

# UNITY OF INNER PEACE NEWSLETTER FOR MAY, 2017

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Dear Unity Friends,

We are in that odd time of year, a time of what feels like waiting. Waiting for color, waiting for warmth, waiting for things to come out of hibernation. Winter is gone, but the next season has not really sprung forth. Are you too in a period of drabness, of waiting?

Have you ever walked down the stairs to the breakwater at Presque Isle Park and looked at the rocks both in the water and piling up on the island side? Are we not drawn first to the colorful rocks in the water? Or walked the beach area north of Picnic Rocks viewing the smorgasbord of small rocks there? They entice us to wade in the water to pick them up and examine them closely. Occasionally we find an agate, considered a little more precious than the rest, but usually, as lay people we can't give them names. We just see how beautiful they are. The colors are vivid and we are tempted to put them in our pockets and take them home. But for those of us who have done so, when we get them home, we feel somewhat disappointed because when dry, their color and lustre have visibly faded. They look no different than the piles of dry stones on the beaches, the ones we either walked over unseeingly, or grabbed and moistened to see what they really were.

What does this have to do with us? The beach stones are of the element earth, as are we -ashes to ashes - but it takes the element water to bring out their true color. What is the element that you need most to bring out Your True Color? Perhaps it is the earth for one who thrives on gardening, or one who feels compelled to mold clay into objects of beauty. Perhaps it is air for one who loves to feel the wind in his face while racing down a ski hill, or who sends forth her words into the universe. Perhaps it is fire for one who makes objects of iron or who loves to create nourishing meals using the heat from stoves and ovens. Or perhaps it is water for one who swims or is an environmentalist campaigning to save our water sources from pollution.

In a loving universe with loving intentions there is no best way for you to bring out your true color. Only you know what it is, and all you need do is give yourself permission to shine. So, Jump into the Water of Your Soul, and Show us Your True Colors.

Lovingly,  
Judy

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## SUNDAYSCHEDULE:

May 7:

Speaker: **Paul Olson**, social worker and a longtime friend of Unity of Inner Peace.

Talk title: "Identifying Your Values."

Description: *"People talk about living in an ethical manner and upholding their personal values, but how many of us can actually identify what our personal values are? Paul will guide you in identifying your top three personal values as a tool for knowing what an ethical lifestyle is for you, personally."*

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

May 14: (Mother's Day)

Speaker, **Helen Haskell Remien**, creator of The Joy Center.

Talk title: "What do you stand for?!? Reflections on Patriotism."

May 21:

Book reading and discussion: **The Twelve Freedoms** by Unity Minister, Phillip Pierson. Chapter Five, "The Contribution of Teilhard de Chardin." Facilitated by Judy McGowan.

May 28:

Audio recording by **Rev. Gretchen Thompson**, Unitarian-Universalist Minister. Title: "Journeying Out and Back Again." Facilitated by Steve Schmunk and Ann Russ.

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**The Marquette Interfaith Forum** will host a series of talks on the world's religions, entitled "**One Light, Many Lamps.**" *The purpose is to increase awareness and appreciation for individual faiths and the common ground among all the world's major religions.* The first in the series, on Hinduism, will be **Wednesday, May 10** at 7:00 PM in the Shiras Room of the Peter White Public Library in Marquette.

At Unity of Inner Peace we say that "our vision is a healed world." Greater understanding of the major religions of the world can be a key in that healing process. We urge you to make room on your calendar for this important series, and we will continue to print the dates for the rest of the presentations as they come up, one per month for six months.

Once again, if you have not already done so, we urge you to visit the website [www.AKindCommunity.org](http://www.AKindCommunity.org), to read and sign and share the pledge, written as a response by a handful of concerned citizens, to recent abusive bullying behavior in Marquette County. This is another way to help bring about "a healed world."

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## OUTREACH & PRAYER SUPPORT:

As you know, our dear friend, Jim Clumpner, a man of diverse talents and lover of the arts, recently made his transition. In honor of his life, Unity of Inner Peace chose to make a donation in his name to the CREATE Project of Ishpeming.

We have received a thank you from Martha Penn Cablk for the loving messages of encouragement and condolence sent by our members.

Let us continue to remember both Martha and the family of Jim Clumpner in our prayers of affirmation.

And may we also remember Rev. Ruth Singer, Bob Lamb, and Carol Elder Birnbaum in their path to healing.

For those of you who desire the prayer support of Silent Unity, call 1- (800) NOW PRAY, [1-\(800\)669-7729](tel:1-800-669-7729). These dedicated people are there just for you, 24/7.

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## **BIRTHDAYS:**

I have no birthdays listed for May. If your birthday has been overlooked either this month or any other, please let Judy McGowan know so that we can send future blessings.

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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](http://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.

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