

Interfaith Inspirer

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Dear Interfaith Community,

We are in a very exciting phase of our ministerial search and we invite you to participate in this next phase of getting to know our Senior Minister candidates. Please put the following important dates on your calendar:

All of the month of February we had an ICSG membership sign up campaign. You need to be a member to vote in the ministerial selection process and give us feedback through SurveyMonkey.

Sunday, February 26 after service was an informational meeting about the candidates and the membership's role in assessing them.

Two weekends of ministerial candidate presentations will take place:

<u>Claudia Roblee</u> Sat. – Sun., March 4 and 5 Workshop, 1 p.m.: Spiritually Responding to Today's Political Climate

We are living in perilous times for our democracy and the world. We are also living in a time when more people have been awakened than ever before. What has emerged between these two dichotomies is a call for action to those who have been pursuing higher consciousness and are ready to put their wisdom to work in a sustainable way. The world is calling for spiritual activists.

This workshop will give you the tools needed to become a spiritual activist. You will learn:

- how to respond from the Divine within
- sacred practices that will sustain you

• about the important personal work that will ground you and give you stamina, vision and compassion ways to become involved

March 5 Sunday Talk: A New Age, The Rise of the Divine Feminine

Lauren Tatarsky Sat. – Sun., March 11 and 12 Workshop, 10 a.m.: Sharing Spiritual Experience: Connecting to Divinity Inside and Out

In this workshop we will join in exercises and activities that foster experiences of the Divine in our own hearts and in relationship to one another. Engage in visualization, conversation, movement, and silence, opening to the experience of sacredness inside and in deep connection with others.

March 12 Sunday Talk: Waking Up to Life: The Journey Toward Inner Knowing and Our Divine Purpose

ICSG members can participate in assessing the candidates through SurveyMonkey polls that will go live after the events and close within 24 hours of the events. Feedback is anonymous and will be shared with the Ministerial Search Committee and Board. More details on accessing the survey coming soon.

> With gratitude for your support, The Ministerial Search Committee



And here they are! Left: Claudia Right: Lauren







Ministerial Miscellany

By Dave Bell

Dear Friends,

I am leaving Florida tomorrow to be available during March. This is a time of transition, with lots of emotions tugging on all of us. There is, perhaps, a little apprehension about the future, a little sadness surrounding change. Change is good. There are wonderful opportunities for growth end enlightenment lying just in front of us. I am sure that Spirit will guide us in selecting a new leader and moving us onward in our collective unfolding. Allowing tension to drain away will open wide the way of spirit. How can we do anything else?

Many of you remember Helma Mezey. She now lives in Cocoa, Florida. I had the opportunity to spend several day with her as we tackled replacing some very old and useless plumbing in her nearly 100 year old cottage. She sends warm greetings to everyone, recalling the heart felt openings she experienced while a member of the Center.

In addition to renewing our friendship, Helma connected me with a body of work that will be critically important to us as individuals, as a community and as a nation. That work is called Non-Violent Communication. It was created by Marshall Rosenberg. Helma and a colleague are co-presenters of a program of NVC at the Brevard County Jail. She feels that it is making a difference in the lives of those inmates they are able to reach. Interestingly, I had lunch with Patricia Ramsay this week who couldn't stop raving about an NVC class based on the work of Marshall Rosenberg she is taking at her Center. The work centers around the concept that the most important need of everyone is to be heard. That gives rise to its own set of difficulties, as many times people express a statement that does not reflect their needs for the simple reason that many don't know what their needs are, let alone how to clearly express them. NVC is designed to help listening that will get people in a safe space so that their true needs can be expressed and heard. See the list of topics below.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Blessings,

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Community Member of the Month



By Jeanne Adwani

Our CMM for this month of Spring arriving is Jeff Alden. Thank you Jeff for being you.

Jeff is a many talented man; a singer in the barbershop quartet Algorithms, (if you haven't seen and heard them, I invite you to as soon as you can, they sing at the Center often) he is a bee keeper, (love that honey), an engineer, and he is a kind and generous man that brings himself to the Interfaith Center with grace and intelligence.

Jeff is a board member. He is soon to be leaving that position to likely give of himself else where in our community. We thank him so much for volunteering his time for this important visionary place in the everevolving experience of the Interfaith Center.

If you have yet to meet Jeff, please take a minute after one of our Sunday Meetings to introduce yourself and give him a big hug.

Thanks again Jeff for all that you contribute to the Center and to living a joyful life.





Board Highlights for March Newsletter by Pat Root

Special Notes: -The next board meeting will be Sunday, March 19. -To accommodate Ministerial Candidate Weekends, the Annual Meeting was postponed to Sunday March 26. <u>The board</u> and the search committee expect the major topic will be the last chapter in selecting a new senior <u>minister</u>. New board members will also be elected. -To avoid meeting on Easter, the April board meeting will be on April 9th.

The board met on Sunday, February 19. Discussion centered around the following topics:

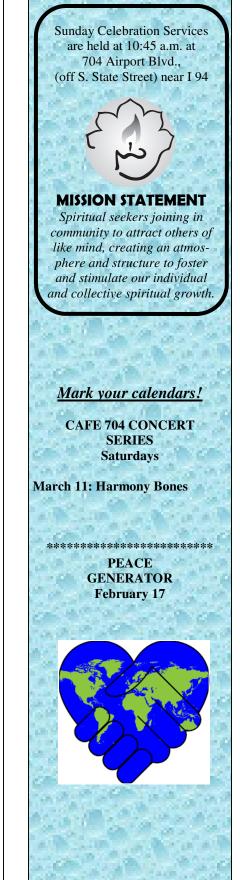
Inviting the Michigan Peace Team (a volunteer group dedicated to keeping peace, including diffusing difficult situations) to be a guest speaker on a Sunday morning and perhaps doing a workshop.

Reviewing the Center's insurance policy before renewal in February, with the possibility of obtaining another quote. The possibility of adopting a special policy addressing LGBTQ and perhaps Muslim inclusion. We are considering the careful wording of such policies and expect to review new drafts at the March meeting. One question is whether to have separate policies or include these groups in our general nondiscrimination policy. The board's final draft will be presented to the membership, possibly as early as the Annual Meeting on March 26.

The Leadership Team (Kevin Gilson, Chair) is considering meeting on Sundays after the service instead of Thursday evenings. Perhaps the Finance Team will do the same, as there is a lot of common membership between the two groups.

Two drafts of a flyer intended for bulletin boards outand-about in the community.

The board is endeavoring to finalize a "job description" for a volunteer coordinator, a charter for a fundraising committee, and a charter for a growing membership committee. Board members and visiting community members created teams, each of which will take on the editing or recreation of one of these documents. The goal is for each group to email its proposal to all others, with the expectation to approve final documents at the March meeting, which will be the last meeting of the "old board" before new members ioin.



The Service begins at 10:45 a.m.	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
The speaker/ topic are in bold/italic R indicates the reader M indicates the meditator MU indicates the musician.	Board meeting this month is on March 19	The newsletter submission deadline is March 19	1 6:30-8:30 p.m. Crea- tive Writing Work- shop <i>Lance Clark</i> 8	2 Noon—1:30 p.m. ACIM 6:30—8:30 p.m. Science of Mind 7:15-8:30 p.m. Speaking Circle 9	3	4 8:30 a.m. AA 1-3 p.m. Workshop with Claudia Roblee 7:30 p.m. Drum and Dance Jam
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Hello and how are you, Interfaith seekers?

If you are looking for a way to connect and engage more deeply with others, join the **33** of us who are participating actively in Dyads! Dyads offer a chance to get to know someone at Interfaith a little better and deepen our sense of belonging in our spiritual community.

Details:

- Sign up on the sheet at the Sunday table, through the Interfaith listserv or by contacting me directly.
- There is no need to sign up every month if you've already been participating.
- Sign up anytime. If you miss the monthly deadline I'll just put you in the pool for the following month.

MARCH DYAD THEME: Wisdom SOUL QUEST-IONS:

 (always first) How are you? No, really. How are you? Mind, body, spirit.
 How much wisdom do you have? How did you learn it?
 Have you seen anyone exhibiting wisdom lately? What did that look like?
 Is wisdom innate in some people (in children?), or does it come only from experience?

APRIL DYAD THEME: Emergence SOUL QUEST-IONS:

1.) (always first) How are you? No, really. How are you? Mind, body, spirit.

2.) Reflecting on the past, finish this sentence: "In the beginning, _____

3.) What are you becoming? What is your next new story?

4.) What do you experience as barriers to your own emergence? How do you dissolve them?

When you're paired:

You'll get an email from me. At your convenience, set up a day and time for the two of you to meet (a coffee, a walk, a beverage, a meal, an event you don't want to go to alone, anything!). When you meet, talk briefly or at length using this month's guiding "soul quest-ions" to engage in a deeper dialogue. As always, if the given questions don't include what life is asking from you, spend time listening to your days to hear your own.

I hope you'll consider participating in the dyad experience. It's important to connect more personally with someone in our spiritual community, explore ourselves, and deepen our way of relating through spirit-centered dialogue.

Questions? Suggestions? Find me.

Your friend, Sarah

P.S. - What do YOU want to talk about? Send me your ideas!

In the spirit of Emergence:

"And between water and light which unwind the air, now the spring is inaugurated, now the seed is aware of its own growing." -Pablo Neruda



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"Fight Song"

And all those things I didn't say

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CONTRIBUTORS WANTED!

We would love to have your input in the newsletter: spiritual moments, movie/book reviews, exciting announcements, poems, etc.

We try to have the newsletter ready for final editing by the third Sunday of each month. Please send contributions to Heide at mommyk@tc3net.com with "Interfaith submission" in the subject line. If you do not mention Interfaith, your email might get kicked right into the recycle bin by my spam filter.

If you cannot email your contribution, you may give it to Heide on Sunday.

To receive the online newsletter, go to http://lists.interfaithspirit.org/listinfo.cgi/interfaithinspirerinterfaithinspirer.org to subscribe.

Want to hear from us throughout the week? Receive or send email through Interfaith Yahoo by going to

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/InterfaithSpirit/

Namaste from your newsletter team: Heide, Esther, Deane and Lindsay.

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Harmony Bones at Café 704 Saturday, March 11



Harmony Bones Tom Voiles, Linda Teaman, Jeanne Mackey, Laz Slomovits & Eric Fithian

Harmony Bones is a quintet of Ann Arbor folk music veterans who offer traditional, contemporary and original folk songs. Rich vocal harmonies and an array of instruments -- guitar, mandolin, bass, flute, pennywhistle, fiddle, banjo, percussion, sitar -- that's Harmony Bones!

Inspired by an acupuncture point that harmonizes imbalances and promotes clarity, the band's name reflects their love of harmonies you can feel in your bones!

Suggested donation: \$8 or \$15/couple

Café 704

Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth 704 Airport Blvd, Ann Arbor. email: cafe704@gmail.com Web: cafe704.org We are ready for a magnificent March! February was fabulous. The month started by learning about Candlemas. We made delicious Candlemas cupcakes and learned about the holiday of Candlemas and St. Brigid's day. See the picture below of the Brigid's Crosses that we weaved. We blessed each one with the blessing below....



On the weekend of February 12th, we focused on love and Valentine's Day. We also distributed Random Acts of Kindness Day to celebrate RAK week. Heide had a fantastic experience with her RAK: for Tuesday, which also happed to be Valentine's Day, our RAK calendar suggested to give flowers to a cashier. Heide delivered two Valen tine's cards and flowers to two cashiers at her local grocery store. Not only was the manager incredibly impressed that a customer would give flowers to his cashiers, but the two women were so incredibly thrilled that their reaction was a great Valentine's Day present for Heide!

The third Sunday of the month was spent learning about song and how it is used as a form of worship. We listened to many different types of prayers in the form of song such as Ave Maria, We Shall Overcome, May the Circle be Unbroken, I Saw the Light and Amazing Grace. We watched a video of another new song sung by a children's choir, Glorious, check it out using this link.. <u>https://</u> www.youtube.com/watch?y=nomxXk6Q1rk

The lesson culminated by performing a song for the congregation.

For the final week of February, we had a meaningful lesson about Spiritual Activism. We really enjoyed making signs about peace for our march into the sanctuary and learning about other spiritual activists such as John Lewis, Mother Theresa, and Gandhi.

We look forward to continuing our focus on peaceful coexistence in March. We hope you join us!

Love, Light, and Laughter Heide, Kellie, Tommy, and the Youthful Spirits

Muslim Community Association Open House

We welcome you to meet your Muslim neighbors!

Visit anytime, but arrive early to sample the tasty home cooking of the diverse American Muslim community.



Sunday March 19th 4:30-8:30pm 2301 Plymouth Rd. Ann Arbor, MI 48105 Families welcome

Discussions: ask questions and

Tour the mosque

Explore world foods

Watch live prayers

increase understanding

This is a request from our former Youthful Spirit, Diana Paicu



TERESA KANGAS AND CHILDREN – FROM SALINE

Teresa is a 43 yr old single mother of 6 who was told she has a very rare cancer (cholangiocarcinoma) of the biliary tract. This cancer is rare and the cause is unknown. It has spread to her liver and lymph nodes. There is no cure for Teresa. Both St. Joe's and U of M are working together on her case. She has begun chemo but that is to only extend her life to get thing in order, there are no promises or guarantees to extend her life. Her oldest, Tim, is 23 yrs old, Cody 20 yrs old, Thomas is in the 11th grade, Mason is in the 7th grade and Tucker and Maria are the 5 yr old twins. Teresa is a wonderful mother and truly an angel; she even sings to the twins at bedtime! Teresa and her family need assistance in medical expenses, funds to get to and from chemo, meals and legal fees for the guardianship of the four minor children. So, in the spirit of giving, please find it in your heart to donate to Teresa and her children. Teresa is on borrowed time and is in great need of assistance for her children and herself. Thank you!

Sheri Marotz& Julie de Lucia

PLEASE DONATE @ www.gofundme.com/teresa-kangas-and-children



Marilyn, Chair

The Caring Committee





Heide and Kellie, Vice Co-chairs



Tommy, Youth rep



Khristian



Annie





Idgie



Jan





Beth



Judy

If you have a service to offer, please contact Marilyn







Interfaith Caring Committee Survey

We are looking for your participation and support of fellow Interfaith members <u>in crisis</u> in any way that is appropriate for you. If you are called on by a caring committee member to support a particular need, you always have the opportunity to decline if it doesn't work for you at that time. Please fill out this survey as completely as you are able. All gifts, skills, and talents are appreciated. Thank you for taking the time!

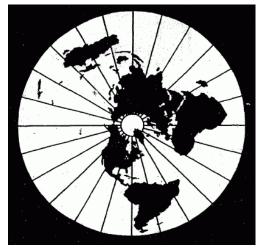
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I currently have need of (be specific):





Peace in Our Lifetime "The Peace Clock"



Swedish: FREDSKLOCKAN Starting Now: Wherever you are, perform a silent meditation for world peace EVERY DAY AT 12 NOON FOR ONE FULL MINUTE

THE GOAL: To have EVERY PERSON ON EARTH performing this event

Synchronized Intention is the Key

- With an alarm, a bell, a note or any other method that works for you remind yourself when it is noon in your time zone.
 - Acquire the active participation of your company, your school, community, city, state and nation.
- Involve radio and television have them broadcast the PEACE CLOCK name, slogan and logo accompanied by one minute of silence every day.
 - Above all approach all interactions with others in peaceful, constructive and creative ways.
 - Copy and share this information with as many people as you can.

PDF Fliers:

- Arabic: <u>Marabic</u> Chinese: 和平默禧 Dutch: VREDESKLOK
- English: PEACE CLOCK French: UNE HORLOGE POUR LA PAIX
- German: FRIEDENS UHR Hebrew: שעון השלום
- Hungarian: BÉKEÓRA Italian: OROLOGIO DI PACE
- Japanese: **ピース クロック** Korean: 우리의 삶에 평화가 깃들길
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