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2013 Miracle Consciousness

According to Albert Einstein, "There are two ways to live: you can live as if nothing is a miracle; you can live as though everything is a miracle."



Transformation: Converting Good Intentions Into Great Choices!

Rev Trish Hall

We speak of transformation in so many different ways and apply it to so many different situations. Sometimes people use transformation and change as though they were the same and they are not. I'll grant you that in some circumstances one might argue that there is an overlap. Also changes almost always take place en route to transformation. Some distinctions between change and transformation are:

Change is impermanent, transient, capable of changing back. It tends to be external.

Transformation by contrast results in shifts that cannot be undone because the internal perceptions have been altered.

Lynne Twist, a global activist, philosopher, author and speaker, sets them quite specifically apart: "Change can change back. (We can go from conservative to liberal, from disciplined to undisciplined...) Change is volatile.

Transformation is completely different - though sometimes it is called change. Transformation never makes the past wrong. It transforms it. It doesn't deny it. It honors it in a way that you can move forward without making anything wrong, and having the past somehow now become complete, rather than wrong. Transformation has a permanence to it - where once you transform, once you awaken, once you see the stations you didn't see before, you can't go back. Transformation has the ultimate power of time, and what the world is crying for now is transformation, not necessarily more change, though some change may be a part of it, on the route to transformation Transformation suddenly makes the past make sense, and new futures open up."

No matter how worthy our intentions may be, they ...

Practitioners' Corner ... Rich Kurasiewicz, RScP

RThis month's topic is Transformation. What do you think about when you hear that? Change. Change in or of what? In the Bible, Romans 12:2, it says: "And be not conformed to this world: but *be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind*, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (emphasis added) In Science of Mind, we say: "change your thinking, change your life." So we have some clues here that transformation is an inner process, in the mind and how we think. But what are we to think or change?

First of all, each and everyone needs to know the Truth that will set them free. We are divine individualizations in the Mind of God—further our mind is a unique part and one with the Mind of God. Just as God is all there is—the Creator and the Creation; all Life and everything there is, we too are divine and live, move and have our being in the Living Spirit Almighty. We are co-Creators of our own experiences—what we imagine, believe and feel is what we experience because of our divinity and innate ability to create. We are the 'I am that I am.' Ernest Holmes further declared that there is a Power for Good in the Universe and we can use it.

Second, we need to realize that we cannot let external experiences, events and effects dictate how we feel and react—lest we become like a cork bobbing in water. This means that bosses, politicians, friends, family members and significant others do not ... *Continued on Pg 14*

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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October Spiritual Theme ... Transformation

Howard Thurman summed up the journey of transformation, in this way: “The goal of life is God! The source of life is God! God is the goal of man’s life, the end of all his seeking, the meaning of all his striving.” When we truly embrace his words we realize that the transformation we intuitively seek, that which undergirds all our genuinely good intentions is to follow the directive of Matthew 6:33, “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” When we transform ourselves, we are guided from within to make great, life affirming choices.

Date	Speaker	Title	Music
October 6	Rev Trish	“Free to Be!”	Tom Kimmel
October 13	Rev Trish	“Embracing the Divine”	Lea
October 20	Cary Bayer	<u>“Zen Teachings of Oz”</u>	Celebration Choir
October 27	Rev Dr Ray Anderson	“You Had the Power All Along”	The Levins



Our guest speaker on **October 20th** is **Cary Bayer**, author of *Zen Teachings of Oz* and *Follow Your Yellow Brick Road: Provisions for your Inner Journey*. As a life coach, he has worked with Oscar-winners Alan Arkin (*Little Miss Sunshine*) and Pietro Scalia (*JFK, Black Hawk Down*), Emmy-winner Judy Henderson (*Homeland*) and comedian David Steinberg.

Cary is wonderful teacher with a special talent for weaving humor, heart and some pretty heavy stuff. He sums up his approach to teaching and coaching as, “There’s nothing wrong with you that needs fixing, but something great in you that needs awakening.” See page 6 for details about his afternoon workshop.

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Our “guest speaker” on **October 27th** is our own **Rev Dr Raymont Anderson** reminding everyone “**You Had the Power All Along.**” Rev Ray is known for his many gifts that he shares so generously ... his energy, brilliance, wisdom, clarity and kindness.



~ Our Vision ~

Celebrating Diversity, Embracing Oneness and Revealing Magnificence!

Council Comments

... Janine Bilyeu

Life is interesting isn't it? As humans, we sometimes find ourselves in challenging situations. Maybe friends are not following up the way they said they would. Maybe they don't know you need something they have, or they simply don't have it to give. Maybe they die. Loss and grief and floundering ensue, and at the end of the day, who has your back? Who gives that comfort, that assurance that everything is going to be alright, that everything IS already alright, and the appearance may be tough and rough and scary but the truth—the Truth—is that all is perfect and the appearance is a temporary thing and the Truth is enduring and always, always, available to us. Just breathe it in, let go for a few moments the sadness that accompanies our grief and loss, and sit in the knowledge that our All, our One, always has our back.

For those of us that call our Celebration Center our home, we know that Nourishment happens here. Guidance and Education and Insights and Love, lots and lots of love, happens here too. As humans, we need this, and we can come here for all of this and more, to support our spiritual journey and to support each other's too. We not only have each other's back, we know—we KNOW—that our One Source ALWAYS has our back, and in this we can rest and relax and simply be one with our Source. This refreshment is available everywhere, of course, but our special place, our Celebration Center, is here because of us and for us, to make it real and keep it present and available to us and to all who come here.

Our Faith in Action Program runs from October 1 through to our Annual Meeting on November 10th. Each of you is being asked to commit or re-commit, to give your tithes, offerings and time to support your spiritual home. In this way you are playing an important role in growing Celebration Center into its "greatest yet to be," as Dr. Holmes would say, enabling it to continue to serve us all. I simply ask you to remember that we have this home, this place, that always has our back.

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Welcome to Our ... 2014 Faith in Action Program

“The Commitment Tree”

Oct 1—Nov 10, 2013

If you haven't read our President's Council Column on the adjacent page, please take a moment now to do so. Janine, speaking from her heart, has shared what our Faith in Action Program is all about. It's about nourishing and supporting what nourishes and supports each one of us ... our spiritual community. All of us are encouraged to express our gratitude to one another for our generosity. Being in spiritual community is wonder-filled place in which we learn what it is to be interdependent. Without one another spiritual community not only doesn't thrive, it simply doesn't exist. This year's theme is “The Commitment Tree.” It's pulling together to the benefit of all which in one of the African cultures is the practice of “ubuntu.” Everyone collaborates, congregates, cooperates and shares fully in all that is reaped. It's a joyous approach based on love, expectancy, fun and delight!

Here is how it will roll out ...

- We'll read a book—The 10 Commitments by David Simon (Depak Chopra's partner in starting the Chopra Institute). **25% off retail at the Opened Mind Bookstore.** You may want to gather some friends together, maybe neighbors, co-workers or others from the Center because it's the sort of book that stirs good conversation, or you may just want to chat with others during or after social time on Sundays.
- We'll have weekly **affirmation cards** coordinated with our reading assuming that we are each reading about two commitments per week.
- And just because it's fun ... each week we'll **highlight a color** by wearing something of that color, and our affirmation cards will be color coordinated. (Hint: Oct 6th is **yellow**)
- **Pledge cards** will be available throughout the program so you can follow your heart and demonstrate your commitment to your spiritual home in writing.
- Each time someone submits a pledge card they will receive a **leaf** to affix to our Commitment Tree so we'll get to see our progress toward our goal and having our tree fully leafed out. One of our Council members will report our progress weekly.

Most importantly ... we are here to have fun and to serve God in expression ... to serve one another! We are here to live and love and laugh and have our being in the richness of spiritual community ... the joys, the passions, the compassion ... the evolvment of being alive as Spirit in spiritual community!

~ 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.

Whole Volunteer Day—October 5th

Have you volunteered - ever, at all, anywhere, anytime - for the Celebration Center?

Yes? YOU ARE INVITED: **Saturday, October 5, 2013, 10:00 - 3:00** in the Sanctuary

No? Do something right away and YOU ARE INVITED! (Sooooo simple.)

A time to relax and be and play together.

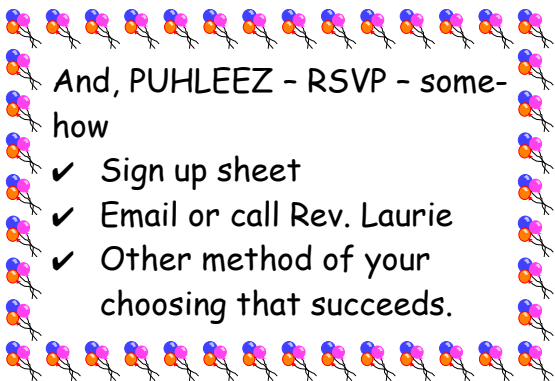
Enjoy a yummy time and meal together.

A bit of meditation Play ... Yummmm ... Connection ...

Spiritual practice ... Gettin' the juices and energy flowing ...

Laughing ... Just having a good time.

Please come!



And, PUHLEEZ - RSVP - somehow

- ✓ Sign up sheet
- ✓ Email or call Rev. Laurie
- ✓ Other method of your choosing that succeeds.

We have to plan materials and yum lunch and really absolutely flat out have to know how many people are coming. It "don't make no never-mind" about how many, we just need to know so we can be prepared. You don't RSVP? You maybe don't eat.

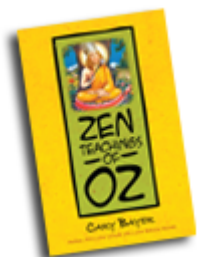
Hugs and Waves and Cheers! See you then.
... Rev. Laurie on behalf of Congregant Services

"Zen Teachings of Oz" ... Workshop with Cary Bayer

Sunday, October 20th 1:15—3:45 PM - \$25.00 in advance

Drawn from the wonderful story of "The Wizard of Oz," Cary reveals the archetypal characters and how they are showing up in (and even as) your life journey. This enlightening class, works with the metaphors that abound in this "spiritual classic."

Melt your troubles away and free yourself from the cycle of "what you resist persists" - a truth revealed by Depth Psychologist C. G. Jung. Cary's techniques will empower you to make peace with your own shadow figures.



Come learn from the Scarecrow, the Tin Man and the Lion how to let go of doubts. Discover, like Dorothy, to not pay attention to the man behind the curtain. Release yourself from the projections you've placed on people—those you've put on pedestals and those to whom you've given your power. Click your heels together three times and awaken your own intuition. For tickets, go to: www.zenofoz.eventbrite.com

The Waymores Musical Trio ... October 6th 1:00 PM



Wow! Nashville premier performers here!

Tom Kimmel, Sally Barris and Don Henry are three of Nashville's finest singer-songwriters. Each is a renowned composer. They have written for celebrities such as Ray Charles, Johnny Cash, Trisha Yearwood, Miranda Lambert, Linda Ronstadt and dozens of others. Each is an outstanding soloist with over a dozen albums between them. And real magic happens when the three unite on stage and in the studio as the "Waymores."

Catch them here at the Center while they are on tour promoting the "Waymores" forthcoming debut album!

EXTRA BONUS! Come to Celebration Center at 11:00 AM on the 6th - Tom is our featured artist at our Sunday Service!

TICKETS ON SALE NOW: [Opened Mind Bookstore](#) or go to www.waymores.eventbrite.com



November 9th

Health Fair for Us AND

For Our Neighborhood!

TO REAP THE BENEFITS OF
RECEIVING AND GIVING

Take advantage of the screenings and health services ... *and* consider the possibility of assisting with the fair. The gift you are is needed to support this wonderful community outreach. Imagine with me a gathering of people from our neighborhood, speaking different languages, being supported by translators, learning about a wide range of health services, participating in health screenings, receiving holistic services, and more ...

See yourself getting acquainted, sharing and assisting people from our neighborhood as we support them in embracing healthy living. *Join a seva team—feel the Love!*

We need you to help with marketing and connecting with merchants and getting the word out. We need you on the day of the event to help with logistics. Or??? Let us know how you see yourself "playing with God" in sacred service.

Contact our project manager: Janelle Edgar 571-421-7737 janellewedgar@gmail.com

AFRICAN DRUMMING CLASSES & JAM



WITH **MAMA IYA**

FRIDAY EVENING

7:00 TO 9:00 PM

October 4th and 18th

Drop-in class rate \$15.00 per session

-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.

Want to Connect? ...Nancy Newman

- ★ Do you have a hobby, an interest, a passion and would like to find others who share your interest? Join or create a "Passion Circle."
 - ★ We have some that are well underway, like our **Seniors Group**, our **Learning to Speak Spanish Group** and our **Dogs Group** that would welcome you. We have others that have expressed interest which have not yet gotten underway. Maybe you are the catalyst they've been waiting for! Now that summer is past, let's stir some vitality into these and more. There's plenty of support to get a group that interests you started or connect you with others of common interest. It's all about having fun!!!! To get started, email Nancy Newman at careteam@celebrationcenter.org She will be delighted to assist you.
- ★ Groups that are ready to go include ...
 - ✓ Visiting Museums and Downtown DC
 - ✓ Music—Sing, Go to Concerts
 - ✓ Singles
 - ✓ Ballroom Dancing
 - ✓ Learning to Speak Spanish
 - ✓ Working with the Homeless
 - ✓ Living Room Conversations
 - ✓ ??
 - ★ Groups that are already started include ...
 - ✓ Seniors
 - ✓ Learning to Speak Spanish
 - ✓ Dogs

Awesome Educational Opportunity!

Investigate Your Beliefs

“Creative Process in the Individual”

8 weeks ... Starting Monday evening *October 7th*

with Duke Height, Emeritus RScP & Pat Stocks, RScP

Learn how you are a powerful creator of your own experience at all times. Embrace how it is within your power to consciously create a life that is rich and rewarding. Beginning with the formation of the universe and ending with a vista of infinite possibilities, this course will teach you how to use the Divine Creative process. Judge Thomas Troward, author of *Creative Process in the Individual*, argues from basic principles that we all understand and shows how these principles are at your disposal. He relies on the maxim that “Principle is not bound by precedent,” in other words: *you are not limited by your past!* (except to the extent that you drag it into your present). Prerequisite: Successful completion of a foundational class.

Required Text: *Creative Process in the Individual* by Thomas Troward.

Cost: \$180 in advance; \$195 after 2nd class

Drop by our [Opened Mind Bookstore](#) or enroll online at www.ccs1-creativeprocessindividual.eventbrite.com

Improve Your Life

Charged Intentions or ??

By Rev Faith Woods

A Charged Intention or a Passing Whim? Transforming Good Intentions into Great Choices.

Good intentions without the hunger, without the desire to follow through, are hollow. They translate to “it would be nice if I could/would...” rather than the bold statement and certainty of “I will” My mother used to tell us, “The path to hell is paved with good intentions.” Knowing that hell is a state of mind, how often we feel sad, dismayed and hollow when we do not follow our heart. When we back-up our inaction with reasoning that often translates to “not enough” Not enough time, money education, etc. Hollow excuses, making us feel emptier, because every day someone who is poor or sick or homeless is charging their intention with action steps. When we do not fully believe in ourselves, we claim those success stories as fairy tales made for someone else.

We are the ones to determine how we will live this leg of our journey. From *The Invitation*, by Oriah Mountain Dreamer: “...no part of the journey is wasted. Once you recognize within yourself a hunger for something beyond just continuing, once you can taste the possibility of touching the meaning enfolded within your life, you can never be completely content with just going through the motions.”

Will we live with an emptiness of a good intention, or can we make the choice to believe in ourselves enough (just enough) to take the first step?

Remember that no part of the journey is wasted, therefore every step is meaningful. Take the step - make a great choice to fill yourself.

Meditation Opportunities ... to suit everyone

Start your day with prayer—join others in setting your intention of the day
 At 7:00 AM each day Call 712-432-0460 Access 574793# (new call-in number)

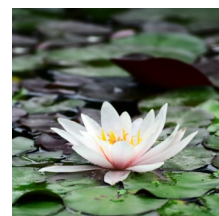
You are invited to join Rev Trish and others in Revealing
 What God's Highest Expression for your life is ... and ...
 How is Spirit desiring to Express as Celebration Center!

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.

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won't evolve into powerful choices unless we are willing to do the inner work necessary to transform ourselves. We must prepare ourselves for the fulfillment of our intention. Until we become a person that is appropriate ... who can live the intention ... we won't bring about the necessary shift. We can only convert our good intentions into great choices - really great choices - when we are willing to transform ourselves. Otherwise our good intentions will fall fallow by the side of the road. They will be no more effective than a New Years Resolution - particularly one made after several glasses of champagne.

It's that inside/outside struggle. If we try to force a choice by changing things on the outside in hopes that making external changes will result in changes (transformation) on the inside we are setting ourselves up for major disappointment. We are taught that first, before there is change in the visible experiences of life, there must be something new in the invisible realm. Sometimes people ideate an invisible representation of what they desire in the outer world. These internal models are sometime called "mental equivalents" but tend to be more like images of craven idols. Mental equivalent of this sort amount to conscious attempts to manipulate our environment by "mind muscling" internal change in order to manifest external experiences. This is still externally driven and highly unlikely to produce the lasting desired result. I believe that that approach is still engaging in change-works rather than transformation. Truly to generate lasting transformation, we must engage in spiritual practices and conscious thought to become something new that can embrace something more than we have previously. Until we are new, we function on the level of our past. Transformation - deep lasting transformation -is journey grounded in deep commitment. It's a

journey that demands consistency and congruency. We must become someone who is capable of being what we desire.

Early on, and for a longer time than I would like to admit, whenever I tried to wrap myself around the idea of transforming myself, I set up internal arguments. These ranged from "I'm not worthy of that so why waste my time trying," to stirring anger because I couldn't "make it happen," to denial that there was anything that needed to be transformed. Thank heavens, another part of me awakened - the part that was already engaged in the beginning stages of transformation. It was some of earliest evidence that something was happening. It was the realization that transformation is not a destination, it's an ongoing process of which I have barely scratched the surface ... much like the tip of an iceberg. I am in process. I am "becoming" my truth ... my Spiritual Truth. I am remembering more and more at deeper and deeper levels: I am an individuation of the Divine so the Spiritual Truth is that I am already all I can be! I am consciously releasing falsely accepted human "facts" and embracing Spiritual Truth. My endeavors have become those of a spiritual sculptor, divinely guided to chip away anything and everything that distracts from Spiritual Truth. Like the Centurion, I regularly affirm, "Lord, rid me of my unbelief."

I am reassured by Lynne Twist's declaration, "Transformation has a permanence to it - where once you transform, once you awaken, once you see the stations you didn't see before, you can't go back." I am comforted knowing that even on the days when I feel I am wavering, I can't go back.

Namasté ... Rev Trish



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Are you in business or do you provide a service that you would like to let others know about? If so, for more information, email info@celebrationcenter.org.

NEXT YARD SALE—OCTOBER 19TH

8:00 AM TO 3:30 PM

Clean out your closets, garage and storage unit
 “Treasures” that have lived in the dark for a year have earned
 their opportunity to join someone else’s household.

Bring items starting October 13th

Come help sort Friday and/or sell Saturday!

Questions: Call Inge 703-528-0953

Annual Meeting & Elections
Sunday, November 10th

AHOWAN
PET BLESSING WEEKEND

Returns Nov 15-17

Area Science of Mind Directory

For other Centers of Spiritual Living, Teaching Chapters & Study Groups

Go to: www.csl.org

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

DC Center for Spiritual Living

(formerly DC/New Thought Teaching Chapter
 For Service and Class Schedules
 WWW. DC_CSL.ORG
 Or RevAlex@DCNewThought.org

Stafford/Fredricksburg Study Group

Sunday Evening 6:45 PM – 8:30 PM
 Where: Frank P. Moncur Masonic Lodge
 2001 Courthouse Rd, Stafford VA 22554
 Info: Rev. Faith Woods: 703-216-6601

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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As divine individualizations, we already are perfect, whole and complete and eternal and immortal. Yet, we may experience pains, aches, discomfort, hurt, lack, limitation, loss, etc. What must we do to transform and claim our divine birthright and inheritance so that the Truth sets us free? In Science of Mind, we offer classes to increase our knowledge and understanding and we emphasize spiritual practices of affirmative prayer, meditation, and visioning. Consider as well tithing, gratitude and forgiveness as powerful tools to live from the inside out. In addition to classes or services at the Celebration Center, we also have a Practitioner Core that is available to counsel and affirmatively pray, or treat, on various aspects of our life that we want to experience more of or less.

We are never alone and are one with the One that is omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent. When we seek first the Kingdom of God, which Jesus said was already within—the Secret Place of the Most High that is nearer than arms or feet or breathing—we are transformed. And, this is not a one-time thing! To grow and live on purpose and to fulfill our potential, our thinking must be focused on the Truth—the more we do this, the more we are transformed and live lives filled with peace, love, joy and abundance of Good!

We can then affirm in faith: “Today, I practice being myself. I think simply and directly from the center of my own being, which is God, the living Spirit. I realize that all the Good there is, all the Presence there is, all the Power there is, is immediately available and immediately responsive to my acceptance. I enter into the faith of believing, the Joy of knowing, and the act of living which proclaim the One Presence and Power in all things. This Presence, warm, personal, and colorful, responds to me. It is within, around, and through me, and embraces all things. Today, I accept my partnership with the Infinite.” (p. 41, *Science of Mind Magazine*, October 2012) When we have the faith, belief and feeling of this, we are transformed and know: There is only One Life. That Life is God’s Life. That Life is Perfect. That Life is my Life now!

Book Review ...

The 10 Commitments



In the spirit of both Eastern and Western traditions, Dr. David Simon shows how changing our mindset from commandment to personal commitment can help us make the life transformations we want and need ... Dr. Simon encourages us to embrace the power of commitment to create a life of greater peace, vitality, love and purpose. Through commitment to be authentic, love more openly, embrace abundance and relax, we can translate our desires into actions that bring about transformation and healing.

"In this fascinating and uniquely insightful book, David explores the core tenets of Western spiritual values and demonstrates how, with a subtle yet powerful shift in perception, the essential truths of East and West merge to create a compelling vision for a better world." -Deepak Chopra

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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.

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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 in the "Loft"

1:00 to 3:00 PM

- ∞ 1st Sunday—Practitioners' Meeting
- ∞ 3rd Sunday—Family Ministries

Tuesdays in the "Loft"

2nd & 4th Tuesdays

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

- ∞ 2nd Tuesdays—Leadership Council

Wednesday Evenings in the Loft

7:00 PM—Silent Meditation

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