

August 2018 Newsletter



Intoxicating Reason

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FREE MOVIE NIGHT "Victoria & Abdul"

2018 ANTN Conference

Stop in to the Green Heart Boutique!

With deep gratitude to Sharon Schell, we invite you to stop into the Green Heart Boutique in the children's room.

The boutique features a new selection items from Sharon's collection.

Come on by! Stock is updated frequently...

All proceeds benefit HCCL.



The Sufis represent the mystical side of Islam. They claim Mohammad as the first Sufi; he was their teacher and a representation of the Universal Man. Sufi tradition contains a vast metaphysical and cosmological set of doctrines that have been elaborated upon and taught by Sufi masters for centuries.

Mohammad founded Islam in the 7th century, and it has spread around the world. It is currently ranked second to Christianity. All Sufis are Muslim, with the exception of a few orders in the Western world.

Sufism has produced some of the greatest mystical poetry ever written, and given us some of the most vibrant and haunting music.

Sufism appeals those who zealously yearn for connection with Source. It provides a path back to the One through spiritual effort combined with joy and devotion.

The One is, of course, referred to as "Allah," and is known as the Supreme Source and End of All Things.

As we become intoxicated with the joy and truth of the mystical roots of Islam, we will enter through the Gates of Paradise. The first experience of this Paradise is at Tizer Gardens on the first Sunday.

As-salamu alaykum (peace be upon you),



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Rev. Jean Sweet

Food Share Reminder



Please remember Food Share of Helena. Hunger does not go on summer vacation. Bring your food donations on August 19 to help feed hungry people in our community.

Our August theme is basic staples. Bring canned or boxed staples, such as cereal, flour, beans, rice. Bring your donation of food or a check made out to Helena Food Share.

NEW THOUGHT Φ GREAT FALLS

😊 On July 26, Rev. Jean was welcomed by an intimate group of nine, who invited her to extend her speaking time. As always, we are so blessed to include our Great Falls great friends within our spiritual community.

Pir (Sufi prayer)

Inspirer of my mind, consoler of my heart,
healer of my spirit,
Thy presence lifteth me from earth to heaven,
Thy words flow as the sacred river,
Thy thought riseth as a divine spring,
Thy tender feelings waken sympathy in my heart.
Beloved Teacher, Thy very being is forgiveness.
The clouds of doubt and fear
are scattered by Thy piercing glance.
All ignorance vanishes in Thy illuminating presence.
A new hope is born in my heart
by breathing Thy peaceful atmosphere.
O inspiring Guide through life's puzzling ways,
in Thee I feel abundance of blessing.
Amen.

- Hazrat Inayat Khan

ABUNDANCE SCHOOL

Is on hiatus during August
Enjoy the last days of summer!

See you in September

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In June 2018, the total income, was \$3,346.50. This did not cover the expenses of \$4,764.30.

Please keep your Center in mind as you enjoy your

This Month's Talks

Intoxicating Reason



August 5: *Entering the Gates of Paradise (Tizer Gardens)*

Join Rev. Jean, Adele and Jeremy Terry, Michael McConnell, and the congregation and guests for an intoxicating day in Paradise. Service begins at 11A in Tizer Gardens, followed by a potluck and time to enjoy the beauty and bounty of the Gardens.

August 12: *From Unity to Diversity*

This Sunday we will contemplate the metaphysical belief of Sufism that perfectly describes the Spirit Becoming.

The Arcs of Descent and Ascent are chronicled in Islam and Sufi cosmology. In the Arc of Descent, from unity to diversity, God creates successively: the Intellect, the Universal Soul, Prime Matter, Nature, the Universal Body, and the Earth. The Arc of Ascent is the way back to the Presence of God, the process of spiritual perfection.

August 19: *Intoxicating Reason*

Join us this Sunday to explore and enjoy the mystical poetry of Rumi and Hafiz, the best-known Persian poets. Rumi: "The Beloved has permeated every cell of my body
Of myself there remains only a name, everything else is Him." This is a taste of the intoxicating reason that is the Truth of God flowing through the self.



August 26: *Guest Speaker: Rev. Orlanda Worthington: Eat, Sleep, Serve*

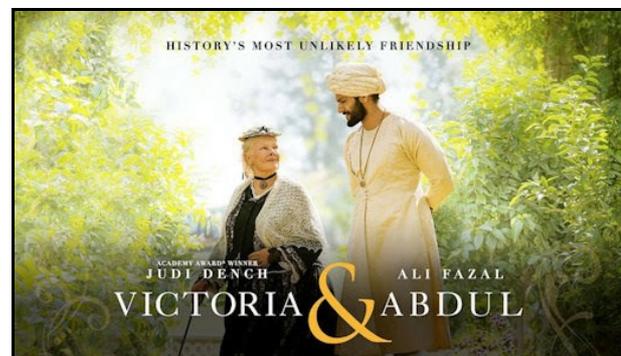
Julley! Find out what that greeting from these young monks means on Sunday, August 26.



Orlanda Worthington took a break from her news anchor job to spend a month in India with Hands on Global, a volunteer team providing free medical care to the villagers, primarily Buddhists, in the Zanskar Valley.

She shares her journey of service, solace, and spiritual takeaways that we can choose to incorporate into our own lives to be of service anytime and anyplace. You'll also see a few photos of the lovely people of Zanskar and our service team.

AUGUST FREE MOVIE NIGHT



Abdul Karim arrives from India to participate in Queen Victoria's golden jubilee. The young clerk is surprised to find favor with the queen herself. As Victoria questions the constrictions of her long-held position, the two forge an unlikely and devoted alliance that her household and inner circle try to destroy. As their friendship deepens, the queen begins to see a changing world through new eyes, joyfully reclaiming her humanity.

Runtime: 1 hour, 55 minutes

Rated: PG-13

summer vacations. Consider using the donate button in this newsletter to contribute from where-ever you are in the world!

HCCL Angels Sponsorship Program

What is an HCCL Angel? A community member who supports HCCL through specific sponsorship.

In July, HCCL Angels made the following contributions. We are truly and hugely grateful!

- A new microphone system was purchased for Sunday service (Angel prefers to remain anonymous)
- Christine and Gene Gauss contributed the new blinds in Inspiration Hall, including the cost of installation.
- Dianne Nickman, Dr. Deb Jacobsen, and the Sweets were supporting Angels for the No Date Required Dance Night in June, significantly reducing the cost to produce this remarkable evening.

Ways to support the Center today:

- Donate a lock box for the entry to Inspiration Hall
- Provide Amazon gift cards to purchase movies for MOVIE NIGHT
- Contribute Staples gift cards for needed office supplies

Thank you so much for your continued generosity and support.

Become an HCCL Angel today!

Victor Kelly Memorial Service

Victor Kelly's memorial service was very well attended by members of our Center and the greater Helena community. It was wonderful to hear stories of his life, and to realize what a treasure he was to Helena.

Jean Frances Home

A total of \$216 was donated for the ladies' Fourth of July Independence and Freedom gifts of 10-punch bus passes. Each resident received 2 passes, and 3 were given to Zach and Jeanie to distribute as needed. Thanks to all the good people who donated funds for this great cause!

GREAT NEWS!

The Jean Frances Home is expanding to 21 beds. Jeanie and Zach have purchased another home and the women will be moving in by the time this newsletter comes out.

What they need (right) now!

- Pillows
- Twin beds
- Twin sheets and blankets
- Towels
- Personal care items, especially female sanitary products and razors

Rumi poem

we came whirling out of nothingness
scattering stars like dust

the stars made a circle
and in the middle we dance

every atom turns bewildered

and it is only God circling Himself

Friday evening, August 10 St. John's Building, Inspiration Hall

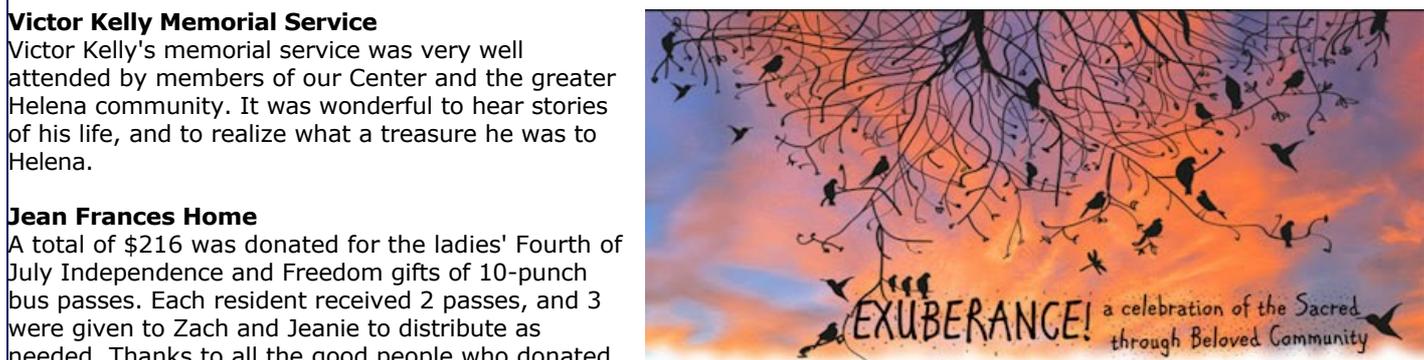
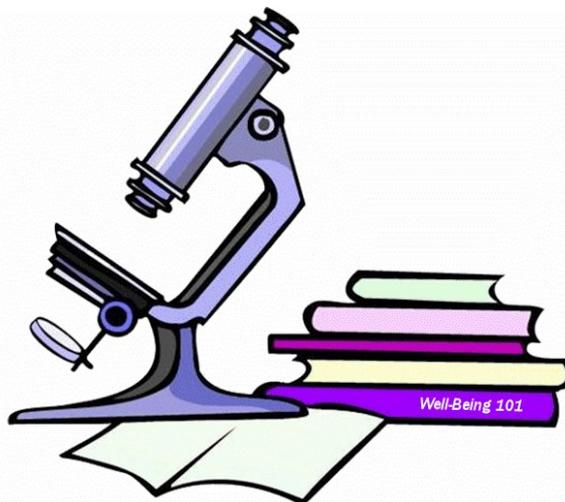
Doors open at 6 PM | Film begins at 6:30 PM

Join us for snacks and community in the lobby.

Bring a snack to share (no obligation)

Donations gratefully accepted to defray expenses.

Science of Mind Classes will resume in September



26th Annual ANTN Conference

Unity Village, MO | October 15-19, 2018

REGISTER NOW!

Go to <http://antn.org> and click the conference registration link.

Full conference includes sessions, meals, lodging for 4 nights

Per person double occupancy: \$959

Note: Rooms are still available nearby at the Holiday Inn Express, Lee's Summit.

UNRAVEL THE MYSTERY



The Women's Creative Thinking Group Wants to Meet You!

The Women's Creative Thinking Group, a.k.a the "Book Club," has been meeting for over a decade.

Dedicated to personal spiritual growth, this women's-only group has been instrumental in the conscious evolution of many individuals over the years.

For more information and to learn what book is currently being discussed, contact Catherine Metsch, 406-933-5743.

Every Friday, 10 AM - 11:30 AM
St. John's Building, Inspiration Hall, Suite 214

"Stop acting so small. You are the universe
in ecstatic motion."

- Rumi

See you at the Center!

Pov. Jean Sweet

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