Rev. Steven Van Meter Grants Pass Center for Spiritual Living

Ministers Report: 10.18.2021

**PANDEMIC UPDATE: WE ARE OPEN!** We opened our doors yesterday, Sunday, October 17, 2021, with 27 in the sanctuary and 15 people on Zoom and 2 new people. We will continue to be guided by safety and science.

**CLASSES:** Presently, Paula Peterson and I are teaching the “Foundations Class”. I am continuing the “Practitioner 2 Class” with 3 students. Sharie Davis is teaching “Spiritual Economics”.

**SERVICES, MEETINGS AND CLASSES ON ZOOM:**

We have been able to switch back and forth between in person and Zoom services and have added Facebook Live to our Sunday Services. I have hooked up Zoom to our LCD Projector in the sanctuary to project on the screen above the lectern. Our Services will continue on Zoom. Classes will continue on Zoom unless the Facilitator decides otherwise. Meetings will also be at the choice of the Facilitator during this interesting time. Core Council meetings are in person for now.

**New Wednesday evening services added**: I have enrolled our Practitioner Team to facilitate a New Wednesday Evening Gathering that started in October, on Zoom. Please check it out!

**Practitioner Retreat** is scheduled for October 29 & 30 with Rev. Dr. Christian Sorensen on Zoom.

Both Sharie and Deborah just had successful Women’s retreats.

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning meditations** continue to be facilitated by Ministerial Student, Paul Domeleski and myself via Zoom from 8:45-9:15AM.

**PEOPLE ON PURPOSE GROUP:** Our “POP” group continues to meet facilitated by Bucky Dennerlien and Linda Mullens.

**Practitioner Carol Wythe is transferring** to the Rogue Valley CSL in Medford, where she lives now.

**Historical Committee** Nancy Yonally, Kris Strong and Paula Peterson and myself are in the process of putting together a scrapbook for future reference.

**2021-2022 Members Directory** Deborah Perdue and Trazia Wylie are continuing to work on a Members Directory.

**October 31 Concert:** Anton Mizerak and Laura Berryhill have agreed to play music for our service and play a concert directly after service as a fund raiser.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS:** **New A/C Unit Planned Fund Raiser Being Planned:** We need a new Air Conditioning unit for our Sanctuary. We think this will cost us between $5-7000. We are still in the process of getting bids on this project that will need to be completed before next spring so we can have a cool sanctuary by next summer.

**Gutters:** Our gutters and downspouts are in need of cleaning and repair. I have not gotten a return call from the company that was to give us a bid to clean and repair our gutters. I will continue to contact them. I may need Paula to assist.

**FINANCIAL GROUP MEETING:** We were able to decrease our piano player, Dave Flick’s pay. This was his suggestion.

Jan Albright and Glen, our janitorial people, have decreased their pay. They will not charge us for cleaning when we don’t have services.

Rev. Steven has taken a 25% decrease in pay starting in October 2021.

(*I pray these decreases are only temporary*.)

Paula was able to reduce our trash collection bill with Republic.

Again, I want to thank everyone who continues to give on a regular basis, to keep this Center thriving!

**Update and discussion on situation with a Practitioner.**

**End of Report**