Rev. Steven Van Meter Grants Pass Center for Spiritual Living

Ministers Report: 11.15.2021

**PANDEMIC UPDATE: WE ARE OPEN!** We opened our doors Sunday, October 17, 2021. We will continue to be guided by safety and science. Masks or face coverings are still required.

**CLASSES:** Presently, Paula Peterson and I are teaching the “Foundations Class”. I am continuing the “Practitioner 2 Class” with 3 students. Sharie Davis is teaching “Spiritual Economics”.

Deborah Perdue is giving a workshop and book signing on Sunday, December 12 after service, in the Sanctuary.

**SERVICES, MEETINGS AND CLASSES ON ZOOM:**

We have been able to switch back and forth between in person and Zoom services and have added Facebook Live to our Sunday Services. I have hooked up Zoom to our LCD Projector in the sanctuary to project on the screen above the lectern. Our Services will continue on Zoom. Classes will continue on Zoom unless the Facilitator decides otherwise. Meetings will also be at the choice of the Facilitator during this interesting time. Core Council meetings are in person for now.

A Celebration of Life for Andy Goldner is planned for Sunday, December 5 after service, in our Sanctuary. I will officiate.

**New Wednesday evening services continuing**: I have enrolled our Practitioner Team to facilitate a New Wednesday Evening Gathering that started in October, on Zoom. Please check it out!

**Practitioner Retreat:** Our retreat was October 29 & 30 with Rev. Dr. Christian Sorensen on Zoom.

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning meditations** continue to be facilitated by Ministerial Student, Paul Domeleski and myself via Zoom from 8:45-9:15AM.

**PEOPLE ON PURPOSE GROUP:** Our “POP” group continues to meet facilitated by Bucky Dennerlien and Linda Mullens. Next meeting is tomorrow at 11:00 AM.

**Historical Committee**: Nothing new to report at this time.

**2021-2022 Members Directory:** Deborah Perdue and Trazia Wylie finished our new Members Directory. Copies are available now.

**October 31 Concert:** Anton Mizerak and Laura Berryhill played music for our service and played a concert directly after service as a fund raiser. The Center made $80. Anton and Laura each made $92.50 each. This was the normal agreed upon split of 70/30 %.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS:** **New A/C Unit Planned Fund Raiser Being Planned:** We need a new Air Conditioning unit for our Sanctuary. We think this will cost us between $5-7000. We are still in the process of getting bids on this project that will need to be completed before next spring so we can have a cool sanctuary by next summer.

**Gutters:** Our gutters and downspouts are in need of cleaning and repair. No action has been taken at this time. Still looking for bids.

**FINANCIAL GROUP MEETING:**

Rev. Steven has taken a 25% decrease in pay starting in October 2021. **I would like to discuss a timeline for reversal of this action at an appropriate time.**

Again, I want to thank everyone who has taken a pay decrease to allow us to continues to give on a regular basis, to keep this Center thriving!

**Trash Collection Reduction Status:**

Paula was able to reduce our trash collection bill with Republic.

The trash cans need to be left out to be replaced.

**End of Report**