

Creative TODAY Life



Creative Life Spiritual Center

Serving greater Houston since 1985

Jesse G. Jennings, Founding Minister



Rites of Passage

Sunday, Sept. 6, 11am service only

One service only Sunday, September 6

The Rites of Passage event was created by **Rachel Lino** in 2003 for the children of our Center, as they graduated from one age group in our Sunday classes to the next, by ceremonially crossing a bridge on stage in the Great Hall. Last year others spontaneously joined in. This year, coordinated by **Melody Berryman**, the children will be released by their teachers from one class, into the hands of their teachers in the next; then, anyone else who wishes to cross to honor a life-passage of any kind is welcomed to do so. Join us for music for and by our children, meaningful ritual, and a special talk by minister Jesse, *Calling All Angels*.

Indoor Work Day



We're asking your help on Saturday, September 19, as we have our first indoor work day in a while.

There's lots to do and you'll find all the tasks arranged, amply supplied, and waiting for you to accomplish them. Among them will be moving furniture from room to room, from building to building, and in some cases up and down stairs; carting large amounts of stuff back to the dumpster; and lots and lots of cleaning. We'll going to oil the walls in the south foyer and clean the youth registration desk and its area, take down cobwebs, and wash windows inside and out. Plus, there's also maintenance and light carpentry to be done. A drawer fell off in the upstairs kitchen. Ceiling tiles will be replaced, and air registers taken down and cleaned. Filters need changing. Plenty of light bulbs are out, and some may require new ballasts. And maybe, if some painting will be done. We'll work in two shifts, starting 9am and noon. Info: debra.morwood@creativelife.org

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SEPTEMBER 2009



Sept. Sundays & Wednesdays

Celebration of
AUTUMN
with special musical guests
Kenny Gaines & Wayne Wilkerson
Friday, October 23
Info: [Nancy, nbm8@aol.com](mailto:Nancy_nbm8@aol.com)


Darlene Koldenhoven to sing and teach



Darlene K.

She's a Grammy® Award winner and three-time nominee, and the featured soprano soloist in *Yanni, Live at the Acropolis* seen worldwide by over 1.5 billion fans. Her fourth album, recently released, is *Infinite Voice*; her previous album, *Heavenly Peace*, debuted #2 on the New Age radio charts and was named Best Holiday CD by "New Age Magazine" and "New Times Seattle". Her other two albums are *Free to Serve* and *Keys to the World*. In the movies *Sister Act* and *Sister Act 2*, she was a choir nun and real vocal coach/choir director for the performances. A vocalist with a five-octave range, producer, composer, arranger, keyboardist, lyricist, actress, author, she joins us Sunday, September 20, performing at both morning celebrations and then leading a vocal workshop for everyone who loves to sing at 12:30pm (love offering). www.darlenekoldenhoven.com

We're grateful for...

 ♥ **Franceska Perot-Starcevic** and **Marion Wright**, for all their hard work in our gardens during this hot, dry summer...

♥ **Ruth Catalogna, Carthel Smejkal, Shirley Sandlin**, and all who helped them with the August 30 blood drive and brunch, as well as all the donors...

♥ **Michael & Nancy Martin**, who helped our Board of Trustees with a buildings-and-grounds issue...

♥ Practitioners **Lynn Beckett** and **Lilia Reade-Pellicano**, who assisted with the *Essential Ernest Holmes* and *Faith of Our Fathers* classes...

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♥ August's *Heartfelt Usher/Greeters* **Linda Benthall, Barbara Brown, Margaret Byrd, David Dewhurst, Jeanice & Jerry Felkins, Keri Ford, Elly Hard, James & Valinda Huckabay, Ann Lux, Lisa Mallozzi, Lilia Reade-Pellicano, Peter & Yvonne Ryba, Ron Sandlin, and Marion Wright**, all coordinated by **Bill MacKenzie!**

Course graduates

Congratulations to these students who completed summer studies at Creative Life:

The Essential Ernest Holmes

Margaret Byrd, David Dewhurst, Cheryl Ford, Judy Henry, Peter Ryba, Yvonne Ryba, Denese Schmelzkopf, Dick Schmelzkopf, Mary Wilde

Treatment & Meditation

Rachel Lino, Michael Martin, Nancy Martin, Michael Nelson, Connie West

Faith of Our Fathers (non-certificated)

John Baker, Libby Beckhelm, Phil Beckhelm, Chip Carney, Barbara Echols, Rev. Marsha Lehman, Susan Leslie, Tammie Sheets, Judith Sherbenou, Fred Thompson, Rosa Thompson



Wedding

♥ **Mary Ann Missman** and **Tom**

Waterman were married on Saturday, August 29.

Transition

† **Dwight McLeod**, founder of the first Religious Science center in Austin and longtime friend of CLC, graduated into his new experience on August 17.

New Members

Lynn Buchanan • Houston
Ali Davis • Tomball
Kristy Davis • Tomball

Donations by Mail



These folks mailed in, or automatically charged, a donation to the Center, in the past month. *Thank you!*

George Abreu
Joe Angel Babb
Barbara Baldwin
Libby & Phil Beckhelm
Linda Benthall
Lynn Buchanan
Rev. Myokei Caine-Barrett
Kris Cockrell
Jan DeVries
Julie Donnelly
Peggy Engelhardt
David Ferrier
Anise Flowers
Carl Fraley
Russell Francois
Lee Haponski
Kim Jennings
Bob & Wanda Loggins
Michael & Nancy Martin
Sharon Mignerey
Debra Morwood
Michael & Sonya Nelson
Malené Njeri
Lilia Reade-Pellicano
John Rennie
Ruth & Carthel
Lisa & Tom Ryan
Thomas & Daniel
Cherrie Vance

Creative Life Spiritual Center

"I never knew there was a place that teaches what I've always believed!"

5326 Spring-Stuebner Road
Spring, Texas 77389-4574

Creative Life is a spiritual community in suburban Houston, Texas, teaching and living the Science of Mind, a transformational path first articulated by the American philosopher **Ernest Shurtleff Holmes** (1887-1960).

We have activities for all people and interests, and welcome everyone, especially those for whom traditional Western religion has seemingly had no place.

Serving greater Houston since 1985, Creative Life is a member of the *United Centers for Spiritual Living* (formerly known as the United Church of Religious Science), which dates from 1927. "Science of Mind" and the circle-and-v symbol are registered trademarks. Membership in our Center is a statement of your commitment to your own spiritual process, using the principles taught here as a springboard, as well as a way of shaping our Center's collective future and enjoying a symbiotic, caring relationship.

No prior spiritual affiliation need be renounced in order to join us. Membership request cards can be found in the Great Hall vestibule, bookstore, or requested by mail or e-mail.

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Authentic Woman® Monthly Network Luncheons

You are invited to a supportive network that encourages you to lose what's not real about you and to become expertly comfortable in expressing your authentic womanly self at home and in the world. Facilitated by **Rev. Marsha Lehman** and open to all women who would like to feel at home in a professional and personal network of women focused on spiritual principles of success and a feminine way of being in the world... without apology. We will focus on different aspects/roles of the Authentic Woman® and offer encouragement to: mothers, grandmothers, aunts, women working in corporations, women working at home, entrepreneurs, women new to the area and women who want to form close friendships that are meaningful and lasting. Contribution of \$15 includes a light vegetarian lunch. Wednesdays Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2, 11am-1pm, at the Center marsha.lehman@creativelife.org

Practical Mysticism

For *Heartfelt Living* graduates, this 10-week course explores mysticism and provides a framework for living the mystical life here and now. Here, you'll learn four types of meditation, practice the presence of God, discover "witness" consciousness, plus much more on spiritual mind treatment, in a combination of discussion and periods of silent and guided meditation, plus a very moving closing ceremony. This certificated course counts for 30 hours toward entry into practitioner training. Tuition is \$250 plus a workbook and two texts – *The Essential Mystics* and *Seven Paths to God* – all available in our bookstore. The course will be led by practitioners **Rev. Myokei Caine-Barrett** and **Marion Wright**. Ten sessions this fall, times and starting date to be announced; for updates see your weekly CLC e-mails or www.creativelife.org.

KenFest 2009



As the Texas Renaissance Festival draws nigh, there be many an opportunity for helping' out. **Cleanup Day:** For those wary of booth duty but who still have a bit ta offer, pitch in and help us spiffy up the booth in anticipation of the grand event. On Saturday morn of September 26, we'll take a crew to the grounds and give the place a good once-over. **Shelving Day:** We'll also be fillin' the shelves on Saturday, October 3, if ya have a mind to lend a hand. **Welcome Day:** For those brave souls stepping' up to dress the part and join us in the booth, there'll be a mandatory Orientation Meeting on Sunday, September 20, followed by an optional Hawking 101 class. More details will follow for all these goings-on, so don't wander far. If you still want to volunteer, it's never too late.

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Valinda Huckabay, (713) 858-6975
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Self Mastery

Socrates learned the maxim "know thyself" at Delphi, where it was inscribed over the entrance to the temple of Apollo, and believed that "the unexamined life is not worth living." This eight-week course for *Heartfelt Living* graduates is about healing the perceived separation between personality and Spirit. Through an exploration of the creative nature of thoughts and feelings, uniting as beliefs, you'll revel in gaining mastery in the art of living as a conscious, intentional being, giving and receiving support and encouragement. Tuition is \$200 and the only required texts are *Living the Science of Mind* and a course workbook. The course will be led by practitioners **Lynn Beckett** and **Yvonne Ryba**. Eight sessions this fall, times and starting date to be announced. For updates see your weekly CLC e-mails or www.creativelife.org.

Conscious giving

Everything you see around the Creative Life campus, from the carpets to the coffee to the 6+ acres of land we now own and occupy, was manifested through the generosity of our Center members and friends—folks like you! Please remember the ongoing life of your Center, which costs about \$5,000 per week to fund, by doing your part and more if you can! You can donate to Creative Life by credit or debit card on a one-time or regular basis—just visit the bookstore to set up this service— or give via PayPal. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, so your celebration and mail contributions are tax-deductible.

Honduran support



We are accepting donations of durable used or new shoes, and also clothing (used/clean/ in good repair) as part of an ongoing collection

which pilot **Lynn Rippelmeyer** delivers to the people of Honduras each time she flies there. Please place these in the collection boxes in Builders' Hall. Please no extra-large sizes, women's shorts, winter clothing, or high heels. In the bookstore we now sell Honduran-grown coffee for \$10 the pound (whole beans or ground) to help support children's charities in that country. It's also what you're drinking on Sundays and Wednesdays now! More on this: ljripp@comcast.net

Life Center supplies

The Life Center, founded by Pastor **Winston James** in 1991, is a care facility for the homeless at 4516 Old Yale Street in the Heights. We are pleased to join with other area faith communities in offering support to them through a collection of cleaning supplies, trash bags, nonperishable food socks, men's and women's underwear, and hygiene and grooming products. Please use the collection box in Builders' Hall.

Yoga classes



Sonya Nelson

New Thursday morning yoga class now offered!

September is the perfect time to create a new routine for autumn! Therefore, it is the perfect time to try Forrest Yoga. In the blink of an eye, we'll be preparing feasts for the holidays and feeling the stress of that busy season! Now is the time to begin a yoga practice so you can master the skills of breathing deeply and staying present. One of the first things that new yoga students are amazed by is the awareness they gain with their breathing. This awareness helps them in every aspect of their lives. Forrest Yoga places strong emphasis on breathing skills in a loving atmosphere of acceptance. Other benefits of attending a Forrest Yoga class is greater flexibility, relief to joint pain, better posture and fun! Both classes are open to all levels and no one is ever asked to work beyond a level that is safe and appropriate for them. Join CLC practitioner **Sonya Nelson**, certified yoga instructor, on Tuesdays from 5:15-6:30pm or Thursday mornings from 9:30-10:45am in Katherman Hall. Wear loose, comfortable clothing and do not eat two hours prior to class start time. Drop in for any class for \$15 to CLC. There will be no class on Tuesday, Sept. 15 or Thursday, Sept. 17. More info:

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Carpooling



If you would like to connect for ride-sharing to CLC from your neighborhood, e-mail trustee **Carthel Smejkal** with your name, zip code and cell number. We have requests for connections in zip codes 77092 (NW Houston), 77304 & 77384 (Conroe), and 77450 (Katy). Carthel's at sidhe_sings@yahoo.com

In Between Jobs?



Sandra Check

Are you trying to get a job that looks a lot like the last one (that you hated)? Are you convinced you ARE what is on your resume? If so, consider that your resume shows what you have already done, and speaks nothing of your true potential. When was the last time you inventoried your skills, inventories and interests? What does "gainfully employed" mean to you? We are meeting to explore ideas like these using our minds and excerpts from the books *The Money is the Gravy* by John Clark and *Finding a Job in Tough Times* by Gary Selman. The group next meets on Monday, September 14, 8:30-9:30am. Practitioner **Sandra Check** will host morale-boosting, vibration-lifting activities! Come dressed for the job you would like to have. More info: sandra.check@creativelife.org

Fun-Loving Singles

This group is for all Creative Life Spiritual Center friends or members who are single, divorced or widowed and age 21 or over. We welcome all singles regardless of ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation, who are interested in a safe, open environment to meet, form friendships, participate in group events and just have FUN!

The goal of the group is to promote camaraderie among singles. It is not a matchmaking or therapy support group.

The next luncheon will be at 1pm, Sunday, September 27, at Kim Long Restaurant, 21326 Kuykendahl Rd. in Spring, near 2920 and WalMart. Food is Vietnamese/Chinese. Their phone is (281) 907-7300. Please RSVP to our monthly event coordinator, **Lilia Pellicano**. To join the group and gain access to their Yahoo group, please e-mail **Bob Pryor**: robertmpryor@comcast.net

Saturday Sacred Art Playshops for Women

The first in a quarterly seasonal series is the *Winter Solstice Sister-Friend Bracelet Playshop*, sponsored by **Rev. Marsha Lehman** and featuring our own, **Ann Richardson**, practitioner, artist and Peace of Mind business owner. Join them for this beautifully relaxing and creative day of a playful form of sacred art. You will have the experience of making a bracelet for a beloved sister-friend that will initiate her into the deep connection of self-discovery in the season of winter. The bracelet could be for your mother, daughter, aunt, a friend who feels like a sister, a woman who means so much to you. This bracelet meant to be presented on Dec. 21, the Winter Solstice, will contain beads, adornments and a written prayer. You will be guided into your inner intuitive connection to help you create the affirmative prayer that will accompany your bracelet gift. The ritual that you will experience in the playshop can be the ritual that you use to present the bracelet. The ritual will help anchor the gift so that it will continue to have meaning and give inspiration throughout the winter months, the months of deep reflection and rich, connection with the womanly self. Come, be in the company of other women on this day of meditation, gentle laughter, magical creation and delightful connective sharing of the heart. Take home the gift of a Sister-Friend Bracelet that will be a symbolic reminder of the beauty that your friend is and expresses...that comes from that deeply feminine nature we call the Goddess. Open to all women from all spiritual walks of life...ages 15 to 105. Saturday, Nov. 14, 10am to 3pm at the Center. Cost of \$35 includes materials and light lunch. For preparation purposes we need to know you are coming and the number of guests you are bringing, so use the signup sheet in Builders' Hall or register by e-mail: marsha.lehman@creativelife.org

OUR YOUTH THANK...



Melody Berryman, Nancy Bonilla-May, Geoffrey Oshman, and everyone else who is

creating this year's *Rites of Passage*, and **JJ McDonald**, who helped assemble the new bridge...

☺ **Joe Angel Babb**, who led the acting workshop for our teen group on August 2; **Bob Pryor**, for the song-writing workshop on August 9; **Yvonne Ryba**, who led a dream interpretation workshop for the youth on August 16 (and for the community at large on the 8th); and **Rev. Anne Sermons Gillis**, who shared her stories of travels in Asia with them on the 30th...

☺ **Melody Berryman, Gary McMilen** and **Franceska Perot-Starcevic**, who assembled the new Children's Circle furniture, and **Libby Beckhelm** and **Gayle Haulbrook**, who moved the 3-6-year-olds' classroom into a larger space...

☺ **Aleena~Joy Davis** and **Don Depperschmidt**, who redecorated the toddler room...

☺ **Sean Hartzog & Sarah Westbrook**, who donated a diaper genie...

☺ **Libby & Phil Beckhelm**, who donated a changing table...

☺ Our Youth Services Coordinator **Debra Morwood**, and our teachers, attendants and other volunteers: **Maria Aranda, Libby Beckhelm, Nick Berryman, Aleena~Joy Davis, Stephanie Deatherage, Lynn & Larry Dines, Keri Ford, Sean Hartzog, Gayle Haulbrook, Jennifer Janek-Markey, Jayne Leopold, Yaso Nolan, Lisa Ryan, Jenica & Kyle Saren, Cindy Thornby, René & Sydney Wemple, Sarah Westbrook,** and **Edward & Kelli Wu!**

We are still gratefully accepting Baby Wipes, antibacterial sprays, room fresheners like Febreze and age-appropriate toys/DVDs.

Two more teachers, please!

One for the 3-6 age group, one for the 7-10s. Contact Debra (see below).

YOUTH NOTES



Debra Morwood

Greetings CLC youth and parents,

There will be no youth activities separate from the Rites of Passage on Sunday, September

6. Everyone will meet in the Great Hall where seating will be reserved for the children and teens. The teens will be helping the children during their song and other activities.

During the month of September we are encouraging the teens to write down their thoughts for songs in the notebooks provided in the teen room. **Bob Pryor** will be back on September 20 to help you and provide feedback on your ideas.

Your teen teachers for the month of September are:

Sept. 13 ... **René Wemple**

Sept. 20 ... **Debra Morwood**

Sept. 27 ... **Keri Ford** (Keri is new to the teaching group so stop by and say hello!)

Parents, on Saturday, September 19, CLC is having an indoor work day (see the front cover). There will be two shifts that day and the times for the shifts will be announced later. If you or your teens would like to participate your presence is most gratefully accepted.

As always, I am available to talk with or answer any questions parents or teens may have about the teen program. I am in my office (at the top of the stairs in Katherman Hall next to the upstairs practitioner room) from 10:15 until 11:00am on Sundays, available by cell phone (281) 787-2761 and at debra.morwood@creativelife.org.

Have a wonderful week and we will see everyone on Sunday.

Hugs to all!

Debra

NOTE TO CLC PARENTS...

Your sense of comfort leaving your children in our care is important to us; more important still is their safety while entrusted to us. We need you to know that between 11am and 12:15pm Sundays, your child must either be in the appropriate class, or seated in the Great Hall with you. *These are the only options.* Children are not permitted to roam the CLC campus unsupervised, nor to leave it without you, or with whom ever you give us written permission to allow to take them. On Sundays, please bring your children who are going into class to the registration desk in the south lobby of the learning center for check-in, and fill out the necessary forms for children who are new with us. Thank you!

Our **Toddler Room** has reopened, now staffed every Sunday by **Aleena, Edward, Kelli, Maria, Sarah, Sean,** and **Stephanie!**

LIKE TO READ ALOUD?

Debra would like to have two volunteers a month (one for each of two Sundays) to read a story to the 3-6 age group. This would take about 15 minutes between 11:15 and 11:30am. In addition to having people who will read age-appropriate stories, she'd like anyone who would do puppets, or anyone with other creative ideas that would entertain a 3-6 year old for 15 minutes, such as dressing up as a character (perhaps some RenFest folks?). Also we'd love to have someone dress up for Halloween and read a story, as well as Santa for Christmas! There must be some grandparents in our group who would love to read a story; and if anyone writes children's books and would like to read from their work, contact Debra.

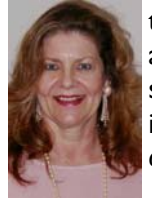


Renegade Reflections

group (succeeds "The Good Life" group)
Circular exploration conversations that begin with a quote and a few questions supplied by **Rev. Marsha Lehman** and practitioner **Aleena-joy Davis**. We will take an idea apart after we stand it on its head and look at it from all directions. Then we'll put it back together in our own way in our own words. The intention of



Marsha Lehman



Aleena-joy Davis

this group is to listen, share, learn and take away something new that shakes us up... so we can make the change we want to live in the world. Sept. topic: *Breaking the Law of Attraction* (Who are the attraction police anyway?) Wednesdays, 5:30-6:45pm. Oct. topic: *Conscious Sensitivity* (What is it? Who has it? Where can we get it? How can we use it?) Nov. topic: *Becoming a Challenge-Free Zone* (Who says we have to have challenges? Is there a better approach to living? What would that be?). Dec.: Holiday vacation. Coming in January: Science of Mind certificated class, *The Five Gifts of Abundance*, Wednesdays, 4-7pm, taught by Rev. Marsha Lehman and practitioner Aleena-joy Davis. More info: (281) 773-4376 or marsha.lehman@creativelife.org

Nonviolent Communication: Relief Through Emotional Freedom



Lynn Beckett

We are continuing to meet on Wednesdays from 4- 5:30pm, using the book by Marshall Rosenberg, *Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Life*. We are currently practicing and integrating info in chapters 1-5, learning how speaking from observations (versus judgment) frees us from static thinking (bringing our habitual responses to the situation), and how recognizing and experiencing our feelings frees the soul to flow with childlike abandonment and be in the moment. In knowing and allowing our feelings to express, our universal needs such as freedom, creativity, support, integrity, protection, compassion, community, understanding and play can surface and bring us awareness of what is presenting itself to be alive in the moment. When speaking in a moment of heartfelt connection with ourselves and others we find giving from the wholeness we truly are, is easy and natural (after integrating the language), then if necessary we are able to make loving request of another. Please feel free to join our group at any time. Facilitated by **Sylvia Roeling** and practitioner **Lynn Beckett**. More information: (281) 682-3655 or lynn.beckett@creativelife.org

Wed. Night Celebrations 7pm in the Great Hall

SEPT 2 *And the Point of the Hero's Journey is...*, with minister **Jesse Jennings**. Musician is TBA.

SEPT 9 *Walking in Balance: Metaphysics as the Middle Path*, with minister **Jesse Jennings**, and music by **Bruce Ross**

SEPT 16 *Projection and Identification: Whose Stuff Is It Anyway?*, with minister **Jesse Jennings**. Music is TBA.

SEPT 23 *Returning to School, This Time as Faculty*, with minister **Jesse Jennings**, and music by **Sarah Pitzer** and **Bob Pryor**

SEPT 30 *EckhartTolle's The New Earth and the Science of Mind*, with practitioner **Libby Beckhelm**; music by **The Practets**

Lunch of Like Minds

A bunch of CLCers meet for lunch Thursdays at different restaurants from FM 1960 to The Woodlands, and you're invited! To get on the invitation list: **Cathy MacKenzie**, cathy.mackenzie@creativelife.org

A Course in Miracles discussions

A Course in Miracles is "a unique, universal, self-study spiritual thought system that teaches the way to Love and Inner Peace is through forgiveness." (www.acim.org) The *Course* states, "Projection makes perception. The world you see is what you gave it, nothing more than that. But though it is no more than that, it is not less. Therefore, to you it is important. It is the witness to your state of mind, the outside picture of an inward condition. As a man thinketh, so does he perceive. Therefore, seek not to change the world, but choose to change your mind about the world." We're in our fifth year of regular weekly meetings, now working through the ACIM Text. With practitioner **Bill MacKenzie** at 7pm Thursdays in the library. Open to all; join anytime. Donation. More information: bill.mackenzie@creativelife.org

Self-Care is For the Birds

Getting in Touch with Your Inner Canary

Birds have a few things we can learn and practice while loving our bodies and minds into a life of lightness and healthy vitality. Join **Rev. Marsha Lehman** for six Sunday afternoons while we explore six secrets that will empower, enhance and help you sustain the elegant level of self care that you would like to refresh, reboot, re-invigorate and retain. Expect fun, surprises and a new sense of connection with yourself and others. Six Sundays: Sept. 20, 27; Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 • 2-4pm • appreciative giving marsha.lehman@creativelife.org



Want to participate in the Center's music program?

E-mail **Geoffrey Oshman** at music.director@creativelife.org

Center Recordings



Our Sunday services (opening meditation, "encouragement" and closing treatment), as well as longer Wednesday evening talks, are available on CD. **Individual sales:** Each 80-min. CD contains one service, and is \$4. Use the bookstore clipboard to order, then pre-pay, and pickup, or add \$2 each for mailing. **Mail subscriptions** are \$60 for 3 mos.; \$115 for 6 mos.; \$200 for a year; or \$350 for two years, domestic postage included. Subscribe in the bookstore, receive a shipment every two weeks. info@creativelife.org



Creative Life Sundays



Come at 9:30 or 11:00 to enjoy the new series...



11:00 SERVICE ONLY

The Rites of Passage: Calling All Angels

Truth-Telling: Our World as Both Mirror and Window

VOCAL WORKSHOP @ 12:30

Accountability: Consciousness Means More to Answer For

Judgment, Discernment and Allowing Inner Peace

"I LOVE MYSELF THE WAY I AM"

A chance to sing, laugh, and be here now

EVOCATION

Centering ourselves in the eternal moment

"UNIVERSAL LOVE ENFOLDS ME"

A time to deepen within, and then connect with each other

MUSICAL MOMENT

with **Geoffrey Oshman**, the **CLC Singers**, and friends

ENCOURAGEMENT

A talk by minister **Jesse Jennings** on conscious living today (see topics above)

SPIRITUAL MIND TREATMENT

An affirmative prayer, the heart of our spiritual practice

GROUP SONG

An old favorite, or the latest new song we're starting to learn!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GIVING TIME

Divine love, through me, blesses and multiplies all the good

I am and have, all the good I give and receive.

I am prosperous now, and so it is!

MUSICAL MOMENT 2

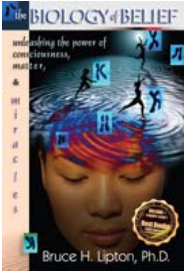
with **Geoffrey Oshman**, the **CLC Singers**, and friends

CLOSING CIRCLE AND "PEACE SONG"

Something wonderful is happening through you right now!

Wisdom of the Universe

Book discussion group



www.bruce-lipton.com

Read on your own, learn with your peers. The purpose of our group is to explore the world of current science to learn more about its relevance to our ability to change our minds and change our lives. Our first book will be *The Biology of Belief* by Bruce Lipton, Ph.D., a groundbreaking work in the field of New Biology. Author Lipton is a former medical school professor and research scientist, whose experiments, with

those of other leading-edge scientists, have examined in great detail the processes by which cells receive information. The implications of this research radically change our understanding of life, showing that genes and DNA do not control our biology; that instead DNA is controlled by signals from *outside* the cell, including the energetic messages emanating from our positive and negative thoughts. Dr. Lipton's profoundly hopeful synthesis of the latest and best research in cell biology and quantum physics is being hailed as a major breakthrough showing that our bodies can be changed as we retrain our thinking. The book is available in our bookstore. Join us in the youth wing Wednesdays, 11am-1pm, starting September 12, to begin the process of critical enlightenment through the sharing of information. Led by **Denese & Dick Schmelzkopf**, denese28@comcast.net

Change Your Mind! Change Your Life!



The Schmelzkopfs

Science is proving Science of Mind principles today: Spiritual Healing • The Law of Attraction • Affirmative Prayer • Mental Equivalences • One Universal Mind. This powerful class will show you direct evidence that supports and enhances our SOM beliefs. Join **Denese & Dick Schmelzkopf** as we explore how to create our lives in new and wonderful ways! Based on sound, scientific principles, the class reveals many exciting ideas to help you change your mind and change your life. You will learn: Old habits can be conquered with relative ease • Your body is not a closed system • How to increase your ability to learn, regardless of age or background • You can live a happier life when you learn this "secret" • Your intentions can be measured and used • Time is influenced by thought today, yesterday and tomorrow. Tuesdays, October 6, 13, 20 and 27, 10:30-12:30pm. Cost is \$40. Info: denese28@comcast.net

Hans York returns



Hans York

German-born, Seattle-based, award-winning singer/songwriter and multi-instrumentalist **Hans York** accompanied Robert Palmer on German TV, toured as bassist with the New York Broadway Ensemble, played throughout Europe with master harp player Rüdiger Oppermann, performed a concerto as soloist on fretless bass with the "Ars Quittlinga" Chamber Orchestra (Concerto written by contemporary German composer Thomas König). Hans York co-founded the German Worldmusic cult band Moka Efti and recorded three CDs with them. He'll perform during both our morning celebrations on Sunday, October 18.

COMING IN NOVEMBER

Mind Moves, Form Follows: A Celebration of the Practitioner's Craft

Come meet some of the licensed Religious Science practitioners of our Center, including the newest two, and enjoy hearing them speak on what they do and why they do it. Wednesday, November 18 at 7pm in the Great Hall.

Thanksgiving Eve Sharing Celebration

It's a cross between a Quaker meeting and open-mike night, as you're invited to come tell us a significant moment or two from your year, or just bask in the glow of others' reflections. We'll enjoy wonderful music, too. Wednesday, November 25 at 7pm in the Great Hall.

Thanksgiving Sunday November 29, 11am only



White Oak Trio: **Martha Lisle**, cellist, **Meryl Ettelson**, pianist, **Steven McMillan**, violinist
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CLC's Practitioner Team

Mind remakes your world!

Our licensed Religious Science practitioners are trained in the art and science of spiritual support using affirmative prayer, and are committed to serving your needs. Have a new goal, an old problem, or a question about applying our teaching? Work with a practitioner and watch what happens with conscious use of the Law of Mind. Access them by leaving a prayer request in of the boxes, by attending one of their events (see at right), or by appointment. Events are donation-based or free; appointments are fee-based.

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Power Up with Positive Prayer

What exactly is a “Religious Science practitioner”? Literally, a practitioner is anybody who practices something; our Religious Science practitioners are trained in the *art and science of spiritual support using affirmative prayer*, and are committed to serving your needs. Each has spent literally hundreds of hours in training, to direct natural compassion into helping you through listening, caring, and using spiritual mind treatment — affirmative prayer — to reveal the truth of you that is greater than any apparent limitation. Each is licensed by the United Centers for Spiritual Living, and engages in ongoing study and spiritual development.

Help is Nearby

Our Creative Life practitioners are outstanding spiritual support persons, available to lovingly and confidentially assist you, and are at your service...

- **Sundays** at “The Power of Prayer” (now in the downstairs meditation room) where requests are received and acted upon in a small group setting, or with the practitioner of your choice in the Great Hall or garden for a quick “meet and treat”...

- **By appointment**, on an individual fee basis for a one-hour session of spiritual support and treatment...

- CLC members receive an annual invitation by mail for a free “**birthday** **checkup**” with the practitioner of your choice (see list at left). Just pick up a form in the Practitioners’ Loft and call for your appointment...

- **More options** requesting and receiving prayer support include using a form on our website by going to www.creativelife.org/links/prayerrequest.php. Further, trained, skilled practitioners await your call to the UCSL World Ministry of Prayer, 24 hours a day, every day at (800) 421-9600 or by email to prayer@wmop.org.

What Practitioners Do

“We never deny the physical body or the physical organs. We affirm that [the] body is a spiritual idea, that every organ, action and function must have a spiritual prototype or equivalent back of or within in. The practitioner affirms a body that is spiritual here and now, a body of right ideas, harmoniously adjusted to each other, functioning in accord with natural rhythm and harmony.”

—ERNEST HOLMES, from *How to Use the Science of Mind*

What exactly happens in a practitioner session?

You come in, the practitioner greets with a handshake or a hug (your choice), makes you comfortable, gets you coffee, and states his or her fee (see below). After these preliminaries, you’re invited to say what’s on your mind. The practitioner actively listens (their training has a whole module on “active listening”) and through dialogue helps you establish a vision of how you would prefer the situation under discussion to be, if it could be any way at all, because it can—and particularly about how this would allow you to feel inside. Then the practitioner treats about the vision of your life as you’ve described it. At the conclusion of this back-and-forth, the practitioner may, optionally, suggest a book, tape, class or other adjunct to the treatment—as well as spiritual action steps: things you might consider thinking, meditating and praying about yourself. Then you go home.


(excerpted from our brochure, *You and Your Practitioner*. Request yours today!)

CALENDAR

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SEPTEMBER 2009

- EVENT KEY**
- Celebration service
 - SOM certified class
 - Other class/group/wkshp
 - Meditation/prayer/ritual
 - Musical event
 - Social/service event
 - Youth event

		TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Yoga 5:15pm	2 Nonviolent Communication 4pm Renegade Reflections 5:30pm Midweek celebration: AND THE POINT OF THE HERO'S JOURNEY IS... Jesse Jennings • 7pm	3 Yoga 9:30am Lunch of Like Minds offsite • noon A Course in Miracles 7pm	4 ○	5 Heartfelt Living class #3 • 9am
		SUNDAY	MONDAY			
6 CELEBRATION 11 only Jesse Jennings: CALLING ALL ANGELS Rites of Passage 11 Power of Prayer 12 Music rehearsal 12:30	7 <i>Labor Day</i>	8 Yoga 5:15pm	9 Nonviolent Communication 4pm Renegade Reflections 5:30pm Midweek celebration: WALKING IN BALANCE: METAPHYSICS AS THE MIDDLE PATH Jesse Jennings • 7pm	10 Yoga 9:30am Lunch of Like Minds offsite • noon A Course in Miracles 7pm	11 <i>Patriot Day</i>	12 ☾ Heartfelt Living class #4 • 9am
13 CELEBRATIONS 9:30 & 11 Jesse Jennings: TRUTH-TELLING: OUR WORLD AS BOTH MIRROR AND WINDOW Power of Prayer 10:30/12 Children's Circle 11am Music rehearsal 12:30	14 In Between Jobs? 8:30am	15 No Yoga tonight	16 Wisdom of the Universe book club 11am Nonviolent Communication 4pm Renegade Reflections 5:30pm Midweek celebration: PROJECTION AND IDENTIFICATION: WHOSE STUFF IS IT ANYWAY? Jesse Jennings • 7pm	17 No Yoga today Lunch of Like Minds offsite • noon A Course in Miracles 7pm	18 ● <i>Rosh Hashanah</i> begins at sunset	19 Indoor Work Day 9am and noon (2 shifts) Heartfelt Living class #5 • 9am
20 CELEBRATIONS 9:30 & 11 Jesse Jennings: ACCOUNTABILITY; CONSCIOUSNESS MEANS MORE TO ANSWER FOR Musical guest: Darlene Koldenhoven Power of Prayer 10:30/12 Children's Circle 11 Vocal workshop 12:30 RenFest orientation 1 Self-Care group 2	21 Practitioner I orientation • 7pm	22 Yoga 5:15pm	23 Wisdom of the Universe book club 11am Nonviolent Communication 4pm Renegade Reflections 5:30pm Midweek celebration: WHEN TO JUST SIT THERE, WHEN TO DO SOMETHING Jesse Jennings • 7pm CLC Board meeting • 8:30pm	24 Yoga 9:30am Lunch of Like Minds offsite • noon A Course in Miracles 7pm	25	26 ☽ RenFest booth cleanup meet at CLC, time TBA Heartfelt Living class #6 • 9am
27 <i>Yom Kippur</i> begins at sunset CELEBRATIONS 9:30 & 11 Jesse Jennings: JUDGMENT, DISCERNMENT, AND ALLOWING INNER PEACE Power of Prayer 10:30/12 Children's Circle 11 Music rehearsal 12:30 Singles' lunch 1 (offsite) Self-Care group 2	28 Practitioner I opening class • 7pm	29 Yoga 5:15pm	30 Wisdom of the Universe book club 11am Nonviolent Communication 4pm Renegade Reflections 5:30pm Midweek celebration: ECKHART TOLLE'S A NEW EARTH AND THE SCIENCE OF MIND Libby Beckhelm • 7pm	