

The Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth

APRIL 2024



Community Farm of Ann Arbor

Sunday Celebration Service

10:45 a.m. ~ 12:15 p.m.

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THE INTERFAITH CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Celebration Services ~ April 2024

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Spirit Song

Sharing Love/Building Community

See the Divine within all you meet. Share greetings with a smile, a hand shake, "Namaste" or a hug if mutually desired. You may choose to mingle or sit in meditation.

Spiritual Reading

Meditation Chant & Meditation

Special Music

Message

Special Music

Offering Blessing

We fill these offerings with our love and blessings, sending them forth to bring peace to our world.

Benediction

New Benediction beginning April 14, 2024

Let there be Peace on Earth and let it begin with me (2x)

May God's Spirit rest upon you

May Gods Peace abide in you

May the Light of God Fill your Heart and Soul

Now and Forever More

Affirmative Prayers:

After service in the Sanctuary.

Refreshments:

In the Social Hall after service-join us!

April 7

Service Leader: Rev. Annie Kopko

Message: Heide Kaminski

"Thankful for Having All I Need: The Trip That Changed My World View"

Reading: Paulette Stenzel

Meditation: Brett Koon

Special Music: Marlena Studer & Steve Ragsdale

April 14

Service Leader: Rev. David Bell

Message : Janet Somalinog

"A Slow Deep Walk Through the 5-Step Treatment Prayer"

Reading: Peggy Lubahn

Meditation: Dawn Swartz

Special Music: Susan Slack

April 21

Service Leader: Rev. Delyth Balmer

Message: Rev. Annie Kopko

"Moving Toward Peace"

Reading: Norah Reilly

Meditation: Bob Hopkins

Special Music: Jean Wilson

April 28

Service Leader: Janet Somalinog

Message: Rev. Dwight Wilson

"Unshakable Love Aspirational Peace"

Reading: Annemarie Howse

Meditation: Randy Rouse

Special Music: Mark Maxwell



Connections

Zoom Link for Sunday Services

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/440540886>

Phone in: (929) 205-6099

Facebook Link

<https://www.facebook.com/interfaithspirit/>

Interfaith YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/user/interfaith704>

Interfaith on Instagram

<http://www.instagram.com/interfaithspirit>

Welcome Table

If you are new to Interfaith, we hope you stop by the welcome table to pick up a welcome packet containing information about the Center and a welcome gift!

Purple Pages

Gretchen Leonhardt has a knack for organization! She offered to tackle the attic at Interfaith and has spent countless volunteer hours in February and March this year sorting, organizing and ‘curating’ items that have accumulated over the years...left over yard sale items, goods that were donated or left behind, and “who knows” how or where it came from.

Gretchen has begun to turn attic finds into treasures and created the “Purple Pages” book. An alternative to labor intensive yard sales. (Though she is laboring for us all.) In the book...you will find items that are for sale, haggling allowed. Gretchen is photographing items, researching their value, and suggesting a price to pay for each item. Read about it in more detail, and check out what’s available so far in the Purple Pages! You can find it on the buffet near the front door.

Gratitude to Gretchen!!!

Special Events in April

Saturday, April 6

Drum & Dance Jam with Curtis Glatter

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Cost: Donation

Sunday, April 7

Potluck following the service

Bring a dish to share. All are welcome!

Annual Meeting

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Including Indra’s Net Ceremony, Board Elections and more. All are welcome.

Wednesday, April 10

Community Sing with Matt Watroba

7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

Cost: Donations appreciated & encouraged.

Friday, April 12

Divine Vibrations with David Winfree & Matthew Rose

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Cost: Donation

Saturday, April 13

Cafe 704 -Marlena Studer & Steve Ragsdale and friends “Love Letter to Mother Earth”

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

Tickets: \$ 10.00 in person or on Zoom

Saturday, April 20

Drumcommunity with Lori Fithian

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Cost: Donation

Friday, April 26 & Saturday, April 27

Meditation Retreat Fundraiser

Rev. Brett Koon, Rev. Holly Makimaa, Carol Bardenstein & Jennifer Lenders

The retreat will be held at Triple Crane Retreat

Center in Chelsea, MI

Register Now Open! See website for info:

<https://interfaithspirit.org/meditation-retreat/>

Board of Trustees

Marice Clark and Claire Groshans, Co-Chairs
Brett Koon, Peggy Lubahn,
Darlene MacLeod & Janet Somalinog

Board meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday of each month on Zoom from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. unless otherwise announced. The meetings are open for all to attend and community input is greatly appreciated. You may communicate with the board by email :board@interfaithspirit.org or by placing a note in the suggestion box near the bulletin board.

Many Thanks

Marice Clark & Claire Groshans

As we elect new members for the Board of Trustees on April 7th we will be saying fare-well to Marice and Claire who have served as Board Co-Chairs for the past two years. We are so grateful for you leadership and dedication to the Center.

Thank you for your Support!

The Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth is sustained by your donations. We are grateful for your generosity in giving. You may make your monetary donations to the Center via check, cash, PayPal or credit card on line or by direct deposit.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer Coordinator - Annemarie Howse

There are many ways you may offer your talents and support to the Interfaith Center. Below are a few of the areas in which volunteers are needed. Contact Annemarie Howse at (818) 667-2815 or email ahowse21@gmail.com for information on volunteer opportunities.

- First Sunday Potluck: help set up and clean up
- Sign up for the Spiritual Reading or Meditation
- Bring snacks for Sunday Social Hour or Cafe 704
- Bring flowers for the Altar for Sunday Service
- Volunteer for special projects...and more....

Vision Statement

As expressions of divinity we celebrate a world awakened to Love.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to explore universal truths underlying all paths of spiritual growth by providing weekly fellowship, learning and service opportunities, and social events to create and inspire a vibrant and diverse spiritual community.

Sunday Greeters

Coordinator-Randall Counts

At the Center:

Carol Bardenstein
Randall Counts
Rob Fagerlund
Diane Gledhill
Margie Hough
Todd Johnson
Lindsay Passmore
Norah Reilly

On Zoom

Jean Balent
Vicki Davinich
Claire Groshans

Sunday Tech Team

Sound

Craig Brann
Don Digirolamo
Diane Gledhill

Camera

Layla Ananda
Craig Harvey
Dave Snyder



Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth Regularly Scheduled Activities

Events are weekly unless otherwise specified.

Monday

A Course in Miracles Study Group

In Person and *On Zoom*

6:45 – 8:45 p.m.

David Bell (734) 646-8475

Meeting ID: 862 4978 9262

Password: miracles

Tuesday

Death Cafe * 1st Tuesday*

On Zoom Only

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Annie Kopko (734) 358-1328

Phone in: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 284 903 577# Password: 674985

Sufi Gathering –Imam Kamau Ayubbi

On Zoom Only

7:00 – 8:00 pm donation: \$5-\$10

Meeting ID: 883 478 525

Wednesday

Wednesday Social Hour

On Zoom Only

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Peggy Lubahn

Meeting ID: 858 0182 1285 Passcode: 715589

Phone in: 929 205 6099

Community Sing with Matt Watroba

*** 2nd Wednesday***

In Person **Apr. 10, May 8, June 12...**

7:00 – 8:15 p.m. donations encouraged.

Thursday

A Course in Miracles Study Group

On Zoom Only

*** 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.***

Randall Counts (517) 750-8087

Linda McDonough (479) 461-4839

Meeting ID: 896 0232 7682

Singing for Comfort * 2nd Thursday*

In Person and On Zoom

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Layla Ananda (734) 646-7405

Meeting ID: 338 524 966

Password: 311926

Friday

Peace Generator * 3rd Friday*

In Person and On Zoom

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Craig Harvey (734) 709-0253

Meeting ID: 213 742 5638

Saturday

Café 704 & Artisan 704 * 2nd Saturday*

In Person and on ZOOM (purchase ticket for the link)

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) \$10.00

Al Carter cafe704@gmail.com

Drumcommunity - drum circle w/Lori Fithian

*** 3rd Saturday***

In Person **Apr. 20, May 18, June 15...**

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Lori Fithian: lorifithian@mac.com

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Leadership Team Meeting

2nd Sunday

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Bob Hopkins (734) 985-5572

Board of Trustees Meeting

3rd Sunday

on Zoom and in person

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Phone in: 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 823 1458 7072

board@interfaithspirit.org

Caring Committee Meeting

1st Thursday on Zoom

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Marilyn Alf, Chair

sdtoaa@gmail.com

Transportation:

Need a Ride/Give a Ride

If you need a ride to Interfaith or to medical appointments OR are available to provide a ride on an as needed basis please contact the Caring Committee.

Stay Connected – Here’s How

Sign up for our mailing list (powered by MailChimp) by going to our website at interfaithspirit.org

Once you’re on this list you’ll receive emails (not too many) about Sunday services and events sponsored by the Center.

Join the Interfaith Center Groups.io

(interfaithspirit@groups.io)

Posts to this group include local events, requests for prayers or assistance and other topics of interest to this community. You do not have to be a member of the Interfaith Center to join the group or to send/receive messages.

To join:

- Use the email account where you wish to receive Interfaith group emails.
- Send an email to interfaithspirit+subscribe@groups.io.
- You will receive an email request to: “confirm your groups.io Subscription” (Check your Junk/Spam folder if you don’t see it.) Then reply to the email you have received.

Interfaith on YouTube

Most of our Sunday messages, guest musicians, readings and meditations are video recorded and made available on YouTube for you to view anytime.

Go to: <https://www.youtube.com/user/interfaith704/videos>

Facebook

Check out our Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/interfaithspirit>

Connect to our internet while at the Center

Network name: ICSGLove

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