

## Thrive: Be a Good Steward

**Stewardship:** “The careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care” (Merriam-Webster Dictionary)

“So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.” Romans 14:12

“Prosperity of any type begins as the unformed substance of all possibility. With practice, living in alignment with the unseen principle of abundance will become as natural to us as is water to fish.”

*The Art of Abundance*

“What does it feel like to identify more with Spirit than “appearances”? You used to walk around feeling anxiety and tension; now you walk around feeling love. Your backdrop is love. Your backdrop is openness, beauty and appreciation. You don't have to MAKE yourself feel that way. That is how Spirit (in you) feels. ...Ecstasy is the only thing God knows.” *The Untethered Soul*, Michael Singer

Treasured Partners on the Path,

Lots of quotes up above. I couldn't resist. Our theme for the year is a big one to steward into manifestation. Because I love rhymes along with Truth ideas, here's a little Spiritual Cliff Note for the theme:

2022 is here. So be of good cheer.  
Miracles and wonders await you.

Don't hesitate at the gate of your good. Walk on through. You'll love the view.

It's a view so spacious and so gracious that you'll marvel at the beauty and possibilities you see.

There's freedom there and the fresh air of new life.

There's beauty there and the flare of your creative self.

There's power there that will flower to shower you with unimagined blessings.

So, get on the train and refrain from worry...fear has no place in the grace and goodness of God.

Make it your business to commit to spiritual fitness and you'll thrive and be glad to be alive. And, you'll be an awesome spiritual steward too.

Those are my thoughts today as I reflect on my own stewardship of all that God entrusted to me to care for—my intelligence, my emotions, my growth in all the areas of my life, my children, my relationships, my creative expression, my joy and peace—my home, my car, my possessions. Am I respecting, honoring and caring well for all things?

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# February 2022 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 10am Circle of Prayer 10am ARE 10:30am A Course of Love via Zoom 10:30am AA 2pm Small Group led by Sandie Fish	<b>2</b> 10:00am SW Vly Enlightenment Ctr Metaphysical 10:30am Small Group led by Rev Sharon Connors 5pm Small Group led by the Rasmussons	<b>3</b> 10:30am AA 1pm Small Group led by Rev Billie Martini 6pm OA	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10:30 Women's Group
<b>6</b> 10:30am <i>Be a Good Steward of Your Relationships</i> Rev Sharon Connors New Member Induction during Service 11:45am Fellowship Noon Congregation Visioning Completion 12:30-3:30pm Prayer Chaplain Wellness Calling Training with Rev Lei Lanni Burt	<b>7</b> 4:30pm TOPS	<b>8</b> 10am Circle of Prayer 10-Noon Prayer Chaplain 2nd Interviews 10am ARE 10:30am A Course of Love via Zoom 10:30am AA 2pm Small Group led by Sandie Fish 5pm Healing Hands	<b>9</b> 10-Noon Prayer Chaplain 2nd Interviews 10:30am Small Group led by Rev Sharon Connors 5pm Small Group led by Jim & LaVonne Rasmusson	<b>10</b> 10-Noon Prayer Chaplain 2nd Interviews 10:30am AA 1pm Small Group led by Rev Billie Martini 1:30pm Outreach Knit & Crochet 6pm OA	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 10:30am <i>Be a Good Steward of Your Life</i> Rev Sharon Connors Vow Renewal during Service 11:45am Fellowship: Church Sponsored Lunch 12pm Annual Meeting Followed by USC Bd of Trustee Meeting	<b>14</b> 4:30pm TOPS	<b>15</b> 10am Circle of Prayer 10am ARE 10:30am A Course of Love via Zoom 10:30am AA 2pm Small Group led by Sandie Fish	<b>16</b> 10:00am SW Vly Enlightenment Ctr Metaphysical 10:30am Small Group led by Rev Sharon Connors 5pm Small Group led by the Rasmussons	<b>17</b> 10:30am AA 1pm Small Group led by Rev Billie Martini 6pm OA	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 10:30am <i>What's Love Got to Do With It?</i> Rev Billie Martini 11:45am Fellowship 11:45am Outreach Sunday 12pm Choir Practice	<b>21</b> 4:30pm TOPS	<b>22</b> 10am Circle of Prayer 10am ARE 10:30am A Course of Love via Zoom 10:30am AA 2pm Small Group led by Sandie Fish 5pm Healing Hands	<b>23</b> 10:30am Small Group led by Rev Sharon Connors 5pm Small Group led by Jim & LaVonne Rasmusson	<b>24</b> 10:30am AA 1pm Small Group led by Rev Billie Martini 1:30pm Outreach Knit & Crochet 6pm OA	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 10:30am <i>Rich in Ideas Equals an Abundant Life!</i> Rev Billie Martini 11:45am Fellowship	<b>28</b> 4:30pm TOPS	<div> <b>February Birthdays</b>            8—Milly Johnson      13—Ralph Martini      26—Becky Costello            9—Nancy Leyerzapf      14—Chris Romero            12—Jane Wasson      25—Sandie Fish         </div>				

## Annual Meeting Sunday, February 13th Immediately Following Service

Be sure to join us at this year's Annual Meeting. We'll especially need you members to attend so we can count *your* vote.

And it's that time of year for **all members** to renew their membership. If you haven't already, please be sure to complete and return your **Membership Renewal card** before the Annual Meeting. Let Cathy know if you have any questions.

## Women's Retreat: "Alive to Thrive" Give Yourself a Spiritual Spa Day!

Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 10am-3pm

Come away for a day to thrive in the spiritual energy of meditation and exploration, along with Fun, Fellowship, and High-Octane Energy. Lunch and refreshments will be served. Registration begins February 20<sup>th</sup>. \$89 Registration fee.

## Arts & Crafts

Calling all Crafters and Artists (and all who enjoy looking at/owning great handmade crafts and works of art): We will be having an Arts and Crafts Exhibit and Sale on March 20th during Fellowship Hour after our Sunday Service. No charge to show off and sell your wares but must be a member or regularly attending congregant. Cash and checks only (no credit cards). Talk to Joy Love (302-249-3647) if you want to reserve a space to exhibit your handmade treasures.

## Spring Fling March 4, 2022

Get Ready! Plan to join us Friday evening, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30, when we'll hold our annual Spring Dance, dinner, no-host bar, Silent Auction and 50/50 raffle. Let Paul & Linda Martodam know if you can contribute items such as gift baskets, services you can offer, gift cards or other *new* items for the Silent Auction.

Tickets are now available to purchase for \$20 pre-sale or you can pay \$25 at the door. You can reserve a table with the purchase of eight tickets. Band sponsorship opportunities are also available for covering the expense for the popular classic rock band, Rock'n the Blues.

## Power of the Month — Divine Love

*"I believe that the meaning of life for each one of us is solely to increase the love within us....I believe that the growth of love will contribute more than any other force to establish on earth the kingdom of God"* Leo Tolstoy

Or, as Unity luminary, Emmitt Fox, wrote, "Love is by far the most important thing of all. It is the Golder Gate of Paradise." So, today I ponder that idea as I reflect on the most loving moments in my life and how I felt: holding my new-born babies in my arms for the first time; my aging, ailing dad thanking me profusely for my phone calls; seeing my son walk across the stage to receive his college diploma—having paid for his education by himself.

Divine love is the great harmonizer, unifier, healer, prosperer. We can never love too much when it is divine love. Love accepts differences. It is the great respecter. It's practical, powerful, and potent. Jesus assured us that we are being made perfect—if we are willing. That includes being perfected in our capacity to and expression of love.

## Mission Statement:

A spiritual campus dedicated to teaching and demonstrating principles that inspire people to live their greatest life through discovering Spirit within.

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Have there been challenges to overcome (mostly related to my response to them), you bet--plenty of them. And, heartbreaks too. There have been losses but many more gains. There has been sadness but way more joy.

Our God is a God of thriving, an Energy of forward movement and creative genius. God lives in each of you and all around you and urges you into ever greater stages of living, loving and thriving. BTW, that goes for me, too.

Thriving--Let's make that our experience this year!

Working it with you,

Rev. Sharon

### Progress on Church Fund-Raising Projects

A HUGE thank-you to all of our generous donors, who made it possible for us to complete the following projects:

- ♦ Replace drinking fountain in office building entryway
- ♦ New faucet in janitor's closet
- ♦ New gates to protect air conditioners, and replace damaged garden gates
- ♦ Replace TV, camera and soundbar that were burglarized from the classroom
- ♦ Insurance deductible to replace stolen 10-ton air conditioner
- ♦ Upgrade Activity Center technology
- ♦ New sanctuary camera for live stream

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

#### EXCERPT FROM *THE ART OF ABUNDANCE*

*"Energy in any form will follow the path of least resistance. Passion is energy that naturally follows that path because when you are doing that thing you love to do, you are in the flow. You are not pushing energy—you are being effortlessly lifted and pulled by it."*

*"Non-resistance is the key to the greatest power in the universe" ~Eckhart Tolle*



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