

# Creative Life

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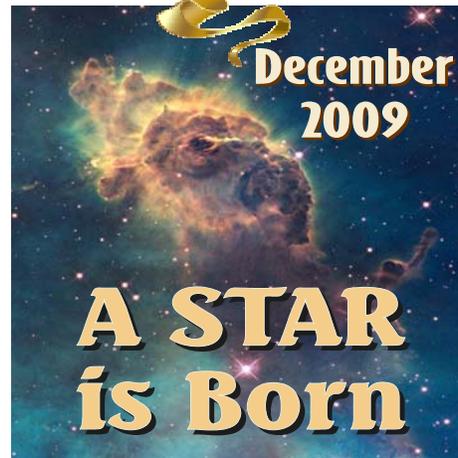
Creative Life Spiritual Center • Serving greater Houston since 1985 • Jesse G. Jennings, Founding Minister

## Solstice MUSICAL SERVICE



Jack Fowler

Sunday morning, December 20, we'll have *one celebration at 11:00am*, welcoming back special guest musician **Jack Fowler**, joined by the CLC children. Jack's passion and talent for music were evident at an early age, and with his parents both being ministers, he honed his craft playing in church, as well as being classically trained. Jack's innovative, eclectic collection of songs takes the listener on an incredible musical sojourn that includes tracks you can dance to, lyrics that question old ideas about life, "hymn-like" pieces to sing along with, and music that quiets the mind to help awaken the Truth within. And our CLC kids just **rock**. Come hear!  
[www.jackfowler.info](http://www.jackfowler.info)



Open to all women of all faiths and led by minister **Marsha Lehman**, this ritual will initiate each woman into her undiscovered riches deep within the feminine well of the infinite self. Following roots into the depth of nurturing darkness each woman will emerge with a sense of having reclaimed her deepest power within her wisdom connection of how to shine her sparkling light into the world in the coming season. Bring a candle for ceremony, a gift for another woman (which you are intuitively guided to from your own possessions, as a daily reminder of deep feminine power), a festive dish to share in a celebration dinner. Sunday, December 20, 5:30-8pm. Sign up in Builders' Hall.  
[marsha.lehman@creativelife.org](mailto:marsha.lehman@creativelife.org)

## WHAT GREAT BRIGHTNESS Did You See? CANDLELIGHT CELEBRATION



"Christ is the embodiment of divine sonship that has come...to all people in all ages, and to every person in some degree... a universal Presence..."  
—ERNEST HOLMES

Thursday, December 24 at 7pm, join your Center family for a special evening when we'll retell the age-old story, then realize with a thrill that it's *our* story — the gift is given to all alike. Hear the music of the season, immerse yourself in the light, color and warmth, and come forward with your candle to impress upon your deepest awareness a feeling to let your light shine the whole year through.

## WORLD HEALING MEDITATION & VIGIL of TREATMENT NEW YEAR'S EVE MORNING



Thursday, December 31, we gather at 6:00am (noon GMT) to bless the nations of the Earth, along with evocative music, readings and reflection, in the 23rd annual event led by practitioner **Sandra Check**. Then we'll hold a daylight vigil, as two participants per hour affirm the good of each other, our Center and our world. Scripts open and close each hour; in between you may pray, meditate, read, chant, or just be. To participate in this, sign up in Builders' Hall.

## CEREMONY OF THE BURNING BOWL NEW YEAR'S EVE NIGHT



Thursday, December 31, at 7:00pm we'll meet in the Great Hall for talks on releasing and accepting by minister **Jesse Jennings** and practitioner **Debra Morwood**, followed by a ritual that is symbolic of doing same. As we enter 2010 we may release the good for the better, as well as accept new (or recommitted-to, and therefore like new) good into our lives, in areas such as health, relationships, career, creativity, passion, and a deep sense of the sacred. Start thinking now of how this ceremony can serve you.

## We're grateful for...



♥ **Sheryl Davis-Farnsworth**, who donated lots of Halloween decorations...

♥ All those who came out for our November 7 outdoor work day organized by trustee **Franceska Perot-Starcevic**, assisted by **Marj Cresap, Ron DeLorme, Julie Donnelly, Mike & JJ Nolan, Carthel Smejkal**, and **Phyllis Willkomm**; and **Elsa-Maria Saenz** who made lunch...

♥ Then, the painting and window caulking team organized by trustee **Debra Morwood**, who picked up all the supplies as well as lunch, and volunteers **Melody & Nick Berryman, Larry & Lynn Dines, Gayle Haulbrook, Daniel May, Lilia Reade-Pellicano, Carthel Smejkal** and **Franceska Perot-Starcevic**, plus **JJ McDonald** and **Sidney Jones** for their generous help...

♥ *Suburbanoid Fatties* (**Jim & Bettie**) for their music on Sunday, November 8; **Meryl Ettelson** and **Steven McMillan** for music on Sunday the 29th, and November Wednesday performers **Nancy Bonilla-May, Bruce Ross, Dick Schmelzkopf**, and *The Practets* (**Sheryl Boyle, Ann Richardson, Lilia Reade-Pellicano, Yvonne Ryba** and **Tammie Sheets**), and **Bob Pryor** for help with recording...

♥ Teaching assistants **Valinda Huckabay** (*Heartfelt Living*) and **Lilia Reade-Pellicano** (*Practitioner I*), and *Practitioner II* facilitators, minister **Marsha Lehman** and practitioner **Tammie Sheets**...

♥ November's *Heartfelt Usher/Greeters* **Linda Benthall, Barbara Brown, Margaret Byrd, John Dantche, Ron DeLorme, David Dewhurst, Ken Dwight, Sharon Eatman, Jeanice & Jerry Felkins, Keri Ford & Ann Lux, Linda & Tom Grayson, Elly Hard, Yaso Nolan, Lilia Reade-Pellicano, Peter & Yvonne Ryba, Ron Sandlin, Fred & Rosa Thompson**, and **Marion Wright**, all coordinated by **Bill MacKenzie!**



## Transition

♥ **Lynn Buchanan's son Kristafor** passed into larger life November 1. We surround Lynn and all his family with our loving thoughts.

## The Green Team



Do you have a great love and respect for Mother Earth? Do you have a passion for ways that are "Earth Friendly"? If so, then Creative Life needs you!! We would like to form a working committee to help create ideas and *follow through* with those ideas in order to make Creative Life a more "green" environment. We have specific tasks too, if you'd rather not plan. Please e-mail **Melody Berryman** at [melodyberryman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:melodyberryman@sbcglobal.net)

## Donations by Mail



These folks mailed in a donation to the Center, or made one online, during November. *Thank you!*

**George Abreu**  
**Barbara Baldwin**  
**Libby & Phil Beckhelm**  
**Linda Benthall**  
**Deanna Bordelon**  
**Myokei Caine-Barrett**  
**Kris Cockrell**  
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**Ruth & Carthel**  
**Lisa & Tom Ryan**  
**Cherrie Vance**

## Creative Life Spiritual Center

"I never knew there was a place that teaches what I've always believed!"

**5326 Spring-Stuebner Road**  
**Spring, Texas 77389-4574**

Creative Life is a spiritual community in suburban Houston, Texas, teaching and living the Science of Mind, a transformational path first articulated by the American philosopher **Ernest Shurtleff Holmes** (1887-1960).

We have activities for all people and interests, and welcome everyone, especially those for whom traditional Western religion has seemingly had no place.

Serving greater Houston since 1985, Creative Life is a member of the *United Centers for Spiritual Living* (formerly known as the United Church of Religious Science), which dates from 1927. "Science of Mind" and the circle-and-v symbol are registered trademarks. Membership in our Center is a statement of your commitment to your own spiritual process, using the principles taught here as a springboard, as well as a way of shaping our Center's collective future and enjoying a symbiotic, caring relationship.

No prior spiritual affiliation need be renounced in order to join us. Membership request cards can be found in the Great Hall vestibule, bookstore, or requested by mail or e-mail.

## CLC Board of Trustees

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## Outdoor Work Day



CLC Trustee  
**Franceska Perot-Starcevic**

leads the next and probably the last one till spring, depending on weather of course, Saturday, December 5 at 9am, when we'll finish clearing along fence line just north of DMD building and work on bed in front of DMD, pulling everything out of there except the crepe myrtle and pine tree, and saving the rocks for future use, creating more parking area in back. Will you help?

fdperot@sbcglobal.net

## Buzzah!



The 17th season of Creatyve Lyfe Booksellers at the Texas Renaissance Festival wrapped up on November 29, and as always was made possible by the help of dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers. Want to join in the fun in 2010?

Shoppe Managers

**James & Valinda Huckabay**

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**Philip Beckhelm**

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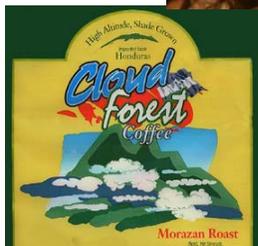
**Terri Shrum**

**Carthel Smejkal**

## Honduran Support

We accept donations of durable used or new shoes, and clothing (used/clean/in good repair), which pilot **Lynn Rippelmeyer** delivers to the people of Honduras each time she flies there. Please use the collection boxes in Builders' Hall — no extra-large sizes, women's shorts, winter clothing, or high heels, thanks. In the bookstore we're selling Honduran-grown coffee in support of several children's charities there. We also have the opportunity to donate medical supplies to *Medical Bridges* for use in 80 countries; no expired prescription medicines.

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## Women's Tele-Series

Leading women in the field of consciousness speak in a free tele-series in which you can participate live, or listen later to the recordings, at any time, from anywhere in the world. Called *Women on the Edge of Evolution: Awakening to the Power to Co-Create Our Lives and Shape Our Collective Future*, registration information is at: [womenontheedgeofevolution.com](http://womenontheedgeofevolution.com)

## Life Center Supplies

*The Life Center*, founded by Pastor **Winston James** in 1991, is a care facility for the homeless at 4516 Old Yale Street in the Heights, gratefully receiving They welcome donations of cleaning supplies, trash bags, non-perishable food, socks, men's and women's underwear, hygiene and grooming products, indoor 60-watt floodlight bulbs, HP 5610 all-in-one ink, twin-size linens, coats and blankets. Please use the collection box in Builders' Hall.

## Hospice Holidays

Practitioner **Tammie Sheets** works for Compassionate Care Hospice, where of our caseload of about 60, 6-10 families are in need of holiday meals this December. Food items welcomed will include stuffing makings or Stovetop stuffing; cranberry sauce; potatoes; canned yams, green beans, corn; hot chocolate; apple cider; instant cornbread boxes, popcorn, chips, desserts, and coupons for turkeys, chickens or hams. Gift ideas are blankets, lotion, decorations, socks, nightgowns, puzzle books, velvet paint posters, walkman CD players with headphones, books or music on CD, or other items for seniors. Please bring to CLC before Dec. 20 and use the collection box in Builders' Hall.

tammie.sheets@creativelife.org

## Conscious Giving

Everything on our Center campus was manifested through the generosity of our Center members and friends—folks like you! Please remember the ongoing life of your Center, which costs about \$5,000 per week to fund, by doing your part and more if you can! You can donate to Creative Life by credit or debit card on a one-time or regular basis—just visit the bookstore to set up this service—or give via PayPal. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, so your regular contributions are tax-deductible.

## Self Compassion and Self Care

In honor of this the season of birth, give yourself the gift of deeper self realization by attending one or all of these classes woven around the five steps of affirmative prayer treatment. Explore how you really do come first in your life. Come intend, create, and experience the powerful emerging energies of ritual combined with you as prayer in action. Perform rituals honoring your own Power, Beauty, and Compassion. Intend with me in transforming lives through empowering choice and self awareness. Led by practitioner **Lynn Beckett**. Three Saturdays 3-5pm: Dec. 5, *Sensing Your Sacred Power*; Dec. 12, *Exploring Your Sacred Beauty*; and Dec. 19, *Feeling Sacred Self-Compassion*. Each class is \$35 or all three for \$100. Please sign up in Builders' Hall. Info: (281) 682-3655 or [lynn.beckett@creativelife.org](mailto:lynn.beckett@creativelife.org)

## Christmas Sing-along

Practitioner **Sheryl Boyle** invites you to the 4th annual Christmas Sing-Along at the White Flamingo 24307 Aldine-Westfield Rd., phone (281) 907-0778, on Saturday, December 12, at 6pm. She says, "You can order food off the menu; we will not all be served at once, so the sooner you get there the sooner your food order. There is a piano player who will be playing Christmas songs that we can sing too. This event is open to all." Please RSVP to [sheryl.boyle@creativelife.org](mailto:sheryl.boyle@creativelife.org).

## Forrest Yoga classes



Sonya Nelson

Now is the time to begin a yoga practice so you can master the skills of breathing deeply and staying present. One of the first things that new yoga students are amazed by is the awareness they gain with their breathing. This awareness helps them in every aspect of their lives. Forrest Yoga places strong emphasis on breathing skills in a loving atmosphere of acceptance. Other benefits of attending a Forrest Yoga class is greater flexibility, relief to joint pain, better posture and fun! Both classes are open to all levels and no one is ever asked to work beyond a level that is safe and appropriate for them. Join CLC practitioner **Sonya Nelson**, certified yoga instructor, on Thursday mornings from 9:30-10:45am in Katherman Hall. Wear loose, comfortable clothing and do not eat two hours prior to class start time. Drop in for any class for \$15 to CLC. No classes on December 10 and 24. E-mail [sonya.nelson@creativelife.org](mailto:sonya.nelson@creativelife.org) or visit [www.sonyanelson.net](http://www.sonyanelson.net).

## Authentic Woman® Network Luncheon

You are invited to a supportive network that encourages you to lose what's not real about you and to become expertly comfortable in expressing your authentic womanly self at home and in the world. Facilitated by minister **Marsha Lehman** and open to all women who would like to be in a professional and personal network of women focused on spiritual principles of success and a feminine way of being in the world, without apology. We focus on different aspects/roles of the Authentic Woman® and offer encouragement to women who want to form close friendships that are meaningful and lasting. Next we will have a holiday luncheon and conversation about the authentic gifts you bring to the world versus the things you think you have to do, especially around the holidays. A light vegetarian lunch will be served. Wednesday, December 2, 11am-2pm, in Katherman Hall, upstairs in the Learning Center. Cost is \$15. Please sign up in Builders' Hall. [marsha.lehman@creativelife.org](mailto:marsha.lehman@creativelife.org)

## New Year's Day Intenders' Circle



Sheryl Boyle

Practitioner **Sheryl Boyle** writes, "As students of the Science of Mind we know that spiritual laws govern our universe and ourselves. We know that Intention is a spiritual process. Having experienced the power of an Intention Circle through the Intenders' Circle, I thought the best way I could welcome in the New Year is with an Intenders Circle. As such I wanted to share this transformational process with my spiritual family. Using the Intenders Group format, we will experience sacred community. During the Intenders' Circle we will combine the synergy of our collective energy and consciousness as we consciously support of each other to strengthen our individual intentions and their manifestations. Please bring an item for the potluck dinner. Friday, January 1, 2010, 6-8pm, in Builders' Hall. Cost is conscious giving. Info: [sheryl.boyle@creativelife.org](mailto:sheryl.boyle@creativelife.org)

## Teachings of Abraham study group

Abraham teaches, "The basis of your life is freedom; the purpose of your life is joy." The purpose of this group is to expand our understanding of the teachings and writings of Abraham-Hicks, discussing personal applications and practical experiences, using their newest book, *The Vortex: Where the Law of Attraction Assembles All Cooperative Relationships*, available in our bookstore. **Anise Flowers** and practitioners **Gary McMillen** and **Yvonne Ryba** facilitate the group 6-8pm the third Sunday of the month, in the upstairs library. On December 20 we'll continue in *Part I*. Open to all, join anytime. Cost is conscious giving. Info: [doctoranise@gmail.com](mailto:doctoranise@gmail.com).

## YOUTH NOTES MUSICAL TEENS PERFORM

**WED. 12/2** Our own **Daniel May** and **Nikki Saren** will be performing with the group *Significant Others* at the evening service. If you are so inclined, come out and support our musical teens. I am SO proud of them!

## CHILDREN GATHER IN SERVICE

**SUN. 12/6** We will start a new CLC tradition. The first Sunday of each month, all of the CLC youth will come into the service to spend a few minutes with Jesse on the stage before the morning meditation. We will register all of the children and then bring them to the service shortly after 11am. Please plan to have your children at the Learning Center by 11:00. At the start of hugging time, the children will return to their classrooms. We are asking the teens to help escort the 3-6 group and 7-10 group.

## CHILDREN'S MUSICAL REHEARSAL

**SUN. 12/6** CLC Music Director **Geoffrey Oshman** will be coming to the Learning Center during the service to rehearse two Christmas carols the children will sing in the service on Sunday, December 20. This will be brief as he will come during Jesse's talk but must be back for music at the end of service. We will also get the music and words to the songs which are currently, "Up On the Housetop" and "O Christmas Tree," and the teens can sing once or twice with the children before December 6.

## QUARTERLY TEACHERS' MEETING

**SUN. 12/6** Please mark your calendar for our quarterly CLC Teachers' meeting at about 12:30pm in the youth wing. I will send an agenda out this week so if anyone has anything they want to discuss, please let me know. I am trying to keep these meetings focused and on point as to not take up too much of your time as I appreciate so much what each and every one of you do.

## YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

**SUN. 12/13** We will have the CLC Youth Services Christmas party. We will be singing Christmas carols, having snacks and Santa will be our very special guest. As we approach party time, I will be asking parents for assistance in bringing snacks so if you want to volunteer, please let me know.

## TEEN LOCK-IN

**FR. 12/18** 7:00pm until 7:00am will be the TEEN LOCK-IN. We will have games, karaoke, food, laughs and fun. Teens - gather up your friends and invite them to share our special evening. You may want to bring a blanket and pillow in case someone wants to sleep, but, from what I have heard, I would not want to be the first person to fall asleep!!!! I will also be asking parents for assistance with snacks. We will "build our own" pizza so we will need some fixins'!

## CLC CHILDREN SINGERS PERFORM

**FR. 12/20** The CLC Youth will be performing two Christmas carols during the 11:00 service (one service only that day), along with special musical guest **Jack Fowler**. Don't want to miss this one!!

## Children's Readers

Volunteers from all walks of Center life are lining up to serve as story-readers and -tellers to our children in the Sunday 3-6 classes...



**Aleena~joy Davis** as *Flowing Feather* joins **Gayle Haulbrook**, **Sandra Check**, and some of the children.

## NOTE TO CLC PARENTS...



**Debra Morwood**

Your sense of comfort leaving your children in our care is important to us; more important still is their safety while entrusted to us. We

need you to know that between 11am and 12:15pm Sundays, your child must either be in the appropriate class, or seated in the Great Hall with you. *These are the only options.* Children are not permitted to roam the CLC campus unsupervised, nor to leave it without you, or with whomever you give us written permission to allow to take them. On Sundays, please bring your children who are going into class to the registration desk in the south lobby of the learning center for check-in, and fill out the necessary forms for children who are new with us. Thank you!

As always, I am available to answer any questions concerning the CLC Youth Services Department. I am in my office (at the top of the stairs in Katherman Hall next to the upstairs practitioner room) from 10:15 until 11:00am on Sundays, available by cell phone (281) 787-2761 and at [debra.morwood@creativelife.org](mailto:debra.morwood@creativelife.org)

**RSVP for any of the above to**  
[debra.morwood@creativelife.org](mailto:debra.morwood@creativelife.org)

## Painting Day I

Photos by **Carthel Smejkal**



**Lynn** sets to work, while



...**Larry, Franceska and Debra** attack purple walls with first of three coats



...and **Melody** caulks one of many windows with **Carthel**, the photographer



Thanks, **Debra!** She knows nothing happens here without food.

## Blessing of the Animals

Photos by **Debra Morwood**



**Jesse** sets up what will happen...



**Mary** reads a blessing to the group...



It's a dog's life...

## Prac Night '09

Photos by **Cheryl Ford**



...as does **Libby**, then



**Jesse** presents **Aleena~joy Davis** and **Libby Beckhelm** their Practitioner licenses as the highlight of our annual event, *Honoring the Practitioner's Craft*



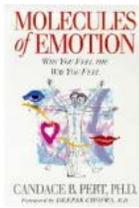
**Kenzie's** dinosaur got a blessing too!



**Phil, Libby, Jesse, Debra, Tammie, Mary**

## Wisdom of the Universe

### Book discussion group



Read on your own, learn with your peers. The purpose of our group is to explore the world of current science to learn more about its relevance to our ability to change our minds and change our lives. Our next book will be *Molecules of Emotions* by Candace Pert, Ph.D., available in our bookstore. The readings are outlined as follow:

1. Front cover to Chapter 4 (pp. 1-72)
2. Chaps. 4-7 (pp. 73-130)
3. Chapter 7-10 (pp. 130-196)
4. Chapter 10-End (pp. 196-end)

Join us in the youth wing the first and third Wednesdays, (Dec, 2 & 16), noon-2pm, to engage the process of critical enlightenment through the sharing of information. Then we go out to lunch. Led by **Denese & Dick Schmelzkopf**.

denese28@comcast.net

### EFT Demonstrations

*Emotional Freedom Technique* is explored in the upstairs library Wednesdays 5:00-6:30pm with **David Dewhurst**. No meeting on December 2.

dbdewhurst@me.com and www.emofree.com

## Alive, Aware, Awake class



Anne Gillis

The focus of this share group is to be fully alive and present. We use the book *Awareness: the Perils and Opportunities of Reality*, by Anthony DeMello, as a springboard for authentic living and discussion. DeMello heads us in the right direction, but we're the ones who must wake up to life as it is – full of essence and power. Let's form community and accept support as we journey together in this vibrant experience we call life. Starts January 6 and meets every Wednesday thereafter with a 5:15pm meditation, 5:30- 6:30pm discussion and support, and closing at 6:30pm. It's offered on a conscious giving basis, and facilitated by **Anne Sermons Gillis**; visit her at [www.annegillis.com](http://www.annegillis.com).

Here's Melody Beattie's take on it: "Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow." Please sign up in Builders' Hall. More information:

anne@annegillis.com

## Wed. Night Celebrations 7pm in the Great Hall

**DEC 2** *The Power of Imagination: Mind Remakes Your World*, with minister **Jesse**, music by **Significant Others, Daniel** and **Nikki**

**DEC 9** *Creation Stories, the Creative Process, and God's Kids*, with minister **Jesse**. Music is TBA.

**DEC 16** *Symbols of the Season and Where They Lead*, with minister **Jesse**, and music by **Nancy, JJ** and a special guest.

**DEC 23** *What We Believe About Jesus and the Christ*, with minister **Jesse**. Music is by **Pam Parrott**.

**DEC 30** *Charting Your 2010: Mission, Vision and Purpose* with minister **Jesse**. **Dick Schmelzkopf** will supply light verse.

## Lunch of Like Minds

A bunch of CLCers meet for lunch Thursdays at different restaurants from FM 1960 to The Woodlands, and you're invited! To get on the invitation list: **Cathy MacKenzie**, [cathy.mackenzie@creativelife.org](mailto:cathy.mackenzie@creativelife.org)

## A Course in Miracles discussions

*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." ([www.acim.org](http://www.acim.org)) The *Course* states, "Projection makes perception. The world you see is what you gave it, nothing more than that. But though it is no more than that, it is not less. Therefore, to you it is important. It is the witness to your state of mind, the outside picture of an inward condition. As a man thinketh, so does he perceive. Therefore, seek not to change the world, but choose to change your mind about the world." We're in our fifth year of regular weekly meetings, now working through the *ACIM Text*. With practitioner **Bill MacKenzie** at 7pm Thursdays in the library. Open to all; join anytime. Donation. Details: [bill.mackenzie@creativelife.org](mailto:bill.mackenzie@creativelife.org)

## Marsha to Speak



Our Sunday speaker on December 27 will be CLC Staff Minister **Marsha Lehman**, now back living in The Woodlands and teaching and ministering at Creative Life. A minister since 2006, her focus is on women's events, supporting practitioners, and teaching Science of Mind and other classes. Her topic will be *New Year, New God, New You*.

## After-Festival Book Sale

in the south lobby of the Learning Center



**starts Sun., Dec. 13**

20% off all displayed books, calendars and other items (30% off to our Festival workers)

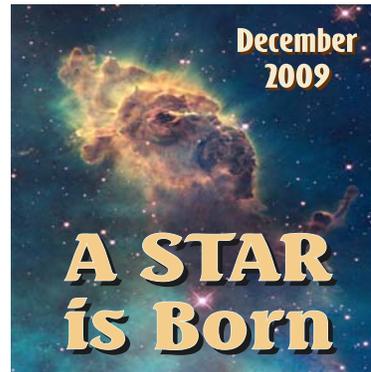
## Center Recordings



Our Sunday services (opening meditation, "encouragement" and closing treatment), as well as longer Wednesday evening talks, are available on CD. **Individual sales:** Each 80-min. CD contains one service, and is \$4. Use the bookstore clipboard to order, then pre-pay, and pick up, or add \$2 each for mailing. **Mail subscriptions** are \$60 for 3 mos.; \$115 for 6 mos.; \$200 for a year; or \$350 for two years, domestic postage included. Subscribe in the bookstore, receive a shipment every two weeks. [info@creativelife.org](mailto:info@creativelife.org)

## Creative Life Sundays

Come at 9:30 or 11:00 to enjoy the new series...



**The Mind That Makes a Star is the Same Mind You Use**

**The Star in the East: It's Still Wise to Follow**

**ONE SERVICE ONLY 11AM**  
**So Who's the Real Star of the Christmas Pageant?**

**TODAY'S SPEAKER: MARSHA LEHMAN**  
**New Year, New God, New You**

**"I LOVE MYSELF THE WAY I AM"**

A chance to sing, laugh, and be here now

### EVOCATION

Centering ourselves in the eternal moment

**"UNIVERSAL LOVE ENFOLDS ME"**

A time to deepen within, and then connect with each other

### MUSICAL MOMENT

with **Geoffry Oshman**, the **CLC musicians**, and visiting friends

### ENCOURAGEMENT

A talk by minister **Jesse Jennings** or a guest on conscious living today

### SPIRITUAL MIND TREATMENT

An affirmative prayer, the heart of our spiritual practice

### GROUP SONG

An old favorite, or the latest new song we're starting to learn!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GIVING TIME

*Divine love, through me, blesses and multiplies all the good I am and have, all the good I give and receive.  
I am prosperous now, and so it is!*

### MUSICAL MOMENT 2

with **Geoffry Oshman**, the **CLC musicians**, and visiting friends

### CLOSING CIRCLE AND "PEACE SONG"

Something wonderful is happening through you right now!

## CLC's Practitioner Team

*Mind remakes your world!*

Our licensed Religious Science practitioners are trained in the art and science of spiritual support using affirmative prayer, and are committed to serving your needs. 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. Access them by leaving a prayer request in of the boxes, by attending one of their events (see at right), or by appointment. Events are donation-based or free; appointments are fee-based.

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## Power Up With Positive Prayer

What exactly is a “Religious Science practitioner”? Literally, a practitioner is anybody who practices something; our Religious Science practitioners are trained in the *art and science of spiritual support using affirmative prayer*, and are committed to serving your needs. Each has spent literally 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 United Centers for Spiritual Living, and engages in ongoing study and spiritual development.

## Help is Nearby

Our Creative Life practitioners are outstanding spiritual support persons, available to lovingly and confidentially assist you, and are at your service...

- **Sundays** at “The Power of Prayer” (now in the downstairs meditation room) where requests are received and acted upon in a small group setting, or with the practitioner of your choice in the Great Hall or garden for a quick “meet and treat”...
- **By appointment**, on an individual fee basis for a one-hour session of spiritual support and treatment...
- CLC members receive an annual invitation by mail for a free “**birthday checkup**” with the practitioner of your choice (see list at left). Just pick up a form in the Practitioners’ Loft and call for your appointment...
- **More options** requesting and receiving prayer support include using a form on our website by going to [www.creativelife.org/links/prayerrequest.php](http://www.creativelife.org/links/prayerrequest.php). Further, trained, skilled practitioners await your call to the UCSL World Ministry of Prayer, 24 hours a day, every day at (800) 421-9600 or by email to [prayer@wmop.org](mailto:prayer@wmop.org).

## What Practitioners Do

“Let us consider the life of one who has been more or less consumed with jealousy, hatred, bickering and resentment. He has become so isolated that love neither flows from nor to him... If he is rightly guided, either through his own intuition or by someone else, he will begin to travel backward within himself to see where the trouble ( for trouble always lies, it never tells the truth). Through faith or understanding he determines to retrace his mental steps, to go back in imagination to the place where he is one with all.”

—ERNEST HOLMES, from *How to Use the Science of Mind*

## So practitioners pray for people?

Practitioners treat themselves to know that the good their clients desire is ever-available and moved into form through treatment. The type of prayer we teach is also called “scientific prayer,” as it proposes the universality of God, and therefore no separation between a person and God. We don’t pray to move God into action, but to bring our thinking and feeling nature into alignment with the idea that infinite good surrounds us, in the form of love, harmony, peace, wellness, abundance, and whatever else we can imagine. Much of this aligning comes from a person deciding what he or she really prefers to have happen in terms of life experience. In this, the practitioner assists through stimulating conversation and possibility thinking. Once a clear sight is set on a goal, treatment is then done.

(excerpted from our brochure, *You and Your Practitioner*. Request yours today!)

# CALENDAR

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## December 2009

- EVENT KEY**
- Celebration service
  - SOM certified class
  - Other class/group/wkshp
  - Meditation/prayer/ritual
  - Musical event
  - Social/service event
  - Youth event

		TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 ○ <b>Women's Networking Luncheon</b> • 11am <b>Wisdom of the Universe</b> book discussion group 12pm <b>Midweek celebration:</b> THE POWER OF IMAGINATION: MIND REMAKES YOUR WORLD <b>Jesse Jennings</b> • 7pm	3 <b>Yoga</b> 9:30am <b>Lunch of Like Minds</b> offsite • noon <b>Heartfelt Living</b> class #9 • 6:30pm <b>A Course in Miracles</b> 7pm	4	5 <b>Gardening work day</b> 9am <b>Self-Compassion and Self-Care</b> Part I • 3pm
		SUNDAY	MONDAY			
6 <b>CELEBRATIONS</b> 9:30 & 11 <b>Jesse Jennings:</b> THE MIND THAT MAKES A STAR IS THE SAME MIND YOU USE <b>Power of Prayer</b> 10:30/12 <b>Children and Youth</b> 11 <b>Music rehearsal</b> 12:30	7 <b>Practitioner II</b> class #12 • 7pm	8 <b>Practical Mysticism</b> class #8 • 7pm	9 ☾ <b>EFT Demonstration</b> 5pm <b>Midweek celebration:</b> CREATION STORIES, THE CREATIVE PROCESS, AND GOD'S KIDS <b>Jesse Jennings</b> • 7pm	10 <b>Lunch of Like Minds</b> offsite • noon <b>Heartfelt Living</b> workshop • 6:30pm <b>A Course in Miracles</b> 7pm	11 Hanukkah begins at sunset 	12 <b>Practical Mysticism</b> class #9 • 1-4pm <b>Self-Compassion and Self-Care</b> Part II • 3pm <b>Christmas Sing-Along</b> offsite • 6pm
13 <b>CELEBRATIONS</b> 9:30 & 11 <b>Jesse Jennings:</b> TRUTHFUL POWER: WE GET REAL, THEN DIFFERENT, THEN REAL DIFFERENT <b>Power of Prayer</b> 10:30/12 <b>Children and Youth</b> 11 <b>Music rehearsal</b> 12:30 <b>TRF book sale</b> all morning	14 <b>Practitioner II</b> class #13 • 7pm	15 <b>Practical Mysticism</b> final class • 7pm	16 ● <b>Wisdom of the Universe</b> book discussion group 12pm <b>EFT Demonstration</b> 5pm <b>Midweek celebration:</b> SYMBOLS OF THE SEASON AND WHERE THEY LEAD <b>Jesse Jennings</b> • 7pm <b>CLC Board</b> • 8:30pm	17 <b>Yoga</b> 9:30am <b>Lunch of Like Minds</b> offsite • noon <b>Heartfelt Living</b> final class • 6:30pm <b>A Course in Miracles</b> 7pm	18	19 <b>Self-Compassion and Self-Care</b> Part III • 3pm
20 <b>ONE CELEBRATION</b> 11 only <b>Jesse Jennings:</b> SO WHO'S THE REAL STAR OF THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT? Musical guest: <b>Jack Fowler</b> plus <b>CLC Kids</b> <b>Hospice donations due</b> <b>Power of Prayer</b> 10:30/12 <b>Children and Youth</b> 11 <b>Music rehearsal</b> 12:30 <b>TRF book sale</b> all morning <b>Women's Solstice</b> 5:30 <b>Abraham-Hicks</b> 6	21 Winter begins  <b>Practitioner II</b> class #14 • 7pm	22	23 <b>EFT Demonstration</b> 5pm <b>Midweek celebration:</b> WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS AND THE CHRIST <b>Jesse Jennings</b> • 7pm	24 ☽ Christmas Eve  <b>CANDLELIGHT Celebration</b> 7pm	25 Christmas Day 	26 Kwanzaa begins 
27 <b>CELEBRATIONS</b> 9:30 & 11 <b>Marsha Lehman:</b> NEW YEAR, NEW GOD, NEW YOU <b>Power of Prayer</b> 10:30/12 <b>Children and Youth</b> 11 <b>Music rehearsal</b> 12:30	28	29	30 ○ <b>EFT Demonstration</b> 5pm <b>Midweek celebration:</b> CHARTING YOUR 2010: MISSION, VISION AND PURPOSE <b>Jesse Jennings</b> • 7pm	31 New Year's Eve <b>WORLD HEALING MEDITATION</b> 6am <b>Treatment Vigil</b> 7am-7pm <b>Burning Bowl CEREMONY</b> 7pm	1/1/10 New Year's Day  <b>Intender's Circle</b> 6-8pm	1/2/10