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ABUNDANCE



Even though Oregon and California experienced severe drought this spring and summer, plums and tomatoes grew abundantly. How do I know this? Every time I open my front door recently, there stands a neighbor with produce to share. I live alone and can only eat so much of the fresh bounty without digestive complications. Consequently, I become the neighbor with fruit to share. So far, I haven't been offered the traditional two-foot-long zucchini which went unnoticed under the leaves. Maybe next week. A pumpkin appeared on my porch this weekend courtesy of a generous neighbor.



By June Gumz,
newsletter editor

All of these gifts of food are given without expectation of payment. They are the result of abundance and kindness. When my son was little, we didn't have to buy clothes for him for the first two years. He was the smallest of several boys on our street and he was the hand-me-down kid. I can look at pictures from the past and say that outfit was Richie's, or Mikey's or Eric's. Accepting those clothes didn't mean we were poor, it meant that we were all young families who helped each other. The system worked for all of us. Our daughter was the oldest on our street so her clothes started a chain of giving for the little girls.

My brother built a little book box for me to share books with neighbors. I have a garage full of books that are mine or donated by book lovers on my street. Dog walkers, runners and folks out for exercise stop by and peruse the books and often take one home. During the pandemic when the libraries were closed, it was a way to fill a need without a dime being spent. Sharing our abundance, with kindness, benefits everyone.



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PRACTITIONER SPOTLIGHT

Sandy Leybold RScP



1. How did you come to Portland CSL?

My spiritual journey began as a child, when my grandfather taught me what he had learned through his study of Theosophy. When I had children of my own, I sought a church home to help give them a spiritual foundation in life. I found the Living Enrichment Center in Wilsonville and was introduced formally to New Thought. When LEC ceased to be, our family often went to the “church of bowling” at Sunset Lanes. In 2010, I started attending New Thought CSL in Lake Oswego and soon found myself on track to become a practitioner. I appreciated Rev. Larry's and Rev. Marilyn's support as part of my oral exam panel. I followed my heart to PCSL, where I could serve the community in a spirit of Love and continue to learn from Rev. Larry how to apply the Principles in daily life.

2. What are your responsibilities at the Center?

I enjoy Practitioner duties such as holding High Watch, both on Facebook Live and in person. I serve on platform on Sundays and will soon be facilitating a Connection Circle. Also, a new workshop is forming in my mind! As a member of Usher/Greeter Team, I look forward to meeting fellow congregants in the sanctuary soon. Continuing to reach out to the thousands of people who listen to Rev. Larry's podcasts is another goal of mine; creating virtual connections that transcend time and space!

3. What are your favorite hobbies/associations?

Teaching English as a Second Language to refugees or immigrants is a passion of mine. For the past 3 years, I've been reading, attending events and volunteering in my local community to become an anti-racist. I look forward to travelling internationally again, visiting other cultures and I am taking Spanish!

4. What would be a perfect day for you?

So many choices! Just a few of the things that would make my day perfect: walking along or kayaking on the Willamette, eating ethnic food, being with my adult daughters, ballroom dancing, watching indie movies, cooking, scuba diving in warm water, dining al fresco on my deck, connecting heart to heart with spiritual sisters or old friends, getting a massage, experiencing a Pink Martini concert, meditating while walking in nature....

5. Where is your favorite place to be?

I used to answer this question with different spots here and overseas, but increasingly I find that my favorite place is “right where I am.” Though I'd still rather have “right where I am” be by a body of water whenever possible!

*I am the love God is.
God is the love I am.
~ Marci Beck RScP*



BOARD REPORT

**By Nadine Moller,
Board President**

Happy Autumn!

As I observe the days getting shorter, and the leaves changing from green to yellow to red, I've noticed an increased activity amongst the squirrels who reside near our home. They're busy racing up and down the trees, running across fences and overhead lines, always with a prized possession in their mouths, a nut. Our neighbor has a large chestnut tree and our four-legged furry friends are joyfully collecting the bounty! Watching them makes me realize that we are surrounded by abundance.

Our center has been closed to in-person services for some time. We opened with so much joy in June, only to close our doors again in September due to the COVID variant. It is easy to feel disheartened by the ongoing pandemic, but watching the squirrels made me realize that life goes on and always wants to express itself regardless of external circumstances.

We plan to remain closed through October and the Board will revisit the option of opening in November. Like the squirrels, we are taking advantage of this bounty of time to declutter, clean the building and do maintenance on the mechanicals. Our goal is to offer a safe and healthy environment for everyone, when we open, while following CDC and OHA guidelines.

Music is a big part of our services; it opens the heart, enlivens our bodies and gets us prepared for Rev. Larry's message. The Board of Directors has approved the purchase of some musical equipment and leasing a new copier for our educational programs.

PCSL continues to move forward with Love, Joy and flexibility, knowing that this pandemic is temporary and we are getting through it together. The Board and our ecclesiastical team want to thank you for your continued support in time and treasure for our community. We can't be a community without YOU.

Much love and many blessings.

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FALL CLASSES

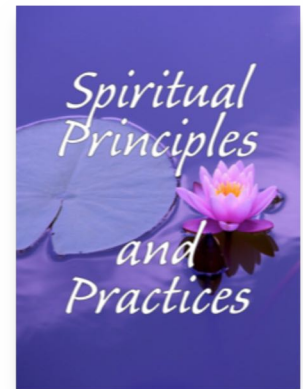
Spiritual Principles and Practices

Facilitated by Rev. Larry King

5 Weeks; Tuesdays

10/26/2021 - 11/23/2021; 6:00-9:00pm PT

In this online class you will discover proven practices that bring spiritual principle into action allowing you to manifest desired goals and intentions. Through affirmative prayer, self-awareness, meditation, visioning and gratitude you will learn to harness the power of the divine creative process and change your life forever.



The Power of Forgiveness: Walking in the Light of Love

Facilitated by Rev. Marilyn Sprague and Kathy Batten, RScP

1-Day Saturday Workshop

11/13/2021; 9:00am-3:00pm PT

Forgiveness is letting go of the burden of the past. It is the power to release anything that keeps us bound to people and circumstances of past experiences. It frees from hurts and resentments and allows us to step into the light of Love available in this now moment.

FALL EVENTS



Sunday, October 31, 12:30pm (Held Online) Zoom Halloween Party!

Rev. Larry and Practitioner Sandy Leybold would like to invite you for an after-service virtual Halloween. Show off your "altar-ego" in costume, swap spooky stories and be prepared for trivia or "name that tune" (Halloween editions). It's a time to relax and have fun with friends on one of Rev. Larry's favorite holidays.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#) Meeting ID: 870 6996 9687 — Passcode: 589049



Sunday, November 7th, 12:30pm (Held Online) Town Hall Meeting

Everyone is welcome to join our quarterly Town Hall Meeting. We'll present a program and financial reports and highlight some of our educational offerings for this fall. Join us on the Zoom call after the Facebook Live Sunday message. [Join Zoom Meeting](#) Meeting ID: 839 6659 4841 — Passcode: 530232

Wednesday, November 24th, 7:00-8:00pm (Held Online) Gratitude Service

Our annual Gratitude Service celebrates the conclusion of our Fall Connection Circles and begins the Thanksgiving holiday. It's a time to express our gratitude for the past and future. Everyone will have a chance to share their gratitude as we connect in Spiritual practice. We'll be on Zoom teleconferencing. [Join Zoom Meeting](#) Meeting ID: 502 642 724 — Password: 823969

