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A Spirit-Led Vision for Our New Senior Minister

By Lindsay Passmore

The Ministerial Search Committee is excited to invite everyone to a series of Visioning Events in March to co-create the Vision for our New Senior Minister. Please mark your calendars for Friday evenings, March 11 and 25; and Tuesday evenings, March 15 and 29. Plan to come at least once. We want everyone to participate!

These special gatherings will include a lasagne and salad dinner (\$5 donation) and a chance to work intimately with Spirit in our Ministerial Search. The Friday night events will begin with a 6 p.m. dinner and Visioning from 7 to 8:30. On Tuesdays, we'll crash the weekly 6 p.m. potluck—again, with a lasagne dinner if desired—and we'll Vision together from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The Visioning itself lasts for about 30 minutes. 'Harvesting' the Vision will take a little longer. More on that later.

Why are we doing this?

Well, partly because the Interfaith Center is uniquely democratic compared to a typical church or temple. Members' struggles and inspiration guide much of what we learn on Sundays via Spiritual Readings, Guided Meditations, and comments offered during Open Mic. Our Quarterly Conversations in Community are similarly participa-

These ways of being allow us to really 'see' one another. We experience truth in the old saying that the whole is more than just the sum of its parts. Thus, it just makes sense to What hints can we download from



co-create this significant transition in the life of our community.

Additionally, Visioning will move the Center into an entirely different level of discernment regarding the Ministerial Search. That's because it applies spiritual principles to the search process. Intrigued? Read on.

We speak often at the Center about how our consciousness creates our reality. Many of us use tools like prayer, meditation, ceremony, or contemplation to transcend ordinary reality and palpably sense the Divine. The Ministerial Search Committee's job is to develop structures that will help us find our new leader (things like surveys, ads, a job announcement, etc.). But it is our *community's con*sciousness that will ultimately attract our new leader to the Center.

Visioning helps us, with a series of meditative questions, to attune our consciousness to the Divine in order to recognize our new minister. Infinite Intelligence about who is most ideally suited to lead us following Dave's retirement?

One more thing... let's be honest. No matter what opportunities arise with this transition, fears arise too. Fear is a natural human response to change. When we can't see what's coming, we tend to contract into hardened ideas about what should come. Yet, contraction is not a state in which we are open to leadings from Spirit. It is the opposite of openness. It locks us into opinions based what is familiar and comfortable. Ironically, a key quality of spiritual energy is *movement*. Spirit is evolutionary.

Thus, Visioning is not only about receiving and harvesting Spirit's guidance through each of us; it is also a time to honestly name our fears. We cannot release that which remains unspoken. Speaking our fears loosens their grip on us, helps us to understand one another better. and allows us to move through the change process with greater freedom. We are inspired, edified, and better able to support one another during this time of not-yet-knowing.

The Visioning Process was developed by Reverend Michael Beckwith of the Agape Spiritual Center, in Los Angeles. We'll be led by Michelle Schrag, a practitioner for the Centers for Spiritual Living (Science of Mind), whose experience as a Visioning leader at the Bodhi Center in Chicago is inspiring. You are going to love her!

Ministerial Miscellany

By Dave Bell



Dear Friends,

As I write this month, newspaper reports suggest that Ann Arbor has had the pleasure of a snow day or two. I can assure you that Judy and are extremely grateful that we are here rather than there. It has been coolish here and requires long sleeves and socks. But 60 something and sunshine beats snow anytime. We are having a wonderful time. It will be spring soon and we will be back in May. See you then.

I hear wonderful things about the "Electric Baby." We saw it on the Thursday preview before it opened. We truly loved it, both for its message and the quality of the production. I hope you all had a chance to see it. Maybe this will be a frequent occurrence.

I have recently come across a phrase that I have not heard before. In Neale Donald Walsch's latest book, "Home With God – In A Life That Never Ends" he mentions the concept of a "civil rights movement for the soul." He suggests that most of the world has been burdened with rules and concepts that have been oppressive, to say the least. Much like the oppressive laws and social mores that have been used to restrict the freedom of minorities in virtually every corner of the world, religions have convinced many that they are miserable sinners and subjected them to the terror of judgment day and eternal damnation. God, as reflected in Walsch's writing, says flatly that there is no sin, that we are totally free, and that there is no possibility of judgment. Assuming that is true, and I certainly believe it is, there quite literally is absolutely nothing to fear. The clear result of dropping such terror-laden notions is to free the soul from worry and stress. It is easy to imagine a soul exclaiming, with great fervor and joy, "free at last, free at last, great God, I'm free at last." What a difference it would make in the world, if all souls were freed from the oppression of an imagined judgmental God. There would be no strife between religious factions, as all would know that all paths lead home. There would be no laws based on an ancient concept of "God's laws." There simply are no such laws. There would be no basis for treating some differently, based upon sexual preference or identity. I expect to have a couple of lessons based upon this concept when I return.

Spring training is underway down here. Spring cannot be far behind.

Blessings,

David

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Community Member of the Month



Incredible Idgie

The lovely Idgie Patterson is our Community Member of the Month.

A truly kind and gentle soul, Idgie brings that tender heart of hers to us often at the Center.

She sits in the front row, dressed in her beautiful flowing clothes, with the occasional charming little hat, that hint to her deep sense of style and color. She is a little fashion statement. And, a-little-bird told me she loves Opera, almost as much as she loves her kitty.

Idgie is a member of the Caring Committee, helping us find the best ways to care for our members and some that need our assistance outside of our little community. She is often attending our weekly potlucks, sharing the love and helping to clean up after.

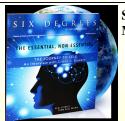
You can grab a long hug and some conversation with her after our meetings on Sunday. I invite you take the time to do that to get know her.

One of my favorite things about Idgie is how after one of our ministers' messages on Sundays, she shares a little bit of herself, and her response to the message, which is always simple, wise, and poignant.

Idgie is always ready to give you a big hug and share her love with you. No matter what struggles Idgie has had, she brings her full on Love Self to life's table. To quote a friend, "Idgie is an earnest little flower that grows in any soil, always with her face to the Sun." I find that quote so touching and so appropriate for Idgie. It speaks to her resilience under duress and her joy and positive energy, which she is happy to share with you.

Idgie is also part of the cast for "Tough Case" (see page 10).

Thank you, Idgie, for showing us another beautiful pathway to love.



Six Degrees Magazine

Purchase at: Crazy Wisdom Bookstore, Amazon, 6degreesoftransformation.com

Six Degrees of Transformation magazine is about the journey we all make towards self-discovery. The idea came from a desire to create something that everyone could relate to.

Inspiring stories give us hope that the impossible is truly possible, but many of these stories remain untold. Six Degrees magazine begins with a story of how one person has influenced two people in their life. From there, those two people describe their life stories and how they influenced two people as a result of their journey to selfdiscovery. It is a family tree of humanity with self-discovery as the uni-ISBN: 978-0fying force. 9971708-0-1

Bren Hill A Lightworker's Journey http://alightworkersjourney.com

January Board Meeting Summarv

submitted by Pat Root, Board Chair

The Board of Trustees meeting on February 21 included two visitors from the community and Kevin Gilson who serves as the board's volunteer consultant.

There was discussion about developing a "safe church" policy which would include (but not March and April meetings, to be limited to) child-care workers and weapons. One of the reasons this topic is being addressed at this time is that such creation of a brief charter for a policy is necessary for a "Profile" of ICSG. The Profile is be considered by the board via being prepared by the Ministerial Search Committee to inform potential candidates about who we are, what we believe, how we function, and one of the questions being asked (on the model template being used) is "Does your church have a safe church policy?" This discussion led to the question, "Do we also need an anti-discrimination policy?" Board member Rob Fagerlund, meeting visitor Joy, and perhaps community member Bonnie Dede will form a subcommittee to work on draft-

ing these policies. Board member Lindsay Passmore, who is also on the Ministerial Search Committee, has provided sample policies from other spiritual centers. Board member Danielle Cassetta offered to provide the documents from her preschool. Visitor Joy also has policies available. The subcommittee will present drafts for board consideration at the be finalized at the May meeting. Board consultant Kevin Gilson offered to help with the the subcommittee -- which will email.

Another topic was the workload of Administrator Delyth Balmer and how it is negatively impacted by requests and assignments from the board which are not prioritized. A motion was made and unanimously approved that "The board is responsible to discuss resource requirements and task priority when generated by the board. The task-executing committee is responsible to voice how this affects workload."

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Sunday Celebration Services are held at 10:45 a.m. at 704 Airport Blvd., (off S. State Street) near I 94



MISSION STATEMENT

Spiritual seekers joining in community to attract others of like mind, creating an atmosphere and structure to foster and stimulate our individual and collective spiritual growth.

Mark your calendars!

CAFE 704 CONCERT SERIES Saturdays

March 12: Harmony Bones

April 9: TBA May 14: TBA June 11: Hold

July: NONE (Top of the Park

conflict)

August 13: TBA September 10: Hold

> PEACE **GENERATOR** March 18

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Interfaith Pop

As recommended by Rob Fagerlund

"Smile" is a song based on an instrumental theme as used in the soundtrack for the 1936 Charlie Chaplin movie Modern Times. Chaplin composed the music, as while John Turner and Geoffrey Parsons added the while John Turner and Geoffrey Parsons added the lyrics and title in 1954. It was a hit for Nat "King" Cole, and has been recorded by many other artists.

Smile though your heart is aching
Smile even though it's breaking
When there are clouds in the sky, you'll get by
If you smile through your fear and sorrow
Smile and maybe tomorrow
You'll see the sun come shining through for you

Light up your face with gladness
Hide every trace of sadness
Although a tear may be ever so near
That's the time you must keep on trying
Smile, what's the use of crying?
You'll find that life is still worthwhile
If you just smile

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Craig Harvey as director and his cast, Heide Kaminski, Marlon Dunlap Idgie Patterson, Marilyn Alf, Marlena Studer., Randall Counts, and Ollie Carter, are putting together a performance in the format of a reader's theater about "Restorative Justice." The play will be performed on March 20, with a judge available for Q & A afterwards about the concept of restorative justice. 1—3 p.m.

Refreshments available for love offering Cost: suggested love offering of \$5 All funds raised will go to the **Caring Committee**

See our flyer on page 10!



Peggy's Parade By Peggy Lubahn

Image from: falkenburyfarm.com

THE SPIRITUAL WISDOM OF FERAL **CATS**

by Nancy Windheart

I've talked to many feral and semi-feral cats, and I've come to appreciate their unique wisdom and perspectives; as well as the great awareness and spiritual teaching that they are able to communicate:

"We are not here to have a relationship with humans. Many of us came into this life knowing that we are wild animals and have a particular job to do, and a relationship with humans is not part of it. We don't wish to live in homes, or be companions. This would be distracting for us.

"We balance the energies of the earth by lying on the soil, and balancing the magnetic lines of the earth. We feel these lines and vibrations through our bodies, particularly through the pads of our feet, our bellies, and our whiskers. Our bodies are exquisitely sensitive calibrating instruments. We do this work as we walk our territory, hunt our prey, and raise our families. Our lives may often be short, but we do intense, powerful work while we are here. We are very aware of our mission and our purpose, and the gifts that we bring to the Earth.

"Cats all over the world have a similar mission. We have a highly developed collective consciousness. We are very aware of the work that we have come to do, and we appreciate being able to do it in peace."



Image from peaceseeds

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January Board Meeting Summary

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Kevin Gilson pointed out that "It is is the board's problem to solve if Delyth doesn't have the resources to accomplish all tasks given to her." The current and apparent inability of the Leadership Team to put feet to board priorities was also mentioned, and Kevin offered to work with Delyth about creating a management structure that works better.

Volunteer Opportunity: Printing & data entry in the office on Monday and/or Wednesday afternoons. See Delyth.

Interesting information garnered from standing reports:

- -Deep Springs events start here this month. This is a rental arrangement.
- -Fire inspection soon. Volunteer opportunity: help to clean the attic.

- -January was a good financial month with special donations and rental income from Kickshaw.
- -We are now participating in "Amazon Smile" which will generate 5% of purchases. Stand by for details. There is a request that half of those proceeds go to the Caring Committee. Pending a decision, the board asked for a report about the expenses incurred by the the Caring Committee.
- -Minister Dave Bell is checking into the availability of a piece of land on the north side of Ann Arbor and considering approaching our community to assess interest in purchasing it.
- -Board members recently met with the Ministerial Search Committee, the Compensation (Think Outside the Box) Team and others. Please refer to Lindsay Passmore's report on the front page, which also includes information about Visioning Opportunities available to the community this month.
- -Discussion ensued about the need to offer the next minister a "creative" compensation package due to limited financial resources.



Learn what's going on State your opinion Give your ideas

Interfaith Annual Meeting Sunday, March 13, 12:45 p.m. Pizza & salad by donation





The Caring Committee Presents

Easter Dinner

March 27, following the service

Potluck-style

Ham provided by the Caring Committee

Please see any Caring Committee member for information on how to help!

Sign-up sheet will be in the social hall.

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.

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Our fundraiser for Operation Smile generated \$195. We would like to raise that to \$240, which is the cost of one operation. Please let us know if you are willing to donate some extra to reach that goal! On the right you can see some Valentine's Day items we sold in February.

March fundraising will go towards the ICSG Caring Committee. Projects to be announced, please let us know if you have any ideas!

We are collecting CLEAR 2-liter pop bottles (or any clear plastic bottles of that approximate size) with lids for a March project—which will go towards the Heifer Foundation.

Love, Light, and Laughter Heide, Kellie, and Tommy











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Light refreshments available for love offering Proceeds will go to the Interfaith Center Caring Committee

Our Crew

Craig Harvey, director

Marilyn Alf, Grace Ross, Victim

Heide Kaminski, Dane "Dee-Dee" Timbrell, the Juvenile Delinquent Randall Counts, Victim's Son

Olli Carter, Police Officer

Marlon Dunlap, Nate MacCallum, Idgie Patterson, Victim's Neighbor Community Justice Worker

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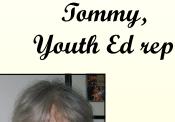
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Mike



Khristian



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Beth



Judy



Dawn



Jan



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If you have a service to offer, please contact Marilyn



Interfaith Caring Committee Survey

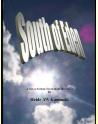
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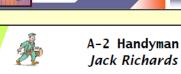
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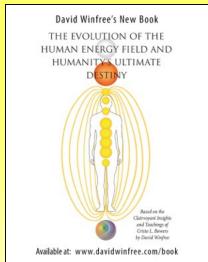
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