UNITY OF INNER PEACE NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST, 2019

Dear Unity Friends,

Spirit does send messages when we are open to listen, doesn't It? Since the decision was made to write this newsletter once again, I felt prompted to ask Ann Russ to write a short piece reminding all of you that she is our official CELEBRANT, what that means and how it works. She did so. And here is what she wrote.

Celebrant Services

Several years ago, Unity's Board with input from a congregational survey identified a need for an individual to serve our spiritual community in a "Celebrant" role.

Celebrants are "ceremony specialists" who work with individuals, couples, families, communities, and organizations to mark and celebrate life's milestones and transitions.

At the request of the Board, I underwent Celebrant training and have been certified to perform Celebration of Life services with a focus on honoring, remembering, and celebrating the life of the person who has passed.

I feel it is an honor to serve our beloved spiritual community in that role.

Love and peace,

Ann

Well, after I received that piece, and after writing in last month's newsletter about how our dear friend Dorit Stilling was so happily ensconced at Mill Creek Assisted Living Center, the two pieces have come together. For those of you who don't already know, Dorit Stilling made her transition, quietly and unexpectedly on the evening of July 18th. She was loved by many, yet it will be Ann Russ, our Celebrant, who is now planning the Celebration of Life service for Dorit. In addition to her training as Celebrant, Ann and her husband Steve Schmunk have been among Dorit's greatest every day support system for several years now. Thank you, Spirit.

In service,

Judy

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SUNDAY SERVICES:

(as written and submitted to the Marquette Monthly by Lee Ossenheimer, Board Member)

August 4: <u>Lessons in Truth</u> by H. Emilie Cady; A course of twelve lessons in practical Christianity. Read and discuss lesson 4; "Denials," as related to our spiritual development.

August 11: Eric Butterworth's <u>Discover the Power Within You</u> - finish the third of twelve CD lectures highlighting Jesus. Titled: "From Sinners to Masters." Discussion to follow.

(BOARD MEETING FOLLOWING SERVICE)

August 18: <u>Lessons in Truth</u> by H. Emilie Cady; A course of twelve lessons in practical Christianity. Read and discuss lesson 5: "Affirmations."

August 25: Mary Hanson, Licensed Unity Teacher, presents: "Prayer Revisited." This will be a follow-up discussion to Mary's July 14th presentation, titled: "Unity's 5-step Prayer Process; how to pray without talking to God, and the many faces of prayer."

(POT LUCK FOLLOWING SERVICE)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A thank you to Unity Board Member Lee Ossenheimer, who as an active Board Member of the Hiawatha Music Festival, helped bring this year's successful activity to our community.

With all of the national celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission and the moon landing, it is sweet to remember that carried in the pocket of astronaut Buzz Aldrin, was a copy of "The Prayer of Protection" written by Unity's poet laureate, James Dillet Freeman. What an honor.

Congratulations to Board Member Steve Schmunk on his July 31st retirement from a long, varied, and illustrious career. Happy days.

We will send out a notice when plans are in place for Dorit Stilling's Memorial Service.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Silent Unity's Prayer Line: 1-800-669-7729 available 24/7.

Unity of Inner Peace Services are Sunday Mornings 10:00AM Eastern Time. Location- Women's Federated Clubhouse 104 W Ridge Street, Marquette, MI 49855   All are welcome.

Unity's Facebook Page: HTTPS://www.facebook.com/unity-of-inner-peace-918296191554881/

Board Members: Dan Michelsen, President; Steve Schmunk, Vice President and Webmaster; David McGowan, Treasurer; Lee Ossenheimer, Monthly calendar; Militza English, Member at large. Other services: Judy McGowan, "Keeper of the Flame"; Ann Russ, Facebook and CELEBRANT.

"We welcome you with love and peace. Our vision is a healed world."

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