

UNITY OF INNER PEACE NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER, 2017

Dear Unity Friends,

If you look at the Sunday Schedule below, you will find people expressing the modes and means by which they have received enlightenment, learned about the value and power of their own Being, and thus what they can further contribute to our world. For one it was learning to be vulnerable in order to be authentic. For another, finding a match with someone of world renown who, in a sense, gave credence to his own experience. For another, coming into clarity of thinking through a time of dis-ease. And finally, one who so resonated with the teachings of one who lived and taught our oneness with The Divine that it helped to contribute to a career choice.

I have long been a reader and admirer of spiritual expression, and somewhere along the way discovered that when I become truly excited, it is because a phenomenon is taking place. The grandeur of the words being impressed upon me cause an opening. The words may seem new, but what is really happening is that they are resonating with what has been within me all along. It's as though a light has been turned on, and my soul soars at being freed.

Here at Unity of Inner Peace on Sundays mornings, we offer a platform for folks to share what has opened them, in the hopes that something glorious will be freed within you. Together we affirm, "I see The Christ in you."

Judy

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Nov. 5

Television viewing of **Ted Talk** titled, "**The Power of Vulnerability**" by **Brene Brown**, followed by discussion.

"Brene Brown is a research professor at the University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work. She has spent the past ten

years studying vulnerability, courage, authenticity and shame. She spent the first five years of her decade-long study focusing on shame and empathy, and is now using that work to explore a concept she calls **Wholeheartedness**. She poses the questions: How do we learn to embrace our vulnerabilities and imperfections so that we can engage in our lives from a place of authenticity and worthiness? How do we cultivate the courage, compassion and connection that we need to recognize that we are enough - that we are worthy of love, belonging and joy?"

Nov. 12 ***BOARD MEETING after service**

Speaker, **Brandon Young**. Title of talk, "Thoreau, how his wisdom has influenced and confirmed my own."

Nov. 19 ***THANKSGIVING POTLUCK after service**

Speaker, **Bill Waters**. Title, "Awakening: the positive changes in my attitude, outlook, relationships and behavior since being diagnosed with cancer."

Nov. 26

Audio recording, "**Affirmations**," by Unity Minister **Phillip Pierson**. Talk based on Lessons in Truth by H. Emilie Cady.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We recently purchased two dozen Unity booklets entitled **Your Healing Journey** to enhance your understanding of the origins of Unity, its founder's healing testimony and a list of powerful affirmations. Unity quite regularly sends out samples of its latest booklets, but we found this one to be so outstanding that we wanted to ensure that you had access to it. The booklets are available on our information table on Sunday mornings. We

invite you to take one, a single copy, please, so that all can be blessed. Testimonial - a nurse who is part of our Unity circle picked up a copy without great expectations, browsed through it, and exclaimed, "Wow!"

We would like to extend a **thank you to David McGowan** for his gift of 50 red "Unity" pens. They are for your convenience on Sunday mornings when you wish to take notes during a presentation.

Rev. Michael Jamison, who so lovingly donated his service CDs which we enjoyed throughout this year, has informed us that he has retired from his ministry in Topeka, Kansas, and is heading for his new job at Silent Unity. However, his generosity to us continues even in the midst of this, as he is packing up a box of service CDs to ship to us for future use. What a blessing and inspiration to so many.

"Due to the wind storm on Oct. 24, **Neighbors for a Kinder Community** have **rescheduled 'A Circle of Compassion,'** for Mon., Nov. 6, 2017, from 7 pm - 8:30pm in the Shiras Room on the second floor of Peter White Public Library. Participants are encouraged to take turns sharing their thoughts, ideas, stories, poems, questions, songs, and/or responses on the topic of compassion, or simply to listen.

The Marquette group created The Kinder Community Pledge in January, 2017, in response to divisiveness witnessed in our own and other communities. Recognizing a powerful opportunity to come together to build upon our community's strengths and address its weaknesses, the group's hope is to help others feel more inspired, committed, and capable of taking ongoing action to help create a kinder community through increased respect, compassion and courage." The evening is free, and all are welcome.

OUTREACH & PRAYER SUPPORT:

For those who have especially requested prayer support - Bob Lamb, Dorit Stilling, Carol Birnbaum, Brandon & Psi, we affirm that no illness or circumstance has power over you. The Highest Good is working its way in and through you now. For those who desire additional prayer support, we recommend you call Silent Unity at 1-800-NOW PRAY/[1-800-669-](tel:1-800-669-)

[7720](#). Silent Unity is the heart of the Unity Movement, and their workers are available for you 24/7.

BIRTHDAYS: We celebrate you and all that your lives contribute to the greater good. Happy Birthday.

- Ken Paulin, Nov 8
 - Pamela Monroe, Nov. 12
 - Jesse Ossenheimer, Nov. 21
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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 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; William Francis Waters; Richard Leinonen, alternate.

"Our vision is a healed world."