

Creative TODAY Life

CREATIVE LIFE SPIRITUAL CENTER • Since 1985 • Jesse Jennings, Marsha Lehman and Debra Morwood, Ministers

Science of Mind QuickStart workshop



Rev. Morene

This is a breezy, fun and, yes, quick study of the basics of our teaching and their practical application, especially for our newer members and friends. Topics will include...

- New Thought and world religions
- Spirit, mind, emotion, and the body
- The creative process and what it means for you
- Intuition and imagination
- Meditation and treatment

Using a very interactive workbook and lots of animated discussion, participants learn and grow together. The workbook is \$5. The workshop is led by minister **Morene Barker-Morris**, on two SUNDAYS, MAY 21 & 28, 1-4PM, in the Quimby Room. Please sign up in Builders' Hall, and for more information, please e-mail...

mbarkermorris@yahoo.com

May 2017

The value of the universe contrives to throw itself into every point... That soul which within us is a sentiment, outside of us is a law... All nature feels its grasp... It is eternal but it enacts itself in time and space.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

MAY SERIES



Earth laughs in flowers

Booster brunch
The faith that stands on authority is not faith

Mother's Day
The world is the mother of whom you were born
with musical guest **EMILY ELBERT**

21
We lie in the lap of immense intelligence
with musical guest **MICHAEL MANDRELL**

Blood drive/brunch
The universe remains to the heart unhurt
with musical guest **BOB LIVINGSTON**

"Nikki's Light" 5K Walk Team



Team Nikki's Light will walk again in the 2017 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. It is a chance to remember our beloved **Nikki Willis**, harbor some health, commune with compatriots, contribute to a cause, and march

for the mammary! The walk is a 5K (about 3.1 miles) and will take place at Discovery Green, downtown, on **SATURDAY, MAY 20**, with registration at **7:30AM** and the walk starting at **9AM**. How you can help

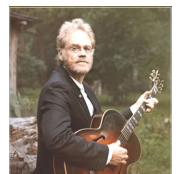
- Register to walk with **Team Nikki's Light** (follow the link at the bottom of this email).
- Follow that link to make a donation online.
- See organizer **Jeffrey Powell** in person to make a donation by cash or check.
- Help rally the troops, cheer and keep us going through crafting, managing the site, fundraising, etc.
- Treatment, prayer and meditation on love & health for all. For more information, contact **Jeffrey Powell** at (281) 733-1295 or powell.jeffrey@live.com. The link is... <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/teamnikkislight2017>

Emily Elbert
MOTHER'S DAY MAY 14



MICHAEL MANDRELL
SUN MAY 21

BOB LIVINGSTON
SUN MAY 28





Wisdom of the Universe weekly discussions



Dick & Denese

We are studying the confluence of metaphysics and science to help us better understand how the world of consciousness

gives rise to our world of form. Using books, speakers and various forms of media, we bring current information forward for open discussion.

WEDNESDAYS, 12-2PM, led by Denese & Dick Schmelzkopf, who also teach at the Academy of Lifelong Learning at Lone Star College (Montgomery). All are welcome and you may join anytime. Appreciative giving. For more information...

denese28@comcast.net

A Course in Miracles weekly discussions



Bill

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." (acim.org)

The Course states, "...seek not to change the world, but choose to change your mind about the world."



Cathy

The group is now in its 11th year of weekly meetings at CLC, led by Bill and practitioner Cathy MacKenzie, 7PM THURSDAYS, in Katherman Hall, upstairs. All are welcome; join anytime. Appreciative giving. For more information...

billmackz@gmail.com • catmackz@gmail.com

CODA meetings

Codependents Anonymous, a fellowship of people seeking recovery, meets SATURDAYS, 5-6PM, in Katherman Hall, upstairs. For more information: Lisa C. at...

lcucerre@mtnking.com

Wednesday night celebrations

Our midweek gatherings at 7:30PM in the Great Hall feature a talk by Jesse Jennings or a guest (MAY 24 & 31), plus prayer support, live music, poetry, theatre, fun surprises, and a warm feeling of community! Our usual practitioners on duty are David Dewhurst and Lisa & Tom Ryan. To gift us with your music or poetry on a Wednesday night, please e-mail your host Nancy at bonillamay@gmail.com.

Nature made the builder and the house

with music by FRANCISCO CAVAZOS

The soul affirms always an optimism

with music by BILL BIRCH

The old eternal fact met in so many forms

with performance by CLC RADIO THEATRE

with speaker LISA RYAN
Are you willing to walk on the edge?

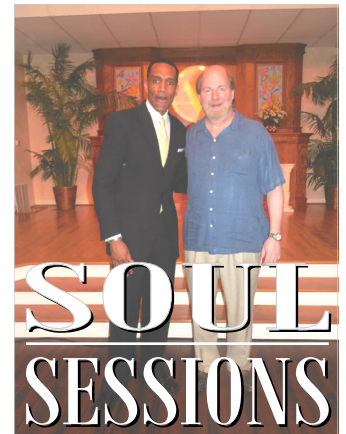
with poetry by DICK SCHMELZKOPF

ARTHUR JOHNSON & JESSE JENNINGS

Dialogue on success and prosperity

Here's a new facet to our mid-week celebrations: a more or less once-monthly dialogue in place of a lecture. It's not an interview, and nothing like a debate, but a wide-ranging conversation on some aspect of consciously spiritual living. Unrehearsed and in the moment, building on one

another's ideas, something will emerge that's unforeseen, astonishing, and greatly useful to everyone within earshot. Called Soul Sessions, the next such event happens WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, at 7:30PM, in a conversation with ministers Arthur Johnson and Jesse Jennings. The first, in April, featured Donald Jeanlewis.



Grief recovery support group



Are you grieving a loss? Perhaps a death, divorce, pet loss, or any other major life change? Come join practitioner Ruth Catalogna and minister

Debra Morwood to experience the support of a sacred group. If you would like, please bring your journal for reflection. Ruth is a retired nurse and social worker, who spent the last 12 years with hospice patients at bedside. Rev. Debra is a Board Certified Clinical Chaplain and Pastoral Counselor currently working part time for Bristol Hospice. For 17 years, she has been involved with spiritual care for hospice patients and their families. The group now meets MONDAYS, MAY 1 & 15, 7-8PM in the Quimby Room. There is no cost and donations may be made to CLC. For more information, please e-mail...

racatalogna@hotmail.com • debramorwood@sbcglobal.net

Spring Clean Your Life class



Kelly B.

You've heard of spring cleaning your house — what about your life? Join Kelly Balachandran on an eight-week journey to *Spring Clean Your Life!*

Take stock! • Identify daily success habits •

What's zapping your energy? • Let go of what's holding you back • Detox your toxic relationships • Get it done! • Your 3-month vision • Identify your "Spring Clean" goals!

Come and work on clearing out and spring cleaning your life — then move forward feeling lighter and ready to reach your goals! Class happens on TUESDAYS, starting MAY 2, 7-9PM. Cost is \$50, inclusive of all materials. Please sign up in Builders' Hall and for more information, please e-mail...

KcBala77@gmail.com



Booster Buffet

Monthly healthy-eating event



Dainill Mercadel and Doris Penny have created — with your help — a first-Sunday-of-the-month brunch and social experience. The next one is **SUNDAY, MAY 7**, after the **11AM** service, happening alongside Volunteer Day (see the front cover). The theme for April's Booster Buffet is “indoor picnic,” and we'll build it around a spiral-cut ham. So what goes with that? A lot of salad varieties, for sure — green, potato, pasta — plus cole slaw, beans, hundreds of deviled eggs, you get the idea. You bring it, we'll eat it. To volunteer, or with questions...

Dainill: dani_j_37@yahoo.com

Doris: damp6@hotmail.com

Your Guide to Creative Life mini-workshop



Here's a short, free workshop with founding minister **Jesse Jennings** and practitioner **Ruth Catalogna**, that's

especially for those new to CLC, and a prerequisite for anyone wishing to become a member who has not yet completed *Heartfelt Living*. We'll discuss the basics of our philosophy and way of life, but also how the Center came to be, and how it's cared for and supported; our classes and programs; and what membership means. There will be time for questions, and you'll get printed materials to take home. **SUNDAY, MAY 7, 1:00-2:30PM**, in the Quimby Room. Please sign up in Builders' Hall or by e-mail to...

info@creativelife.org

Sunday morning Meditations

“...Sit and rest and refresh your soul. Eat of the fruit and drink the wine. All, all is yours, and you are welcome.” —*The Science of Mind* text



Each week's is led by a CLC practitioner, and lasts about 35 minutes, ending in time to comfortably get into the 11:00 celebration. There is music to enhance as you are guided into a restful state, and inspirational readings to tap into your spiritual center. Most sessions will end with a spiritual mind treatment based on the theme of the readings. **SUNDAYS 10:15-10:50AM**, in the newly

completed and dedicated *Malené Njeri Meditation Space*, upstairs in the Learning Center. For more information, please e-mail practitioner **Darlene Everitt** at dme523@yahoo.com

Project Teddy Bear



Alline Dawson coordinates this annual collection of stuffed animals (new ones, ideally), which sit with us in the services for the month

of **MAY** and then toddle off to new homes in the arms of appreciative children. Previous years' bears have gone to local children's hospitals; to the Harris County Sheriff's Office to be given to displaced and traumatized kids; and to Honduras. Alline can direct you to the best bear deals, and welcomes your help:

allinedawson@yahoo.com

Blood drive and brunch

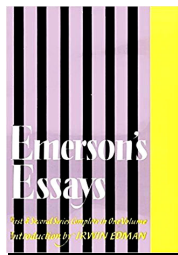


Our next drive happens **SUNDAY, MAY 28**, along with a potluck brunch. For over 20 years CLCers have been serving the community quarter-

ly in this way. At giveblood.org you can register as a donor and schedule your donation time. In any month we have a drive, if you're unable to make it, you may visit a neighborhood donation center and have them credit your donation to organization number **1191**. We seek volunteers to set up and clean up after the meal, place signs, etc. The team leader is **Doris Penny**, assisted by **Michael Duncan**, **David Ferrier** and **Dainill Mercadel**. Please sign up in Builders' Hall to donate or bring food. The next drive after this one is on **AUGUST 13**. More information...

damp6@hotmail.com

Featured book



One of America's great cultural figures, who supplied much of the philosophy that would shape the later New Thought movement, **Ralph Waldo Emerson** is highlighted this month. Sundays and

Wednesdays we'll explore the deep yet practical messages in a handful of his many essays. This collection is available here for \$16.95.

Science of Mind class graduation



Those who have completed any of the Science of Mind courses offered at CLC since summer, 2016, will take the stage to sing the “school song” and engage in other antics, on **SUNDAY, JUNE 4** at the **11:00AM** celebration!

“Undie Sunday”

Please bring donations of new teen-sized underwear, socks and toiletries on or before **SUNDAY, JUNE 4** for the kids of Montrose GracePlace (see more about this on page 9). There's a collection bin in Builders' Hall. For more information on this project, please contact **Zander Dawson** at...

zanne.dawson@gmail.com



Emily Elbert returns!

Emily Elbert weaves together a rhythmic funk-folk blend of introspection and celebration. With a global, D.I.Y. spirit, she has carried her music around the world, playing over a thousand independent shows from Peru to Palestine. Anchored by intricate guitar work and an old-soul voice, Emily's songs offer progressive perspective while paying tribute to the timeless. She has independently released four albums, and two new singles, "Letting Go / Here & Now," in November 2016. Recently, Emily spent a year touring as a member of Esperanza Spalding's experimental music and theater project, "Emily's D+Evolution." The group recorded an album to wide critical acclaim, and played shows ranging from the Late Show with Stephen Colbert to the Sydney Opera House. Solo, Emily has had the honor of opening for acts including Leon Russell, Victor Wooten, G. Love & Special Sauce, Richie Havens, Emily King, Robben Ford, Raul Midon, Kaki King, Nneka, Jorge Drexler, and Tuck & Patti, and collaborated with artists ranging from Ben Taylor to Dweezil Zappa. Her music has garnered praise from publications like the Washington Post, Utne Reader, and Glamour Magazine, and won awards in the U.S. and U.K. Through authentic song sharing, she strives for a deepening sense of human and spiritual connection that is accessible to all. She joins us again at both services on Mother's Day, **SUNDAY, MAY 14!**

emilyelbert.com



Michael Mandrell does too!

Featured often on "Echoes" and many other radio shows, **Michael Mandrell's** music has found an audience with an ear for the creative side of the new world-fusion genre. Michael performed with the world fusion group "Taos" co-producing their CD, *The Deepening Edge*, released nationally on Blix Street Records. Tunes from this CD have been recently re-released on Blix Street's beautiful compilation, *Fiddlers Green*. The film *Stone Reader* by Mark Moskowitz features the tracks "Ancient Art of Soul Travel" and "Ambrosius" from *The Great Spiral Dance*. Michael has appeared with Lyle Lovett, Nanci Griffith, Kate Wolf, Spyro Gyra, William Ackerman, Shadowfax, Townes Van Zandt, and Steve Fromholtz. We welcome our old friend Michael back at both celebrations on **SUNDAY, MAY 21!** michaelmandrell.com



and then **BOB LIVINGSTON**

As a member of Austin's legendary Lost Gonzo Band for many years, performing and recording with such visionaries as Jerry Jeff Walker, Michael Martin Murphey, and Ray Wylie Hubbard, **Bob Livingston** played an integral role in creating the music that first earned Austin the designation of "Live Music Capital of the World." The Gonzo's self-titled debut record was named by Rolling Stone "one of the best albums ever to come out of Austin." Livingston has traveled since the 1980s as a Music Ambassador for the US Dept. of State, and was named "International Music Ambassador," in 2010 by the Austin City Council. Of his Texas Music Award-winning album, *Gypsy Alibi*, co-produced with Lloyd Maines, the Austin Chronicle said, "Beautifully crafted, world music-inspired songwriting." Bob visits us again at **9:30 & 11AM on SUNDAY, MAY 28!** texasmusic.org/bob_livingston.php

Movers & Shakers dance performance group



The group, led by **Jeffrey Powell**, is working on tap and jazz numbers to present to you. Open registration for the next block, starting **JUNE 13**, will soon begin. So, if you think you may want to dance with us, we welcome you with open arms at the beginning of each block. Also, *Movers & Shakers* is looking for a Technical Manager for the next block, to record rehearsals and photograph on performance nights. If you are interested in assisting us, full details are in the weekly e-mails. Please contact **Jeffrey Powell** before **JUNE 1**, or with questions...

powell.jeffreyr@live.com •
(281) 733-1295



Want to participate in the Center's **music program?** E-mail **Geoffry Oshman** at clscmusic@comcast.net

Sunday talks online



Access to the Creative Life teaching has launched online, where you can find archived Sunday messages from 2012 forward. A CLC Sunday encouragement is now as close as your computer, smartphone, or tablet. You can also easily share these talk links with friends, and there's a PayPal link nearby if you choose to contribute. creativelife.org/sundaytalks.html

Center recordings

Individual CDs are \$4. Use the bookstore clipboard to order, pre-pay, then pick up, or add \$2 per CD for mailing. Sundays or Wednesdays are \$60 for three months; \$115, six months; \$200, one year; \$350 two years, including postage. For **both**, double the prices. Or pay half that for an mp3 file of the talk only, e-mailed to you. You may order here, or go to creativelife.org/bookstore.html



Intermediate **Science of Mind** Course



Park



Waldo



Emma



Malinda



The Judge

From Whence We Came
A History of New Thought

If you like history, then this a course you will just eat up. The history is that of ideas which converged in American culture to become what we know as Religious Science and the larger New Thought movement around it. These ideas were ancient but the great luminaries of New Thought were the first to make them accessible to the general public. The course was written by minister **Jesse Jennings**, who leads it, assisted by ministerial student **David Dewhurst**. Required books are **Ralph Waldo Emerson's Essays**; *The Philosophy of Ernest Holmes*; **Emma Curtis Hopkins's Scientific Christian Mental Practice**; **Thomas Troward's Edinburgh & Doré Lectures on Mental Science**; and a course workbook, all available here. Tuition is \$250, payable in installments, plus books. It's ten **SATURDAYS, 10AM-1PM**, starting **MAY 13**. Please pre-register in Builders' Hall or to...

info@creativelife.org

Exploring Our Common Ground
An Experience of Diversity

"Culture binds us, gives us meaning and provides us with foundation... it surrounds, entangles, and supports our daily life, a matter of learning 'what it is we have to know' to belong within a family and community." —David "Mas" Masumoto



Myokei



Ruth

Concluding this month is a powerful information and discussion experience on healing our hurts; embracing the diversity of human expression; mindful interaction and compassionate communication; understanding privilege and micro-aggression; and much more. The class is created and led by **Rev. Myokei Caine-Barrett**, Nichiren Buddhist Bishop and leader of a Houston *sangha*, and **Ruth Catalogna**, who co-leads our pastoral care program. Both are Religious Science practitioners. There are videos, handouts, recommended books, and ample time for dialogue. **7-9PM THURSDAYS, MAY 4 & 11**, in the Quimby Room. Appreciative giving. For more information, please e-mail...

myokei@comcast.net ● racatalogna@hotmail.com



IT'S OUR SEVENTH ANNUAL PRIDESCAPES MUSICAL EVENT, CELEBRATING FREEDOM, DIVERSITY, THE ARTS, AND A WORLD THAT WORKS FOR EVERYONE

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017
SHOW 7PM, DOORS OPEN 6:30PM
TICKETS \$20 @ CLC & ONLINE

CREATIVE LIFE CENTER
5326 SPRING-STUEBNER, SPRING TX
VISIT CREATIVELIFE.ORG



CHILDREN & YOUTH



Children begin their Sunday learning adventures in the registration area in the youth foyer, **10:15-11AM on SUNDAYS**, then move to their classes, returning to the Great Hall to be reunited

with their parents in time for the closing song. Some Sundays we offer special theme workshops for the kids, too.

- For parents: age-appropriate prayer/treatment opens all the classes, and for each class there is age-appropriate discussion of the monthly theme and creative projects to enhance the learning.
- Just after noon all the teachers and children gather in the reception area of the Learning Center for our closing prayer circle. Following this, the teachers will bring the children to you in the Great Hall. Please remember that no youth are to roam the Center grounds unattended.

Our youth minister and chaplain is **Debra Morwood** at (281) 651-9295 or debramorwood@sbcglobal.net

JOIN US!



Rev. Debra has moved out of the role of Sunday registration and teacher scheduling, to serve more fully in pastoral care and chaplaincy to children and families. Now we're seeking teachers for all age groups on 5th Sundays, and subs who can be available on short notice. We welcome back teacher **Cindy Thornby!** Curriculum and all materials are provided! Come help, in a delightful atmosphere, among a team of mutually supportive teachers, and the most wonderful kids imaginable! Please e-mail our Sunday class coordinators, minister **Marsha Lehman** or practitioner **Margaret Byrd...**

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CREATIVE LIFE AT EASTER



HOW IT WORKS

The CLC *Children's and Youth Services Department* is devoted to celebrating the spiritual development of each child we teach. All age groups are involved in various activities, workshops, and special projects incorporating the teachings of Science of Mind. We strive to create an atmosphere of love and kindness in our words and actions toward each other and to recognize and honor the diversity of every person.

- **Toddlers** (up to age 3) are lovingly cared for by our toddler teachers. In their very artistically designed Discovery Room, the children are encouraged to interact and experience their world as only a toddler can. They are offered games, toys, books and other age-appropriate activities in a safe, secure and loving environment.
- **3-6 age group.** Beginning around the age of 3, our toddlers are moved to the Ingenuity Room. This group begins to learn the basics of Treatment and the value of giving a smile and a kind word. Our creative teachers provide age-appropriate instruction and activities.

- **7-10 age group** are in the Quimby Room, regularly practicing the steps of Treatment presented in a manner appropriate to their age group. The teachers provide learning tools, creative projects, workshops and other teaching methods to engage each child's learning of the principles of Science of Mind.

- **11-15 age group** meet on the second floor of the Learning Center in the Hopkins classroom. They are engaged in special projects, workshops, have guest speakers and are involved in several volunteer service endeavors at CLC. The teachers working with this group encourage their talents, keep them engaged in learning Science of Mind principles and we throw in a bit of fun along the way!

WHAT WE TEACH OUR CHILDREN

We teach our children that God is Life — the Life within each of them and in all Creation — that all people are children of the One God, and therefore, are all brothers and sisters. • We teach that God is all-inclusive and we are each created in the image of God — Good. • We teach that God is Love, and we honor God-in-all through love, not fear. • We teach that sin is simply a mistake and when we make mistakes, we are punished by them, not by God. • We teach that God is Spirit and present everywhere, that this Spirit is within us and speaks to us through our minds when we are willing to listen. • We teach that there are spiritual laws that must be understood and followed, just as we follow human laws. • We teach that religion is something to be used every day, not just on Sundays. • We teach that Religious Science is a religion that can be used at home, at school and at play; that since God is within us, heaven is also within us, that is we learn to live our lives in harmony with God's Law, we live in heaven now. • We teach that keeping the mind focused on good causes a richer experience of life. • We teach that God is truth and beauty, peace and harmony; that as we grow to be more like God, our lives will be filled with health, happiness and success. • We teach that nothing is too wonderful to happen, nothing is too good to be true: everything is possible to God through me and you!

—adapted from a work by **Dorothy Quigley**



We're grateful for

♥ **Monty Wilson, David Dewhurst, Sean Kenneth Connelly, and Richard Stromatt**, for their help with systems installation, and with general Center maintenance, along with **Jimmy Caldwell...**

♥ **Dainill Mercadel and Doris Penny**, who coordinated the April 2nd *Volunteer Day* brunch and signup event, assisted by **Michael Duncan, David Ferrier, Carol Stromatt, Babs & David Dewhurst, Melody Berryman, and Nancy Bonilla-May**, among many others...

♥ Children Easter party staff, minister **Marsha Lehman, Michael Duncan, David Ferrier, Margaret Byrd, Marissa Breton, Maureen Cramer, Jayne Leopold, and Lisa Ryan...**

♥ Minister **Marsha Lehman**, who created and led the *Morning of the Goddess* event, assisted by **Linda Clesson** and others...

♥ Minister **Debra Morwood** and practitioner **Ruth Catalogna**, who are leading the ongoing grief support group, and who, along with **David Dewhurst**, helped facilitate the just-completed *Power of Your Word* course...

♥ Sunday bookstore sales staff, practitioners **Darlene Everitt, Sharon Mignerey, and Linda Clesson...**

♥ April's musicians and poets: the amazing **PEPsters & PEPpers**, with Easter soloist **Tammy Chavis; Bill Birch, Jim Gibson, Dainill Mercadel, and Troy McConnell; Geoffrey Oshman** and special guests **Emily Elbert, Dana Cooper and Buddy Mondlock**; and Wednesday *Soul Session* participant **Donald Jeanlewis...**

♥ April's usher/greeters **Janet Carman, Chip Carney, Linda Clesson, David Dewhurst** (coordinator), **Ken Dwight, Jim Gibson & Anne Gillis, Elly Hard, Cedric Johnson, Michael Martin, Shirley Sandlin, Peggy Schneider, Judith Sherbenou, Laki-sha Smith, Phil Villarreal, Ahmard Vital, Lauren Wallace-Stahl, Sarah Westbrook** and **Monty Wilson!**



In Memoriam

♥ **Ed Webster**, husband of **Jacqueline**, made his transition on April 6th, and a celebration of his life will take place at the Center on **SATURDAY, MAY 20**, at **2PM**.

Wedding

♥♥ **Amanda Almaguer & Juan Schultz** were married on April 8th, in a ceremony performed by minister **Debra Morwood**.

New Member

Richard Stromatt • The Woodlands

Join the **742** others who "like" us on Your 5-star review helps us, too!



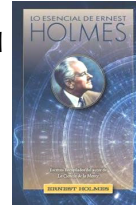
Business card display

Do you know all the skills, services and products our fellow CLC members have to offer? Now you can easily find out by visiting the west lobby of the Learning Center, where bulletin boards are up and members' business cards are displayed. See who does what and, if you would like to share your offering, please add your cards to it! There is also a board for goods and services wanted. Take the opportunity to know more about your members and support each other where you can! Many thanks to our **Robin Roberts** for creating and curating this space.



At our March blood drive, coordinator **Doris Penny** presented *Commit for Life* totebags to **Michael Duncan** and **David Ferrier** in gratitude for their help during every drive for at least the past five years.

Lo Esencial de Ernest Holmes



Aquí, en un volumen, encontramos una selección de los escritos centrales y esenciales de **Ernest Holmes**, autor, místico y académico de renombre internacional...

El libro presenta recuerdos del amado y sabio maestro de las obras de sus contemporáneos; una cronología de la vida y el trabajo de Holmes; y una introducción accesible por el editor **Jesse Jennings** que enmarca el cuerpo de ideas de Holmes para todo lector. \$15.95 en nuestra librería.

Conscious giving

Please remember the ongoing life of your Center in your regular giving! You can make a fully tax deductible donation by credit/debit card, via the PayPal link on our website and in our weekly e-mails, or sign up in the bookstore to make automatic monthly contributions!

creativelife.org/bookstore.html

Charity rebates



Randall's shoppers, please ask your friendly grocer to link your Remarkable Card to "Good Neighbor" number **2303**. Then CLC receives a quarterly donation equal to 1% of your food purchases, at no extra cost to you!

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Buddy Backpack



The 2016-17 school year is nearing its end, and with it our fourth year of participation, now serving 20 children per weekend, at an estimated total cost of \$6,000, or \$400 per delivery, or \$300 per child served. Know that so far in the program's history, you have fed over 720 children and their families 5,320 meals. Remember we count on your financial support, while the team members shop, prepare, pack and deliver the goods. You can help by donating cash or Kroger cards or generic gift cards (only — no checks, please, or other store-specific cards). Creative Life was the pilot partner community with the Montgomery County Food Bank on this project, and since then at least five other churches have joined in. With general questions, and also to volunteer on-site at the new MCFB facility, e-mail BBP team leader **Carol Stromatt**, cbookstromatt@gmail.com.

Packing team leader **Lorraine Sasser** has recently assembled some personal stories typical of the children and youth we serve, for a better picture of the importance of this work. One of these is below center.



Our Creative Life practitioners are outstanding spiritual support persons, available to lovingly and confidentially assist you, and are at your service. Each has spent 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 Centers for Spiritual Living, and engages in ongoing study and spiritual development. 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!

- At **prayer circles** after each **SUNDAY** service in the Garden Room, with the Practitioner-of-the-Day. Also, practitioner **Sheryl Boyle** hosts a weekly gathering, **TUESDAYS**, now at **8:30PM**, by telebridge (phone) where you can join with others to submit prayer requests and have them treated upon. This is a free service. Call **(605) 475-3235** and enter code **664697#**.
- **By appointment**, on an individual fee basis, for a one-hour session of spiritual support and treatment.
- **Prayer anytime**. The CSL World Ministry of Prayer handles urgent requests at **(866) 306-5546**.

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Who do we help? Buddy Backpack

“Megan” is a 10-year old fifth-grader who recently lost her father after his long illness caused by several massive strokes. Megan’s parents are much older than most of the other parents in Megan’s class. Megan’s mom works nights at Wal-Mart, but this is not enough to make ends meet as she has a mortgage, and doctor and funeral bills. The family does not qualify for SNAP at this time; but were told to reapply in three months. With the help of the school staff, Megan was selected to be part of the *Buddy Backpack* program. Her mom was so relieved as this helps them tremendously. With plenty to eat on the weekends, Megan is now able to spend some time on fun outings with a mentor from the community. She has been able to open up about recently losing her dad. Her teachers report that Megan is doing well and is back to telling the class silly knock-knock jokes. Her teachers are so happy to see Megan smile and participate in class discussion again. You can easily help feed children by contributing to *Buddy Backpack*. Details are above.

GracePlace support

Please bring donations of new teen-sized underwear, socks and toiletries for the kids of Montrose GracePlace, a safe haven and resource provider for homeless LGBT youth. There’s a collection bin in Builders’ Hall. Contact **Zander Dawson** at...

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Shoes for Honduras

Used shoes are requested for children and adults in Roatán, Honduras — any size or type, especially athletic shoes, as well as soccer cleats, uniform jerseys, and any other soccer supplies such as goalie gloves, shin guards, and deflated soccer balls. Please use the bin by the copy room. For more info, contact **Lynn Rippelmeyer** at **(281) 799-9866** or ljripp@comcast.net

Life Center support

This residential care facility for the homeless in the Heights, gratefully accept donations of cleaning supplies, trash bags, non-perishable food, clothing, hygiene products, light bulbs, appliances, cooking utensils, linens, and blankets. No computer hardware, thanks. Please use the bin by the copy room. Contact **Michael Martin**,

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May 2017

EVENT KEY

- Celebration service
- SOM certificated class
- Other class/group/event
- Meditation/prayer/ritual
- Music & arts event
- Social/service/business
- Youth event

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Beltane  Grief group SUPPORT/DISCUSSION • 7P Practitioner I CLASS 28 OF 30 • 6:30P	2 ☽ Spring Clean Your Life OPENING CLASS • 7P Show rehearsal "WE RISE AS ONE" • 7P Prayer Circle BY TELEBRIDGE • 8:30P	3 ☾ Wisdom of the Universe DISCUSSION • 12P Midweek celebration NATURE MADE THE BUILDER AND THE HOUSE JESSE JENNINGS • 7:30P PLUS MUSIC BY FRANCISCO CAVAZOS	4 ☿ Exploring Our Common Ground DISCUSSION ON DIVERSITY WEEK 7 OF 8 • 7P A Course in Miracles DISCUSSION • 7P Show rehearsal "WE RISE AS ONE" • 7P	5 Cinco de Mayo  Buddy Backpack PACKING TEAM • 1P	6 CODA MEETING • 5P
	Sunday Practitioner I CLASS 28 OF 30 • 6:30P					
7 Celebrations 9:30 & 11A, WITH MINISTER JESSE JENNINGS THE FAITH THAT STANDS ON AUTHORITY IS NOT FAITH Meditation • 10:15A Prayer Circle • 10:30A/12P Children & Youth • 11A Booster brunch • ALL MORNING Your Guide to CLC WORKSHOP • 1:00-2:30P	8 Buddy Backpack DELIVERY TEAM • 10:15A Practitioner I CLASS 29 OF 30 • 6:30P	9 Spring Clean Your Life CLASS 2 OF 8 • 7P Show rehearsal "WE RISE AS ONE" • 7P Prayer Circle BY TELEBRIDGE • 8:30P	10 ☉ Wisdom of the Universe DISCUSSION • 12P Midweek celebration THE SOUL AFFIRMS ALWAYS AN OPTIMISM JESSE JENNINGS • 7:30P PLUS MUSIC BY BILL BIRCH	11 Exploring Our Common Ground DISCUSSION ON DIVERSITY FINAL WEEK • 7P A Course in Miracles DISCUSSION • 7P Show rehearsal "WE RISE AS ONE" • 7P	12 CODA MEETING • 5P	13 From Whence We Came OPENING CLASS • 10A CODA MEETING • 5P
14 Mother's Day Celebrations 9:30 & 11A, WITH MINISTER JESSE JENNINGS THE WORLD OF WHOM YOU WERE BORN WITH MUSICAL GUEST EMILY ELBERT Meditation • 10:15A Prayer Circle • 10:30A/12P Children & Youth • 11A	15 Practitioner I FINAL CLASS • 6:30P Grief group SUPPORT/DISCUSSION • 7P	16 Spring Clean Your Life CLASS 3 OF 8 • 7P Show rehearsal "WE RISE AS ONE" • 7P Prayer Circle BY TELEBRIDGE • 8:30P	17 Wisdom of the Universe DISCUSSION • 12P Midweek celebration ART: THE OLD ETERNAL FACT MET IN SO MANY FORMS JESSE JENNINGS • 7:30P PLUS PERFORMANCE BY THE CLC RADIO THEATRE	18 ☾ A Course in Miracles DISCUSSION • 7P Show rehearsal "WE RISE AS ONE" • 7P	19 CODA MEETING • 5P	20 From Whence We Came CLASS 2 OF 10 • 10A CODA MEETING • 5P
21 Celebrations 9:30 & 11A, WITH MINISTER JESSE JENNINGS WE LIE IN THE LAP OF IMMENSE INTELLIGENCE WITH MUSICAL GUEST MICHAEL MANDRELL Meditation • 10:15A Prayer Circle • 10:30A/12P Children & Youth • 11A QuickStart WORKSHOP, PART I • 1-4P	22 Practitioner I CLASS 29 OF 30 • 6:30P	23 Spring Clean Your Life CLASS 4 OF 8 • 7P Show rehearsal "WE RISE AS ONE" • 7P Prayer Circle BY TELEBRIDGE • 8:30P	24 Wisdom of the Universe DISCUSSION • 12P Midweek celebration ARE YOU WILLING TO WALK ON THE EDGE? LISA RYAN • 7:30P PLUS POETRY BY DICK SCHMELZKOPF	25 ● A Course in Miracles DISCUSSION • 7P Show rehearsal "WE RISE AS ONE" • 7P	26 CODA MEETING • 5P	27 Ramadan begins at sunset From Whence We Came CLASS 3 OF 10 • 10A CODA MEETING • 5P
28 Celebrations 9:30 & 11A, WITH MINISTER JESSE JENNINGS THE UNIVERSE REMAINS TO THE HEART UNHURT WITH MUSICAL GUEST BOB LIVINGSTON Meditation • 10:15A Prayer Circle • 10:30A/12P Children & Youth • 11A Blood drive & brunch • 9A-1P QuickStart WORKSHOP, PART II • 1-4P	29 Memorial Day 	30 Spring Clean Your Life CLASS 5 OF 8 • 7P Show rehearsal "WE RISE AS ONE" • 7P Prayer Circle BY TELEBRIDGE • 8:30P	31 Shavuot begins at sunset Wisdom of the Universe DISCUSSION • 12P Midweek celebration SOUL SESSION: DIALOGUE ON SUCCESS & PROSPERITY ARTHUR JOHNSON & JESSE JENNINGS • 7:30P	  <p>IT'S OUR SEVENTH ANNUAL PRIDESCAPES MUSICAL EVENT, CELEBRATING FREEDOM, DIVERSITY, THE ARTS, AND A WORLD THAT WORKS FOR EVERYONE</p> <p>SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017 SHOW 7PM, DOORS OPEN 6:30PM TICKETS \$20 @ CLC & ONLINE</p> <p>CREATIVE LIFE CENTER 5326 SPRING-STUEBNER, SPRING TX VISIT CREATIVELIFE.ORG</p>		