

ONE GOD, MANY PATHS, SPIRITUAL NOT RELIGIOUS



COINCIDENCE
is **GOD'S WAY**
of remaining anonymous.

-Albert Einstein



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Autumn

By Marie Daerr

Now autumn rules the land. The year
Moves to its close in majesty
Of dahlia petals red as wine
And crowns of gold upon a tree.
Now day ends sooner, and the dusk
Carries a leaf-fire's stirring scent,
While night skies offer to the eye
A star-bedazzled firmament.
Lord, in these autumn days I too
Would bring an end to certain things—
The habit that would make me slave,
The petty discontent that clings,
The jealousies that only harm,
The selfish impulse that brings pain,
The groundless fears that serve no end,
The worries that are all in vain.
So let this be for me a time
When I cast off the old for new,
Forsaking what is false and poor
For all that's noble, fine, and true.





Heart Talk by Bernadette Voorhees



There was a man named Bill who often said that he didn't believe in God and he didn't believe in prayer. A friend was trying to convince him that prayer works and that there is a God, but Bill just kept saying, "No, there isn't a God."

His friend said, "There must have been at least one time when you cried out, "Oh God, if you are out there, please help me!"

After thinking for a few minutes, Bill said "Well, there was one time. I went hunting and got lost in the woods and I couldn't find my way back to camp. I did everything I knew to do but I couldn't find it. Suddenly, I cried out, 'Oh God, if you really exist, help me!'"

"What happened," his friend asked. "Nothing," Bill said. "I didn't hear any voices coming down from Heaven and the trees didn't part revealing the pathway home."

"Something must have happened," his friend said, "because you are here today." "Of course," Bill said, "but God didn't have anything to do with it. Why if that Indian guide hadn't heard me cry out and come along to help me, I would have frozen to death out there!"

Unity is a wonderful way of life that teaches that God is to be found everywhere, including individualized in each of us as the essence of our being. Your life is your testimonial of your belief in God. Once we make this discovery, then it's up to us to do something about it.

Hans Urs von Balthasar once said, "What you are is God's gift to you. What you become is your gift to God." In Unity, we don't wait for Heaven to happen. We know that Heaven will happen as we put the reality of God into practice in our lives.



Bookstore Ministry

Lighted Path Bookstore Ministry

Team Leader: Grace Conners



As the daylight hours get shorter and temperatures cool, take advantage of the increased time indoors to read inspirational books, listen to CD's and enhance your meditation practice.

The kids go back to school after summer break and they have the adventure of starting a new "grade" level and new relationships with teachers and classmates. Let's remember that we are always in "school" and advancing to ever higher/deeper levels of spiritual growth. Life always brings us new teachers to help us along our path. Sometimes the "teachers" are in the form of books, sometimes inspirational talks, sometimes events or interactions with those around us, whether pleasant or unpleasant. All is good.

There is a time in the last few days of summer when the ripeness of autumn fills the air.

~ Rudolfo Anaya



Lighted Path Bookstore Volunteer Schedule

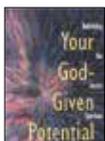
September	3	Grace Conners	1	October
	10	Sandy Wilson	8	
	17	Shaun McCarton	15	
	24	Grace Conners	22	
		Shaun McCarton	29	

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.



Your God-Given Potential

by Winifred Wilkinson Hausman

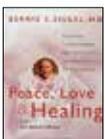
This is a practical and easy-to-understand guide to Charles Fillmore's concept of the twelve powers.

Readers will learn to recognize and develop these powers using a seven-step process that creates a Christ-centered life.



The Chanters Guide by Victor Shamas, Ph.D.

When you engage in sacred chanting, you literally tap into the power to make miracles. Since ancient time, this power has been understood and applied by a lineage of shamans called Chanters. *The Chanter's Guide* reveals the basic practices used by Chanters to bring healing to their loved ones and their communities.



Conversations With God –Book 2

by Neale Donald Walsch

Neale Donald Walsch decided to write a letter to God.

What he did not expect was a response and the result was *Conversations with God Book 1*. In Book 2, the dialogue expands to deal with the more global topics of geopolitical and metaphysical life on the planet, and the challenges now facing the world.



Ancient Ceremonies

by Gerald Jay Markoe



Meditation Music of Ancient Egypt

by Gerald Jay Markoe



Prayer Ministry

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, 9:30-9:50am

SILENT UNITY PRAYER SERVICE

September: Acknowledge the presence of Spirit expressing as divine order in all things as you pray.

October: Within you is a place of quiet serenity, a sacred space for replenishment of your soul. Take a deep breath and enter your inner sanctuary each time you pray.



<i>September Affirmations</i>	<i>October Affirmations</i>
I relax in the peace of Spirit.	My heart is a sacred space of peace.
I walk in a path of divine light and wisdom.	I easily and gracefully express my inner wisdom.
Divine life restores my body to its natural state of wholeness.	I relax into the infinite stream of divine life, and I am healed.
I joyously anticipate new adventures in prosperous living.	I am open and receptive to the rich ideas of Spirit.
I act with reverence for all and contribute to peace in the world.	Peace in the world begins with peace in my heart.
<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.



'Peace In The Midst' Unity 24th Annual World Day Of Prayer

Thursday, September 14, 2017

Times of great change challenge us to find our center in the midst of seeming chaos. The spiritual practice of finding peace right where you are, in the midst of any situation, has been the prescription of master teachers through the ages. Unity is echoing this centuries-old practice during World Day of Prayer 2017, calling for "Peace in the Midst." We're engaging people all over the world with renewed spiritual energy to:
Pray Peace... Be Peace ... Do Peace.

Together we affirm: I am peace in the midst of all matters!

One with the power of divine peace,

I am the very presence of peace in my world.

I am the power of peace expressed in my thoughts.

I am the power of peace expressed in my words.

I am the power of peace expressed in my actions.

Peace is in the midst of me.

Walk In The Light by James Dillet Freeman

We may walk in the light, even through the darkness;

We may walk in the light, when we do not know

Where the turn of the road may take us or the starkness

Of the shadow-land through which we have to go.

We were born for the light, we are children of the morning;

And light is as much in our mind as on our eyes;

We carry it in our thought for the day's adorning;

On the darkest day the light can fill thought's skies.

So walk in the light, and have no fear of the turning;

Though there is no road that at last does not pass from view,

The light by which you find your way is burning

Not out in the sky. You carry the light in you.



Youth Ministry

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Team Leader:
Katherine Schuh



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

It is September and Divine Order abounds everywhere. It will be October in just a few weeks and we will be filled with enthusiasm for an awesome autumn. School is back in session, autumn is officially around the corner. Nature knows it and so do we.

In Youth Ministry during September and October we are celebrating the spiritual powers of **Order** and **Enthusiasm**. I am excited just thinking about it. This is the time of year to focus Divine Order in our lives. Make Sunday at Unity part of your family's Divine Order. We welcome the children with Enthusiasm all year long but especially in the months of September and October. We invite children and teens to join us at 10:00 am for music, prayer, meditation, truth tales and creative activities. To become a YM Volunteer contact **Katherine Schuh** or **Phaedra**.

October 29 Harvest Halloween Celebration

Children of all ages are invited to be part of our autumn celebration by wearing costumes and sharing fall crafts music and sacred and scary stories. If you have a desire to contribute to this event please contact Katherine.



SEPTEMBER AFFIRMATION for DIVINE ORDER

"I see God Everywhere. Order is God in action."

OCTOBER AFFIRMATION for ENTHUSIASM

"I am filled with enthusiasm and energy to do what is mine to do."



Uniteen & Y.O.U. Sponsor Shari Frisbie

Thanks to our church family for the consistent generous support that makes our attendance at regional Unity events possible. We are richly blessed to be part of Unity of Vancouver. Our upcoming FOOD FUNDRAISERS are:

September 3 – Ice Cream Social

We love this event and you will too! Can you say Banana Split?

October 1- Annual Souper Sunday

Bring your favorite soup or bread to share and enjoy a special time of fellowship with the church family.

Disaster Preparedness Workshop

Joy Lasseter, Ph.D. Nutritionist, Speaker, Author

Sunday September 24, 2017 • 1-3 pm

Suggested Donation: \$25 per person & \$45 per couple/family

Our area is subject to numerous potential natural disasters, including: earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tornadoes, snow & ice storms & floods. Several types of man-made disasters (including chemical spills & terrorist attacks) could have similar effects. You need to prepare yourself as citizens, homeowners & neighbors to take care of your family & neighbors. The fire department recommends that each family be totally self-sufficient for at least 72 hours. Will you know what to do? Take this seminar & you will! No limits on attendance. To get handouts you MUST reserve early. Text Dr. Joy at 360-980-1066 to register. Leave name, phone number and number of people attending. All proceeds go to Unity of Vancouver and are tax deductible. **Registration Deadline: Wednesday, Sept. 20 at midnight.**

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



Deep Creativity: Inside The Creative Mystery
Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 7 pm
Dr. Victor Shamas • Love Offering

A 30-year quest by Dr. Victor Shamas led to a startling discovery about the link between creativity, mysticism, fractal geometry, and the teachings of Jesus. Dr. Shamas will share this discovery through storytelling and music, including a selection of traditional and original chants. Please come prepared to sing and celebrate! Victor Shamas, Ph.D., teaches psychology at the University of Arizona, specializing in health psychology and consciousness studies. In 1996, he founded an organization called Global Chant that teaches people to use chanting for healing purposes. Dr. Shamas has written over 100 chants and has published numerous educational and scientific materials on health psychology, neuroscience, intuition, creativity, and consciousness. His research has been featured in USA Today.

Prosperity Bank Sundays: September 3 & October 1 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.

You can help: 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 a \$26.00 or \$112.00 will help us to advertise Unity of Vancouver's services and workshops. Thank You!

Transitions



we are so Blessed

Michel Strickland made his transition July 17, 2017. We see him moving forward to his next expression of eternal life. We bless his wife Gayle, his family and many friends as they release him into the open arms of Spirit.

Board Update



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

Annual Membership Meeting

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING was AUGUST 13, 2017. Team Reports were given. All Board Members were reapproved by Membership. Shari Frisbie was elected to the 2018 Nominating Team.

Board of Trustees Officers for 2017-18 are:

Sandy Wilson – Board Chair

Harvey Schuh – Treasurer

Grace Conners – Vice Chair

Sandy Hattan – Secretary

Shaun McCarton – Member

Marti Skaer – Member

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS: September 3 & October 1

Annual Fall Outside Cleanup – September 10

Please bring your gardening clothes & tools. Let's get Unity ready for winter. Thank you in advance for tithing your time and talent to our church home. There is a sign up on the back table. Questions? Text Joy 360.980.1066.

Unity Grounds Beautification

Can you volunteer 30 minutes after church service any Sunday to do small garden chores? Pulling weeds, raking leaves, hand watering the west flower garden? Every garden needs frequent care. We need volunteers to help maintain our tidy & beautiful grounds face to the public. Twice a year, in Spring and Fall we will need volunteers for 1 hour after church service to participate in the team that does the seasonal spruce up with pruning and planting.



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Sunday Celebration Service 10–11am

Bookstore open after Sunday service.

Mid-week service, Wednesdays, 7–8pm

Daily Word: 360-694-4325

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if you are moving or no longer wish to
receive this newsletter**

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