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NEWSLETTER

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LESSON TOPICS FOR OCTOBER 2023

OCTOBER 1

“GOD’S IMPERSONAL NATURE”

Rev. Janet Friedline

The promise is, “turn to me and you will find me.” God is available to each one of us; he does not favor one over another. We are all his children, and when we turn our attention inwardly, we experience his impersonal nature in a personal way. Jesus called God his father, and told us could do likewise. Go often to the “quiet place,” acquaint thyself with him, and be at peace.

OCTOBER 8 HYBRID SERVICE

“FAITH MOVES MOUNTAINS”

Practitioner Gene PolICASTRI

If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you can move mountains. If you want to make change in your life or remove any obstacle, pray with faith and you will see the mountain shall be moved.



OCTOBER 15

“THE CHOICE IS YOURS”

Rev. Janet Friedline

We have the ability to pick, and choose, to exchange one idea for another. Our view of life determines how we will live it. Choose ye this day, whom you will serve. Do we serve the man of the flesh, or the man who has his being in Christ? Do we claim what is passing, or what is lasting, the temporary, or the absolute? It is all up to us.

OCTOBER 22 HYBRID SERVICE

“THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME”

Practitioner Gene PolICASTRI

Halloween, all hallows eve, is upon us and we begin to entertain ourselves and our children with stories of ghosts, goblins, and other paranormal adventures. But, our entertainment is not all that far from the truth. For, we are spiritual beings having a human experience; there is no reason why we cannot and do not commune with the consciousness of those who may no longer be in human form but nevertheless their consciousness remains.

OCTOBER 29 HYBRID SERVICE

ORDINATION SERVICE

“NEW BEGINNINGS”

Practitioner Gene PolICASTRI

“If any man be in Christ Consciousness, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.” The words of Paul to the Corinthians expresses the concept of renewal in spirit. Each day brings a new chance to die to the old ways, the old habits that keep us stuck in certain patterns of behavior; our prayer each day gives us the chance to change, to unfold into greater realization of our spiritual consciousness.

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. If you are asked to enter the conference ID, enter 721-672-3017, then press #.

To join via zoom app

Enter our meeting ID: 7216723017. There will be no password required. You will automatically be muted and disabled to use your video.



“THE SIMPLE TRUTH”

REV. PAT BEACH

Once we learn how to recognize the truth of God's nature, His Presence can be seen in all times and places.

Divine Science defines truth as, "All that God is; infinite, eternal good." His infinite nature may be difficult for human understanding to grasp. However, when we recognize truth as being simple, a higher understanding is given to us.

The word "simple" is defined as something having or consisting of only one part, feature or substance. It is this Oneness, this Wholeness that is forever true of God and all that He has created. To recognize this and live accordingly is to know and follow Jesus' teaching.

"To this end was I born, and for this (One) cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth." John 18:37

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we welcome the fall season, monthly Board meetings have begun. The following are a few points that took place at the September meeting.

1. The National Park Service (NPS) has informed us that they will perform some of the requests we made to them concerning the church building. Mainly they will begin by bringing in air scrubbers for work in the church basement. They will let us know when this will take place and whether we can continue using the upstairs while this work is performed. Rev. Wayne Gatewood will keep us informed.
2. We are considering Unity's request to use our church space for lessons once per month. This will be coordinated by Rev. Wayne Gatewood, Gene Policastri and Jan Smoot (of Unity.)
3. The Board delayed a request from the church Treasurer to transfer money from our UBS account at this time. While many continue to send in tithes and donations, we would like to break the dependency on our investment funds if possible. The Board will re-consider this request in November.

Ordination Service for

Gene Policastri

October 29th

11am

via in-person at church & zoom

After-service reception

At

Maggiano's

(5333 Wisconsin Ave NW, Washington, DC 20015)

RSVP by Sunday October 15

To RSVP the after-service reception, please telephone or email the church, and leave your full name and phone number.

Phone Number: 202-333-7630

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4. As was announced in last month's Newsletter, Practitioner, Gene Policastri will be ordained as a Divine Science minister in October. This will leave a vacancy on our Board. That makes 2 vacancies with the resignation of one Board member earlier in the spring. We, therefore, are considering suggestions for those who would be interested in joining the Board and working for the good of the church. To be considered, a person must be a member of the church in good standing and should have completed the Basic Course for credit. We would also ask for a resume. Board members are expected to attend the monthly meetings regularly. Persons who are nominated are voted on by church members only.

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” Hebrews 11:1 NRSV

Shirley Taylor Moore, President
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OFFICE COVERAGE

The Church Office will remain closed until further notice.

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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