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NEWSLETTER

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LESSON TOPICS FOR FEBRUARY 2024

FEBRUARY 4

“WE ARE NOT MEANT TO BE ALONE”

Rev. Gene Policastri

Our thoughts or ideas will languish without our feeling or love nature. This was symbolized in the Old Testament in Genesis when we hear that the Lord, looking on Adam, said “It is not good that the man should be alone:...” When we get a thought or an idea, if we do not embrace it with our emotions, it will not manifest into substance. We are creative beings; the two aspects of creation are ideas and feelings; together they produce our substance.

FEBRUARY 11

“LOVE IS ALL WE NEED”

Rev. Gene Policastri

This was a refrain from the popular Beatles song “All You Need is Love,” How true this is from both a human standpoint and a metaphysical one. In John we read that “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son (idea/thought) and whosoever believe in him should not perish but have everlasting life.” Love indeed does make the world go ‘round. It is the creative source; it is the energy that is back of all substance and form. Let us learn to love one another both humanly and spiritually. That is our divine energy source.



FEBRUARY 18

“WHERE IS YOUR FOCUS”

Rev. Gene Policastri

A life coach I once knew said that he could tell a lot about a person merely by looking at both their checkbook and their calendar. How true that is. Those two documents show us where we spend our money and where we spend our time. In short, they show us where our focus is. We can learn from that and adjust accordingly. For if we find we are spending our time on things that we say we do not want, we can course correct. How much time do we spend on God? On Life? On Love? Let’s look at our checkbook and calendar as data points, and from there we can redirect our focus on the things that matter, on the things that are not foolishness to God.

FEBRUARY 25

“THE GIFT OF AN EXTRA DAY”

Rev. Gene Policastri

This week we mark what is known as a Leap Year. We get an extra day in February. This gets our thoughts going – what if we were given an extra day in our current human form as part of this Life? What would we do with it? How would we spend that day? This is worth thinking about – and I am sure we would plan something special, something delightful, something particularly meaningful. And that is the way we should live every day. The extra day, and what we do with that concept, can have an impactful effect on the rest of our lives.

Directions to join to our Sunday Service

To join via telephone

Call the toll-free number: 669-265-1582; and press#. You will be joined and be automatically muted.

To join via zoom app

Simply enter our meeting ID: 7216723017. There will be no password required. You will automatically be muted. Please remain muted during the service

President's Message

We recognize that the cold, snow and ice are incidents that will spring forth with the beauty of the next season with its flowers and adornments of spring. In the meantime, our church community is alive and moving forward. The Board of Trustees met as usual on the second Sunday of January. Below are the Items of discussion.

1.

Rev. Donna Gatewood submitted a projected budget for the next fiscal year. While we are still in a circumstance of shortfall, the Board passed the budget and the request for a \$50 thousand withdrawal from our UBS account to carry us. Please note, that our investment account will not last forever, but we are fortunate to have it as something to call on presently.

2.

After careful consideration, the board voted unanimously to re-join the Divine Science Federation. The Board feels that it is in our best interest. Several members of our congregation have been recipients of the monthly writings distributed by the Federation with research and published works of our founders. These writings remind us of the origins of our teaching.

3.

Our Christmas sing along and invite for hot chocolate and cookies was a success, so much so that we continued it over a second weekend. We had several visitors to sing Christmas carols with us and join in for some goodies even though both weekends endured rainy weather. We solicited those just passing by. Many were very curious about the Divine Science teaching as well as those curious about what the church itself was all about.

4.

You are all invited to the second Sunday in February for our Valentine celebration. The theme is **"You are Loved"**. We will again over coffee and sweets. These activities are to alert everyone that our church community is alive. The pandemic

is behind us, though we know that health precautions are necessary. All are invited to attend, and we look forward to seeing you! This event will take place following the service on **Sunday, February 11, 12:15 – 1:30.**

5.

We have had several contractors look at repairing the ceiling in the library and the minister's office. We will look at the proposals for each group and decide how to proceed.

6.

We continue to take under advisement any correspondence from NPS. Rev. Wayne Gatewood will keep us apprised of any developments that immediately affect us. However, the Board discusses at every meeting the possibilities of "Plan B" should we ever have to vacate the premises.

7.

We are grateful for those who continue to send in their tithes and offerings. It is necessary for everyone to note that although we have not been using the entire building as yet, the cost for its maintenance still exists. While we would like to eventually use our sanctuary every Sunday, we need funds to maintain the building. We are asking you to contribute if you have not done so and/or to increase your tithes and offerings to the best of your abilities at this time.

8.

We continue to employ Versatool Services to take care of our snow removal and salting of the sidewalk at each incidence of inclement weather. They are \$165 per visit. We are on their permanent list of locations to service, therefore they told us that it was unnecessary to call them whenever there was snow and ice.

"Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, we ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them"...Mark 11:24

Shirley Taylor Moore, President
Board of Trustees



Perfect Love

Rev. Pat Beach

It is significant that the Divine Science Statement of Being includes the phrase, "perfect love" at its very center. Perfect love is central to all Being. The word perfect is used to describe that which is complete and flawless. The word love is defined in Divine Science as, "conscious unity expressed as out-streaming good will."

This union with wholeness and perfection is a conscious act. It begins with a decision to accept the love of God as our own nature. Then in the deep Silence, listening for His Word as our moment by moment Guidance. There, it is revealed that the nature of all creation is Spiritual because it is from and of God alone.

We give thanks always and ever for this understanding of His Will being done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.



Sylvia Anderson



Our beloved Bible Teacher, member and cherished friend, Sylvia Anderson, made her transition on January 18, 2024 and we celebrated her life and memories with her daughter Sophia and friends and family on January 27, 2024. We will miss her human smile, warm laugh and avid studies of Divine Science. She will be missed during the Tuesday night prayer/book group and we will miss seeing her human presence. We know, though, in Divine Science that there is no death, only Life, and that she is still with us albeit in a different form, on a different plane. We do not say "good bye," but "until we meet again."

Rev. Gene Policastri

Ongoing Prayer and Study Group
Conference call

Tuesdays
6:30 pm

If you would like to join, you may
do so by using the conference
call number:

605-472-5203
Access Code 662944#.

Christmas Carol Sing Along
December 17, 2023



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DIVINE SCIENCE STATEMENT OF BEING

God is all, both invisible and visible.

One Presence, One Mind, One Power is all.

This One that is ALL is Perfect Life,
Perfect Love, and Perfect Substance.

Man is the individualized expression of God,

And is ever one with this Perfect Life,
Perfect Love, and Perfect Substance.

Save the Date!

Valentine's Day Special

"You Are Loved"

Come Join Us for Coffee & Sweets
February 11, 12:15 – 1:30pm

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Divine Science Church Library

All are Welcome!