

UNITY OF INNER PEACE NEWSLETTER FOR MAY, 2016

Dear Unity Members, Friends and Guests,

As you can see by the schedule below, we have an exciting month ahead of us! Makes us think of our founder Charles Fillmore, who said, "I fairly sizzle with zeal and enthusiasm." (And may we suggest you make a special notation on your calendar for potluck Sunday as it is not on our usual last Sunday of the month.)

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

May 1 (Board Meeting after service)

Speaker - **Garee Zellmer**. Garee describes herself in the following way, "Garee has a curious mind. One thing leads to another. And before you know it, she finds herself immersed in topics that expand the mind, heart, and soul. She is an organizational and leadership coach/consultant and has a private life coaching practice." We describe her as one who when she has come to us in the past, has created rich experiences, full of energy and enthusiasm, with the ability to turn something on inside each of us. This Sunday her title will be "Turtles All the Way Down."

A well-known scientist (some say it was Bertrand Russell) once gave a public lecture on astronomy. He described how the earth orbits around the sun and how the sun, in turn, orbits around the center of a vast collection of stars called our galaxy. At the end of the lecture, a little old lady at the back of the room got up and said: "What you have told us is rubbish. The world is really a flat plate supported on the back of a giant tortoise." The scientist gave a superior smile before replying, "What is the tortoise standing on?" "You're very clever, young man, very clever," said the old lady. "But it's turtles all the way down!" Hawking, 1988

What are YOUR turtles? What supports you?

Sunday's talk will pose these questions. Garee will share some of her turtles, the gifts and challenges of owning them and what it means to her to stand on the backs of her turtles every day.

May 8 (Mother's Day)

Discussion on **Nurturing** - leader, **Gail Razavi**. On Mother's Day, it is natural to extol the virtues of our mothers. However, as we have heard in the past, not all have had such positive experiences. Nurturing, however, the quality which we most often associate with mothers, cuts across all lines of gender, age, race, and even species. We invite you to come to Unity on Mother's Day with stories in mind or photos in hand which illustrate for you, the quality of nurturing, nurturing which has enriched your life.

May 15 (Potluck Sunday)

Speaker & Musician, **Cathy Bolton**. Two years ago we first had the unforgettable privilege of experiencing Cathy's energy. We are so pleased that she has made time in her schedule for us again.

On Sunday May 15th Singer/Songwriter/International Recording Artist Cathy Bolton will be our Guest Speaker and Musician. For the past 24 years she has performed her music across the U.S. And Canada, The Netherlands, Australia and Germany. And for the past 19 years she has worked alongside her friend, and colleague, Neale Donald Walsch, the author of the Conversations With God books. Cathy is the music minister for his spiritual retreats and serves as Vice President on the Board of Trustees for the nonprofit Conversations With God Foundation in Southern Oregon.

Her compositions were included on 2 Windham Hill Records compilation CDs along with music by Yanni, George Winston and Jim Brickman. She is currently composing songs for her 10th album which she will be recording later this year.

Her friend/colleague Neale Donald Walsch says about Cathy, "The joy, the love, the gentle wisdom, and the deep insight that Cathy and her music bring to the room produces the Miracle called Healing. I'm always humbled and inspired by her."

Cathy's theme for the day will be DIVINE ORDER - DIVINE TIMING. We will be able to talk with Cathy after the service on this our **POTLUCK SUNDAY**, and to purchase her recordings should you so desire.

MAY 22

CD & discussion. **Adyashanti**. Continuing the audio series called "Resurrecting Jesus - Embodying the Spirit of a Revolutionary Mystic." We will begin session 3 : "Birth, Baptism & Temptations."

MAY 29

CD & discussion. **John O'Donohue**. Continuing the audio series "The Divine Imagination - Wisdom from the Celtic World."

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jim Clumpner - On the evening of May 20th, at the Peter White Public Library, The Marquette Arts and Culture Center will present its Annual Art Awards. During the ceremony our own Jim Clumpner will receive the award for "ARTS VOLUNTEER." Congratulations, Jim! (Check with the library for further details.)

We are happy to spread the word that our friend Fran Waters DCSW, LMSW, LMFT and wife of board member Bill Waters, has published a book entitled *Healing the Fractured Child: Diagnosis and Treatment of Youth with Dissociation*. Fran was our speaker on April 17th during which she described what brought her to this career and the writing of her book. For copies, contact Fran or check with the publisher, Springer Publishing Co.

PRAYER SUPPORT:

We invite continuing affirmative prayer support for the following people dear to our hearts: Carol Birnbaum, Jim Clumpner, Helen Haskell Remien and Dorit Stilling. Helen asked that her prayer support be as follows, "The prayer is for my inner garden to flourish and thrive at a higher vibe than ever." She thanks us wholeheartedly. And we thank you all for your prayers.

If you feel a need for further or added prayer support for you or another, we recommend calling Silent Unity at 1-800-NOW-PRAY or [1-800-669-7729](tel:1-800-669-7729). Your calls will be answered 24/7. The service is free or by love offering, and all calls are confidential. They are a great comfort.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Our meetings/services are held at the clubhouse of The Marquette Federated Women's Clubs at 104 W Ridge St., Marquette, MI 49855. We begin at 10:00 AM Eastern Time. Please check our website at unityofinnerpeace.org or visit our Facebook page at [HTTPS://www.facebook.com/Unity-of-Inner-Peace-918296191554881/](https://www.facebook.com/Unity-of-Inner-Peace-918296191554881/) for further information.

Our Board Members are as follows: Judy McGowan, President; Steve Schmunk, Vice-President & web master; David McGowan, Treasurer; Ann Russ, Secretary & Facebook page creator. Members at large are Militza Georgevich English, Bob Lamb, Gail Razavi & Bill Waters.

"Our vision is a healed world."