

*ONE GOD, MANY PATHS, SPIRITUAL NOT RELIGIOUS*



Pay ATTENTION  
to the BEAUTY  
surrounding YOU

*-Anne Lamott*



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# Child of Faith

*By Warren Meyer*

I am a child of faith!  
Out of the substance of faith  
I am created.

I am a mind of faith!  
Out of substance of wisdom  
I am fathered by progressive living thoughts.

I am an emotion of faith!  
Out of the substance of love  
I am mothered by secure feelings.

I am a body of faith!  
Out of the substance of purity  
I am fashioned and formed.

I am a child of faith!  
Out of the substance of joy  
I am graced with glowing gratitude.





## Heart Talk

by Bernadette Voorhees



I have a true story to share with you. A man in England, by the name of Neil, discovered an owl nesting in his garden. Each night he would go outside and hoot to the owl. To his delight, he heard the owl hoot in reply, so he stood there and hooted some more. This went on night after night, month after month, for an entire year. Neil even kept a log of his conversations with the owl.

One day, Neil's wife started talking about this with her neighbor. The neighbor confided that her husband, Fred, had also been going out every night to hoot to the owl, hoping to lure it into their backyard garden. At this point, the women realized that their husbands had spent an entire year hooting to each other. The owl was not involved at all. He and his friends were probably listening to the two hooting men and laughing. Can you imagine what happened when both men learned the truth?

After learning the truth, they both continued to go out each night to hoot. It is pretty silly to know that something doesn't work and to keep doing it. Yet a lot of people do that on a daily basis. They keep doing things that aren't working as if on the ten thousandth time, maybe, just maybe, it will somehow start to work.

God is always bringing something fresh, new and better. Unity teaches that we are neither optimists nor pessimists. We are potentialists. As Unity students, we see the reality of our potential as God's children and co-creators. We joyfully move forward to learn how to be open and ready to receive it. By learning to hold images of personal wellness, we heal personally. By learning to hold images of social wellness, we help humankind to heal and evolve globally. God created us to be movers and shakers. As Spirit in action, each of us is responsible to help manifest a desirable future of peace and plenty for all.

♥ In love and light, Bernadette



## Lighted Path Bookstore Ministry

Team Leader: Grace Conners



We have been enjoying the freshness of spring time and now we are beginning to anticipate even more daylight and warmth.

“Is this why our spirits start to soar? Now the season of darkness diminishes as the season of Light increases in strength. In the garden, primroses, pansies, violets, tulips, and lilacs burst with color. Each flower, plant, and bough bear profound witness to the power of authenticity.” ~ from the book *Simple Abundance*, by Sarah Ban Breathnach

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



### Lighted Path Bookstore Volunteer Schedule

May	6	Grace Conners	3	June
	13	Sandy Wilson	10	
	20	Shaun McCarton	17	
	27	Grace Conners	24	

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

## Bookstore Ministry



As a child of God, you have a bright future. We have many spiritual books in our Lighted Path Bookstore that can help you to learn how to claim your good and be the remarkable you that God created you to be.

As good as your life is, you can have even more joy and happiness. Spiritual books, Unity Services and classes can help you experience all the possibilities that God offers you. You can achieve all that you want to achieve.



### **Lessons In Truth** by Emilie Cady

Inspired by biblical teachings and influenced by the ideas of Ralph Waldo Emerson, H. Emilie Cady's *Lessons in Truth* is a handbook of 12 simple lessons exploring the nature of Truth and the presence of God in all aspects of our lives. Cady's pioneering work provides a clear path to spirituality and well-being to anyone seeking enlightenment.



### **How I Used Truth** by Emilie Cady

In this inspired volume, first published in 1916, homeopathic pioneer Dr. Emilie Cady demonstrates that one's life can be transformed by the power of thoughts and beliefs, while encouraging readers to find truth as it is written in one's own heart and to apply these truths in every area of life.



### **Christian Healing** by Charles Fillmore

These are not simply lectures; they are, rather, lessons. Anyone can do spiritual healing who will use the simple rules of denial and affirmation here set forth. They are not merely to be read; they are to be studied and applied as one studies and applies mathematical rules.



### **Discover The Power Within You** by Eric Butterworth

Eric Butterworth explains the universality of such vital subjects as: how to succeed; how to pray; how to find confidence; how to overcome personal problems; and how to find healing. With insight and sensitivity, he outlines ways in which we can release the power within and let our "light shine".



**You're never far from our prayer support:** Call, request by mail or email [reverendbernadette@unityofvancouver.com](mailto:reverendbernadette@unityofvancouver.com)

**Dial a Daily Word Team Leaders: Larry & Joanne Turner**

**Silent Unity Prayer Circle :** Sundays, 9:30-9:50 am

**Unity Of Vancouver's Daily Word:** 360-694-4325

**Silent Unity:** 816-969-2000; **Español:** 816-554-2580

**May:** Centered in God, we lift all that we have on our minds and in our hearts, up into the possibility of instantaneous transformation.

**June:** God is everywhere and the essence of everything. We pray knowing we are one with God and all with whom we pray.

### The Prayer of Protection

The light of God surrounds us; The love of God enfolds us; The power of God protects us; The presence of God watches over us. Wherever we are, God is!

<i>May Affirmations</i>	<i>June Affirmations</i>
The Silence is my place of peace & renewal.	I am peace at the core of my being.
I am a radiating center of light & understanding.	I listen to inner wisdom and I am guided to live my purpose.
I am an expression of infinite life.	Healing energy flows throughout my being, renewing my mind and body.
I live in a world of plenty and I have a consciousness of abundance.	God is my Source. Freely I give and freely I receive.
I hold a vision of harmony and peace.	My thoughts, words, and actions create a space for peace and 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.



### **Seed Thoughts From Our Prayer Team**

Your garden of prayer is capable of producing profuse blossoms, depending on the seed-thoughts you plant. What blessing, what bouquet would you gather in your life? Do you long to be guided in making a decision or in solving a problem? Then plant this seed of faith for illumination:

***God only, light only, wisdom only, nourishes my mind. I respond to the silent broadcast of light radiating through my mind. God instructs. I administer.***

Do you long to manifest perfection in your body? Then plant this seed of faith and affirm wholeness:

***God only, health only, life only nourishes my body. Every cell, nerve and function of my body absorbs and appropriates the God-strength, God-energy and God-life needed to embody it in perfection.***

Would you like to experience harmonious relations with others or prosperity in your affairs? Then plant this seed of faith for abundance:

***God only, opulence only, nourishes my affairs. The substance of God moves in mystical, wonderful ways to nourish and embody the desires of my heart.***

Do not strain as you affirm. Plant your seeds of faith gently in the soil of your garden of prayer and accept the challenge to prove the presence of God in your life. Establish this day whom you will serve by affirming:

***I go forward to prove the splendor of living richly, harmoniously and joyously. I give thanks that there is only one Presence and one Power, God the good. I go forward courageously and enthusiastically to prove it!***



## Youth Ministry

### Youth Ministry

Team Leader:  
Katherine Schuh



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

Every year Spring ends and Summer begins. May and June are amazing months. Our Spiritual Powers of Divine Power and Imagination are in full bloom. We are surrounded by so much beauty and new life. Days are super busy for families planning for Mother's Day and Father's Day, Graduations, and daily activities. Then school is out, and vacation begins.

In our Youth Education classes, we will be exploring the Creation Story using the book *The Blessing Seed* as well as the *Story of Creation* from the Bible.

Weather permitting, we may spend class time in our own backyard. I encourage our children's parents and grandparents to stroll around our church grounds. Many hours and much TLC have recently gone into our grounds, parking lot and flowers.

Our **Meditation Garden** area on the North Side of our church has a lovely bench and fountain. It is a great place to remember to breathe and smile. I suggest you share it with your child, a friend or your own inner child.

### **Children's Celebration: Sunday, June 10**

On this special Sunday we recognize our children and teens during service. We will serve refreshments in the Fellowship Room following this event. Please let Katherine know if your child will be there for this special time. We give certificates celebrating their involvement during the past year and don't want to leave anyone out!

### **Food Raisers**

**May 6, 2018:** Cinco De Mayo

**June 3, 2018:** Strawberry Shortcake

**May Affirmation for SPIRITUAL POWER** - I use my God power for good.  
**June Affirmation for WISDOM** - I image the Christ in everyone.



**UNITEENS and Y.O.U. SPONSOR: Shari Frisbie**

Spring Rally was a great experience for all who attended. We enjoyed sharing with our church family about this event. Blessings and Thank you to all who contributed to our attendance by supporting our monthly Food Fund Raisers. We are continuing this activity the first Sunday of each month as we look forward to Regional Retreat in the Fall.

**Youth Ministry Volunteers Are Needed**

Youth Ministry is growing! We are looking for people who love working with children and who have loving, positive energy to share one or more Sundays a month. (Training is available.)

**Upcoming Special Regional Youth Events**

**39<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids Camp: June 24-27**

***Be The Hero Of Your Own Adventure: Cost is \$285***

This event is organized by regional Y.O.U. Members and is a wonderful experience for all. If you are interested, please contact **Phaedra** or **Katherine** for more information.

**Unitreat - June 17-22 “We Are the Journey”** UNITREAT Camp is for all 6th, 7th, 8th Grade Graduates. Registration Fee is \$275.00 if application is received by May 21st & \$300.00 after. If you would like more information contact: **Katherine Schuh, Shari Frisbie, or Phaedra Karoy**. Adults wanting to attend UNITREAT, please contact **Chris Castaldi**, Unitreat Site Director, 503.913.0898, or [cbchris.2010@gmail.com](mailto:cbchris.2010@gmail.com). Information packet will be sent.

**Unity Regional events are life changing. Contribute to our YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND & help send our Youth to camp. Please write “Y.E. SCHOLARSHIP” on the Memo Line of your check. You are blessed, loved and appreciated.**

**Volunteer Teams & Team Leaders**

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



## **Prayers and Transitions**

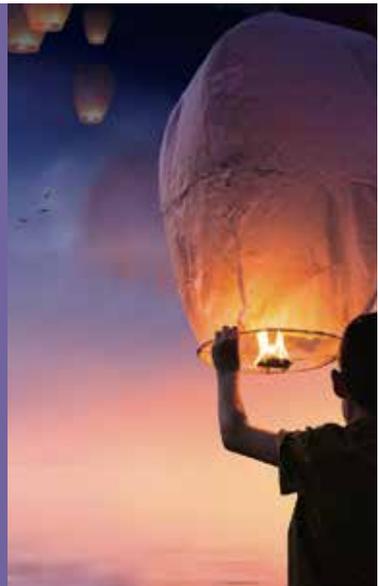
**Ron Smit**, beloved husband of Marti Skaer, made his transition February 20, 2018 after a long battle with cancer. Ron sang in Tapestry, served as an Usher and was a cherished Scripture Reader at our special services. He was a father and a kind and thoughtful friend. He was loving and deeply loved. Ron, God bless you as you continue on that eternal path of the Soul. We envision you accepting every good and perfect gift from the Father of lights. May Marti feel God's comforting presence and know she is surrounded in the light of our prayers, love and faith.

**Nancy Lynch** made her transition in March. Nancy served on the Hospitality Team, Prosperity Team, and our Board of Trustees. She sang in Tapestry and in a trio with Trish Gambill and Phaedra Karoy. It was an honor to be her friend for over 30 years. We see her reunited with her high-school sweetheart and husband **Rick**. We ask God to comfort her family and many friends.

**To all grieving the loss of these dear friends I offer this writing by Bill Newsom:**

### **Lights Upon The Path**

Once in every year or so comes a light—a Soul Friend who recognizes you at once from a distance and is familiar with your first word, who knows your thoughts, can find your feelings in a moment, and rejoices to have joined with you for a while. A Soul Friend who is your teacher and your student, your mother, lover, sister, brother all at once, who dwells with ease in your household of thoughts. A member of your inner family not born under the same roof. The light of a Soul Friend is sometimes like a candle—soft, gentle, patiently teaching again and again by example—sometimes a bright and steady light that searches out your dark corners and still loves what it sees.



## Board Update



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

### March & April 2018

There were no Board Motions in March or April.

**Sandy** and **Ken Hattan** donated curbs for the parking lot & installed them with **Katherine & Harvey Schuh**. Harvey also set up the outside water fountain for Easter.

We passed a surprise state building audit. Thanks to **Phaedra Karoy** who is always on top of things.

We had the grounds cleaned up for spring and have scheduled the outside steps to be replaced.

Thanks to all of our wonderful Volunteers who make Unity of Vancouver possible.

You are loved, blessed & appreciated.

### Next Board Meetings: May 6 & June 3

**Help Us Advertise Unity Of Vancouver:** A six-line informational message in the "Places of Worship" section of *The Columbian* newspaper is \$26 per week. We are asking for 12 Volunteer Sponsors to pay \$112 each to cover the cost of 1 month. Your extra gift of \$26.00 or \$112.00 will help us to advertise Unity of Vancouver's services and workshops. Thank you!

### UPCOMING PROSPERITY BANK Sundays: May 6 & June 3

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

"There is much more to life beyond what we can perceive. When we begin to grasp on some level how the essence of life is eternal, then we see that this physical reality is simply one way that God expresses life. We become less attached to the material things and more focused on what is true and unending."

~Felicia Blanco Searcy, Do Great Things

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