in. If we don't let it in, we can't let it out. Yet it is that love, as the lyrics above remind us, that changes everything in our world. It changes our lives fundamentally, in every way.

When we open to the highest, fullest experience of Divine Love in our lives, then, in the words of the lyricist Lorenz Hart, "each day is Valentine's Day." What if we lived as if it were?

### ***What is a Practitioner?***

A practitioner is one who endeavors to heal themselves and others through the recognition of the creative power of Mind and the ever availability of Good. Practitioners are individuals who have been trained in the art, skill and science of Affirmative Prayer. A Practitioner seeks to demonstrate the power of spiritual realization in everyday affairs and believes in Divine guidance. A Practitioner sees through whatever condition someone is facing to the spiritual truth of being, bringing about a change in the circumstance. Practitioners are bound by a high code of ethics and licensed to practice professionally.

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## February Theme: “Loving the One ... Loving Oneself”

We will be spending the month opening to Love and awakening to the realization that until we truly Love the One, we are incapable of loving ourselves unconditionally and until we can love and accept ourselves we are not ready to be fully present with and love someone else. For those who say they want to call in the life partner they must first prepare themselves.

Date	Speaker	Title	Music
February 2	Rev Trish	“Learning Love”	Amy Conley
February 9	Rev Aimee Daniels	“Living Love”	Amy Conley
February 16	Rev	“Being Love”	Celebration Choir
February 23	Rev Trish	“Cultural Pageant ”	Gomang Monks



Aimee is Licensed Minister and currently serves as an Assistant Minister at the Bodhi Spiritual Center in Chicago. Aimee is passionate about helping people create more fulfilling lives through spiritual practice, study and personal work and is a frequent course instructor at Bodhi. Aimee is a Managing Director with ForteONE consulting, an organization which facilitates meaningful change for businesses. She also is a Co-Active Coach and a Chair for Vistage International, working with individuals and organizations to consciously create their lives and organizations. Previously, she served as a senior executive in financial services and made the decision in 2011 to recreate her life using New Thought principles. Aimee has a Masters of Consciousness Studies from the Holmes Institute and a Masters of Management from the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University.

And ... we were blessed to have had Rev Aimee serve as Practitioner before she returned to Chicago and completed her ministerial studies.

### *Where are we headed?*

Drawing on what was revealed in our January workshop, we will co-create our future!. It is really important that everyone join in!

**Co-Creating The Future - Putting our Vision in Action on February 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**Rev. Aimee Daniels will be with us again to facilitate moving our vision into a plan of action and applying the principles of our teaching. We will again meet from 1:00 - 3:00 P.M. Please plan to attend!**

# Your Leadership Council ...



President  
Janine Bilyeu



Cathy Cronin



Vice President  
Inge Schweiger



Frank Mitko

Who We Are ...

Celebration Center is a loving, welcoming, supportive Spiritual home which serves the community and offers opportunities to play, grow and thrive. We are awake and alive.

~ Our Purpose ~

At Celebration Center, we are dedicated to raising the consciousness of all those we encounter and to fostering prosperity in every aspect of life. Through our ministries and other expressions of spiritual community, we nurture, uplift and inspire individuals. Heart-centered connections are made and a deep, rich sense of purpose and service in the community and the world are embraced. We are alive as Spirit. We are here to serve.



Treasurer  
Caron Ward



Rev Trish Hall



Charles Lewis  
Secretary

# Drepung Gomang Monastery Monks



Sunday, February 23rd a full day of activities:  
✓ Cultural Pageant at 11:00 AM  
✓ Puja at 6:30 PM (prayer, chanting & meditation)

Saturday, February 22nd  
the Monks will prepare a Special  
Dinner. Tickets available soon.



# First Sunday Feasts continue February 2nd



February's "First Sunday Feast"  
Is a "Chili Cook-off"

Get out your absolute best recipe  
Cook up a batch

And enter the competition ... or  
Sign up for side Dishes such as:

- Veggies
- Breads
- Salads
- Desserts



## Season for Peace and Non Violence

January 30 - April 4, 2014

A "Season" is a national 64-day educational, media, and grassroots campaign dedicated to demonstrating that nonviolence is a powerful way to heal, transform, and empower our lives and our communities. That peace will only be achieved when individuals commit to embracing peace in every aspect of their own lives. Inspired by the 50th and 30th memorial anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., this international event honors their vision for an empowered, nonviolent world.

### Vision

As a human family we are asking the question: "How can any act of violence be recognized as a solution to the consequences of violence that we face today?" Violent actions and reactions are the scars of social, educational, and economic wounds... the voices of a spiritually inarticulate culture.

The practice of nonviolence is initiated by choice and cultivated through agreement. The time has come to agree upon this as a global community--as if our lives, and those of our children's children, depended on it. Our vision is of a better world for all human beings.

To this end, we undertake "Gandhi & King: A Season for Nonviolence" by applying our efforts and resources to identifying, then bringing into focus the spectrum of grassroots projects and programs by individuals and organizations who are *pro-actualizing* a peaceful social order.

### Mission

Our mission is to create an awareness of nonviolent principles and practice as a powerful way to heal, transform and empower our lives and communities.

Through an educational and community action campaign, we are honoring those who are using nonviolence to build a community that honors the dignity and worth of every human being.

We are demonstrating that every person can move the world in the direction of peace through their daily nonviolent choice and action.

### At Celebration Center

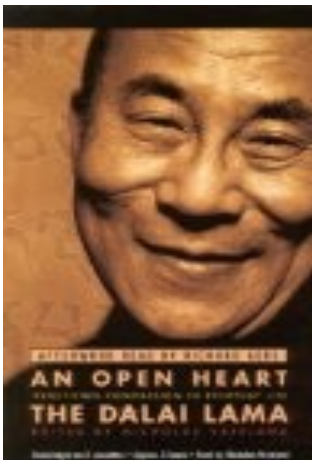
We are dedicated to fully embracing all expressions of the Divine in Love and doing our part through prayer and action to bring forth a peaceful world

We are committed to manifesting the Global Heart Vision of a world that works for everyone, everywhere ... no exceptions

"No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin or his background or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite." -1994, from Nelson Mandela's autobiography, "Long Walk to Freedom"

## Book Review

... Maxine Clair, RScP



### *An Open Heart: Practicing Compassion in Everyday Life,*

*by The Dalai Lama*

Tenzin Gyatso, His Holiness the Fourteenth Dalai Lama, is widely recognized as an advocate of world peace and has received many prestigious awards including the Nobel Peace Prize. At this moment of opening into the Season for Non-Violence and Peace, his book on personal development of compassion is a choice you will want to examine.

In August, 1999, His Holiness the Dalai Lama was invited by the Tibet Center and the Gere Foundation to give a series of talks in New York City. On the last day of his visit, more than 200,000 people congregated in Central Park to hear him speak on *Eight Verses on Training the Mind*, a poem by Langri Tangpa, an eleventh-century Tibetan sage. The transcript of that talk is the introduction to his book, *An Open Heart*.

What follows the introduction is the weaving together of sacred texts and everyday practices that spell out mechanisms for transformation. It could be thought of as a brief for the experience of happiness and inner contentment. This weaving is the exploration of meditation.

In fifteen short chapters, he guides readers through a process whereby we may gain control over the mind and train it in “a more virtuous direction.” There is not so much methodology and instruction as there is discussion of the process, the “why” and “how”, and the rewards. For instance, reading this book, can be a form of meditation as we contemplate the ideas. Meditation as a process for diminishing old thought habits and developing new ones, he explains, is not in and of itself Buddhist, and he quotes Buddha himself, “O monks and wise ones, do not accept my words simply out of reverence...accept them on the basis of your own understanding.”

From exploration of the simple beginning meditation—becoming familiar with new ideas and attitudes, and focusing the mind on a chosen object—he moves to the more complex practices by degrees. Ultimately, the “Nine Stages of Calm Abiding Meditation” are spelled out, and he closes the book with an evocative description of the ceremony to reaffirm the aspirations that are essential for the practice of compassion.

**Monthly 12 Steps and New Thought**

**For anyone in any 12-Step Program**

**(You don't even have to say which one.)**

**Second Saturdays from 9:00 - 10:00am - Loft Suite 200**

Are you in a 12-Step Program of Recovery and trying to integrate it with New Thought? Would you like to share your experience, strength and hope with like-minded people? Here's a meeting for talking about your program of recovery within our spiritual belief. If you thinking “yesssss” please come. Keeping it simple ... Questions? Rev. Laurie - (571) 265-4869 (BYO Beverage)

## Celebrating Black History



**Henry (Hank) T. Wilfong, Jr.** (1933-2013) was the “voice for so many small businesses that deserved to be heard.” He was founder and president of the National Association of Small Disadvantaged

Businesses, valued for its role in promoting, improving, and increasing opportunities for firms owned by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals. He made a monumental difference not only for blacks but for all socially and economically disadvantaged people. In 2012 he was inducted into the Minority Business Hall of Fame and Museum as the first African American to earn an MBA from the UCLA’s Anderson School of Business and for his many successes. He was the first African-American elected to a City Council (Pasadena CA 1973-77), a three-time Presidential Appointee and chair of the Black Republicans for Obama (BRO)



**Rita Frances Dove** (born August 28, 1952) An American poet and author became the second African American to receive the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry in 1987. At only 40, she was the youngest person

to serve as Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress and the first African American to hold that title. In that position, she brought together writers to explore the African diaspora through the eyes of its artists. She served as the Poet Laureate of Virginia<sup>[2]</sup> from 2004 to 2006.



**Diane Watson** (born November 12, 1933) A former educator, state legislator, and U.S Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia (appointed in 1999), Diane Watson entered the U.S. House of Representatives

as an unusually experienced freshman being the oldest freshman in the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress. She retired in 2111. Throughout her 35 years in public office, Watson established a reputation as a diligent and passionate legislator. In 1978, Watson became the first African-American woman to serve in the California state senate. “I think I bring another dimension being a black female,” she revealed. “But I don’t want to be judged here as a black or a woman but as a senator.”



**"Bobby" McFerrin, Jr.** (born March 11, 1950) is an American vocalist and conductor. He is best known for his 1988 hit song "Don't Worry, Be Happy". A ten-time Grammy Award winner, he is known for his unique vocal techniques and improvisation. In 2009, McFerrin co-hosted an award-winning PBS documentary, *The Music Instinct*, based on Levitin's best-selling book *This Is Your Brain On Music*



## Celebrating Black History



**Alvin Ailey (1931-1989)** In 1958, he founded the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, a hugely popular, multi-racial modern dance ensemble that popularized modern dance around the world. Although Ailey stopped performing in the

mid-1960s, he continued to choreograph almost 80 masterpieces. Ailey's *Masakela Language* that probes the experience being black in South Africa premiered in 1969. And his most famous, *Revelations*, is a celebratory study of religious spirit. The Kennedy Center honored Ailey in 1988. Ailey said it all: "*What we do is celebrate people. That's all we're about.*"



**Hattie McDaniel (1895-1952)** Hattie was first black to win an Academy Award: the best supporting actress for her role of Mammy in the epic *Gone with the Wind* (1939).

Alas, all of the film's black actors, including Hattie McDaniel, were barred from attending the premiere of *Gone with the Wind* in 1939. Hattie was also the first black woman to sing on the radio in America. Her first major on-screen break was in 1934, singing a duet with Will Rogers in John Ford's *Judge Priest*. A year later, she starred as Mom Beck, opposite Shirley Temple and Lionel Barrymore in *The Little Colonel*. That part gained the attention of Hollywood directors. A steady stream of offers including the part in *Gone with the Wind*.



**Mary A. Tumpkin (1949-2013)**, beloved pastor and longtime community leader who started her church in her own living room, rose to be the President of Universal Federation for Better Living and a prominent member of International New

Thought Alliance and Association for Global New Thought. She provided a unique blend of deeply loving pastor and shrewd business woman who could weave passion, humor and rich spiritual meaning throughout her sermons. In 1982, she founded the Universal Truth Center dedicated to develop and empower the whole person. Rev Dr Mary earned her Doctorate degree at the South Florida Center for Theological Studies.

**Barbara M. Watson (1918-1983)** was both the first black and the first woman to serve as an Assistant Secretary of State. A graduate of Barnard College, she earned her law degree at New York Law School in 1962. Appointed by President Lyndon Johnson, Miss Watson remained Assistant Secretary of State for Security and Consular Affairs until December 31, 1974. She returned to the State Department at the request of President Jimmy Carter in 1977 and in 1980 was appointed the United States Ambassador to Malaysia.

## Meditation Opportunities ... to suit everyone

You are invited to join Rev Trish and others in Revealing  
God's Highest Expression as Your Life ... and ...

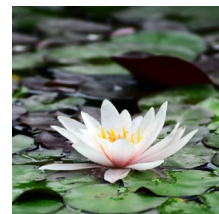
How Spirit Desires to Express as Celebration Center!

We use a Visioning Process similar to that used by Agape International

**First and Third Sundays—9:30 AM in the “Loft”**

*No experience needed ... the Divine within knows exactly how to do it!*

### *“Join Me in the Silence” is Maxine Clair’s Invitation Every Wednesday*



Come discover or re-awaken to the loving support that group meditation can give to your personal practice. No matter what religious or spiritual leanings you subscribe to, the simplicity of sitting in stillness expands the gifts of presence, awareness and attention you allow yourself to experience.

**When:** Wednesdays, 7:00 - 7:30 pm and 7:45 - 8:15 pm  
Doors open at 6:45.

**Where:** The Loft. For your quiet arrival, you will enter the library area and then proceed to the central Silence Zone

### *Special Meditation with Tibetan Bowls*

**First Sundays - 6:30 PM**

(Please arrive early to prepare to start promptly)

Immerse yourself in healing sound of the Tibetan bowls. Through a range of tones and overtones you will experience physical and spiritual release. Attendees are encouraged to lie on a yoga mat and feel the vibrations carry along the floor and enter into their bodies. These vibrations help you meditate and provide healing energy at a cellular level. While sitting or lying on the floor you may experience physical, emotional and/or spiritual healing.

- 1) You may wish to bring a yoga mat and small blanket so you may sit or lie down in comfort.
- 2) For those who arrive late, you are welcome to join us ... as quietly as possible.

## *Every Third Sunday Practitioners, Connee Chandler and Ed Preston, Invite You to the Calm of Evensong*

Evensong is a worship service spoken or sung at the onset of evening to mark the close of day with gratitude and to compose the mind and renew the spirit for the coming week. Our Evensong is a peaceful, relaxing combination of prayer, meditation and music. This precious gathering is serene ... a coming together of Heaven on Earth and the Even Song's endless fulfilling of the Divine through the motion of the Universe. Give yourself a gift. Set the tone and intention of every third week within peace, grace and God centered living.

Where: In the Sanctuary

When: 6:30 PM every 3rd Sunday

Come prepared to be restored, renewed and revitalized within the loving experience.

## *Experience Taizé ... Become Entranced by the Melodic Chanting and the Glow of Candlelight 4th Sundays*

Taizé evokes a rich collective consciousness that joins with others around the world. It is a prayer of peace. It is characterized by simple songs and musical lines that are sung or chanted by the whole assembly of various nationalities, languages, and denominations. Participants immerse themselves in the simple yet profound harmonies allowing themselves to go more deeply into the meditative experience in the music offset by periods of silence and prayer.

Where: In the Sanctuary

When: 6:30 PM every 4th Sunday

## *Global Chanting 5th Sundays in the Sanctuary*

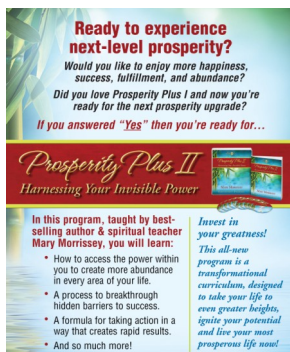
We are part of a global network of chanting circles. Our mission is to use chanting as a vehicle for global transformation and healing. We are open to wisdom from all traditions without being linked to any one teaching or ideology. Our sacred chant collection includes chants from the Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Native American, Sikh, and Sufi traditions. At the beginning of a session, each member dedicates the love, blessings, and healing energy that is to be generated in the circle to serve as a beneficial presence raising the consciousness of peace throughout the world.

## Prosperity Plus & Prosperity Plus II

**Prosperity Plus, A New Way of Living**, is a 10 week program that teaches spiritual practices of an ABUNDANT LIFE! You will move from fear, scarcity and limited thinking to a life full of possibility, prosperity and promise. You will experience deeper spiritual practice, expanded relationships, financial security and greater self awareness and self-esteem. In this course, you will discover the 10 Laws that govern an abundant life and will be given the opportunity and encouragement to put them into daily practice. This 10 week "experiment" will be the catalyst for a new way of LIVING and CREATING your good.

**Start Date:** Thursday, January 30th. 7-9 PM with Inge Schweiger, RScP Retired

**No prerequisite, however, pre-registration is necessary.**



**Prosperity Plus II, Harnessing Your Invisible Power**, a brand new 10 week program from Mary Morrissey that is assured to drill you deeply into the essence of your being to reveal your personal greatness and raise you to greater successes than you have imagined possible.

**Start Date:** Thursday, March 6th, 7-9 PM with Rev Laurie Bolster

**Prerequisite: Completion of Prosperity Plus, and, pre-registration is necessary.**

Let's push past our comfort zone when we bring love out into the world.

Too often we hold back because it doesn't feel socially acceptable.

Let's redefine socially acceptable and

Enable the whole world to feel our love, God's love, the One love.

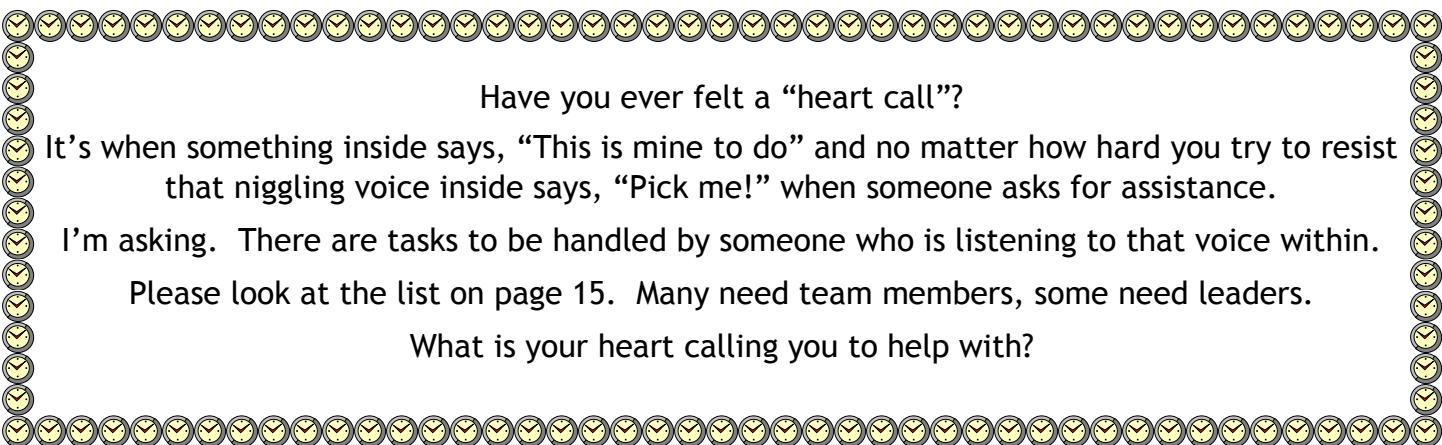
... Steve Farrell

*Did you know that you already knew ...*

Did you know that you already know how to meditate?

Sunday, February 16th after service,

Maxine Clair will have a brief—hour and a half —introduction or re-introduction to meditation for anyone who can breathe. Do come join us in the Loft at 1:00 o'clock. If you can breathe, you can meditate.



Have you ever felt a “heart call”?

It’s when something inside says, “This is mine to do” and no matter how hard you try to resist that niggling voice inside says, “Pick me!” when someone asks for assistance.

I’m asking. There are tasks to be handled by someone who is listening to that voice within.

Please look at the list on page 15. Many need team members, some need leaders.

What is your heart calling you to help with?

## “Stay Tuned for Marvelous March Happenings!

- ✓ First Sunday Feast! Bring *your favorite, favorite dish* and we’ll have a Divine Potluck!
- ✓ Sunday Seminar Series ... March 16th a free workshop ... more information coming
- ✓ Spiritual Practices “Tutorial” in March in our “Did you know?” series will focus on prayer
- ✓ Saturday, March 15th ... PosiPalooza Concert featuring Freebo, Glen Roethel, Sue Riley and Richard Mekdeci



### Area Science of Mind Directory

**Hampton Roads Center for Spiritual Living**

Sundays—10:30 AM  
 Virginia Wesleyan College,  
 1584 Wesleyan Drive, Norfolk, Va. 23502  
[www.hamptonroadscsl.org](http://www.hamptonroadscsl.org)  
 Rev. Ruth (757) 271-1552 [ruth@ruthlittlejohn.com](mailto:ruth@ruthlittlejohn.com)

**Stafford Study Group**

Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM  
 Where: Frank P. Moncure Masonic Lodge  
 2001 Courthouse Rd, Stafford VA 22554  
 Info: Rev. Faith Woods: 703-216-6601

**Center for Spiritual Living DC**

Sundays on Capitol Hill—11:00 AM  
 Wednesdays in Takoma DC—8:00 PM  
[www.CSLDC.org](http://www.CSLDC.org)  
[RevAlex@CSLDC.org](mailto:RevAlex@CSLDC.org) 202-906-0754

**Anne Arundel-Maryland City Study Group**

When: Alternate Thursdays 7:00 PM  
 Where: Maryland City Russet Library, Laurel, MD  
 Info: Tim Phares, RScP or Suzanne Delahaie, RScP  
 (301) 498-2025

**Sterling Study Group**

First & Third Sundays  
 Where: Hampton Inn off Route 7 in Sterling, VA  
 Info: Connee Chandler, RScP (703) 406-3427  
 or website: [www.sterlingstudygroup.org](http://www.sterlingstudygroup.org),

**For other Centers of Spiritual Living,  
 Teaching Chapters & Study Groups  
 Go to: [www.csl.org](http://www.csl.org)**

.Continued from page 1 per hour or sitting in quiet contemplation, the One is there. So where do I start?

Sometimes I wish It would just leave me alone and yet alone-alone is not what I want. What I want is to be so awake to the presence of the One that I remain in awe and appreciation moment by moment in a state of peaceful alertness. I want to live in the power of wow!

You may be saying to yourself, “I’ve had that conversation with myself.” You may be questioning, “How am I to love the One when I am not sure how to love myself?”

Be gentle yet firm with yourself as you investigate any limited expression of who you think you are. Remember you are divine consciousness manifest in physical form. It is that physical form, your body, that allows you to engage in this experiment called Life ... that allows you to open to loving the One and opens you to fully and completely loving yourself.

Namasté  
Rev Trish



The Vedas suggest surrender ...  
In order to experience liberation

The Bhagavad Gita declares that devotion to the Supreme ...  
brings its own great reward of God realization

The Old Testament instructs all to love God ...  
with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might

The Quran directs the faithful to pray five times per day affirming  
La Ilaha IllAllah ...There is nothing other than the One—Allah

The New Testament recommends all to seek first ...  
The kingdom of God and his righteousness ...

Many perspectives ... shared conclusion:  
Honor the Divine Creator ...



It is simple enough to understand the philosophy of the ages. It is simple enough to come to believe that, whatever you call It, there is only one Power in the Universe, there is only one Presence, there is only one final Law. It is Good, it is Love; we call it God. It is where we are. We are in It. Since It is present everywhere, It is in us. And It is the same God. Ernest Holmes, Ideas of Power (1992)

## Ministry, CORE & Team Leaders...

We deeply and gratefully acknowledge the selfless service given by  
our CORE, Team and Ministry Leaders and Members

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Educational Services	Duke Height	703-998-3092	Israel.height97@verizon.net
Welcoming Team	Melinda Erdberg	703-876-9693	lindae703@aol.com
Kitchen Angels			
Special Events			
Global Heart Outreach			
Congregant Services CORE	Rev Laurie Bolster	703-534-2748	Lifesgrandlb@earthlink.net
Care Team	Nancy Newman	703-409-2881	nnewman123@cox.net
Congregant Connections	Frank Mitko	703-405-8384	Frank_mitko@verizon.net
Sacred Service	Libby Hecker	703-580-0761	lib3by@verizon.net
LGBT and Friends			
Men's Group	Sam Jenkins	703-866-2478	ysmtysam@yahoo.com



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*"The Sanctuary"*

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*"The Loft"*

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Serving the Washington, DC Metro Area since 1985, the Celebration Center is a multi-cultural, inter-generational Center that embraces and nurtures all people seeking personal growth and spiritual transformation. We teach the transformative philosophy of Science of Mind and Spirit that empowers people to awaken to their own Divinity and that of all life. We encourage everyone to expand their receptivity to an ever expanding experience of the Divine, since we know that "the limitless givingness of Spirit is available to all to the degree that they are open to receive".

Each Sunday, we offer an array of opportunities in which to immerse oneself in Spirit. Our Celebration Service and our Family Ministries Programs for youngsters of all ages are at 11:00 AM. We also have a 6:30 PM evening service. Throughout the week there are classes, discussion groups and activities to suit varied interests.

To learn more about us, go to our website: [www.celebrationcenter.org](http://www.celebrationcenter.org). email our Community Spiritual Leader, Rev Trish Hall at [revtrish@cox.net](mailto:revtrish@cox.net), call our offices at 703/560-2030 or come to services. All are welcome here!

## Calendar

### Sunday Service Schedule

11:00 AM Celebration Service

6:30 PM Evening Service

-1st Sunday Tibetan Bowls/  
Meditation

-2nd Sunday-On hold

-3rd Sunday-Evensong

-4th Sunday-Taizé

-5th Sunday-Meditation/  
Chanting

~ See pages 6-7 for details ~

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### On Going .... in the "Loft"

#### Sundays

1:00 to 3:00 PM

1st Sunday—Practitioners' Meeting

3rd Sunday—Family Ministries

#### Tuesdays

2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Men's Group 7:00-9:30 PM

2nd Tuesdays

Leadership Council 7:00 PM

#### Wednesdays

Silent Meditation 7:00 PM

#### Saturdays

12 Step and New Thought

9:00—10:00 AM Suite 220

### Wednesdays ... in the Sanctuary

Choir Rehearsal—7:30-9:00 PM

### Celebration Center Staff

#### Senior Minister

Rev Trish Hall 703/677-7102

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#### Music Director

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#### Bookstore Team Manager

#### Family Ministry

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