# **UNITY OF INNER PEACE NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY, 2017**

December 29, 2016

Dear Unity Members and Friends,

"To recognize the worth, quality, importance *I* cherish, enjoy, esteem, prize, relish, respect, savor, treasure, value." In these definitions you will recognize first the verb *appreciate I* then its *synonyms*. As we bring to a close another active year for Unity of Inner Peace these are the words that we use to describe the organization, its teachings and all of the people who participated in its life this year - those who allowed us to use the clubhouse, those who prepared the room for our services, those who attended, those who presented, those who planned and directed.

Each of us has his or her own reasons for participating. For some it is a place that welcomes those who want to break with the past, to nurture their spiritual evolution. For some it is a place to broaden ones definition of spirituality, to define and recognize Spirit in all that is. For some it is a bonding place for those who are "foreign born," those not born into the tribe of the UP. For others it is expanding the scope of their UP upbringing by bonding with those "foreigners." Whatever it is that brings us together, an energy greater than any one of us individually is created, an exponential energy for good.

And this is what we appreciate, why we are grateful. May the year 2017 find us ever deepening and expanding our expression of all for which we stand. Thank you, Unity of Inner Peace.

Lovingly always, Judy

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### SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Jan.1

Speaker, Bill Waters. "The Circle: A Safe Place to Come Together."

### Jan. 8 Board Meeting after service

CD & Discussion. Adyashanti in his own voice. Continuing the audio series. "Resurrecting Jesus: Embodying the Spirit of a Revolutionary Mystic."

### Jan. 15

Book Reading & Discussion. <u>The Twelve Freedoms</u> by Unity minister, Phillip Pierson. Introduction and Chapter 1: "The Real Purpose of Life."

### Jan. 22

Speaker, **Steve Schmunk**. "It's All Invented: Knowing how our language shapes our inner and outer worlds; how we should proceed?"

Jan. 29 **Potluck after service** Musician and Speaker. Local favorite, **Michael Waite**.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Just a reminder that free **meditation classes** will be offered starting Sunday, January 8th, at 5:00 PM at the U.P. Children's Museum. The classes are sponsored by The Gourdian Society and facilitated by our own Brandon Young. "Learn to calm and focus your mind, discover the answers to life's problems, and find the peace and happiness that's always been there for you." Call (906) 250-4457 to reserve a spot.

### **PRAYER SUPPORT:**

Whatever the infirmity, short term or long lived, knowing that people are affirming our wholeness and seeing The Christ in us is healing. Communications of concern and offerings of service are invaluable. We invite you to continue to remember the following people in this way: Darlene Herkins, Jim Clumpner, Bob Lamb, Carol Birnbaum and Dorit Stilling.

In addition, we remind you of Unity's great prayer ministry - Silent Unity. Call 1 (800) NOW/PRAY (1 800 (669-7729) to ask someone to pray with you concerning any illness or problem. They are there wholly to serve you, 24/7. Free or by donation.

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**BIRTHDAYS:** Happy Birthday to some of our community's great wholistic teachers and spiritual movers and shakers!

Alicia Smith, Jan. 4 Barb Dupras, Jan. 15 Militza Georgevich English, Jan. 26

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#### **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 <u>unityofinnerpeace.org</u> or visit our Facebook page at <u>HTTPS://www.facebook.com/Unity-of-Inner-Peace-918296191554881/</u> for further information.

Our board members are as follows: Judy McGowan, President & newsletter editor; Steve Schmunk, Vice President & web master; David McGowan, Treasurer; Ann Russ, Secretary, Facebook page creator and <u>CELEBRANT</u>. Members at large are Militza Georgevich English, BobLamb, Gail Razavi and Bill Waters.

# "Our vision is a healed world."