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*"I think PCSL is my good,
how about you?"*

PROSPERITY COMES IN MANY FORMS

TAKING CARE OF PRACTICAL THINGS BY JUNE GUMZ

This week my huge Japanese maple tree had several extraneous (dead, actually) branches trimmed. Since my house was built in the late sixties, the tree is at least forty-five years' old. I consider the tree a gift every fall when it does its yellow, orange and red thing. It costs me nothing, but gives me pleasure every time I look out my living room window.

Most necessities, however, such as food, water, fuel, heat, clothing and transportation, are expenses most of us experience since we choose to live in the United States. Besides the absolute necessities, there are "frills" such as television, cell phones, computers, printers, cameras, etc. Even the greenest of Portlanders who, ride bikes and eat organic food, have regular expenses. In addition, we have doctor and dentist visits, insurances of all kinds and keeping up with the Joneses. It is never ending.

I have started to think upon those things that improve my life, such as my elegant Japanese maple. Playing Monopoly with my grandson, visiting the Dahlia Festival, walking around my neighborhood, photography, my book club, the Transcendence group, fund raising for Theatre Guild, Yoga and writing are all things I can do without cash outlay. I feel abundant.

October is the month PCSL considers its financial position. Prosperity is the central theme in Rev. Larry's messages for the month. His consciousness of prosperity principles allows us to consider what PCSL means to us and how we can support it and ourselves. Our tithes take

care of the practical things, which are familiar to any householder or renter, such as electricity, water, heat, upkeep and renovations. By tithing we make possible intangible gifts, as well. Consider the Sunday messages, the music, retreats, picnics, this newsletter and the camaraderie that blossoms from within our community.

As Emma Curtis Hopkins was fond of saying, "my good is my God." I think PCSL is my good, how about you?



The Dahlia Festival – one of many things contributing to my experience of abundance.



Rev. Larry King

We created plans for growth, newness and a deepening of the Spiritual Nature of our Center

SPIRITUAL LEADER'S MESSAGE

NOTES FROM THE END OF SUMMER BY REV. LARRY KING

I've been enjoying several of the "Divine Dining" events over the last few weeks and I'm feeling the connection. Although we get to know everyone on Sundays and in classes, it's lovely to connect with each other over a meal and in people's homes. It adds a social and personal dimension to our relationships.

I've also felt a deepening and commitment to our spiritual connection. Despite overly warm Sundays and vacation plans, people have been coming to the Center and actively working on their spiritual evolution this summer. From the many questions, comments and requests for prayer, I know we are all growing in consciousness together.

That's what makes a community. It's more than just being here on Sundays. It's more than just a passive enjoyment of the music and message. I really feel that people are experiencing greater freedom and greater self-awareness in their lives.

Are you feeling it, yet?

If not, maybe it's time to make a change. Maybe it's time to reevaluate how you use the spiritual tools you've picked up at the Center. Maybe it's time to take a class, see a Practitioner, participate in a workshop or stay for an AfterWords discussion group.

Maybe it's time to make a greater commitment to your spiritual community and yourself.

October will begin our Partners in Prosperity program. Once a year we focus on financial freedom at the Center. I'll be talking about the many spiritual tools you have for experiencing greater financial independence in your own lives. To help with this process, Rev. Sharon will be hosting the Unexpected Money Club right after both services and I'll follow it with AfterWords after the 2nd service. During the AfterWords discussion group we'll have a chance to compare notes and talk about specific ways of using spiritual principles to live more abundantly.

On Wednesday, October 5th, we are hosting our annual Pledge Dinner. Join us at 6:30 PM to enjoy great food and entertainment. We'd like to thank you for your past giving and receive your pledge cards for 2012.

We're planning many events for the fall season, both spiritual and social. I personally invite you to take part. I also invite you to become more involved in the Center as a volunteer and owner. This is your spiritual home. Have fun and enjoy the many ways that we connect with each other and to God.

Much Love and Many Blessings,

Rev. Larry

*Some of the ways we
connect and serve...
the message and
the music.*



YOUR SPACE

MY CLASS EXPERIENCE BY ROSEMARY TEETOR

I just finished the "Essential Ernest Holmes" class taught by Rev. Sharon Lee Foley. In addition to readings, journal entries and discussion, part of our assignment was to create a project that would illustrate the principles we had studied. The creativity displayed by class members was dazzling and delightful.

One person prepared a diorama, demonstrating the "action" of the class as we worked through all the key ideas. Another wrote Haiku, a Japanese form of poetry, elegant and simple at the same time. Two used music and another made an oil painting resplendent with vivid, deep colors and a compelling image. One student created mandalas for each of the others, after meditating about that person for a week, using colors and patterns she "saw" in meditation. The three colors in my mandala are my three favorites; I felt understood in a very fundamental way when I received my mandala. What is clear is that Spirit expresses Itself in such an abundant array of ways, and yet each manifestation comes from the same Source.

My project started with a piece of poetry in our workbook. A little research revealed it had been written by Ernest Holmes and consisted of three stanzas with the same number of syllables in each line, which made the poem sing-able. That sent me back to the internet for more research, where I discovered a Religious Science Hymnal had been published in 1954 and the hymnal contained the music to which the poem had been set.

Since the hymnal wouldn't arrive before my project was due I "asked" what music I should use for the poem and "got" the theme "Ode to Joy" from Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. And that's what I sang with Ernest Holmes' words.

The hymnal has since arrived. I am about half way through scanning all the songs into the computer. After that, I'll enlarge the scans so they are easily readable and start looking for a soprano and baritone/bass to make a foursome so we can sing some of these "new" old songs.

The more I take classes the more eager I am to learn; I feel blessed each day to be a part of PCSL, Science of Mind and life in general.



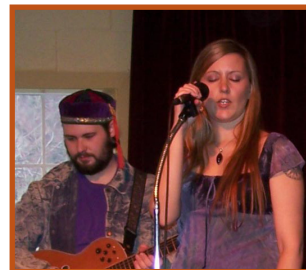
Rosemary Teetor

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DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA OR STORY TO SHARE?

Our newsletter is evolving. I know that PCSL is abundant with creative folks with ideas and stories to share. Our newsletter seems to be a natural place to try them out. So, if you have something to share send it to greetingsjg@comcast.net. I am excited by the prospect of exposing some of our writers to the Community News audience.

– June Gumz, editor



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COMING ATTRACTIONS / EVENTS

OCTOBER

UNEXPECTED MONEY CLUB

Sun, Oct 2 - Nov 27, 12:15 – 12:30pm

Join Rev. Sharon Lee Foley as you discover, describe and have intentions to receive additional income in your life. Learn how to expect and receive "unexpected" money.

AFTERWARDS

Sun, Oct 2 - Nov 27, 12:30 – 1:30pm

Join Rev. Larry as he discusses how to use Spiritual Principles to increase the abundance in your life. We will discuss his 11:00am sermon and talk about practical and spiritual ways to experience greater financial freedom. Everyone is welcome.

WORKSHOP: UNDEFENDED LOVE PRINCIPLES

Mon, Oct. 3rd - 24th, 7 - 9:00pm

Presented by Shane Hill, Ph.D.

Learn how to have the intimacy you desire, authentic relationships and a deeper sense of yourself. An amazing approach to spiritual and psychological self-evolution.

Cost: \$75.00 members, \$90.00 non-members.

BREAKFAST WITH THE MINISTER

Tues, 7:30am (Starting Oct. 4th)

Connecting with PCSL at a Deeper Level

Enjoy breakfast and great conversation at a local restaurant and get to know Rev. Larry in a small group setting. Separate checks provided. Contact Dee Hartman at (360) 831-8033 for more information and to make your reservation.

PLEDGE DINNER

Wed, Oct. 5th, 6:30pm

Living Your Life Like It's Golden

The Partners in Prosperity team wishes to honor and thank you for your financial support of our Center and invite your continued

leadership and pledge as we kick off the 2011-2012 stewardship campaign. Join us for our annual Pledge Dinner. Please RSVP to the office, 503-261-0677 or sign up at the back of the sanctuary.

PRACTITIONER STUDIES?

Oct. 15th, 10:00 - 11:30pm

Do you want to go deeper? Have you been taking classes with a particular path in mind? Have you considered being a licensed Practitioner? If the answer to any of these questions is "Yes" or even "Maybe," please come to this informational meeting. We'll see where you are, where you want to go and how we might support you in getting there. Please RSVP to Rev. Sharon at sharonleefoley@mac.com

NOVEMBER

HARVEST POTLUCK

Sun, Nov. 20, 12:30 – 1:30pm

Join us as we gather for a Fall potluck in celebration of the bounty of Spirit present in our Community. Everyone brings their favorite eats to share for our "Thanksgiving."

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

DRUMMING CIRCLE: 2nd Fri, 7:00pm

LUNCH BUNCH: 2nd & 4th Sun, 12:30pm

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY: Thur, 10:30am

FORWARD FLOW: For info, Suki McDonough 360-624-5615; Annette Sanders 971-227-9050.

HEART TO HEART: Support during an illness, loss or other transition. Contact Rev. Sharon Lee Foley 503-668-9806 or Lexy Dillon 503-663-5817.

TRANSCENDENCE: (12-Step meeting) Tues, 7-8:00pm. For more information, contact Nancy Ashley at 503-880-0308.

All events held at the Center unless otherwise noted. Get latest updates/details at www.pcsl.us/calendar.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

PAID POSITION AVAILABLE

YOUTH CHURCH TEACHER OPPORTUNITY

If you have a desire to work with kids while teaching Science of Mind principles please contact Lexy Dillon (503) 663-5817, or Rev. Larry King (503) 460-2623. We are looking for regular and substitute teachers.

SUPPORT PCSL AT SAFEWAY

SIGN UP for eScrip and we'll link your Safeway card to PCSL. A small portion of each purchase will come to support your Spiritual Home. Sign up at the back of the Sanctuary or talk to Nicki Minaker for more information at 503-261-0677.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

HOSPITALITY TEAM: One Sunday a month, 9:00am service. Contact Pat Lloyd 360-253-9779.

CLEAN TEAM: Cleaning and light maintenance for three hours, once a month. Contact Anette Bolster 503-970-4116.

VIDEOGRAPHER: The Center plans to create some short videos. If you have experience and would like to help, contact Rev. Larry, 503-460-2623 or Mike Watters, 503-752-3868.