
LIVING TODAY

| DOING TOGETHER WHAT ONE ALONE CAN NOT DO! |

Thanksgiving Service Nov. 19

Bring a pot luck dish to share for this special 11 a.m. service of thanksgiving.

Christmas Eve Day Service Dec. 24

Come celebrate the birth of Christ in our traditional lighting of Unity Candles with Rev. Paula and Rev. Marygrace Sorensen. This beautiful service at 11 a.m. is designed to allow us to connect to the Spirit of Christ.

New Years Eve Day Burning Bowl Service

Let's create the energy for the upcoming year. We start the year off right after a deeply moving service offering a time of release and renewal to bring in the New Year by sharing a meal together.



Rededication Service

Oct 15, 2017

11 am Service

Come discover which principle of Truth will be revealed as your gift from Spirit to you this year. Our unique rededication service is an opportunity for you to experience a sense of renewal in this special service of prayer and meditation. Reflection upon the heart stones and their meanings are powerful and revitalizing in their ability to remind us of Spirit's presence in our daily lives. There will be one that is meant just for you as your blessing for the coming year.



Rev. Paula Skiles

Be sure to greet our minister, Rev. Paula Skiles. Here are just some of the great opportunities we will have to experience the power of Grace and Holy Spirit in our church.

- Pet Blessing Ceremony Oct. 7, 2017 @ 10 am San Marcos Park
- Candlelight Service Dec. 24, 2017 @ 11 am service
- Burning Bowl Service Dec. 31, 2017 @ 11 am service

Need a Prayer? A Prayer Box is located at back of Sanctuary. We pray with on your request for 30 days and then forward to Silent Unity, who also pray on the request for 30 days.

Unity of San Marcos Recorded Prayer Line 512-396-5433

24/7 Silent Unity Prayer Partner Line 800-669-7729

Pet Blessing Ceremony

Oct 7, 2017 10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m.
San Marcos City Park

We will host a free, community wide pet blessing service in honor of St. Francis Day. Every life is precious in Spirit's eyes. Our companions of various forms that bring us joy in our lives will have a service dedicated to blessing them.

Rev. Marygrace Sorensen and Rev. Paula Skiles are offering an opportunity for anyone to bring their beloved companions to receive prayers of love, mercy, life, peace for their lives and compassion for healing if needed.

NOTE: All pets must either be leashed or kept in an appropriate container while in the city park as per city park regulations.



Doing Together What One Alone Cannot Do!



THE TRUTH IS...

Some of us equate the use of our imagination with flights of fancy or daydreams. So, what use is our imagination in our daily lives? Here is how I would answer that. What is it that gives us the capacity to create, to invent, to achieve, or to change in character? Without trying to be

simplistic, I would offer that it is our ability to imagine.

Where is the place within us that receives inspiration? The point of entry for ideas can be thought of as mind, yes, but even more we can locate this faculty between the eyes and just above the eyebrow. The imagining power receives divine ideas and reflects them into the soul in dreams and visions. Symbolically, the disciple Nathanael, whose name means gift of God, represents Imagination.

During the Revolutionary War George Washington is reported to have had a vision during the discouraging days of 1777 at Valley Forge. While on his knees praying, asking to be shown the right thing to do, a light shone around him and a vision of a broad and prosperous country spread out before him. He recognized it as the future United States. In truth he had made contact with spiritual forces that he was in a position to bring forth. Filled with exultation, this vision spurred him to victory and infused him with the strength to be a tireless worker in perfecting the Constitution, thereby enabling our country to be established on a sound basis of spiritual principles. Use of the imagination in this manner develops our personal spiritual lives in the pattern of the divine.

Have you ever been prompted with an impulse to do some unselfish or courageous act? Then, without thinking about it you acted on this impulse. Remember how your very being was filled with a new and wonderful strength of character to accomplish this? Perhaps other individuals around you even noticed a change in your eyes, or facial expressions. By fulfilling the impulse our imagination is being used as it's meant to be. It is in this way that you and I express as the image and likeness of God. Because Imagination is an attribute of Spirit it is the avenue through which principle, ideas, or the spiritual dimension is expressed into the material realm.

Our faculty of imagination isn't just visualizing, or seeing images in our minds eye. It is the formative, creative power of our minds that gives shape, tone and color to the images behind our thinking and feeling that molds our lives.

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Special Thanksgiving Service
Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017
11 am service

Rev. Marygrace and Rev. Paula will be offering a special service to kick off our season of love in a powerful way. This will be a unique opportunity to begin our Holy days together as a church and as individual/families.



Christmas Music Service
Sunday Dec. 17, 2017
11 am Service

Our annual music service will be filled with food, fabulous musicians and lots of music. Bring your family, friends and loved ones to this special day of Christmas music.

NEW YEAR'S EVE
DAY BURNING
BOWL SERVICE

Sun. Dec. 31, 2017
11 am Service

Join us as we begin this new year with a wonderful service and pot luck meal together. Please bring a dish to share with at least 8 people, but if you forget, don't let that stop you from enjoying the great food and friendship anyway.

Burning Bowl Ceremony, one of the most unique rituals that Unity offers is on New Year's Eve day this year. In it we experience a powerful meditation of releasing what no longer serves us and receiving inspiration from Spirit to speak to our hopes and aspirations for the New Year.



THE TRUTH IS...cont.

The impulse to expand, to lift above viewing life as we commonly do, and to picture consequences of our choices are just a few ways to recognize the power of imaginations' gifts from God to us. To use a Biblical reference, Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." (MK) RSV In this Jesus is not literally referring to his use of language as "words", or his teachings or even a locale of heaven or earth, for that matter. Rather, it is the very capacity to bring forth from an idea or an image, to create something from nothing. In effect, to create a "heaven" (healing, joy and love) or "earth" (materialistic, acquisitional or conflict) right here. It is this ability Jesus was referring to with the eternal aspect of his words. This is true of you and I as well. So in effect, through our visions, dreams and noble impulses we can mold our lives after the divine pattern. The truth is our souls craves to be fed on such unselfish ideas.

There is a greater use of our imagination available to us if we develop it as one does a musical talent. Furthermore, I would offer that we are meant to develop our ability to behold life with spiritual vision. Why? Used in erroneous ways we, unknowingly or knowingly, use the power of our imagination for bringing forth harm to ourselves or other people or an "earthly" way of life. Cora Fillmore said, "...the thought forms we permit to be imaged in our consciousness have as great an effect on our lives as our spiritual realizations". Fortunately, affirmative prayer and meditation properly develop imagination and set up the conditions of mind to alter erroneous use of our imaging faculty. Also, by expressing unselfish acts or ideas, their energy permeates our being over time, dissolving this destructive mind set. It is important then to watch the deep inner thoughts of your mind; back of them are the images that are molding your life.

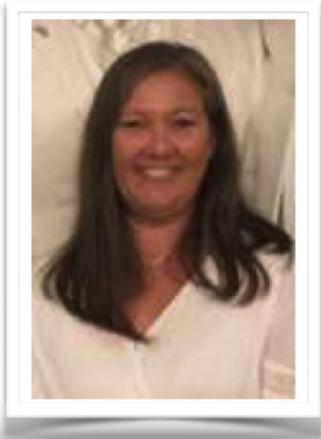
Edmund Burke said, "There is a boundary to men's passions when they act from feelings; but none when they are under the influence of imagination."

May your greatest imaginings be true for you.

Think on these things...blessings in Christ, Rev. Paula

**Keeping It
Real!**





Rev. Marygrace Sorensen

Inspiration from Rev. Marygrace

Harnessing your Zeal

Zeal is defined as eager interest and enthusiasm. Imagine your life without enthusiasm, a lackluster existence without any zest. Wow, just thinking about such a state of being without vigor, vitality, or laughter filling my days is rather daunting and depressing; it would be a flat, dull, humdrum existence. According to Charles Fillmore, Unity's Co-Founder, Zeal is the underlying power which motivates us into forward action. When he was 94 he wrote: "I verily sizzle with zeal and enthusiasm and spring forth with a mighty faith to do the things which ought to be done by me." Wow, don't you want to have that type of zeal when you are 94?

Enthusiasm means 'En-theos' or 'on fire with God' and 'filled with God.' So harnessing our zeal and enthusiasm is getting in touch with what fills us with God. What creates a fire within us? How do we become more enthusiastic? How do we move forward with fire in our lives? How do we get the oomph to finish those projects that seem to be pushed onto the back burner? How do we persevere, when the fire has seemingly burned out? How can we harness zeal so that it drives our lives into full potential?

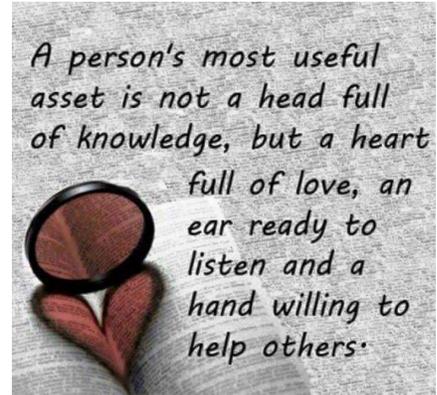
In *Power Up*, it says that zeal from an elevated consciousness is the ability to be enthusiastic, passionate, inspirational, and motivational based on Ideas, Truths, Principles, and Laws that are Divine in Nature.

We can use zeal to be the best Christ we can be and knowing what invigorates us helps us harness our zeal. We can persevere and operate from an elevated Christ consciousness with motivation and passion without having to do anything to get our zeal faculty going! We just have to become aware of it within, to feel its fire within! Our zeal already exists within, as an inner spark. We only have to imagine it within, as it truly is. One way is to visualize it is as a fire within. Fillmore in *The Twelve Powers of Man* says that the power of zeal or enthusiasm resides at the base of our brain, our medulla oblongata or the reptilian brain. It's our instinctive fight and flight center which controls our breathing and heart rate and our circulatory flow. When we are scared, nervous, excited, impatient or angry, our breathing and heart rates change from slow, full and deep to shallow and hurried. I was taught to place my thumb on one side of the base of my skull and my index and middle fingers on the other side of my skull and affirm that God's zeal is now quickened within me. Try it and feel the great power of your zeal ignited within you. That's an extremely powerful affirmation. Tap into your zeal now.

PRAYER CHAPLAIN WORKSHOP

Sat. Nov 4, 9 am - 4 pm

The prayer chaplaincy program is for those who are looking to deepen their connection to Spirit through prayer and service. Prayer chaplains serve by offering individual prayer on Sunday mornings and a monthly telephone call to the church community. Our Prayer Chaplains commit to holding those prayed with in their times of vulnerability in confidentiality. In this way they provide a meaningful way of holding a sacred space and expressing compassion and kindness.



DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS

Sat., Nov. 25, 2017 10 am - 2 pm

Want a great way to get into the Spirit of Christmas? Then, come lend a hand in getting our church ready and making it look beautiful for the holidays.



Metaphysics of Advent Nov. 26, 12:30 - 2:30 pm

Traditional Christianity views Advent as a historical event, a commemoration of the birth of Jesus over 2,000 years ago in the weeks preceding Christmas. However, Unity takes a metaphysical approach to Advent. We look beyond the physical story and look at the characters as elements of our own spiritual journey in consciousness – our journey toward wholeness.

Join us before we move into the advent season, so that we may have a deeper, more sacred experience this holiday season where we truly resonate with the birth of the Christ within us all.

If you are interested in this workshop facilitated by Rev. Marygrace, please sign up at the church.