

Creative Life

CREATIVE LIFE SPIRITUAL CENTER • Since 1985 • Jesse Jennings, Marsha Lehman and Debra Morwood, Ministers

Malené Njeri Meditation Space dedication ceremony



The new Malené Njeri Meditation Space is ready, with deepest thanks to everyone who has worked on the renovations.

On SUNDAY, MARCH 5, after our usual monthly brunch, we will hold a brief ceremony dedicating that space to Malené's memory, and its future use as a tranquil and healing center within the Center. If you're new with us, Malené Njeri was a longtime practitioner and past board president, and beloved by all. The meditation space is located on the second floor of the Learning Center, next to Rev. Marsha's office. The ceremony will start at approximately 1:30PM, when we'll be joined by Malené's family and many of her friends.

Science of Mind QuickStart workshop



This is a breezy, fun and, yes, quick study of the basics of our teaching and their practical application, especially for our newer members and friends. Topics will include • New Thought and world religions

- Spirit, mind, emotions and the body
- The creative process and what it means for you
- Intuition and imagination
- Meditation and treatment. Using a very interactive workbook and lots of animated discussion, participants learn and grow together. The workbook is \$5. It's led by minister **Morene Barker-Morris**, on two SUNDAYS, MARCH 19 & 26, 1-4PM. Please sign up in Builders' Hall, and for more information, please e-mail

mbarkermorris@yahoo.com

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We are thinking centers in a Cosmic mind. Our lives reproduce the Original Life. Everything that happens to us must start with the movement of Intelligence within us, which is a movement of our word, or contemplation or meditation within ourselves.

from "Living the Science of Mind"
ERNEST HOLMES

MARCH SERIES

Fertile Ground

SPIRIT AS SUBSTANCE & SUPPLY

The garden of earthly delights

plus brunch!

Deep roots: we belong to the universe

The bowl of acceptance and the horn of plenty

Receiving is as important as giving

blood drive & brunch!

Exploring Our Common Ground

An Experience of Diversity



"Culture binds us, gives us meaning and provides us with foundation... it surrounds, entangles, and supports our daily life, a matter of learning 'what it is we have to know' to belong within a family and community." —David "Mas" Masumoto

Returning this month is a powerful eight-week information and discussion experience on healing our hurts; embracing the diversity of human expression; mindful interaction and compassionate communication; understanding privilege and micro-aggression; and much more. The class is created and facilitated by **Rev. Myokei Caine-Barrett**, Nichiren Buddhist Bishop and leader of a Houston sangha, and **Ruth Catalogna**, who co-leads our pastoral care program. Both are Religious Science practitioners. There will be videos, handouts, recommended books, and ample time for dialogue. 7-9PM THURSDAYS, starting MARCH 16. Appreciative giving. Please sign up in Builders' Hall, and for more information, please e-mail...

myokei@comcast.net • racatalogna@hotmail.com



Wisdom of the Universe weekly discussions



Dick & Denese

We are studying the confluence of metaphysics and science to help us better understand how the world of consciousness

gives rise to our world of form. Using books, speakers and various forms of media, we bring current information forward for open discussion.

WEDNESDAYS, 12-2PM, led by **Denese & Dick Schmelzkopf**, who also teach at the Academy of Lifelong Learning at Lone Star College (Montgomery). All are welcome and you may join anytime. Appreciative giving. For more information...

denese28@comcast.net

A Course in Miracles weekly discussions



Bill

A Course in Miracles is "a unique, universal, self-study spiritual thought system that teaches the way to Love and Inner Peace is through forgiveness." (acim.org)

The Course states, "...seek not to change the world, but choose to change your mind about the world."



Cathy

The group is now in its 11th year of weekly meetings at CLC, led by **Bill** and practitioner **Cathy MacKenzie**, 7PM THURSDAYS, in the McTaggart Library, upstairs. All are welcome; join anytime. Appreciative giving. For more information...

billmackz@gmail.com • catmackz@gmail.com

CODA meetings

Codependents Anonymous, a fellowship of people seeking recovery, meets SATURDAYS, 5-6PM, in the McTaggart Library, upstairs. For more information: **Lisa C.** at...

lcucerre@mntking.com



Give your week an inspirational boost! Join minister **Arthur Johnson** as he launches a new series of "prosperous living" talks, based on New Thought ideas and principles and ancient-wisdom teachings, MONDAYS at 7PM in the Great Hall. March series is, "The Ultimate Secret to Getting Absolutely Everything You Want." This empowering experience provides energizing music, inspired teaching and community fellowship, Doors open at 6:45pm and the cost is \$15. All are welcome and no one is turned away for lack of funds. The recommended book is *The Ultimate Secret to Getting Absolutely Everything You Want*, by Mike Hernacki, available here. Talks are recorded and will be available in the bookstore for \$4 each. For more information, please e-mail arthur@arthurjohnson.com

Wednesday night celebrations

Our midweek gatherings at 7:30PM in the Great Hall feature a talk by **Jesse Jennings** or a guest (MARCH 22), plus live music, poetry, theatre, prayer support, fun surprises, and a warm feeling of community! Our usual practitioners on duty are **David Dewhurst** and **Lisa & Tom Ryan**. Would you like to gift us with your music or poetry on a Wednesday night? E-mail your host **Nancy** at bonillamay@gmail.com for details.

Self-awareness clears the track for right action

with music by the **GUITAR GEEZERS**

You are a spiritual broadcasting station

with music by **BILL BIRCH**

How to create a spiritual chain reaction

with music by **DAVID MAYES**

The bloom of a plant as it draws upon the soil

with poetry by **DICK SCHMELZKOPF**

special speaker **DONALD JEANLEWIS**

Sell it all for the Pearl

with performance by the

PEPSTERS & PEPPERS



Donald Jeanlewis is an ordinary guy with extraordinary dreams and beliefs — born and raised in Houston, not to mention he was raised by his grandparents so you could say that he has an old soul. He's always had a profound interest in subjects such as religion, metaphysics, and human development. He's a certified personal trainer and a hypnotist, as a permanent student in the University of Life. Donald has the vision of helping the world see gratitude in a new light. Come hear this CLC favorite speak on *Sell it all for the Pearl*, on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, at 7:30PM. Joining him will be the **PEPsters & PEPPERS**. They're a family of young people between seven and 16 who defy odds of a community reign of violence and separation of children. "Did you know why God created gaps between fingers? So that someone who is special to you comes and fill those gaps by holding your hand forever."



Donald Jeanlewis

donaldspeaks.com • gratitudecheckin.com



Booster Buffet

Monthly healthy-eating event



Dainill Mercadel and Doris Penny have created — with your help — a first-Sunday-of-the-month brunch and social experience. The next one is **SUNDAY, MARCH 5**, after the **11AM** service and before the special ceremony dedicating the *Malené Njeri Meditation Space*. The theme for March's Booster Buffet is Southern country-home soul food cooking. What does that mean to you? Grits and cheese? Field-to-fork vegetables? Whole wheat waffles with low-sugar syrup? Whatever it is, you bring it, we'll eat it. To volunteer, or with questions...

Dainill: dani_j_37@yahoo.com •

Doris: damp6@hotmail.com

Your Guide to Creative Life mini-workshop



Here's a short, free workshop with founding minister **Jesse Jennings** and practitioner **Ruth Catalogna**, that's

especially for those new to CLC, and a prerequisite for anyone wishing to become a member who has not yet completed *Heartfelt Living*. We'll discuss the basics of our philosophy and way of life, but also how the Center came to be, and how it's cared for and supported; our classes and programs; and what membership means. There will be time for questions, and you'll get printed materials to take home. **SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 1:00-2:30PM**, in the Quimby Room. Please sign up in Builders' Hall or by e-mail to...

info@creativelife.org

Sunday morning Meditations

"...Sit and rest and refresh your soul. Eat of the fruit and drink the wine. All, all is yours, and you are welcome." —*The Science of Mind* text



Each week's is led by a CLC practitioner, and lasts about 35 minutes, ending in time to comfortably get into the 11:00 celebration. There is music to enhance as you are guided into a restful state, and inspirational readings to tap into your spiritual center. Most sessions will end with a spiritual mind treatment based on the theme of the readings. **SUNDAYS 10:15-10:50AM**, in the new, soon-to-

be-dedicated *Malené Njeri Meditation Space* (see page 1) upstairs in the Learning Center. For more information, please e-mail practitioner **Darlene Everitt** at dme523@yahoo.com

Sophie Hamrick Memorial Sunday talks online BLOOD DRIVE & BRUNCH



Our next drive happens **SUNDAY, MARCH 26**, along with a potluck brunch. Our spring drive is perpetually dedicated to the memory of Center member **Sophie Hamrick** (1934-2010), who always assisted at these drives, and then benefitted greatly herself from blood donations during her final illness.

For 20 years CLCers have been regularly serving the community in this way. At giveblood.org you can register as a *Commit for Life* donor and schedule your donation time. We seek volunteers to set up and clean up after the meal, place signs, etc. The team leader is **Doris Penny**, assisted by **Michael Duncan**, **David Ferrier** and **Dainill Mercadel**. Please sign up in Builders' Hall to donate or bring food. The next drive after this is on **MAY 28**. More information...

damp6@hotmail.com



Access to the Creative Life teaching has launched online, where you can find archived Sunday messages from 2012 forward. A CLC

Sunday encouragement is now as close as your computer, smartphone, or tablet. You can also easily share these talk links with friends.

creativelife.org/sundaytalks.html

Center recordings

Individual CDs are \$4. Use the bookstore clipboard to order, pre-pay, then pick up, or add \$2 per CD for mailing. Sundays or Wednesdays are \$60 for three months; \$115, six months; \$200, one year; \$350 two years, including postage. For both, double the prices. Or pay half that for an mp3 file of the talk only, e-mailed to you. You may order here, or go to

creativelife.org/bookstore.html

Volunteer Day



On **SUNDAY, APRIL 2**, join us to thank our Center's volunteers for 2016-17, as well as share information on the volunteer oppor-

tunities that exist for you now! This will happen before, between, and after services. The Center depends on volunteers in service for so much of how it expresses itself in the world. Volunteers fix mechanical challenges, greet newcomers, and teach our kids. Would you like to feel that you're a part of things, and get to know the other people around here? To get the full benefit of what we do, join us in doing it! Volunteer openings exist for assisting in our children's and youth programs; gardening; maintenance; performing musically on Sundays and Wednesdays; assisting with our cast shows, coffeehouses, blood drives, Sunday brunches, and other events; ushering and greeting at services; the *Buddy Backpack* project; and more!



DANCEATHON

fitness event

It's an evening of group dance fitness, including dance fusion and Zumba® for beginner, intermediate and advanced students, and those just looking for a fun musical fitness adventure.

Several certified dance fitness instructors will teach you all you need to know to enjoy and benefit from this experience!

Friday, March 24 • 6:30pm

Admission \$10 at the door • no advance purchase necessary

Net proceeds benefit CLC's **Buddy Backpack** program, in collaboration with the Montgomery County Food Bank.

For more information e-mail bonillamay@gmail.com

Creative Life Movers & Shakers

dance performance group



Movers & Shakers will begin the new rehearsal block the first week in **JUNE**. In this block we will work on one tap dance and one jazz dance. Look for the signup sheet and details about day and time (likely, still **TUESDAYS** from **6:30-8:30PM**) in May. In the meantime, as we create a separate "radio theater" experience, we are seeking anyone interested in helping with sound effects, props, or serving as an understudy. Also, *Movers & Shakers* will be looking for a Technical Manager for the next block. This person has their own video camera/camera, computer, and the tech savvy to get these things to work for everyone. Commitment is occasional filming of the dance and distributing to all dancers in a format that can be opened and utilized approximately once a month, to make extra videos as we near performance times, to create practice CDs for the dancers and to film and photograph on performance nights. If you are interested in assisting us, please contact **Jeffrey Powell** before **JUNE 1**, or with questions about any of this...

powell.jeffrey@live.com • (281) 733-1295

BUDDY MONDLOCK



Buddy Mondlock's songs have been recorded by Guy Clark, Nanci Griffith and Janis Ian, to name just a few. In 1987 he was a New Folk Award

Winner at Kerrville and he released his first album called *On the Line*. David Wilcox recorded Buddy's "The Kid" for A&M, and Buddy has written with Garth Brooks and Janis Ian; their song "Amsterdam" was recorded by Joan Baez. His "Comin' Down In the Rain" was recorded by Nanci Griffith, as was "Every Now and Then," by Garth Brooks. Later Buddy collaborated with Peter, Paul and Mary; then Art Garfunkel and Maia Sharp, writing and recording an album together, *Everything Waits To Be Noticed*, touring all over America and Europe, singing together like feathers in a wing. His newest CD is *The Memory Wall*. Buddy returns to CLC on **SUNDAY, APRIL 30!**

buddymondlock.com

BOB LIVINGSTON



As a member of Austin's legendary Lost Gonzo Band for many years, performing and recording with such visionaries as Jerry Jeff Walker,

Michael Martin Murphey, and Ray Wylie Hubbard, **Bob Livingston** played an integral role in creating the music that first earned Austin the designation of "Live Music Capital of the World." The Gonzo's self-titled debut record was named by Rolling Stone "one of the best albums ever to come out of Austin." Livingston has traveled since the 1980s as a Music Ambassador for the US Dept. of State, and was named "International Music Ambassador," in 2010 by the Austin City Council. Of his Texas Music Award-winning album, *Gypsy Alibi*, co-produced with Lloyd Maines, the Austin Chronicle said, "Beautifully crafted, world music-inspired songwriting." Bob visits us again on **SUNDAY, MAY 28!**

texasmusic.org/bob_livingston.php

Photo credit: Taiga Kuniti



Emily Elbert returns!

Emily Elbert weaves together a rhythmic funk-folk blend of introspection and celebration. With a global, D.I.Y. spirit, she has carried her music around the world, playing over a thousand independent shows from Peru to Palestine. Anchored by intricate guitar work and an old-soul voice, Emily's songs offer progressive perspective while paying tribute to the timeless. She has independently released four albums, and two new singles, "Letting Go / Here & Now," in November 2016. Recently, Emily spent a year touring as a member of Esperanza Spalding's experimental music and theater project, "Emily's D+Evolution." The group recorded an album to wide critical acclaim, and played shows ranging from the Late Show with Stephen Colbert to the Sydney Opera House. Solo, Emily has had the honor of opening for acts including Leon Russell, Victor Wooten, G. Love & Special Sauce, Richie Havens, Emily King, Robben Ford, Raul Midon, Kaki King, Nneka, Jorge Drexler, and Tuck & Patti, and collaborated with artists ranging from Ben Taylor to Dweezil Zappa. Her music has garnered praise from publications like the Washington Post, Utne Reader, and Glamour Magazine, and won awards in the U.S. and U.K. Through authentic song sharing, she strives for a deepening sense of human and spiritual connection that is accessible to all. She joins us again on **SUNDAYS, APRIL 2 & MAY 14!** emilyelbert.com



Grief recovery support group



Are you grieving a loss? Perhaps a death, divorce, pet loss, or any other major life change? If so, and you would like to experience the support of a sacred group, come join **Ruth Catalogna** and **Debra Morwood**, meeting

on the first floor of the Learning Center. If you would like, please bring your journal for reflection. There is no cost and donations may be made to CLC.

Ruth Catalogna is a retired nurse and social worker. She spent most of her career caring for elders in various settings. The last 12 years she spent caring for hospice patients at bedside and also served as in office support staff for three years. She is currently retired, but volunteers on many committees at CLC. Ruth has been a licensed practitioner for four years, and an active, supportive member of CLC since 2004.

Rev. Debra Morwood is a Board Certified Clinical Chaplain and Pastoral Counselor who is currently working part time for Bristol Hospice. For 17 years, she has been involved with spiritual care for hospice patients and their families. Debra has been a licensed practitioner since 2007, CLC youth minister since 2009, and member of CLC since 2003.

The group meets **TUESDAYS, MARCH 7 & 21, 7-8PM**. For more information...

racatalogna@hotmail.com • debramorwood@sbcglobal.net

Mid-spring Morning of the Goddess

This is an invitation to all women to join the circle of our goddess sister-friends on **SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 10AM-1PM**, in Katherman Hall, facilitated by minister **Marsha Lehman**. Springtime calls us into spring cleaning and clearing. Join



our circle of women as we experience the meditation, "Up the Mountain," by Lynn Andrews. This meditation has to do with giving away emotional, psychic, and intellectual debris within your system. Your inner goddess will guide you as you walk in a spiraling fashion up the mountain. As you feel the cleansing through the meditation and our circle ceremony you will leave knowing that there is nothing that can hold you back from reaching the summit of the sacred mountain within yourself.

As we continue to experience the fun and magic of the morning we will share lunch and meaningful conversation with our goddess sister-friends.

Please bring your journal for art-filled creating, a salad to share, and your favorite noise-maker (drum, bells, tambourine, pot and wooden spoon, etc.) Cookies, croissants and iced tea will be provided, as well as art supplies. Appreciative giving is welcome! Please sign up in Builders' Hall. For more information, please call/text (281) 773-4376 or e-mail

xlr8coach@com

"Nikki's Light" 5K Walk Team



Team Nikki's Light will walk again in the 2017 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. It is a chance to remember our beloved **Nikki Willis**, harbor some health, commune with compatriots, contribute to a cause, and march for the mammary! The walk is a 5K (about 3.1 miles) and will take place at Discovery Green, downtown, on **SATURDAY, MAY 20**, with registration at **7:30AM** and the walk starting at **9AM**. How you can help • Register to walk with **Team Nikki's Light** (follow the link at the bottom of this email).

• Follow that link to make a donation online. • See organizer **Jeffrey Powell** in person to make a donation by cash or check. • Help rally the troops, cheer and keep us going through crafting, managing the site, fundraising, etc. • Treatment, prayer and meditation on love & health for all. For more information, contact **Jeffrey Powell** at (281) 733-1295 or powell.jeffreyr@live.com.

The link is <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/teamnikkislight2017>



CHILDREN & YOUTH



Children begin their Sunday learning adventures in the registration area in the youth foyer, **10:15-11AM on SUNDAYS**, then move to their classes, returning to the Great Hall to be reunited

with their parents in time for the closing song. Some Sundays we offer special theme workshops for the kids, too.

- For parents: age-appropriate prayer/treatment opens all the classes, and for each class there is age-appropriate discussion of the monthly theme and creative projects to enhance the learning.
- Just after noon all the teachers and children gather in the reception area of the Learning Center for our closing prayer circle. Following this, the teachers will bring the children to you in the Great Hall. Please remember that no youth are to roam the Center grounds unattended.

Our youth minister and chaplain is **Debra Morwood** at (281) 651-9295 or debramorwood@sbcglobal.net

JOIN US!



Rev. Debra has moved out of the role of Sunday registration and teacher scheduling, to serve more fully in pastoral care and chaplaincy to children and families. Now we're seeking teachers for all age groups on 5th Sundays, and subs who can be available on short notice. Curriculum and all materials are provided! Come help, in a delightful atmosphere, among a team of mutually supportive teachers, and the most wonderful kids imaginable! Please e-mail our Sunday class co-coordinators, minister **Marsha Lehman** or practitioner **Margaret Byrd...**

xlr8coach@aol.com • margaretbyrd77@yahoo.com



Here's a children's story time last year. The reader, not pictured, was **Anne Gillis**.

HOW IT WORKS

The CLC *Children's and Youth Services Department* is devoted to celebrating the spiritual development of each child we teach. All age groups are involved in various activities, workshops, and special projects incorporating the teachings of Science of Mind. We strive to create an atmosphere of love and kindness in our words and actions toward each other and to recognize and honor the diversity of every person.

- **Toddlers** (up to age 3) are lovingly cared for by our toddler teachers. In their very artistically designed Discovery Room, the children are encouraged to interact and experience their world as only a toddler can. They are offered games, toys, books and other age-appropriate activities in a safe, secure and loving environment.
- **3-6 age group.** Beginning around the age of 3, our toddlers are moved to the Ingenuity Room. This group begins to learn the basics of Treatment and the value of giving a smile and a kind word. Our creative teachers provide age-appropriate instruction and activities.

- **7-10 age group** are in the Quimby Room, regularly practicing the steps of Treatment presented in a manner appropriate to their age group. The teachers provide learning tools, creative projects, workshops and other teaching methods to engage each child's learning of the principles of Science of Mind.

- **11-15 age group** meet on the second floor of the Learning Center in the Hopkins classroom. They are engaged in special projects, workshops, have guest speakers and are involved in several volunteer service endeavors at CLC. The teachers working with this group encourage their talents, keep them engaged in learning Science of Mind principles and we throw in a bit of fun along the way!

WHAT WE TEACH OUR CHILDREN

We teach our children that God is Life — the Life within each of them and in all Creation — that all people are children of the One God, and therefore, are all brothers and sisters. • We teach that God is all-inclusive and we are each created in the image of God — Good. • We teach that God is Love, and we honor God-in-all through love, not fear. • We teach that sin is simply a mistake and when we make mistakes, we are punished by them, not by God. • We teach that God is Spirit and present everywhere, that this Spirit is within us and speaks to us through our minds when we are willing to listen. • We teach that there are spiritual laws that must be understood and followed, just as we follow human laws. • We teach that religion is something to be used every day, not just on Sundays. • We teach that Religious Science is a religion that can be used at home, at school and at play; that since God is within us, heaven is also within us, that is we learn to live our lives in harmony with God's Law, we live in heaven now. • We teach that keeping the mind focused on good causes a richer experience of life. • We teach that God is truth and beauty, peace and harmony; that as we grow to be more like God, our lives will be filled with health, happiness and success. • We teach that nothing is too wonderful to happen, nothing is too good to be true: everything is possible to God through me and you! —adapted from a work by **Dorothy Quigley**



We're grateful for

♥ Sean Kenneth Connelly, Jimmy Caldwell, Richard Stromatt, Darlene Everitt, and everyone else who maintains our campus facilities, adding touches like new indirect lighting on the Learning Center's west stairs...

♥ Minister **Marsha Lehman** and practitioner **Margaret Byrd**, now managing the Sunday morning Children's Circle programs, and new toddler attendant **Marissa Breton**...

♥ **Dainill Mercadel**, who coordinated the February 5th *Booster Buffet* — assisted by **Michael Duncan**, **David Ferrier**, **María Garza**, and **Carol Stromatt**, among others — and who handles the kitchen pretty much all other Sundays too...

♥ Sunday bookstore staff **Darlene Everitt**, **Linda Clesson** and **Sharon Mignerey**...

♥ **Les & Sharon Mignerey**, who decorate the Great Hall and Builders' Hall for each season...

♥ **Robin Roberts**, who created the business support display in the Learning Center...

♥ Minister **Arthur Johnson**, who created and is leading the Monday night *Prosperous Living* series...

♥ Minister **Debra Morwood**, who conducted the Valentine's weekend *Renewal of Vows* ceremony...

♥ February's musicians and poets **Margaret Byrd**, **Jim Gibson**, **Lisa Johnson**, the **Movers & Shakers** (**Anaya Bakker**, **Sandra Finch**, **Janell Miller**, **Dolly Marshall**, **Doris Penny** and **Jeffrey Powell**), **Geoffry Oshman**, **Dick Schmelzkopf** and **Brian Schwanitz**; Wednesday speaker **Rick Huttner**; and special guests **Terri Hendrix & Lloyd Maines**...

♥ February's usher/greeters **Deb Barnes**, **Janet Carman**, **Chip Carney**, **Linda Clesson**, **David Dewhurst** (coordinator), **Ken Dwight**, **Jim Gibson & Anne Gillis**, **Linda & Tom Grayson**, **Elly Hard**, **Cedric Johnson**, **Michael Martin**, **Shirley Sandlin**, **Peggy Schneider**, **Judith Sherbenou**, **Lakisha Smith**, **Phil Villarreal**, **Ahmard Vital**, **Sarah Westbrook** and **Monty Wilson**!



Wedding

♥ **Mindy Lolio & Joey Blackston** were married at Creative Life on February 10th, in a ceremony performed by minister **Debra Morwood**.

New Members

- Sean Kenneth Connelly** • Spring
- Michele Macias** • Tomball
- Courtney McNatty** • Houston
- Michael Raffa** • Houston

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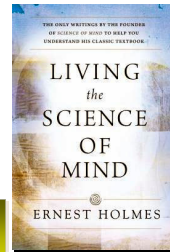
review helps us, too!



At our annual business meeting, **Carthel Smejkal** and **Zander Dawson** (above) were thanked for their service as Center trustees; **David Ferrier** and **Dainill Mercadel** were elected; and **Anne Gillis & Jim Gibson** (below) received the annual SuperK Award for openhearted welcoming!



Featured book



Once available only in introductory letters by **Ernest Holmes** in the "Extension Study Course," these writings reach out to talk personally with you and help you to understand how the Science of Mind can guide you through this ever-changing world.



Want to participate in the Center's **music program**? E-mail **Geoffry Oshman** at clscmusic@comcast.net

Conscious giving

Please remember the ongoing life of your Center in your regular giving! You can make a fully tax deductible donation by credit/debit card, via the PayPal link on our website and in our weekly e-mails, or sign up in the bookstore to make automatic monthly contributions! creativelife.org/bookstore.html

Charity rebates



Randall's shoppers, please ask your friendly grocer to link your Remarkable Card to "Good Neighbor" number **2303**. Then CLC receives a quarterly donation equal to 1% of your food purchases, at no extra cost to you!

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Buddy Backpack



The 2016-17 school year is nearing its end, and with it our fourth year of participation, now serving 20 children per weekend, at an estimated total cost of \$6,000, or \$400 per delivery, or \$300 per child served. Know that so far in the program's history, you have fed over 720 children and their families 5,320 meals. Remember we count on your financial support, while the team members shop, prepare, pack and deliver the goods. You can help by donating cash or Kroger cards or generic gift cards (only — no checks, please, or other store-specific cards). Creative Life was the pilot partner community with the Montgomery County Food Bank on this project, and since then at least five other churches have joined in. With general questions, and also to volunteer on-site at the new MCFB facility, e-mail BBP team leader **Carol Stromatt**, cbookstromatt@gmail.com.

Packing team leader **Lorraine Sasser** has recently assembled some personal stories typical of the children and youth we serve, for a better picture of the importance of this work. One of these is below center.



Our Creative Life practitioners are outstanding spiritual support persons, available to lovingly and confidentially assist you, and are at your service. Each has spent hundreds of hours in training, to direct natural compassion into helping you through listening, caring, and using spiritual mind treatment — affirmative prayer — to reveal the truth of you that is greater than any apparent limitation. Each is licensed by the Centers for Spiritual Living, and engages in ongoing study and spiritual development. Have a new goal, an old problem, or a question about applying our teaching? Work with a practitioner and watch what happens with conscious use of the Law of Mind!

- At **prayer circles** after each **SUNDAY** service in the Garden Room, with the Practitioner-of-the-Day. Also, practitioner **Sheryl Boyle** hosts a weekly gathering, **TUESDAYS**, now at **8:30PM**, by telebridge (phone) where you can join with others to submit prayer requests and have them treated upon. This is a free service. Call **(605) 475-3235** and enter code **664697#**.
- **By appointment**, on an individual fee basis, for a one-hour session of spiritual support and treatment.
- **Prayer anytime**. The CSL World Ministry of Prayer handles urgent requests at **(866) 306-5546**.

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Who do we help? Buddy Backpack

"Megan" is a 10-year old fifth-grader who recently lost her father after his long illness caused by several massive strokes. Megan's parents are much older than most of the other parents in Megan's class. Megan's mom works nights at Wal-Mart, but this is not enough to make ends meet as she has a mortgage, and doctor and funeral bills. The family does not qualify for SNAP at this time; but were told to reapply in three months. With the help of the school staff, Megan was selected to be part of the *Buddy Backpack* program. Her mom was so relieved as this helps them tremendously. With plenty to eat on the weekends, Megan is now able to spend some time on fun outings with a mentor from the community. She has been able to open up about recently losing her dad. Her teachers report that Megan is doing well and is back to telling the class silly knock-knock jokes. Her teachers are so happy to see Megan smile and participate in class discussion again. You can easily help feed children by contributing to *Buddy Backpack*. Details are above.

GracePlace support

Please bring donations of new teen-sized underwear, socks and toiletries for the kids of Montrose GracePlace, a safe haven and resource provider for homeless LGBT youth. There's a collection bin in Builders' Hall. For more information: zanne.dawson@gmail.com

Shoes for Honduras

Used shoes are requested for children and adults in Roatán, Honduras — any size or type, especially athletic shoes, as well as soccer cleats, uniform jerseys, and any other soccer supplies such as goalie gloves, shin guards, and deflated soccer balls. Please use the bin by the copy room. For more info, contact **Lynn Rippelmeyer** at **(281) 799-9866** or ljripp@comcast.net

Life Center support

This residential care facility for the homeless in the Heights, gratefully accept donations of cleaning supplies, trash bags, non-perishable food, clothing, hygiene products, light bulbs, appliances, cooking utensils, linens, and blankets. No computer hardware, thanks. Please use the bin by the copy room. Contact **Michael Martin**, michael@meslawfirm.com







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MARCH 2017

EVENT KEY

- Celebration service
- SOM certificated class
- Other class/group/event
- Meditation/prayer/ritual
- Music & arts event
- Social/service/business
- Youth event

<div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg); font-weight: bold; font-size: 2em;">MARCH SERIES</div> 			Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			Ash Wednesday Wisdom of the Universe DISCUSSION • 12P Midweek celebration SELF-AWARENESS CLEARS THE TRACK FOR RIGHT ACTION JESSE JENNINGS • 7:30P AND MUSIC BY THE GUITAR GEEZERS	Treatment & Meditation DISTANCE CLASS 8 OF 10 • 7P A Course in Miracles DISCUSSION • 7P	Buddy Backpack PACKING TEAM • 1P	The Power of Your Word CLASS 2 OF 8 • 10A CODA MEETING • 5P
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	9	9	10	11
5 ☽ CELEBRATIONS 9:30 & 11A, WITH MINISTER JESSE JENNINGS THE GARDEN OF EARTHLY DELIGHTS Meditation • 10:15A Prayer Circle • 10:30A/12P Children and Youth • 11A Potluck brunch • 12P Malené Njeri meditation space DEDICATION • 1:30P	6 Buddy Backpack DELIVERY TEAM • 10:15A It's Time to Prosper SERIES THE ULTIMATE SECRET... 1 OF 4 • 7P ARTHUR JOHNSON	7 Movers & Shakers DANCE TEAM PRACTICE • 6-8P Grief group SUPPORT/DISCUSSION • 7P Prayer Circle BY TELEBRIDGE • 8:30P	9 Wisdom of the Universe DISCUSSION • 12P Midweek celebration YOU ARE A SPIRITUAL BROADCASTING STATION JESSE JENNINGS • 7:30P AND MUSIC BY BILL BIRCH	9 Treatment & Meditation FINAL CLASS • 7P A Course in Miracles DISCUSSION • 7P	10	11 Purim begins at sunset The Power of Your Word CLASS 3 OF 8 • 10A CODA MEETING • 5P 
12 ☉ CELEBRATIONS 9:30 & 11A, WITH MINISTER JESSE JENNINGS THE BOWL OF ACCEPTANCE AND THE HORN OF PLENTY Meditation • 10:15A Prayer Circle • 10:30A/12P Children and Youth • 11A Your Guide to CLC WORKSHOP • 1:00-2:30P	13 It's Time to Prosper SERIES THE ULTIMATE SECRET... 2 OF 4 • 7P ARTHUR JOHNSON	14 Movers & Shakers DANCE TEAM PRACTICE • 6-8P Prayer Circle BY TELEBRIDGE • 8:30P	15 Wisdom of the Universe DISCUSSION • 12P Midweek celebration HOW TO CREATE A SPIRITUAL CHAIN REACTION JESSE JENNINGS • 7:30P AND MUSIC BY DAVID MAYES	16 Exploring Our Common Ground DISCUSSION ON DIVERSITY OPENING WEEK • 7P A Course in Miracles DISCUSSION • 7P	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 The Power of Your Word CLASS 4 OF 8 • 10A CODA MEETING • 5P
19 CELEBRATIONS 9:30 & 11A, WITH MINISTER JESSE JENNINGS DEEP ROOTS: WE BELONG TO THE UNIVERSE Meditation • 10:15A Prayer Circle • 10:30A/12P Children and Youth • 11A QuickStart WORKSHOP PART 1 OF 2 • 1:00-4:00P	20 ☾ Spring Equinox/ Ostara It's Time to Prosper SERIES THE ULTIMATE SECRET... 3 OF 4 • 7P ARTHUR JOHNSON	21 Movers & Shakers DANCE TEAM PRACTICE • 6-8P Grief group SUPPORT/DISCUSSION • 7P Prayer Circle BY TELEBRIDGE • 8:30P	22 Wisdom of the Universe DISCUSSION • 12P Midweek celebration SELL IT ALL FOR THE PEARL WITH SPECIAL SPEAKER DONALD JEANLEWIS • 7:30P AND PERFORMANCE BY THE PEPSTERS & PEPPERS	23 Exploring Our Common Ground DISCUSSION ON DIVERSITY WEEK 2 OF 8 • 7P A Course in Miracles DISCUSSION • 7P	24 Buddy Backpack PACKING TEAM • 1P  FRIDAY, MARCH 24 6:30pm • \$10 at door	25 The Power of Your Word CLASS 5 OF 8 • 10A CODA MEETING • 5P
26 CELEBRATIONS 9:30 & 11A, WITH MINISTER JESSE JENNINGS RECEIVING IS AS IMPORTANT AS GIVING Meditation • 10:15A Prayer Circle • 10:30A/12P Children and Youth • 11A Blood drive & brunch • 12P QuickStart WORKSHOP PART 2 OF 2 • 1:00-4:00P	27 ● Buddy Backpack DELIVERY TEAM • 10:15A It's Time to Prosper SERIES THE ULTIMATE SECRET... 4 OF 4 • 7P ARTHUR JOHNSON	28 Movers & Shakers DANCE TEAM PRACTICE • 6-8P Prayer Circle BY TELEBRIDGE • 8:30P	29 Wisdom of the Universe DISCUSSION • 12P Midweek celebration THE BLOOM OF A PLANT AS IT DRAWS UPON THE SOIL JESSE JENNINGS • 7:30P AND POETRY BY DICK SCHMELZKOPF	30 Exploring Our Common Ground DISCUSSION ON DIVERSITY WEEK 3 OF 8 • 7P A Course in Miracles DISCUSSION • 7P	31	 Volunteer Day SUN APRIL 2