

Service Times

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

Joyful News

July 2024

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Woodland Chapel Center for Spiritual Living July Talk Titles
Meditation: 10:30 a.m. Service: 11:00 a.m.

July 7, 2024 Rev. Julie Applegate,
The Spirituality of Imperfection?
Potluck Sunday

July 14, 2024 Rev. Don Kerr,

What if Perfection Isn't the Goal

July 21, 2024 Rev. Maur Horton,

Imperfect Practices

July 28, 2024 Cheryl Ostrander,

Perfectly Imperfect

I would rather see a student of this Science prove its Principle than to have them repeat all the words of wisdom that have ever been uttered.

Ernest Holmes,

The Practice of Imperfection

In the summer, nature shouts, "It's Perfect." It is such a beautiful time of year. The longer days and warm bring pleasant mornings, afternoons and evenings as the sun sets.

Yet, even at the height of summer, some see imperfections while others see perfection. Rose blossoms decay. Yet, the rose hip will contain the seeds of future blossoms in that decay.

So, it is with your life and mine. Even when life appears perfect, challenges arise that appear as decay: a cough, a fever, job loss, a life-threatening diagnosis, or even illness or sudden death of a loved one. These, like the rose hip, contain promises of positive outcomes in the future.

Once we embrace imperfections, we can take opportunities for self-care, compassion, and service, which will lead to more vibrant living.

It is a cycle of life. The perfect contains the imperfect. The imperfect contains the perfect, or at least the gateway to the perfect.

Be of good cheer no matter what you are experiencing. Here are some activities outside of Sundays that could

increase joy in your life and allow you to serve and be served.

July 5: Join the book discussion group that meets on Fridays.

July 7: Prepare a special dish for the potluck. This will enliven the taste buds of those who attend.

July 13: Participate in a garden work party, and work with friends to improve our grounds.

July 21: Create something special for Soup for the Soul.

Contact our newly hired interim office manager, Practitioner Cheryl Guess, for additional volunteer opportunities. She plans to be available in person on Wednesdays and via email on other days throughout the week.

The white paint marks on our parking lot may have caught your attention. The group that was to fund the effort to improve the asphalt needs our help raising funds. You may have ideas, know of grants, or wish to contribute. Contact one of our ministers or board members for details.

This month, I invite you to embrace the perfect and the imperfect. Each presents an opportunity for joyful spiritual growth.

Love and Blessings Always,

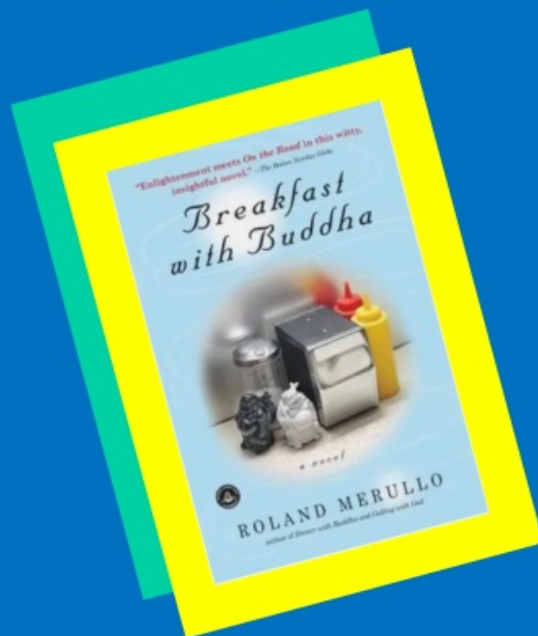
Rev. Maur

Our beloved Kathy Prater RSP, was honored last Sunday, June 30, for forty years in service as a Religious Science (Centers for Spiritual Living) practitioner.

Kathy is officially a Practitioner Emeritus with Centers for Spiritual Living. We are so proud of you Kathy and grateful for your service these many years.

Kathy has also served in leadership as a Practitioner.





Breakfast with Buddha is a 2007 spiritual conversion narrative novel by American author Roland Merullo. According to this story, Otto Ringling, an editor of food books who lives in New York and a skeptic, reluctantly goes onto a road trip with Volva Rinpoche, a Mongolian monk.

Paperback and Audiobook
available on Amazon.

FRIDAY BOOK STUDY

2:00 – 3:30 PM

In the Library

Facilitator: Cathy Daniels

Breakfast with Buddha is a salutary novel charting the spiritual process of transformation as [a man] confronts the difficult emotions that have animated his days and comes face-to-face with impermanence.



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Garden Party!

July 13, 2024

11:00AM — 2:00PM

Volunteers, join us as we “refresh” our beautiful garden space into a welcoming place for members and visitors!
Refreshments and Fellowship Included!



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Please bring gardening gloves and tools to assist in this collaborative clean-up!



Third Sunday of Each Month
(Immediately Following Sunday Service)

May 19, 2024
[June-Father's Day]
July 21, 2024
[August-BBQ]
Donation: \$3

Share your time, talent and treasured soup recipe! Sign up each month to bring soup, bread or dessert, and join us in fellowship.



Class Photo

We completed New Foundations.



Volunteer Luncheon



Preparing for volunteer luncheon.

If you missed the Sunday Celebration in person, catch it on Facebook, the webpage or utube.

Also, now you can receive up to date information and reminders by text. You will receive an invitation or perhaps you already have. Just opt in, it is that simple.

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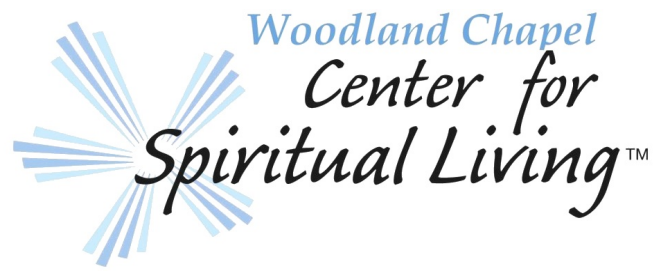
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