



**Live Out
Loud**

Gathering Times

Sunday 10:30 a.m. (Meditation)
and 11:00 a.m. (Celebration)

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Why IS that?

What makes life really work for people? Is it the ideas they have? Perhaps it is the feelings they experience? Could it be love? What does it mean to have life really work for you? Are we talking money? Health? Relationships? Maybe we speak of joy, peace, confidence, self-esteem. Just what makes life feel right for me?

When we come down to the deepest questions about life, we find very simple answers. They are answers that arise from within. I believe that our soul (and perhaps sole) purpose in life is to co-create a unique life with Spirit. That life expresses love through the divine gifts that nature has given us. Life is about giving and sharing from our deepest self.

The questions themselves are endless. Now why would that be? Because the Universe is endless. Well at least we do not know for sure where it ends. Or even if it does. There are scientific theories about that question, as there as for almost any question that sparks the imagination.

Where do all these questions and answers come from? Curiosity. And curiosity is the Centers for Spiritual Living theme for February. I submit that curiosity is a natural outgrowth of love. If we truly wish the best for all, we wish them a fulfilling life inspired by the excitement of an inquiring mind and a loving heart.

This month I invite you to live out loud and explore what interests you. We are offering a prosperity class. We will hold our annual meeting. Have you considered being a member of our board? We have a potluck

and a Soup for the Soul. How will you participate? What else would you do to be an active part of our community of faith and love?

Remember you are a love-filled, delightfully curious being.

Blessings and Love Always,

Rev. Maur

Sundays in February

**Theme for 2023
Live Out Loud
Theme for February
Curiosity As a Superpower**

**February 5
What Lies Beneath the Surface
Rev Maur Horton**

**February 12
Inquiring Minds Want To Know
Rev Julie Applegate**

**February 19
The World is an Oyster
Rev Maur Horton**

**February 26
Living Curiosity Out Loud
Rev Don Kerr**

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News

**Potluck
Sunday February 5th**

Enjoy good food and fellowship with your



friends.

Contact Cathy Daniels or Suzie Onstat for suggestions on what to bring. Or just bring your favorite dish.

Our YouTube Channel Is Now Open

You can find playlists that contain our Sunday Celebrations and our Meditations from January 2022 through our most recent Sunday. We expect folks will view these when looking for a deeper dive into an inspiring presentation. Check them out. They are searchable by topic, speaker and date.

Here is a link to our channel. Just select playlists.

YouTube
Link

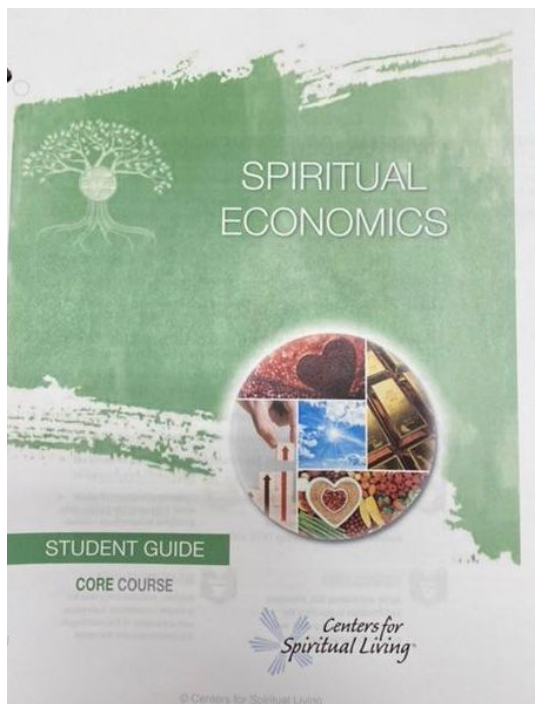


**Celebration Of Life
For
Dennis Stephens
February 11th
2 PM
at
Salem Scottish Rite Center**

Practitioner Donna Stephens's husband, Dennis, made his transition. After surviving many challenges, his body was too compromised to recover fully from a heart transplant.

Dennis A Stephens, 70, of Salem, Oregon, left this world on December 25, 2022. He is survived by his wife Donna, his children Spencer, Christopher & wife Calli, Oak & partner Fletcher, Hilary, and grandchildren Lily and Aaron. Dennis was an active and loved member of the Community during his life, raising money for charity through the many Masonic Organizations he was a part of including Scottish Rite bodies and Shriners.

Please join us for a celebration of a life well lived Saturday February 11, 2023 at 2:00 PM, at **Salem Scottish Rite Center 4090 Commercial St SE, Salem, OR 97302.**



Take Charge of Your Life A New Class In Prosperity

**Two Sessions of the Same Class
Start**

February 28th at 6:00 PM

March 3rd at 9:30 AM

This is a perfect class to help you navigate these times. People new to our teaching and those steeped in prosperity principles will benefit from this uplifting

experience.

This class offers a way to break through "doom and gloom|" thinking. It offers a clear path to real prosperity.

Spiritual Economics is not a training in basic economics. It is about financial prosperity and our relationship to God and money -- and the lifestyle money provides. It is an exploration of our conscious and unconscious beliefs, thoughts and words that affect how prosperously we live.. During these eight weeks, we examine our current prosperity perspective. Then we make choices toward a new perspective and a new life of prosperity and gratitude.

This is the first time the class, revised in 2021, is being taught in our

Center.

Required text: Spiritual Economics by Eric Butterworth.

We offer two sessions of the same class. One starting at 6 PM on Tuesday, February 28th, the other on Thursday March 2nd, at 9:30 AM.

Take Charge of Your Life



Soup for the Soul February 19th

A Woodland Chapel Fundraiser
Chaired by Sandy Maghan and Satya Riversong

WHEN: Every 3rd Sunday of the month (after services).

Our first Soup for the Soul falls on Feb 19 the annual meeting day. Stay for the soup then the meeting at 12:30.

COST: \$3 love offering per person.

Please join us for homemade soup and bread. Funds raised will benefit necessary items for the Center. Our first goal item will be announced at the event on February 19.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Each Sunday we request 3 or 4 volunteers to make soup and 3 or 4 volunteers to bring bread (Corn bread French/Italian bread, or biscuits). We also would like volunteers to help wash the bowls and spoons, as we will be environmentally conscious and not use disposable dinnerware.

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES: We are asking for donations of crock pots and soup bowls you no longer need. Donate before our first Soup for the Soul Sunday.

Please list the ingredients for each soup or bread item. List any **VEGAN**, **VEGETARIAN**, or **GLUTEN-FREE** foods. We are especially interested in whether it contains **nuts, milk, or any other allergens**.

Watch for a volunteer sign-up sheet in the library very soon!

Annual Community Meeting February 19th

We will elect members to our Board of Trustees.

We will review the progress our four leadership teams have made. We will look at our financial health. There will be time to discuss any ideas you may wish to bring forward.

All are welcome to attend.

Only members may vote. So renew your membership, if you have not already done so.



January Event highlights

Community Outreach THANK YOU FOR DONATING

Woodland Chapel Holiday Food Drive Marion Polk Food Share staff picked up our two barrels of food.

Clothing and Household items -- we delivered the items of clothing and household items to Helping Hands.

Burning Bowl Ceremony January 1st

We released what no longer serves and embraced what helps us grow.





**On January 1st
We Celebrated
Those With Birthdays in January**

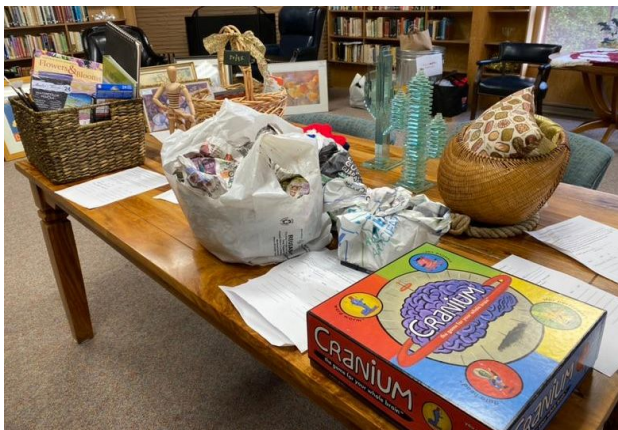
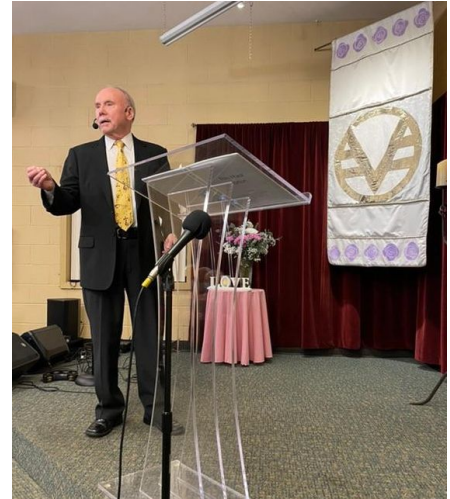
We especially recognized a founding member of Woodland Chapel who was born 96 years ago on January 1st, Gayle Priem.





On January 15th Rev Maur Spoke at the Portland Center For Spiritual Living

Rev Larry King of the Portland Center has done much to help our center. He retired. This was an opportunity for our community to support theirs as they search for a new minister.



On January 22nd We Took Final Bids for our Silent Action

We received bids on seventeen items and took in \$335. A number of items remain which we hope to put on Ebay.

**Inspiration
Practitioners Perspectives
And Affirmative Prayers
On Our Web Site**

Inspiration on our
website

Affirmative Prayer

Curious



There is an Infinite Mind, an Infinite Love, an Infinite Law. It is One, the source of all good. It exists in the eternal now without beginning or end. It is energy. It is Life Itself.

Its life is perfect and Its life is my life now. I express the energy of the Universe. I know my mind expands to encompass as much as I can understand, as much as I can hold close to my heart.

I am curious. I choose to look behind appearances. I choose to meditate, to contemplate and to explore the depths of life. I consider: who is this being that stands before me. What I am seeing and hearing provide hints of the divinity of every being, whether it is me or someone else. I wish every being well. I am love incarnate and treat all with respect and compassion.

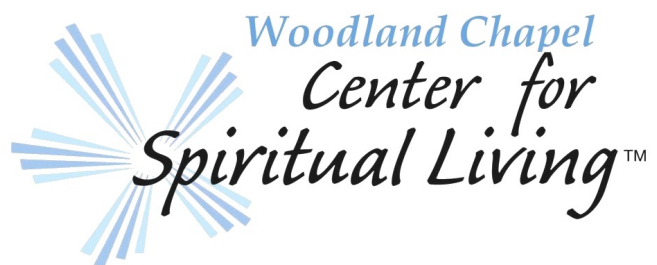
I give thanks for the essence of my being, for curiosity, for delving deeper, for prosperity, and for the love that live in my heart.

I let go and let the Universe smooth the way. I am open to divine guidance. I know the path leads me to the full expression of love and joy that is gladly received by others.

And So It Is.

Rev Maur

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