

*Embracing the Divine, HCCL honors all spiritual paths and traditions.  
We are a FORCE for Good in our community, our world, and beyond.*

## April 2019 Newsletter



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### JOB POSITION OPEN

OFFICE MANAGER FOR HCCL

We have explained that we are reducing the salary and hours of the minister, while assigning non-ministerial duties to the Office Manager. This decision does not affect the bottom line. It creates an honest assessment of how the business of HCCL works. You can read about this by going to [www.thehelenacenter.org](http://www.thehelenacenter.org), clicking Newsletter in the menu bar, and then selecting February.

Click this link to see the

This is a critical month in our continuing expansion of consciousness. We will honor the great example, Jesus the Christed One, as we discover the truth about this remarkable divine human being, concluding with a family service on Easter Sunday.

I will begin to weave in some of the great truths and experiences gleaned from the 2018 Parliament of World Religions, starting with the wisdom of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. I will also acknowledge the "Women of the Hood" in my final talk, sharing from the wisdom of some of the foremost scholars of feminine spirituality. We will study the women who surrounded Jesus, and their contributions.

And we will celebrate Earth Day, a call to serve all sentient beings, Great and small.

As usual, we will grow in understanding and light.

If you know of someone who may be interested, please have them contact Rev. Jean Sweet.

**we are an equal opportunity employer**

**ORDERING EASTER FLOWERS**



Easter is around the corner!  
This is a reminder that HCCL decorates the sanctuary with your dedication of lilies to your loved ones, past and present.

click on this link:

[Easter Flower Dedication Form](#)

to download a form to fill out and send or bring to church.

And we will also make forms available at church and in Inspiration Hall.

**WE WILL BE OFFERING 4"Cyclamens** in a variety of colors this year, if lilies are not your favorite choice.

**Food Share Sunday April 28**

(moved one week due to Easter celebration)

Please remember Food Share of Helena. Bring your food donations on **Sunday, April 28** to help feed our community.

People in the community always need support from people like you.

Think about canned ham, spam, fruits, and vegetables. You can also donate with a check made out to Helena Food Share.



**NEW THOUGHT Φ GREAT FALLS**

Dear Great Falls Great Friends,

I hope to see you on **Thursday evening, April 25** at the [Yoga for Wellness studio](#), 220 6th Street S. Service is from 7-8 p.m. See you soon!

Love and blessings,  
Rev. Jean Sweet and  
Your HCCL Friends

**Vision Prayer:  
Attracting Our New Minister**

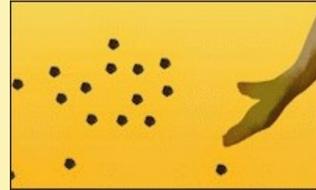
We are the ones, and NOW is the time.

**Rev. Jean Sweet**

*This Month's Talks*

**April 7: All Things GREAT and Small**

In November of 2019,



I was privileged to attend the Parliament of World Religions. The Parliament's message was very clear. We (ministers and spiritual leaders) have to start doing something about the fate of all things great and small.

In this talk I will share from Haudenosaunee wisdom.(Haudenosaunee is the correct name of the Indigenous Peoples that were named by the French the Iroquois.) I will share their story of the prophet the Peacemaker, and the concept of "The Good Mind." If time allows, I will also talk about the "Doctrine of Discovery" and how it has affected world view.

**April 14: Finding Jesus**

From *The Third Jesus* by Deepak Chopra (available in the bookstore), we will explore his idea that there is not one Jesus, but three.

The first is the historical Jesus, the man of flesh and blood who lived more than two thousand years ago. The second Jesus is a figure created by the Church to represent thousands of years of theology and Church teaching.

Behind these two images stands the radical, mystical teacher who taught his followers how to change the world. This talk is a prelude to Easter Sunday.

**April 21: Easter Sunday: Expanding Consciousness**

On Easter Sunday, Rev. Jean will discuss the Third Jesus as Chopra conceived of Him. This Jesus, the initiated Essene, reveals a spiritual guide of profound depth and inspiration who speaks of the importance of peace and love.

Adelle and Jeremy Terry will be joining us with special music.

**April 28: The Women of the 'Hood**

Mary of Magdala is considered "the Apostle to the Apostles." She was the first person to "know" that Jesus had acquired a cosmic body. There were many other Marys who had a profound affect on his life, including his mother. This is a perfect talk to birth the fertility of spring.

**What is the Doctrine of Discovery?  
A Report from the Haudenosuane  
Confederacy**

The Doctrine of Discovery is a principle of international law dating from the late 15th century. It has its roots in papal decrees (Bulls) issued from 1453-1507 that specifically sanctioned and promoted the conquest, colonization, and exploitation of non-Christian territories and peoples.

The Bulls stated that any land not inhabited by Christians was available to be "discovered," claimed, and exploited by Christian

Click the link below to open, download, and/or print the compelling prayer from Rev. Ali Benjamin that she created from your visioning.

### [Visioning Prayer 2019](#)

### Our Letter of Call:

Click on the link below to see the invitation to our new minister.

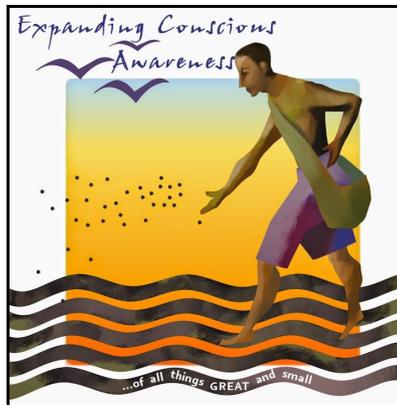
### [2019 Letter of Call](#)

## ABUNDANCE SCHOOL

### Wednesday, April 24:

#### Expanding the Consciousness of Prosperity: Sowing the Seeds of Abundance

You cannot experience consistent abundance without planting the seeds in the subconscious soil of your mind. And, like any garden, you must tend to it.



Wednesday, April 24  
Inspiration Hall, Suite 214

Investment: \$15.00  
no previous attendance required.



## Angel Sponsorship

The HCCL Angels sponsorship program continues in 2019.

We are so grateful to Tricia Luke for providing our annual movie license.

And we are grateful to Dr. Deb for providing the locking file cabinet!

**Be an Angel** and respond to the continued requests:

- A shredder for private documents we are required to destroy, rather than recycle.
- Our ASCAP license. This allows our church to play any music. You know you love this! Yearly license is \$260.

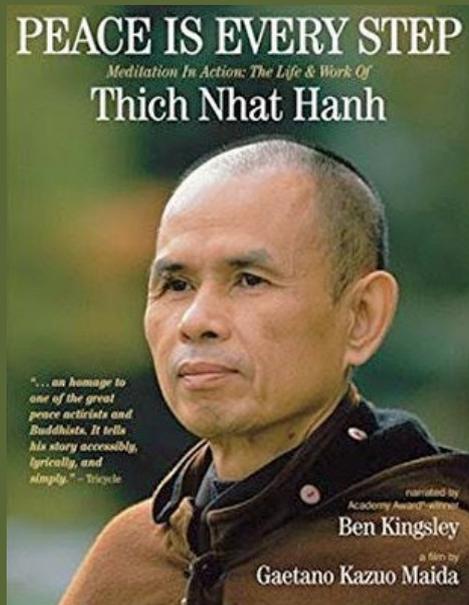
rulers and declared that "the Catholic faith and the Christian religion be exalted and be everywhere increased and spread, that the health of souls be cared for and that barbarous nations be overthrown and brought to the faith itself."

The "Doctrine of Discovery" became the basis of all European claims in the Americas as well as the foundation for the United States' western expansion. In the US Supreme Court in the 1823 case Johnson v. McIntosh, Chief Justice John Marshall's opinion in the unanimous decision held "that the principle of discovery gave European nations an absolute right to New World lands."

In essence, American Indians had only a right of occupancy, which could be abolished.

Hundreds of years of decisions and laws continuing right up to our own time can ultimately be traced back to the Doctrine of Discovery-laws that invalidate or ignore the rights, sovereignty, and humanity of indigenous peoples in the United States and around the world.

## \*\* FREE MOVIE NIGHT \*\* Friday, April 12



Leading Vietnamese Zen teacher and author of many books, Thich Nhat Hanh has had a profound impact on contemporary thinking and social action.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. nominated him for the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to achieve an early peaceful end to the American war in Vietnam. He was also exiled from his homeland for over forty years.

Peace Is Every Step is an intimate and direct portrait of a monk who has lived through war and fought back with meditation, love, and grace under fire. He models the simple practices and insights drawn from (but not limited to) the Buddhist meditative tradition. He demonstrates that one person can change conditions on a personal level, in the family, in the community, in a nation, and in the world.

Narrated by Ben Kingsley Produced and Directed by Gaetano Kazuo Maida

Runtime: 142 minutes  
Not Rated

### Friday evening, April 12

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.

- Boxes of facial tissue, both standard and cube
- Boxes of individual packets of sweetener, such as stevia, sugar, or monkfruit (please, no aspartame or saccharine)

Please show your love for the community with your sponsorship. It can be anonymous if you prefer.

**Excerpt from the Essene Prayer of Respect**

May the immortal being who inhabits the earth,  
 Makes it alive and intelligent,  
 Who uses it as a body of manifestation,  
 But who is larger in its essence,  
 Receive my respect and my love.  
 The I who animates me is one with the I who animates the earth.  
 It is my inner guide and the sacred presence within all beings.  
 It is the essence of my immortality.  
 (in honor of Earth Day, April 22)

**BULLETIN BOARD**

In January, our expenses totaled \$5,914, and the income was \$2,763, which reflected a difference of -\$2,151.

We are so grateful to report that our February income totaled \$4,203.77, while our expenses = \$3,692.24, a positive increase of \$511.53.

WE KNOW THAT HCCL is abundant, prosperous, able to meet its obligations, with enough to share and spare.

WE ACCEPT the continued increase of positive financial flow, as we combine our conscious awareness of unlimited good.

Please recognize that it is **easy** and **completely safe** to donate through our PayPal account.  
 You can donate from anywhere in the world! Try it, you'll like it!



[\*\*Donate now\*\*](#)

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**Science of Mind  
 New Class Starts April 8**

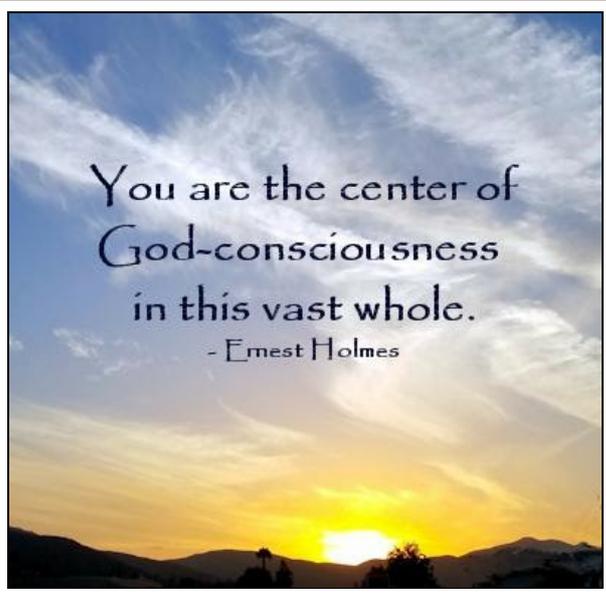
We will be studying **The Book of Secrets** by Deepak Chopra. Join the conversation!

Opening paragraph: "The greatest hunger in life is not for food, money, success, status, security, sex, or even love from the opposite sex. Time and again people have achieved all of these things and wound up still feeling dissatisfied -- indeed, often more dissatisfied than when they began. The deepest hunger in life is a secret that is revealed only when a person is willing to unlock a hidden part of the self. In the ancient tradition of wisdom, this quest has been likened to diving for the most precious pearl in existence, a poetic way of saying that you have to swim far out beyond shallow waters, plunge deep into yourself, and search patiently until the pearl beyond price is found."

Daytime class schedule, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.:  
 Mondays April 8, 15, 22, 29

**PLEASE READ THROUGH THE END OF Secret #4,**  
 "What you seek you already are"

**Investment:** \$15 per class  
**Location:** Inspiration Hall, HCCL



Man is always seeking a power, a power to overcome something or destroy something; and therefore he is not living in the awareness of God, because in the realization of the presence of God there is no need to overcome, to destroy, or to do anything.

Joel S. Goldsmith

Helena Church of Conscious Living

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