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“Back to the Basics”

Rev Trish Hall

When we stop doing what we've always done out of habit and take the time to re-examine our beliefs, questions arise and the excitement we felt when we first realized that that impulsion to seek and the desire to feel at-one-ment is Spirit nudging and guiding us to awaken to the One ... the One that is Life Itself! The yearning to re-ignite the passion surges and we feel alive as Spirit inseparably connected with all of Creation.

You may feel the pull of Spirit competing with the push-back of fear, the inclination to hide in the familiar. Chris Trout asks, “Can you let go of what you have insisted is true and, instead, choose the Truth that will set you free?”

To live fully as Spirit is the ultimate freedom and it is accessible to all of us to the degree that we are willing and receptive. Ernest Holmes taught us that we can only attract that

which we become mentally and until you feel yourself as your potential you won't have the capacity to have the experience. The Truth that sets us free resides in the knowingness that Spirit as us has the capacity and that It is what is calling us to unite our inner world and our outer experiences. It is what calls us with a sublime sense “I already knew that yet I didn't know I did.” It's when we catch that we are greater than we ever realized and that it's only the beginning. We have access to greatness that is Spirit in us as us and Spirit is illimitable!

So where do we start such a journey? We begin by “unpacking” our assumptions in the light of day to sort out: What do I believe? What have I adopted from some external source? Do I believe it? Does it make spiritual sense? Can I rely on it? Dr. Holmes wrote in the Science of ...

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 Love***

Practitioners' Corner

... *Maxine Clair, RScP*

If you have already established a deliberate meditative practice, this might be a good time to re-commit to meditating daily. In addition to your sitting practice, you may want to consider a moving meditation or chanting. No matter what your practice, you may want to focus on being more open to the present—now—moment.

If you are new to meditation, for now consider simply noticing "now" moments which can serve as preview to the main attraction. Rather than dwelling in yesterday or tomorrow, in any moment, you can be aware of the present—the only moment that you are actually in—by realizing where you are and what you are doing, and eventually, what you are thinking. You're walking down the street and feel a breeze across your cheek. Say silently *now the wind is brushing my cheek*. Loading the dishwasher, examining a melon at the market, brushing your teeth, stepping off a curb, just say to yourself, *now I am squeezing the cantaloupe*, etc. Instantaneously, for a fleeting microsecond, you come into awareness of the moment you're in.

Now I am stepping onto the escalator. Now I am turning the steering wheel. Now I am breathing in. After some practice, you will find that you need not finish the sentence in order to experience a little shift in awareness. Saying the word "now" will do.

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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When you are with others, try coming present with, *this moment is for me*. After more practice, no

January Theme

... Back to the Basics

Celebration Center is going back to the basics in many ways this month. We are delving into the essentials of our philosophy in order to re-anchor ourselves in our amazing teaching knowing the power of prayer and the richness of our guiding principles. We will be uplifted by wrapping ourselves around what we really believe and how we know the Truth of Dr. Holmes' statement: "Our thinking doesn't change reality at all. Some people think it does; but it never flattened the world when they thought it was flat - it only flattened their experience on a round one. When someone knew it was round, he could navigate it." Our thinking changes us which transforms our experience.

January is also the month that we will be co-creating our future! While Rev Aimee is here she will be facilitating a powerfully transformational congregational meeting in which we will be revealing "our greatest yet to be." In February, she will be returning to us to move our greatest yet to be into an action plan so that we are assured of its attainment. These two very important dates are January 19th and February 9th ... Learn more on page 6.

Date	Speaker	Title	Music
January 5	Rev Trish	"The Thing Itself"	New Thought Jazz
January 12	Rev Aimee Daniels	"The Way It Works"	Amy Conley
January 19	Rev Trish	"What It Does"	Amy Conley
January 26	Rev Trish	"How to Use It"	Celebration Choir



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.

~ Our Vision ~

Celebrating Diversity, Embracing Oneness and Revealing Magnificence!

Council Comments

... Janine Bilyeu



President
Janine Bilyeu

It's a brand new baby year, to paraphrase something that Mary Morrissey says. Beginnings are wonderful, aren't they? It's a clean sheet of paper, a fresh start, a clean slate....oh, you know what I mean! And, it is a perfect time to take a deep breath and remember the basics. Our theme for this month is "Back to Basics." On a personal level, what that means for me is to get enough sleep, get regular exercise, remember my spiritual practices, spend time in nature, time with friends and family, and time alone. Eat more greens. Read books instead of face-book! And be grateful, all the time, for all of these experiences I am having.



Cathy Cronin



Vice President
Inge Schweiger

So what does Back to Basics mean for us at Celebration Center? I think it means, for starters, to look at each other with new eyes. Let go of whatever might be in our minds from last year, and start fresh with each other. Be tender, be open, and be loving in our words and actions. Next, we can start again with making connections with each other. There are so many good ways that we did this last year. Let's do the best ones again, and be open to trying new things to forge our connections and strengthen our relationships. Another thing is to bring our best selves to CCSL. Every one of us has the ability to spark new visions, so when we all do it, and do it together, this basic spiritual process will certainly create something new that we have never thought of before. Visioning together will be a wonderful way to start our brand new baby year. I look forward to our 2014 journey!



Frank Mitko

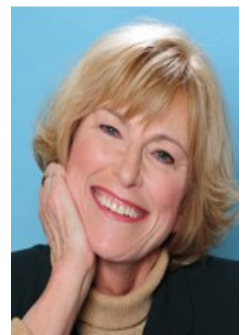


Treasurer
Caron Ward

~ 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.



Charles Lewis
Secretary



Rev Trish Hall



Treasure Mapping

January 5th

A Treasure Map is a collage that displays your dreams and goals. On Sunday, January 5th, after Celebration Service and First Sunday Feast (our new monthly potlucks!), we will launch the New Year with a time to reveal your personal Treasure Map. Facilitators Ed Preston, RScP and Diane Preston, RScP Emeritus lead us in developing our Treasure Maps to reflect what we most want in the upcoming year.



If you are unfamiliar with Treasure Mapping or just need to be refreshed about how it works, here's a simple outline of the process:

- ✓ Meditation ... to still the body and quiet the mind so that Spirit can reveal heart calls
- ✓ Gathering images ... to allow Spirit to lead you to the perfect images from magazines and other print materials that are made available
- ✓ Contemplation ... to open to being guided to lay out the images that have called to you
- ✓ Assembling Your Treasure Map ... to mount your images on your personal Treasure Map
- ✓ Appreciation ... to look at the beauty of what you and others have created

Magazines and other publications, poster stock, scissors, glue and assorted art supplies are provided. You can, of course, bring other supplies of your choosing. A "Gift of Gratitude" is requested to defray supply costs. We'll start at about 1:30 PM.



First Sunday Feasts

Start January 5th



Starting January 5th we will be gathering for

"First Sunday Feasts"

Each Month will have a theme:

January is "Soup-er Sunday"

Sign up to bring

- Soup
- Breads
- Salad
- Dessert



Where are we headed?

These Two Gatherings Are **THE MOST IMPORTANT**
Meetings in the Life of Our Beloved Center!

We will be co-creating our future!

Everyone is invited!

Co-Creating The Future - The Vision

On **January 19th**, Rev. Aimee Daniels will be leading the community through a process of co-creating the future vision of Celebration Center. Please join us from 1:00 - 3:00 P.M. as we use spiritual practice to look at where Celebration Center is today and powerfully co-create our future vision together. The processes and practices that Rev. Aimee will use can also be used to powerfully co-create your own life using Science of Mind principles. Your input, participation, and consciousness are important to creating our future. Please consider joining us and add your energy and love to our process as we move forward.

Co-Creating The Future - Putting our Vision in Action

On **February 9th**, Rev. Aimee Daniels will be with us again to facilitate moving our vision into a plan of action using the principles of our teaching. We will again meet from 1:00 - 3:00 P.M. Please plan to attend to learn not only how to help create the Celebration Center of the future but also to learn how to put our teaching into action in your own life.

Thank You, Celebration Center!

Your generous donations made it possible for us to contribute \$180 in Giant Gift Cards for Thanksgiving and an additional \$80 in Giant Gift Cards for Christmas for the Graham Road Elementary School students. Let's show our ongoing care and support for these families throughout the year.

Tammi McKinley and Irina Kurasiewicz, RScP, Rev. Trish Hall, Rev. Laurie Bolster

~Our Mission ~

We are a welcoming spiritual community rooted in the conviction that prayer works! We uplift, inspire and empower individuals, families and community to awaken to their purpose through education, service and fellowship by practicing the principles of Science of Mind and Spirit.

We rejoice in the blessings of abundance and the grace of being.

I AM GLAD Our Church Needs Money
Anonymous (via Rev Georgia Prescott)

I am glad this church needs money! If it did not, it would mean we didn't have the light on for those who need the freedom teachings of Science of Mind.

I am glad this church needs money! If it did not, it would mean it was not paying Rev. Trish to teach and preach and sometimes mop the floors.

I am glad this church needs money! If it did not, it would mean that it was not doing anything to support the homeless and hungry of our brothers and sisters.

I am glad this church needs money! If it did not, it would mean it was not interested in teaching children and teens about the power of Love and personal responsibility.

I am glad this church needs money! If it did not, it would mean it was not interested in supporting our music department which uplifts me so.

I am glad this church needs money! If it did not, it would mean it was not interested in continuing to improve our building and grounds where I study and Worship the God who believes in me

This church needs my gifts and I'm glad of it. I would not want to be a member of any other kind.

Chatting With The Beloved
by Connee Chandler

Connee, an Emeritus Practitioner, leads the Centers for Spiritual Living Sterling Study Group. In late June 2009, she was inspired by Wm. Paul Young's description in *The Shack* of what it means to "live, loved by God." Wondering what it would be like to live with a visceral feeling of being loved by Spirit in the context of her life and her Science of Mind beliefs, she began to imagine how it would be to have an actual, personal, ongoing, interactive, real-time relationship with the Divine.

Always a writer, in her journaling she stumbled upon the word 'Beloved,' and began to hear the other side of a conversation flowing. "The collective consciousness of love" is her description of the infinite and intimate energy the conversations captured. Her chats with the Beloved flow through the practicalities of life and the sublime consciousness, so sweet and authentic. Ernest Holmes wrote the book, *Can We Talk to God?* His answer was YES.

Here is Connee's emphatic YES! so you can share in her experiences and ultimately your own.

Get your copy of Chatting with the Beloved at our Opened Mind Bookstore!

Announcing ... Monthly 12 Steps and New Thought

For anyone in any 12-Step Program

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

Second Saturdays Beginning with Step 1 on January 11, 2014

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)

Winter Classes ... Please note date changes!

“Foundations of Science of Mind and Spirit” (11 classes)

Wednesday evenings starting January 15th

OR

Tuesday evenings starting January 21st

Have you ever wanted to feel really empowered? Would you like to enhance your sense of connection with your Higher Power? Are you ready to discover your emerging direction and purpose and how to make it happen?

Join this powerful class for a journey of self-discovery within an experiential format of lecture, discussion, sharing and process. You will learn spiritual principles and practices like meditation and affirmative prayer (spiritual mind treatment), and how to focus your intentions to create more powerful results that will change your life for the better forever. The Creative Process is introduced at the beginning of the class and then flows through each week so that the student has the opportunity to see and use the Creative Process as it works in their lives. You can learn to make your dreams a reality! Upon completion, you will have a solid foundation in order to deepen and grow in your studies, and you will be eligible to participate in additional certificated classes. Prerequisite: None. Required Text: *Science of Mind* by Ernest Holmes.

Regularly \$210 **SPECIAL PRICE!!!** Now only \$149!!! (Save \$61!!) Drop by our **Opened Mind bookstore** or enroll on line at www.ccsf-foundations-wednesday.eventbrite.com OR www.ccsf-foundations-Tuesday.eventbrite.com

“Power of Your Word”

8 classes ... Starting Tuesday evening January 21st

This is an amazing course on the power of every word you speak. Each week is a thoughtful approach to the deeper understandings of prayer: How does the nature of God in man create prayer, the impact of creative law and beliefs, what to pray about, affirmative prayer, and how prayer is continuous. Each week has experiential exercises to give these ideas a reality for the student. Prerequisite: Successful completion of a foundational class. Required Text: *Science of Mind* by Ernest Holmes. \$180 in advance; \$195 after 2nd class or in installments. **Drop by our Opened Mind bookstore or enroll on line at www.ccsf-powerofyourword-2014.eventbrite.com**

Did you know that you already knew ...

Did you know that you already know how to meditate?

Sunday, January 12th after service,

Maxine Clair will have a brief—one hour—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.

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 16th. 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, February 20th, 7-9 PM with Rev Laurie Bolster

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

Sharing Our Abundance!



Brrrr! It's Cold Outside!

Again this year we are collecting cold weather gear

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Coats, gloves, scarves and hats

New or Lovingly Used are deeply appreciated!

We are so deeply grateful for all we have so this year we have designated the families of Graham Elementary School as the recipients of our food drive and our cold-weather clothing collection. Many of these families are not able to provide nutritious meals for their families. Many do not have warm clothing.

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

Second Sundays—9:30 AM in the Sanctuary

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.

Hampton Roads CSL

... Rev Ruth Littlejohn

Did you know there is a Center for Spiritual Living in the Tidewater area?

Yes, it's true! Hampton Roads Center for Spiritual Living serves the Tidewater area. It's a very young Center (only a year old), vibrant and wonderfully welcoming. If you have family, friends, colleagues in this area, looking for a unique spiritual experience or if you are traveling to the area...stop by and participate in our community activities. You can keep up with our weekly activities by signing up for our eNewsletter on our website: www.hamptonroadscsl.org,



Here are few unique activities planned for 2014:

- ✓ Each month a Sunday service is dedicated to "God in Action." This is an experiential service where you get hands on experience using a spiritual tool such as visioning, forgiveness, gratitude, meditation. We are committed to "treat and move your feet."
- ✓ On Thursdays, we have a Spiritual Mind Treatment/Prayer check up. Our intention is to demonstrate transforming our thinking to change our lives using treatment and visual tools. It's great for those who have taken Science of Mind classes and those who have not. It's like your annual medical check up ... diagnostic and preventive. You can participate by phone as well.

We are grateful for the prayers and support we have received from Celebration Center through your minister, practitioners and members. Our founding minister, Rev. Ruth Littlejohn, has fond memories of having been a member of Celebration Center before becoming a minister.

Whether you're on your way to the beach or a crab feast, be sure to stop in. And do let your family and friends in Tidewater know that we're here and would love to welcome them to our community where we joyfully provide tools to transform our own lives and the global community. Like us on Facebook!

Namasté

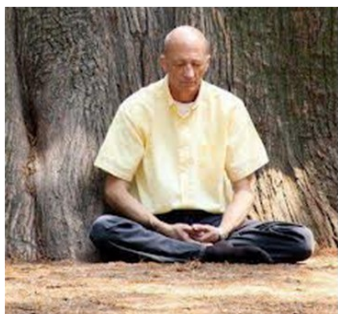
A bit of history ... Rev Ruth drew a small group together to vision, listen and pray which birthed Hampton Roads CSL that began in April 2011 by meeting monthly. By September they were meeting twice a month and since January 2013 they have been holding services every week.

"Stay Tuned for Fabulous February Happenings!"

- ✓ First Sunday Feast! Brrr Cold Outside! So we're warming up the inside with our Chile Cook-Off!
- ✓ Community Planning facilitated by Rev Aimee Daniels ... how to move our vision into our experience and support Celebration Center in becoming its greatest yet to be!
- ✓ Sunday Seminar Series ... a series of free workshops on a variety of topics including meditation, visioning, practical spirituality, abundant living and more
- ✓ Spiritual Practice "Tutorial" will be February in our "Did you know ..." series will focus on prayer

A Message of Peace

January 25th



We welcome the Volunteers of Rene Mey who provided healing blessings at our World of Health and Wellbeing, as they bring a presentation by Rene Mey who has been described as the embodiment of Love.

Rene Mey, a French humanist with no political or religious affiliation, will be at Celebration Center bringing a message of peace and hope to form a new path for helping to heal the world.

His presentation is open to the public and is offered without charge. This offering will be in French and Spanish with English translation be provided. More details will be provided soon.

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

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
 Rev. Ruth (757) 271-1552 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
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,

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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)

Continued from page 1 ... Mind, "... what the world needs is spiritual conviction followed by spiritual experience, I would rather see a student of this Science prove its Principles than to have him repeat all the words of wisdom that have ever been uttered."

Unless we are willing to throw off the blinders of habit, we remain trapped in rote functions of thought, numbed. Challenged to lean into the possibility of thoroughly experiencing aliveness, of living "oneness," we may falter and experience fear. We can allow emotions to paralyze us or we can be grateful that they are there to signal that it is time to pray and push through to an ever expanding experience of Life.

Ours is a simple faith: One Divine Source expressing Itself as all of Creation, always allowing access to Itself, ever encouraging Its expression to fully embody the Truth of its being, always calling creation to be its most magnificent. Many in seeking to explain our philosophy have made it seem complex. It is neither complicated nor convoluted. Often, people cannot believe that it is so simple. They insist that life conform to human logic and it's not going to

work that way because spiritual logic is not limited by human constraints.

We go back to basics at regular intervals to remind ourselves, "ours is a simple faith." We go back to re-anchor ourselves in the simplicity, clarity and power of Oneness. We remember that Spirit is the life that animates us and all of creation. The One Life that is God in anyone is the same One Life that is God in all of creation. We are inseparable from Spirit and one another. We are made of "God-stuff" because there is no other stuff from which anything is made. To experience Life at its fullest, we must remain keenly alert to the Divine Nature of all of creation and living accordingly. We must be kind and respectful of every other expression of the Divine.

Are you willing to be stripped naked of old limiting beliefs? Are you willing to shred your old assumptions expansive enough to really, freely live Life? If you are are courageous enough and trusting enough to start fresh, join us as we go back to the basics!

Namasté
Rev Trish

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 to the right. Many need team members, some need leaders.

What is your heart calling you to help with?

In Love and Gratitude ... Rev Trish

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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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. email our Community Spiritual Leader, Rev Trish Hall at 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

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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

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