December 2024

How to Restore Heaven & Create a Beautiful Life

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1st Sunday of Advent 10:30am Keep Feeding Hope Rev Billie Martini Birthday/Anniversary Sunday 11:45am Fellowship Noon Board Mtg Noon Prayer Chaplain Mtg	2 4:30pm TOPS 5pm ACA	3 10am Circle of	4 10:00am SW Vly Enlightenment Ctr Metaphysical 10:30am Enrichment © Rev Sharon 2pm Board Nominat- ing Team Mtg	5 10am Enrichment Linda Cogdill 10:30am AA 11am Enrichmen Rev Billie 5:30pm Enrichment Kate Okrongly 6pm OA	6 5:30pm AIF Gala Cele- bration Dinner Dance!	7 10:30am Mens & Womens Group: Christ- mas Decorat & Pizza Party
8 2nd Sunday of Advent 10:30am Dare to Believe Rev Sharon Connors 11:45am Fellowship Bravo String Group Christmas concert Music Team sponsored lunch 12:30 Unity Basics/New Member class with Rev Sharon	9 4:30pm TOPS 5pm ACA	10 10am Circle of Prayer 10:30am A Course Of Love 10:30am AA	11 6pm Sound Healing Meditation	12 10:30am AA 6pm OA	13 Office CIS	14 10am Band; 11am Choir Re- hearsal
15 3rd Sunday of Advent 10:30am Resolve to Love Beyond Yourself Rev Cathy Mannino 11:45am Fellowship 12:30 Choir Rehearsal	16 4:30pm TOPS 5pm ACA	17 10am Circle of Prayer 10:30am A Course Of Love 10:30am AA 5pm Healing Hands	18 10:00am SW VIy Enlightenment Ctr Metaphysical	19 10:30am AA 6pm OA		21 9 S O I O
22 4th Sunday of Advent 10:30am Heaven Now Rev Sharon Connors 11:45am Fellowship Noon Board Meeting 12:30 Music Team & Choir Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Eve	23 4:30pm TOPS 5pm ACA	24 10am Circle of Prayer 10:30am A Course Of Love 10:30am AA 6pm Christmas E Candle Light Ser	Eve	26 10:30am AA 6pm OA	27 O if O ce Closed	28
29 10:30am Create a Space for New Beginnings Rev Billie Martini Burning Bowl Ceremony 11:45 Fellowship	30 4:30pm TOPS 5pm ACA	31 Office Closed 10:30am AA 5pm Healing Hands01—Mackey Essary 05—Sandy Walker 11—Susan Fisher 13—Cathy Collins 13—Cathy Collins 13—Kate Okrongly 16—Maria Ferran 17—Della Garfield22—Rev Lei Lanni Burt 23—Lois Hanson 26—Betsy Dreyfus 29—Julie McKenna 31—Darlene Paterson				

"The main theme of the Bible is the restoration of humanity and, through humanity, of the whole of creation to its original harmony."

"Nature loves courage. You make the commitment and Nature will respond to that commitment by removing impossible obstacles. Dream the impossible dream and the world will not grind you under. It will lift you up." Terrance McKenna

To My Partners on the Path,

Picture this: Christmas cards on ribbons hanging from the living room banister, an 8-foot, live Christmas tree that my dad managed to secure to the roof of our car, hundreds of colored lights carefully strung on the tree, magnificent, sparking ornaments that my mom made, thousands of icicles painstakingly hung from branches, garlands of tinsel gracing the branches, the aroma of baking Christmas cookies floating through the house—fond, heartwarming memories of Christmas time in my home.

One of my dearest memories is of mom and dad awakening us kids on Christmas morning. At 0 dark 30. They came into our bedroom to say that Santa had been there. Dad said, "Come look!". To the bedroom window we ran. Below us on the newly fallen snow were sleigh tracks, which were created by my dad, leading to our front door. Dad and Mom always left milk and yummy cookies on the coffee table as a treat for Santa. We all raced down the stairs, where a beautiful sight awaited us under the Christmas tree – lots of gorgeously wrapped gifts! And Santa must have been hungry because only one of the four cookies that we left for him remained on the Dresden dish.

What is one of your fondest Christmas memories? Let it fill your heart for a moment. Does it make your heart smile—maybe even bring tears of joy to your eyes? Relish the gifts such precious memories bring. They feed a mindset for creating more.

This is a season that invites us into the wonders and miracles of life, of hope, peace, love and joy. As we close this year of "Restoring Heaven in All Hearts: Living a Gifted and Graced Life", my prayer is that the legacy of this year inspires new ideas, enlivening revelations, and new, lifegiving resolutions to carry you triumphantly into a New Year.

There is light all around us during this season to remind us of the light within us that can and will guide us into what you could call heaven—ineffable peace, inbursts and outbursts of effervescent joy, warmly-expressed love, deeply felt and often-spoken gratitude and extraordinary sense of well-being.

A beautiful life is the result. It is born of a committed partnership with Divine Presence within and all around us.

Warm Hugs,

Rev. Sharon Connors

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