

UNITY OF INNER PEACE NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER, 2017

Dear Friends,

This morning as I was watching the news on TV, there was a segment about the beginning of the new school semester. A teacher was interviewed briefly, and behind her I could see some of the things she had put up on the walls of her classroom. One read, "You are what you do. Say, 'I'm sorry.'" I shuddered.

Now I know this teacher is well-meaning, wanting her students to consider the affects of their behavior, but has she considered that there may be children walking around telling themselves, "I did such and such. I must be really bad." And even traditional Christianity teaches that we were born so bad that a scapegoat, named Jesus of Nazareth, had to die because of it.

Which brings me to what attracted me to Unity in the beginning, and has held me here for 39 years. Unity teaches that we were born good, and our life is about coming into a greater and greater awareness of that. As we do, the outer reflects the inner. And along the way, we learn to forgive ourselves and others "our trespasses." Remember, how many years ago, the song "Born Free" burned its way into our psyches? It's time now for a new anthem - "Born Good!"

And as for that teacher, bless her for her loving intentions. Teaching is hard work!

In Unity,
Judy

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Sept. 3:

Audio tape of "**An Evening with James Dillet Freeman**," recorded at Christ Unity Church in Sacramento, California in 1991. This treasure offers you the opportunity to hear how and why Freeman created the "**Prayer of Protection**," the prayer with which we close each of our Sunday services. Freeman's other most well known prayer poem, "**I Am There**," came through as an audible voice while he was praying about the loss of his beloved wife. Through tears it brings hope.

Sept. 10: *******Board Meeting after Service*******

Audio recording, "**The Jesus Ego**" by Unity Minister, **Rev. Michael Jamison** of Topeka, Kansas, formerly member of the original Unity Study Group in the UP.

Sept. 17:

Speaker and Discussion leader, **Steve Schmunk** will lead us through "**The Surprise of Not Being Here**."

Sept. 24: *******POTLUCK after service*******

Speaker **Barb Marcum** has chosen to highlight, "**Feeding Our Spirit.**"

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

On **Wednesday, Sept. 13**, the Marquette Interfaith Forum invites you to the fifth in the World Faith Series entitled, One Light, Many Lamps. The subject of the evening's presentation will be **Islam** and will be held in the **Shiras Room of the Peter White Library at 7:00 PM**. Remember, each presenter is a member of the faith being featured, and there is time for questions afterward. "The purpose is to increase awareness and appreciation for individual faiths and the common ground among all the world's religions."

OUTREACH AND PRAYER SUPPORT:

Our founding minister of Unity of Inner Peace, **Ruth Singer**, had hoped to come up for a visit this fall, but her doctor advised against it. However, she keeps current with us via our monthly newsletter, and in return sends written responses and a much appreciated love offering. This month she sent the following: "What a beautiful newsletter!! I loved your message on the front page so much I shared it with our activities director, and she loved it so much too, she asked me if she could use it in her monthly newsletter. Of course I said yes because it was just too precious not to share it with others, especially in a place like we have here, and I didn't think you would mind. So many, many thank!! I hope and pray all is well with you and everyone in our church. I'm doing well and think & pray of you all very often. Please tell everyone I said, 'Hi' and I send my love. Love & Blessings, Rev. Ruth." We in turn affirm Rev. Ruth's wholeness and health, and are honored that our newsletter is bringing joy to those around her in Grand Rapids.

I have received permission to relay that our dear friend and artist, **Martha Fotopulos** has sold her condo and is moving to San Francisco very shortly. She has reconnected with a gentleman she has know since elementary school, and they have decided to be companions for each other at this stage of their lives. She is also excited about the art scene in San Francisco and feels there is a place for her style there. She does assure us that she will be back at some time as she loves Marquette and the UP and all of us as well.

Bill Waters continues the treatments to bring him to greater wellness. And even on days when he feels less than wonderful, his appreciation and wonder for life continues to grow. He's always been an inspiration through his sense of curiosity and awareness, and that continues to be so.

Gail Razavi has been greatly missed as she is recovering from eye surgery. Always a woman of inner vision, may her outer vision be as clear soon.

We also send affirmative prayers for the Highest Good to all of those affected by the hurricane, downpours and flooding in the **Gulf Coast** region of our country. May they feel valued and their needs met.

A reminder that **Silent Unity** exists for you. Whatever your prayer, whatever time of the day or night, whatever day of the week, month, year, you can call [1-800-669-7729](tel:1-800-669-7729) (1-800-NOW PRAY) to have someone listen to you and pray with you.

Blessings to all.

BIRTHDAYS: Thank you for sharing your lives with us. HAPPIEST OF BIRTHDAYS!

Dorit Stilling, Sept. 16th, #80

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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; David McGowan, Treasurer; Ann Russ, Secretary, Facebook, **CELEBRANT**; Militza Georgevich English; Gail Razavi; Bill Waters. Richard Leinonen, alternate.

"Our vision is a healed world."