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June 2019:

OUR WORLD

The June sun evokes memories of other days- the scent of warm sand, the sound of the sea rippling with delight, the cries of the seagulls, terns and the red-winged blackbird. The melodies of the earth and sea melding with all the creatures in our world. Such exquisite harmony.

Let us learn now to listen with love, see with delight, and promise to hold all dear, to protect and keep safe, to the best of our human ability, this wonderful place we call our world.

DJ Thomas

The Lighthouse June 2019
A Newsletter for Friends of the Church

We are a spiritual community supporting each other in exploring our personal journeys regardless of spiritual path or belief. Our community is comprised of a rich field of individual and collective energies that is ever changing and evolving.

While we are accepting of diverse expressions of belief, we recognize the interconnectedness of all things and the power of love and appreciation. We hold reverence for all life.

We welcome those who wish to share their journey with us through their insights, reflections, experience and creative self-expression.

We are open to inspiration and recognize that our openness to others' ideas enhance our own awareness and expansion.

We meet our basic human need to socialize, bond, cooperate, celebrate and have fun, in a warm-hearted way, through a variety of events and activities.

We acknowledge our opportunity to be agents of change in the world and we encourage and support service to others through individual and group activity.

We share our sacred space with the larger community.

With gratitude, we live thoughtfully on the Earth with kindness and compassion for all.

We welcome you.

Working for You
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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

for May

OUR WORLD

June 2nd: Melodies of Earth and Sea

Moderator: Robert Winkenhower
Meditation: Norm Smookler
Speaker: Laura Lane
Greeter: TBA
Co-ordinator: D. Joan Thomas

June 9th: Love Is Round

Moderator: April Hambly
Meditation: Brian Martin
Speaker: Sherry Morgan
Greeter: TBA
Co-ordinator: April Hambly

Since a spiritual experience in 1982 Sherry has been following her guidance. She met her principal human teacher in Mexico in 1996 (an elder Huichol shaman). With the help of this shaman Sherry met her principal 'spirit' teacher in 1997, the elemental Fire – our heart energy. Fire transmitted a program about prayer for her to teach that helps people return to the experience of connection and relationship with heart and through heart to aspects of the world around us. Sherry also helps people to receive their own spiritual guidance, which is our birthright. In 2016 Sherry received the words “Love Is Round” in her prayer time. She will share with us the great significance this has for each of us!

June 16th: Singing in a Joyful Spirit

There will be a very strong satisfaction from singing on this day.
Moderator: Laurence Beal
Music director: I hope we can all sing the whole of the usual talking time
Meditation: Laurence Beal
Greeter: TBA
Coordinator: Laurence Beal

June 23rd Focus: Living in the community

Moderator: Dreanna Picard
Meditation: Herb3rd
Speaker: Ryefield Ford
Greeter: Louisa Fiander

Coordinator: Sharon Ford
Speaker Bio.

Ryefield Ford has been a speaker before at Church of Truth when he shared with us his experience with the early days of his brain injury recovery. Today, he continues on his personal journey as he talks about coping and living in the community following brain injury. Now, in the field of Social Work, Rye works with brain injured men and women who need guidance in coping with everyday life. As well, he uses his gift as a creative writer to articulate to his audience his continuing struggle and growth within his own community.

June 30th Spiritual Reflection as Transitioning into Summer

Moderator: Peggy
Mediation: Marilyn Smando
Greeter: Jean
Coordinator: Marilyn Smando

INSPIRATIONAL EXPLORATIONS WEDNESDAYS

SCHEDULING NOTICE: PLEASE NOTE THAT INSPIRATIONAL WEDNESDAYS IS TAKING THE SUMMER OFF. SESSIONS WILL NOT RUN DURING JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST, BUT WILL RESUME AT THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER.

The coordinators of Inspirational Explorations invite contributions from as wide a range of presenters as possible. Send proposals or ideas to any one of the coordinators: Arts area and general: Chris Bullock (chrisbullock@shaw.ca) and John Vanden Heuvel (sunvann@yahoo.ca); spiritual practices: Peggy Muncaster (muncasterpeggy@gmail.com); new/rediscovered frontiers: (patallanmiller@gmail.com); environment and interconnections: Frances Litman (info@franceslitman.com).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
We Celebrate with YOU!

Catherine Denison	8
Bill Israel	13
Laurence Beal	21
Junie Swadron	22
Joy Emmanuel	22
Jean Gregson	25

FRUIT SUNDAY

Dear Church of Truth Members:

Pat Miller and I will be retiring from our present volunteer jobs of bring fruit to Our Place.

This worthwhile project was created by Linda Chan many years ago. In times past, a single person – Linda – took care of both buying the fruit and delivering it to Our Place. Because of Pat’s and my busy time schedules we have elected to split the job: Pat looks after buying the fruit from the money that some people donate each month in lieu of bringing fruit. I look after delivering the fruit to Our Place. As well, I give a pep talk each month to remind members to bring fruit. On the first Sunday of the month I bless the fruit – and church members – for remembering those people who are less fortunate than we are.

This volunteer job can be handled by one or two people. It can also be changed to fit the style of the person doing the work. Only two essentials are needed: (1) a car and (2) some sort of an announcement to remind church members that fruit Sunday is coming up the following week. Both announcements can be handled by the church moderator. In the past we have found that the bounty is much larger when someone reminds the group to bring fruit the following Sunday.

To date, no one has come forth to volunteer to take on this enjoyable task.

Why is it enjoyable? Because everyone at Our Place appreciates our efforts. Even those outside the gates of Our Place – some of them have been banned from Our Place for whatever reason – show the greatest respect for me when I deliver the fruit. For example, I always need help to carry in the fruit when the bounty is large. I have never had anyone refuse to help me when I ask a total stranger hanging around outside the Our Place gates for help. Sometimes they mention that they have a bad back but they quickly clarify that “it’s okay.” These guys are

bored, curious and appreciative. As well, they often have a neat story to tell me as we bring the fruit in to the front desk. By the way, the fruit can be delivered on any day, at any time.

If you are at all interested in taking on this activity, please let the Board of Directors, Pat Miller or me know as soon as possible.

By the way, Pat and I will be taking the summer off so there will be no fruit purchase or delivery at that time. Also, on June 1st I will only deliver actual fruit because Pat will not be able to purchase any fruit with the donations.

Thank you for taking the time to read this,
Jennifer Hastie