

ONE GOD, MANY PATHS, SPIRITUAL NOT RELIGIOUS



You cannot step into the
SAME RIVER twice.

-Heraclitus



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Reach Out

by Sharon M. Behr

I recall the words my mother said when I was very small,
And so, afraid to reach out for fear that I might fall:

“You must have faith to walk, my child,
before you can go far,
But with that faith you’ll find the way to
reach your brightest star.”

Then believing is the key for what you want to be,
Seeing not with eyes alone, but seeing inwardly.

For what if the little bird that’s hatching feared
to come out and sing?
He’d never know the beautiful Truth that
he was born to take wing.

Reach out, believe, be not afraid, but take a giant stride.
How joyous is the knowledge that God is by Your side!





Heart Talk
by Bernadette Voorhees



There is a story, which comes from the Sufi tradition about a stream that had its source in a faraway mountain. It passed through all kinds of countryside, roaring through, carving its own way, and being very powerful and strong. Looking at the stream, you got the feeling of the stream as very strong and unstoppable. But one day this powerful stream met a vast desert. There was no way the stream could pass through. What could it do?

Just then, it heard the voice of the wind. The wind told the stream, "Just let go and I will carry you across the desert." But the stream could not do that. How could it surrender to the power of the wind? It was afraid.

But alas, there was no other way. Finally, the stream surrendered and the wind took it up in the form of evaporation high into the sky. The wind then carried the water molecules across the desert to the far mountains where it rained forming another very powerful stream. It was in this way that the stream did cross the desert and move on to join the sea.

Our lives are like that. There is a power in us that wants to do it all ourselves. Then we come up against the obstacles in life, the desert experiences that we all have. We still want to do it ourselves. It has worked for us before, hasn't it?

But we cannot and the only way we can cross our desert experiences is by surrendering to the wind. What is the wind? The wind is the Holy Spirit, the Divine Mother.

Resting in the arms of the Divine Mother carries us through the deserts of our lives, reunites us again and forms new life and new existence for us. There is so much more to us than we can ever imagine.



Bookstore Ministry

Lighted Path Bookstore Ministry

Team Leader:
Grace Conners



Are you continuing with the process of “spring house cleaning”? In order to increase or maintain tidiness in your environments, here are four rules you can use to help in the process. The book they came from suggests writing them down, repeating out loud daily morning and evening for 21 days and making them a personal mantra to help maintain serenity.

1. If you take it out, put it back.
2. If you open it, close it.
3. If you throw it down, pick it up.
4. If you take it off, hang it up.

May your days be filled with serenity and abundance.

Please stop by the bookstore on Sundays, look around and visit with the volunteer on duty.

**Serenity is not freedom
from the storm, but
peace amid the storm.**

~ S.A. Jefferson-Wright



Lighted Path Bookstore Volunteer Schedule

May	7	Shaun McCarton	4	June
	14	Sandy Wilson	11	
	21	Grace Conners	18	
	28	Don Divens	25	

Volunteers: Please contact **Grace Conners** or another volunteer if you cannot work your scheduled Sunday. Thanks.

Bookstore Ministry



Are you searching for a gift for a special someone? We have wonderful selections available in our Lighted Path Bookstore.



The Quest: A Journey of Spiritual Discovery

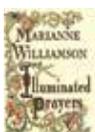
by Richard and Mary-Alice Jafolla

In every human heart there exists the hope of connecting with “something more.” *The Quest* opens the way for that connection. It presents eternal truths in a contemporary and very personal way. *The Quest* is a process and a journey which can transform your life far beyond anything that you may now envision.



Nurturing Your Teenager's Soul by Mimi Doe

Nurture your teenager's spiritual growth, including how to cope with peer influences, substance abuse, issues of sexuality and the stress of high school.



Illuminated Prayers by Marianne Williamson

This is an illustrated collection of prayers which uses the image of a silver castle to weave a network of global meditation.



Meditation: The Complete Guide

by Patricia Monaghan & Eleanor G. Diereck

This book offers information on forty-three meditation practices. An easy-to-use self-test on personal habits and preferences directs readers to choose a practice to fit their tastes and circumstances.



Baby Buddhas: A Guide for Teaching Meditation to Children by Lisa Desmond

Baby Buddhas highlights the benefits of meditation for parents and children and shows how to incorporate meditation into family life.



You're never far from our prayer support: Call, request by mail or email reverendbernadette@unityofvancouver.com

Dial a Daily Word Team Leaders: Larry & Joanne Turner

Call 694-4325 for a 24-hour taped inspirational message.

Silent Unity Prayer Circle : Sundays, 9:15-9:50am

SILENT UNITY PRAYER SERVICE

May: As we experience the emergence of springtime flowers we are filled with joyful expectancy as each day unfolds in glorious splendor. Allow this beauty to infuse your thoughts as you pray.

June: Prayer creates a beacon of hope for people around the world. As we affirm the activity of God at work in each life we help to bring forth a greater awareness of ourselves as spiritual beings

<i>May Affirmations</i>	<i>June Affirmations</i>
I am infused with the peace & strength of God.	I attune to God at the center of my being and I am serene.
God is my constant guide on my fulfilling journey through life.	The mind of God enlightens me. I am wise, courageous and confident.
I am a radiating center of divine life and energy.	Every cell of my body is aglow with the light and life of God.
The abundance of the universe flows to me. I accept it with joy and gratitude.	I give thanks to God as my source and supply.
I hold a vision of peace and harmony for the world.	I envision all people building a world of peace on a foundation of love.
<i>We invite you to focus on these affirmations. Spoken aloud or silently, these affirmations support you in creating a spiritually centered life.</i>	

Affirmations are positive statements of Truth. By affirming Truth we are lifted out of false thinking into the consciousness of Spirit. Each time we pray positively and faithfully, we are calling forth the divine activity that is always within us.



Prosperity Prayer

By R. H. Grenville

TODAY I am healed of the thought of limitation,
and my healing is complete.

Good fills my consciousness to overflowing and
through me blesses and prospers my world.

I can be, and am, generous with the good that
comes to me, for the riches of Christ are my resource.

I go directly to the Source, and that Source never fails me.

The riches of Christ are love's divine bounty,
manifesting for me in personal and practical ways.

The riches of Christ are mathematically exact. They can be added
to anything and everything in my experience to provide greater
happiness, prosperity, and success.

The riches of Christ can be divided and shared with others,
yet never depleted. The more I give of the riches
of Christ, the more I have, to use and enjoy.

The riches of Christ can be multiplied to cover every need,
provide for any emergency, and discharge every financial
obligation. They are everywhere negotiable and instantly
convertible to meet all the needs of God's children.

My soul expands in the consciousness of plenty.
It sings a new song, a song of abundant good.

I rejoice and give thanks that the riches of Christ are mine.

Amen.



Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry
Team Leader:
Katherine Schuh



Youth Education: Katherine Schuh
Nursery: Phaedra Karoy
UNITEENS & Y.O.U.: Shari Frisbie

I believe May and June are two of Nature’s most beautiful months. I have a favorite quote by R.W. Emerson, “the Earth laughs in flowers”. It is true that this time of year abounds in beauty and joy. We celebrate Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Graduation Day, the end of the school year, all great occasions for flowers, laughter and joy. These months we are invited outside by sunshine and more hours of daylight, for family vacations and outside activities. This is the time to celebrate the Spiritual Powers of Power and Imagination. We have the Power to choose joy and the Imagination to bring forth the dreams and visions from our minds and hearts.

Yes, the Earth is laughing and I do believe I have the giggles. Enjoy your spring as you leap into summer. And, be sure to share some Sundays with your Unity Family. If you truly want to feel some joy consider volunteering for Youth Ministry. We have many ways you can serve.

Children’s Celebration Sunday, June 11, 2017

On Children’s Celebration Sunday, we recognize and celebrate our children and teens and honor them during our Sunday service. Please join us after service for refreshments in the Fellowship Room. Please let us know if you are bringing your child or grandchild. We prepare special certificates celebrating their involvement during the past year and don’t want to leave anyone out!

May affirmation for spiritual POWER:
I have the power to create my world.
June affirmation for your spiritual faculty of IMAGINATION:
I Imagine good in all areas of my life and world.



UNITEENS and Y.O.U. Sponsor: Shari Frisbie

Food Fundraisers

May 7 Cinco de Mayo

June 4 Strawberry Shortcakes

Once again, we thank our church family for the super support that helps us attend regional events. We are richly blessed.

UPCOMING SPECIAL YOUTH EVENTS

38th Northwest Region Kids Camp

June 18-21 “Stars So Bright, Shine Your Light”

This regional event is for children 7 through 11 years of age, registration fee \$275 due before 6/1/17. This event is a Y.O.U. service project. Please contact our church office for additional information.

29th Northwest UNITREAT

June 18 -23 “The Wisdom Of Us”

UNITREAT is for 6th through 8th grade and active in UNITEENS. Registration fee is \$300. Please contact our church office for additional information or scholarship availability.

Unity Regional and International events are truly life changing. If you would like to contribute to our YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND and help send our young people to these valuable experiences, please write “Y.E. SCHOLARSHIP” on the Memo Line of your check. Funds raised will be exclusively used for this purpose.

Volunteer Teams & Team Leaders

Bookstore: Grace Conners	Grounds/Building: Harvey Schuh
Caring For Each Other: Bernadette Voorhees	Dial-a-Prayer: Larry & Joanne Turner
Greeting: Sandy & Ken Hattan	Lending Library/CD : Sandy Wilson
Office/Mailing Support: Phaedra Karoy	YM: Katherine Schuh / Y.O.U.: Shari Frisbie



SOMETHING GOOD

By Elizabeth Landeweer

All through the whole expectant day
I sensed God's presence, heard Him say,
"Child, something good is on the way."
All through the morning, blue and clear,
I felt that wondrous things were near,
That something good was almost here.
All through the sun-drenched afternoon
A joyful breeze affirmed the boon—
Oh, something good was coming soon!
I waited till the stars came out
And darkness shawled the hills about;
My heart gave up its last small doubt,
And in that instant, there I stood
Transfigured in the core of good!



Thoughts From Unity's Co-Founder, Charles Fillmore

Each of us is a unique spiritual creation, a divine original with his or her own special God-given spark, capable of becoming a channel for God's love to pour forth into the world. This is God's plan. It is up to us to get into harmony with it.

Man's mind is his connecting link with God, and if man is to control his spiritual growth and unfoldment he must control his thinking.

Spiritually illuminated persons—ministers, priests, or religious teachers of any kind—can help one get started on the right path for finding God, but ultimately each man must find God for himself.

Board Update



AFFIRMATION: "In our Unity of Purpose, we are guided by Infinite wisdom and prospered by Divine Love."

MARCH 2017

MOTION APPROVED: Treasurer's report reviewed & approved.

MOTION APPROVED: **Shaun McCarton** approved to join Bookstore Team.

Thank you to **Ken Hattan** and **Harvey Schuh** for repairing the front doors.

APRIL 2017

MOTION APPROVED: **Megan** and **Shari** approved to attend Spring Rally at Cispus in April.

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS: May 7 & June 4

Prosperity Bank Sundays: May 7 & June 4

We maintain & support our church home through monies collected each month in our Prosperity Banks and brought to church on the first Sunday of each month. If you don't have a Prosperity Bank, a Ziploc bag works just as well!

The Greatest Love by Virginia Carpio

The greatest Love in all the world speaks through our mother's voice.
The brightest Light in Heaven's eyes reflects in Mother's gaze.
We daughters, touched by God in her, In turn transform and touch her, too.
God's blessed us with an endless love that sings in Mother's heart.

A Mother by Mary Parasilite

She is a weaver,
She chooses carefully, selecting threads that her love knows are true.
She weaves alertly,
Letting patterns emerge from the outworkings of tentative beginnings.
She weaves artfully,
Tying together myriad facets of a wondrous tapestry.
She weaves joyfully,
Knowing that her labor fits a larger design.



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