

UNITY OF INNER PEACE NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Unity,

In a recent dream, I was asked the question, "Who do you trust the most?" I immediately and joyfully answered, "myself." Someone close by seemed surprised and disappointed, turned on her heel and walked away. I got the distinct impression that I had grown into this answer over a lifetime. It isn't that I don't need other people, but my greatest source of trust comes from within, and the answer should read not "myself," but "My Self." Big difference. Keeping that channel open with the Higher Self makes the difference between calm and anxiety, confidence or helplessness, an important message in this time of, to put it mildly, TRANSFORMATION.

Who do you trust the most?

In it together,
Judy

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

April 2:

Book reading and discussion: **The Twelve Freedoms** by Unity Minister, Phillip Pierson. Chapter Four, "The Contribution of Julian Jaynes."

April 9:

Speaker, **Bill Waters**. "Emerson and Success."

*******Board Meeting after Service*******

April 16

Speaker, **Judy McGowan**. "Where Are You in the Meaning of Easter?"

April 23:

Speakers, **Gail Razavi & Richard Leinonen**. "Give Yourself the Gift of Self-Confidence."

April 30:

Audio recording by **Gretchen Thompson**, Unitarian-Universalist Minister. Facilitated by Ann Russ & Steve Schmunk.

*******POTLUCK AFTER SERVICE*******

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

As many of you continue to ask about the recovery and health of Bishop John Shelby **Spong**, you may be interested in knowing what was printed in the March 23rd newsletter that still comes out in his name. "Spong has recovered quite well, and he continues to improve. He is back to his 3 mile walk every day on his treadmill. He is driving and has finished his final book." Spong has chosen not to continue the weekly column, but several other writers who have been strongly influenced by Spong have accepted the invitation to take turns doing so. In fact, one of these new writers is Marquette's own Kevin Thew Forrester of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

The Board has voted affirmatively to purchase a **microphone** and amplifier to be used on Sunday mornings for the greater comfort of those with diminished hearing. It will be in use soon.

This is a reminder that you still have the opportunity to read and sign **The Pledge for a Kind Community**. This was created by a handful of concerned area citizens as a response to recent unacceptable/bullying behavior in Marquette County. Please go to the website www.AKindCommunity.org to read and sign. Your awareness is important, and we ask that you too spread the word.

FINANCES:

We are grateful for those of you who have made a personal commitment to financially support Unity of Inner Peace on a regular basis, whether you are able to attend each week or not. No, this is not Public Broadcasting, but the process is the same. We want to provide you with the best "programming," in a comfortable meeting place, and it is your financial support that helps make that possible.

In addition, as part of its outreach, Unity of Inner Peace tithes from its abundance. The tithe for the first quarter of 2017 is being split equally between The Trillium House and Unity Worldwide.

PRAYER SUPPORT:

We enlist your affirmative prayers for our dear friend Jim Clumpner, whose release from this incarnation is imminent as these words are being written. We thank him for sharing his gifts, his humor and his sweetness of Spirit with us. We send him off with our love, and we pray for comfort for his family.

And we would always remind you of the 24/7 availability of people dedicated to praying with you at Silent Unity 1-(800) NOW PRAY, [1-\(800\) 669-7729](tel:18006697729). Call. You will be glad you did.

A cornucopia of BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS to:

Angela Johnson, April 10
Brandon Young, April 21
Patty Barton, April 28

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Our meetings/services are held at the clubhouse of the Marquette Federated Women's Clubs at 104 West 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 and assignments are as follows: Judy McGowan, President, Newsletter; Steve Schmunk, Vice-President, Website; Dave McGowan, Treasurer; Ann Russ, Secretary, Facebook, **Celebrant**. Members at large are Militza Georgevich English, Richard Leinonen, Gail Razavi and Bill Waters.

"Our vision is a healed world."