

## Rewiring 201

"And I will restore to you the years the locusts have eaten." – Joel 2:25

"Whatever you vividly imagine, ardently desire, quietly believe and enthusiastically act upon must come to pass." – Charles Fillmore  
To My Partners on the Path,

I've watched our Sunday Livestream and have so enjoyed your waves, prayers and good vibrations coming my way. I've been sending good vibes back to you. Thank you!

A few years ago, when I traveled to Whidbey Island off the Seattle coast to engage and explore the idea of Conversational Leadership, David Whyte (my favorite poet and the convener) asked us to choose an artist to study. He said, "Choose someone you deeply admire, who inspires you, whose life and artistry in the world inspire your own." I chose brilliant tenor, Andrea Bocelli. He, blind since 12 years old, did not let that disability stop him. He became a lawyer, world-famous singer who also mastered playing piano, flute and guitar, and founder of the Andrea Bocelli Foundation which supports national and international humanitarian projects. So much for excuses!

Recently, I, like Andrea no doubt did when he lost his vision, stood at a turning point. Will

I empower the event that apparently killed an area in my cerebellum, the area responsible for the motor skills on the left side of my body, to dominate my thinking and predict my future? That is not the God of my understanding. It's not what Unity teaches nor what science preaches either.

Here's an example. When I left rehab, I received a booklet entitled "*Encompass Health: Stroke Education*." Page 2: "Neuroplasticity: the brain's ability to adapt, recognize and regenerate...If a task is important to you, it will be important to your brain...the (rewiring) tasks should be neither too easy or too difficult." In other words, full recovery is incremental.

Growing in spiritual power is incremental as well. We incrementally mature spiritually if we do what is required. I've found that this is also true of anything worth pursuing. It's true of learning to play an instrument, writing a book, and dancing the samba. It's true of forgiving the past, forgiving others, and forgiving self. One prayer at a time, one loving thought a moment, one forgiving thought to replace one that is not. One, just one—at a time.

Impatience, unwillingness, ingratitude, unforgiveness, self-pity,

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# June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 10:30am Women's Group
<b>2</b> 10:30am <i>Rewiring: Imagine a More Prosperous Life</i> Rev Billie Martini 11:45 Fellowship Noon May Board Mtg 12:30 Prayer Chaplain Mtg	<b>3</b> 4:30pm TOPS 5pm ACA	<b>4</b> 10am Circle of Prayer 10:30am A Course of Love 10:30am AA	<b>5</b> 10:00am SW Vly Enlightenment Ctr Metaphysical	<b>6</b> 10:30am AA 6pm OA	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 10:30am <i>Rewiring: Imagine God Paying Your Bills</i> Rev Billie Martini 11:45am Fellowship	<b>10</b> 4:30pm TOPS 5pm ACA	<b>11</b> 10am Circle of Prayer 10:30am A Course of Love 10:30am AA 5pm Healing Hands	<b>12</b> 6pm Sound Healing Meditation	<b>13</b> 10:30am AA 6pm OA	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>  10:30am <i>Having a Happy Father's Day</i> Rev Lei Lanni Burt 11:45 Fellowship	<b>17</b> 4:30pm TOPS 5pm ACA	<b>18</b> 10am Circle of Prayer 10:30am A Course of Love 10:30am AA	<b>19</b> 10:00am SW Vly Enlightenment Ctr Metaphysical	<b>20</b> 9am Men's Group Breakfast 10:30am AA 6pm OA	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 10:30am <i>Rewiring, Restoring &amp; Rejoicing</i> Rev Sharon Connors 11:45am Fellowship Noon <i>Affirmative Prayer Part 1</i> Led by Rev. Sharon Connors	<b>24</b> 4:30pm TOPS 5pm ACA	<b>25</b> 10am Circle of Prayer 10:30am A Course of Love 10:30am AA 5pm Healing Hands	<b>26</b> 6:00pm 12-Power Sound Healing Meditation	<b>27</b> 10:30am AA 6pm OA	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 10:30am <i>Rewiring: Imagine the Future You Desire</i> Rev Sharon Connors 11:45am Fellowship Noon June Board Mtg	<p><b>Books of the Month: Books on Prayer by Rev Sharon Connors:</b>  <i>Adventures in Prayer, Praying Your Way to a God You Can Trust</i>  <i>Adventures in Prayer—The Magic of Discovery, Find the Treasures in You and the Gift of Prayer</i> (Written for preteens)</p>					

<b>June Birthdays</b>		
4—Hilary Williams		22—Robert Kirby
11—Renee Falkowski		25—BJ Marshman
12—Jeannie Cooper	14—Kathy King-Dickman	26—Barbara Waller
12—Rena Espinosa	15—Laurie Allen	27—John Murphy
13—Dale Knox	20—Sary Tavrytzky	28—Ron Langley

**Mission Statement:**  
 To teach and demonstrate principles that inspire people to live their greatest life through discovering Spirit within.

**Vision Statement:**  
 Advance spiritual growth in our community and our world by expressing love for all, acceptance of all and service to all.

## West Valley Metaphysical Studies Group

The Arizona Enlightenment Center's West Valley Metaphysical Studies Group meets in our Activity Center at 10:00 on the first and third Wednesday mornings of every month, and we are all invited to attend. \$5 Love Offering.

**June 5: Susie Juravich** presents "*What is Deeksha?*" Susie is an intuitive practitioner of Deeksha, with over 14 years of experience. Deeksha is the transfer of Energy which initiates the journey into Higher States of Consciousness. It is the transfer of Divine Energy, which over time is designed to bring about the state of Oneness in the recipient.

**June 19:** "Spiritual standup comedian" **Roxy Carter** presents "*Metaphysically Speaking — Things and Facts People Probably Forgot to Tell You.*"

### 2-Part Affirmative Prayer Workshop Facilitated by Rev Sharon Connors June 23 & July 14

**AFFIRMATIVE PRAYER:** "You shall know the truth and the truth will set you free." – Jesus *John 8:32*

"Prayer is the most highly accelerated mind language known to mankind...Prayer makes one master in the realm of creative ideas." – Charles Fillmore

Affirmative Prayer is Unity's contribution to transformative spiritual practice. It is based on the belief in an All-Good, Dynamic, All-Powerful, All-Wise, Infinitely Creative and Abundant Divine Presence that is everywhere present in the Universe and indwells each person at the cellular level.

It is a positive statement of truth that you desire to manifest based on some aspect of the Divine (mentioned above). It declares the power of God expressing in some specific way in you, in your life, in others, or in the world.

### Guided 12-Power Sound Healing Meditation Wednesday June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

A powerful, deep meditation in our sanctuary. Experience the blessings of group meditation. *Love Offering*

## A Course of Love Goes Beyond A Course in Miracles Tuesdays @ 10:30am Meets in the Fillmore Classroom

### Crystal Bowl Sound Healing Meditation Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

Certified Sound Healing Practitioner, Yoga Teacher and Reiki Master, Emily Slonina will lead a Crystal Bowl Sound Healing Meditation. This is a public event; no yoga experience required. This will be our last session until September. *Love Offering \$15.*

### Power of the Month: Imagination

Bartholomew is the exemplar of imagination, which vibrates light blue. In the body the seat of imagination is the pineal gland in the head.

"That man has latent possibilities goes without argument, and that there is a limit to the ability of the mind is unthinkable. What one imagines he can do, that he can do. To allow the imagination to drift in daydreams never brings anything to pass. Ideas must be worked up into living, breathing, thinking things." Charles Fillmore quote in *Adventures in Resilience*.

The imagination creates pictures of our ideas—nightmares or divine possibilities, take your pick. It has been called the architect of our dreams and indeed it is!

### Volunteer of the Month Renee Falkowski

Renee has been coming to Unity Spiritual Center since 2017, and became a member in 2019. She served as a prayer chaplain in 2020 and 2021, throughout the time of isolation during COVID-19. She began the Course in Miracles study group, which has morphed into the Course of Love study group and is steadily growing in participation on Tuesday mornings. Renee frequently serves on Susi Fisher's decorating committees for our special events, and sings in our choir every Sunday. Thank you, Renee for all you do here!

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victimhood, rigidity won't get it. Unwillingness to change won't either. Commitment, discipline, purpose and focus on a desired future do get us to the desired present as well as desired future.

That is the exploration for June. Get your imagination in gear—and let's get into your desired present and future.

With Lots of Love,

Rev. Sharon

### Women's Group Rising

The June women's group meets Saturday morning, June 1 at 10:30. This month, we are inviting men as well to hear Billie Shawl's presentation, "*Paris, A New Revolution.*" Billie and her husband, Stan, recently returned from a visit to Paris where they saw the changes taking place in the City of Lights. Billie reports there is much to be hopeful about.

Watch for details on our July 6<sup>th</sup> program, when we will learn about pointillism from Susan Fisher.

Bring a salad or dessert to share at the potluck lunch following the presentations. Signup sheets are in the lobby and the bookstore.

### Men's Group Breakfast

**Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am**

All men are invited to the Men's Group on June 20<sup>th</sup> at Bobby's Café, 15472 N 99th Avenue in Sun City. That's in the strip mall at the northwest corner of 103rd & 99th Avenues. (That's where 103rd Ave turns into Greenway.) Sign up in the sanctuary lobby or bookstore. Contact Ken Weidner with questions: KWeidner2000@yahoo.com.

### Centering Prayer, Coming in July!

"When you pray go to your private room and, when you have shut the door, pray to your Father who is in that secret place, and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you." *Matthew 6:6*

Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, that is prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than choosing, closer than consciousness itself. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. It consists of responding to the Spirit of Christ by consenting to God's presence and action within.

On Thursdays, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25 from 1:30-3:00 Reverend Billie is offering a class on Centering Prayer, which is her personal meditation practice.

This class is for you if you'd like to deepen your connection with God. You will learn the benefits of meditation and the ease and grace of this prayer practice.

  
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