



**Live Out
Loud**

Gathering Times

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

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Starting Anew

We begin 2023 with a burning bowl ceremony. As you might expect, the ceremony provides a ritual that helps us to focus on what we might want to leave behind next year and what we really want to bring into the new year. Rev Julie is going to lead the service and will bring her unique insights and sweetness to us all. She says this ceremony is "not all about release."

Every beginning is also an ending. With the first Sunday of the year occurring on January 1st, we have time to pivot. We can look back on 2022 and set our intentions for 2023. New Year's resolutions sometimes have faded quickly. Witness the surge of gym memberships, the new runners, and the increased number of walkers. Weights clang and feet pound. All so very good. Unless these resolutions are backed by a solid intention to express better health, unless they are supported by the development of new habits, they soon are in the dustbin of the disused.

Let's set our intention for spiritual growth and expansion of our community.. To these ends, we are emphasizing community outreach, community gatherings, and familiar rituals. We are working to change our presence on the internet and to improve how we greet people. Let's keep this intention firmly in mind for 2023.

Blessings to all and Happy New year.

Rev. Maur

**Theme for 2023
Live Out Loud
Theme for January**

Root & Reboot

January 1
Burning Bowl Ceremony
Rev Julie Applegate

January 8
Universal Voice
Rev Don Kerr

January 15
The Internal Song
Rev Julie Applegate

January 22
Singing as Gratitude
Rev Maur Horton

January 29
Celebrate Life As Source
Rev Don Kerr

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Silent Auction **Bidding Opens January 1st**

We have a number of items from original paintings and baskets of goodies to a week's stay in a condominium.

Auction items will be on display in the library each Sunday in January, giving plenty of opportunity to bid and over-bid on desired items. Find your treasure and bid. Bidding will be open through Sunday the 22nd with winning bids to be announced on January 29th. Proceeds go to supporting our Chapel.



Certificate for One Week's Vacation Stay

Bid on a certificate for a week's stay at a resort of your choice. You can make a reservation wherever space is available. There are resorts in Oregon, the Pacific Northwest, and throughout the United States, Mexico, Canada, Europe, the Marshall Islands, and other locations.

Some of the donor's favorite resorts are in Depot Bay, Bend, Vancouver, BC, and Indio, CA.

Two pictures from thousands of resorts are available worldwide through Resorts Condominiums International (RCI).

These are in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.



Continuing Community Outreach

Woodland Chapel Holiday Food Drive Our barrel has plenty of space for your gifts of shelf stable foods to less fortunate families in our communities. If everyone brings one item, we will go a long way to filling a barrel.

Clothing and Household items for Helping Hands here Salem. Good, clean used clothing, coats and household start up items such as dishes, pots and pans, irons, toasters, blankets and towels..

No Potluck on January 1st
Next Potluck on February 5th

The potluck team recommended not having a potluck on January 1st. We held potlucks on Thanksgiving Day, December 4th, and Christmas Day.

.If someone doesn't get the word and brings food, we will certainly serve it.

Taking Down Our Christmas Tree
January 1st



Affirmative Prayer

I Start Anew



Life is eternal, without beginning, without end, always present and always new. This Life is beauty itself. It is the Source of all that is. It is powerful and joyful. To know it is ecstasy. It is called by many names, Spirit, Energy, Love, Law and God.

This Life courses through my veins, brightens my mind and warms my heart. It is the foundation for all that I am and do.

I begin anew each day. Any condition I judge to be negative or hurtful is dissolved by the transformative power of life. I accept the wholeness, health and

healing that naturally arise from his life within. I live out loud. I speak my truth. I am alive with love, wisdom and confidence. Everything I need to know is known at the right time. Every decision I make is guided and brought to perfection through the power of this one Life. I affirm the good that is my life now and throughout this new year.

I give thanks for the Presence of Spirit in my life. I am grateful for the support, insight and goodness which bring me joy. What I know for myself, I know for all.

I release these words into the universal law of Spirit's love. I open myself to the all good. I let go and let Spirit handle the details.

And So It Is.

Rev Maur

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