

Unity of Inner Peace Newsletter for January 2014

Dear Unity Family and Friends,

How does one start the New Year when it is zero degrees outside and the world is covered with snow? Settle in, hibernate? Even now tiny particles of white persist in floating and meandering across my view, they themselves too laid back to turn into full fledged snow flakes. But then as I turn my head slightly, away from the window, a photo image of Charles Fillmore, co-founder of Unity, catches my eye. I pick up the photo, flip it, and on the back is written these words:

"I fairly sizzle with zeal and enthusiasm as I spring forth with a mighty faith to do the things that ought to be done by me."

Charles was 94 years old at the time! What better invitation to the New Year can we extend than that of assisting one another in our understanding of what it is that ought to be done by us, and then supporting one another as we do it? Here's to a sizzling 2014.

Lovingly,
Judy McGowan

Sunday Schedule:

Jan. 5

Carolyn Myss audio series, "Energy Anatomy", Fourth Chakra

Jan. 12

Sue Schenk-Drobny, speaker - "A Walk With the Wild Divine - 93 miles of backpacking around Washington's Mt. Rainier"
***** Board Meeting after service*****

Jan. 19

Angeles Arrien's book, The Second Half of Life. Discussion will review "The White Picket Gate" (changing identities, discovering one's true face) and introduce "The Clay Gate" (intimacy, sensuality and sexuality)

Jan. 26

Dr. Andrew Newberg DVD series, The Spiritual Brain. Lecture 5 - "Believers and Atheists"
*****POTLUCK after service*****

Announcements:

We are delighted to announce that thanks to the expertise and willing service of our own Steve Schmunk, we now have an excellent web site up and running. The official address is <http://unityofinnerpeace.org/> and I also found it by googling Unity of Inner Peace, Marquette, MI. We can't thank you enough for making us current, Steve. Now, hopefully, visitors and new folks in town will be able to find us.

Also, we would ask that you mark your calendars for our big event on the second weekend in September, September 13th in particular. We are really putting ourselves out there by co-sponsoring, along with St. Paul's Episcopal Church, a special appearance of World Famous Bishop John Shelby Spong, whose literature we have studied, whose lectures and Q and A sessions we have viewed on DVD, and whose weekly e-letter has been shared with you for quite some time now. It is an honor to have him accept our invitation, and we hope that you will affirm the Board's decision to co-sponsor by planning on attending yourselves and extending invitations to many. There will be no ticket sales, simply love offerings accepted.

Book Donations:

Unity of Inner Peace donates a book to the Peter White Public Library monthly for the upliftment of both our members and the community at large. The book donation for January is The Gift of Years, Growing Old Gracefully, by Joan Chittister. It is a beautiful read.

Tithes:

Unity of Inner Peace tithes on all donations. Half of the tithe for the last quarter of 2013 went to Harbor House Domestic Abuse Shelter, Marquette and the other half to Unity Worldwide. Recipients for the next quarter will be decided at the end of March.

Condolences:

As we are all aware that in a world where all sentient beings are joined in consciousness, the passing of not only two-leggeds, but also four-leggeds is a cause for grief by many. With this in mind, we would like to offer our loving condolences to Dorit Stilling as her beloved cat companion, Mango, also known as Handsome, has made his transition to a pain free world. We offer comfort.

Birthdays:

We celebrate the following birthdays, and are so happy that these people are in our midst:

Barb Dupras, Jan. 15
Militza English, Jan. 26
Dar Shepherd, Jan. 26

Prayer Support:

Silent Unity is there 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for one purpose, and one purpose alone. That is to support you in your time of need. We invite you to call 1-800-NOW PRAY ([1-800-669-7729](tel:1-800-669-7729)) with your prayer needs or requests. All calls are confidential.

We also ask that you affirm wholeness and health for our own Jim Clumpner as he continues to make progress.

With that, we join you in affirming a Happy New Year for one and all. Cheers!

Your Board,

Judy McGowan, David McGowan, Militza English, Bill Waters and Rich Leinonen