

January 2026

Heaven Now: A Quest for Meaning and a Beautiful Life

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Office Closed 10:30am AA Noon Choir & Music Team Annual Potluck	2	3 10:30am Women's Group Rising Planning Meeting for 2026
4 10:30am <i>Heaven Now: A Quest for Meaning and a Beautiful Life</i> Rev Sharon Connors with Rev Jimmy Scott Birthday/Anniversary Sunday White Stone Ceremony 11:45 Fellowship With Taco Truck Noon Prayer Chaplain mtg	5 4:30pm TOPS 5pm ACA	6 10:30am A Course Of Love 10:30am AA 5pm Healing Hands	7 10am SW Vly Enlightenment Ctr Metaphysical 11:30 Christmas Decoration Take Down & Lunch	8 10:30am AA 6pm OA	9	10
11 10:30am <i>In a World Where I Can Be Anything</i> Rev Charlie Tupper 11:45am Fellowship Noon New Member Class	12 4:30pm TOPS 5pm ACA	13 10:30am A Course Of Love 10:30am AA	14 6pm Sound Healing with Emily Slonina	15 9am Men's Breakfast 10:30am AA 6pm OA	16	17
18 10:30am <i>Life is Beautiful Because Heaven is Right Within Us</i> Cerise Patron 11:45 Fellowship 12:15 12-Power Meditation	19 4:30pm TOPS 5pm ACA	20 10:30am A Course Of Love 10:30am AA 5pm Healing Hands	21 10am SW Vly Enlightenment Ctr Metaphysical	22 10:30am AA 6pm OA	23	24
25 10:30am <i>I'm Ready to Order. Are You?</i> Rev Billie Martini 11:45 Fellowship	26 4:30pm TOPS 5pm ACA	27 10:30am A Course Of Love 10:30am AA Noon Board Meeting	28 6pm Wellness Drum Circle	29	30	31

January Birthdays:

05—Howard Fisher
05—Jeana Petersen
08—Richard Renn
13—Sandra Hurlbut
14—Michael Casci

16—Nancy Minister
18—Kate Jackson
18—Jim Rasmusson
19—Rosemary Matney

21—Debbie Kreutzer
24—Pam Burt
25—Arlene Vavra
26—Rev Sharon Connors
30—Sally Grazian

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“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” *Romans 15: 13*

“... the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.” *Matt. 10: 7*

“Heaven is the orderly, lawful adjustment of the kingdom of God in a person’s mind, body and affairs; it is the Christ consciousness, the realm of divine ideas. Heaven is within every one of us.” *Keep a True Lent*, Charles Fillmore

To my treasured friends,

In 1966 Joe Darion won two Tony Awards for creating the score for “Man of La Mancha”, based on the book *Don Quixote* by Miguel de Cervantes, written in the 17th century. The play won best musical and Joe won for best lyricist.

Joe followed his heart and his amazing song-writing gift. I think writing poetic music generated “a taste of heaven” for him. He did it full out – with all his heart and he went on to win many awards for it, writing for TV, radio, theatre, films and concerts. Perhaps, in some way that is what “tasting heaven” takes-- right here in the earth of our daily lives. Tasting heaven may require seeking, finding and expressing the best of us—our divine gifts and potential. It’s a matter of realizing who we are and whose we are. It’s seeking to come to know the nature of our Creator and who and what that is in us.

For me, the best of all Joe’s compositions is “The Impossible Dream” from “Man of La Mancha”. It touches my heart so deeply that I tear up every time I hear it. The song, like the character Don Quixote, speaks of making life a noble quest for meaning and fulfillment, of following a sometimes-hidden Star that lives in the soul of us. The book and the song illumine our quest for a beautiful life. Both illuminate our quest to experience tastes of heaven—of all that is worthy, inspiring, meaningful, fulfilling.

The Quest to follow the Star in the East (inside) that inspires and motivates you is to realize the divine presence in you and the divine plan for your life—to ever journey to the farther reaches of what you think possible. It’s an inner search that empowers a beautiful life that is a contribution to others and is a magnificent legacy of a life well-lived.

Here’s to another awesome new year with you — on a soul-satisfying spiritual quest.

With Great Love,

Rev. Sharon