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NEWSLETTER

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LESSON TOPICS FOR NOVEMBER 2023

November 5

Hybrid Service

“WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN YOUR HOUSE?”

Rev. Gene PolICASTRI

The starting point of all healing is an inventory. What do you have in your house, so to speak? What strengths do you have? What are your assets, not just financial or material, but emotional and mental assets as well? When we can then recognize that we do indeed have good and valuable qualities, we can then know that we are not starting from ground zero but have a basis from which to work. We never ignore what we have; rather, we start by recognizing it, then we bless it, praise it, and watch it multiply to demonstrate more and more of the good we seek.

November 12 **Hybrid Service**

“PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE”

Rev. Gene PolICASTRI

It was said to be the war that would end all wars. When the armistice was signed in November of 1918 it was expected that that would be the last of major hostilities. But there were still more wars which followed and our headlines are replete with wars, stories of wars, new hostilities, threatened hostilities and the like. We are not at peace. Frankly, we have never been at peace. Much of the Bible is devoted to the recounting of wars, tribal conflicts, marauding empires, and during Jesus’s time Jerusalem was under Roman occupation. Rather than being a wartime leader like King David, Jesus went the other way. His sermon on the mount was hardly a wartime charge. Love your enemy. Share what you have. These are statements of a leader who seeks to bring peace through sharing and justice, and not through victory by using troops and wars.

November 19

Thanksgiving Service **Hybrid Service**

“A THANKFUL HEART DOES HEAL”

Rev. Gene PolICASTRI

Forgiveness and gratitude are powerful states of mind to promote healing. To be forgiven is to become at one with each other and with God. To be grateful is to praise and bless what you have – and this makes your heart and mind look at life from the standpoint of finding good in what is present rather than looking for what is missing. A grateful heart is always full. An ungrateful heart is always lacking. Gratitude and forgiveness are two actions that are always in our control. We can always choose to be grateful for what we have. We can always choose to forgive. And therefore, it is always in our control to determine how we are going to feel about any situation. And, how we feel about a situation directly impacts its ultimate outcome.

November 26 **Hybrid Service**

“AWAITING THE BIRTH OF A NEW STATE OF MIND”

Rev. Gene PolICASTRI

We wait with a joyful, childlike expectancy for our good to appear. We are programmed from early days to believe that a savior is coming to take away our difficulties. At the time of the birth of Jesus, the people were looking for a new messiah who would restore their good, reunify the kingdom and expel the occupying empire. They were waiting for Moses and Elijah to appear. These leader/healer concepts are embodied in Jesus who said something radical – that what he could do, we could do likewise. And so, at this time of year when we memorialize the imminence of the birth of the savior, we recognize that it is not a person or being separate from ourselves for which we are waiting, but for an elevation in our own state of mind. We joyfully anticipate the birth of Christ Consciousness within us.

Directions to join to our Sunday Services

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 and disabled to use your video.

"Be Still and Know...."

Rev. Pat Beach

Bible study can seem complicated and overwhelming for some. Yet those who begin this study often find that they benefit from even one sentence or one verse, sometimes even one passage. One example may well be the statement found in Psalms 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God..." When a passage is contemplated and taken to heart, an understanding will come. The word 'passage' is significant since that describes something that leads us from one place to another.

The call to be still is in physical activity as well as mental. It is a surrender to the true Essence of our Being beyond the identity of a small self. This openness brings us into a Stillness that enables us to hear, feel, and experience a higher level of awareness. There we begin to realize what cannot be known with human understanding. In the Silence, a Knowledge comes to us, or better said, through us that will never leave us the same. This is not an intellectual understanding, not a mental knowledge. It is as deep and penetrating as something in the marrow of our bones.

Most Wondrous God, we give You thanks for Your Presence in us and ever with us that is met in the Silence. Amen.



President's Message

1. With the ordination of practitioner, Gene Policastri, we now have 2 openings on the Board of Trustees as was mentioned earlier. Several potential candidates have been approached and we await further decision from all parties involved.
2. A zoom device that will allow participants to attend the church virtually with video was donated to the church. We will inform everyone when the setup for this will begin.
3. When we do not meet monthly requirements to pay our bills, we must withdraw from our investment account, a practice that we would like to lessen in the future. Thank you to those who continually send in their tithes and offerings.
4. For many years, Rev. Wayne Gatewood has graciously taken care of the church's janitorial needs as Building and Facilities Manager. We are grateful for his years of service. However, Rev. Gatewood has informed the Board that he will no longer be available to perform these duties. He will, however, remain as the liaison between the church and the National Park Service. As a result, the Board is presently making inquiry into a replacement.

"We trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men." ...1 Timothy 4:10

Shirley Taylor Moore, President
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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#.



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DIVINE SCIENCE
STATEMENT OF BEING
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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.

