

Thriving: Stunning & Radiant

"The symbolic language of the crucifixion is the death of an old paradigm; resurrection is a leap into a whole new way of thinking!" Deepak Chopra

To my partners on the path,

Can you believe that I actually prayed to find a book club? Why? To engage in stimulating, maybe even provocative or inspiring conversation that really makes me think and reflect. I also wanted to be more socially involved.

How about this: do you believe in synchronicity? Reflect for a moment on the times you were in the right place at the right time for a blessing that you couldn't have planned on your own; or a time when in a stunning way, things worked out.

That's how I came to be a part of the book club I joined last year. Watch this stunning synchronicity (Spirit being anonymous): I'm an avid tennis player, so when I moved into Pebble Creek, I looked for and found a group that plays on Thursday nights. The organizer of that group passed my name on to a woman who organizes a Saturday group.

Playing with my Saturday group one day, I heard a couple of the women talking about their Book Club. I shared that I would love to be part of one. Penny, the organizer of the book club, said, "I think one of our members may drop out. I'll let you know." Sure enough, the following week Penny emailed me with an invite! Stunning!

Of course, that's not nearly as stunning as what we celebrate on Easter.

On Easter Sunday, we celebrate a resurrection that results from the practice of fasting from what isn't good for our peace and joy and feasting on what authentically is for our highest good. We celebrate rising out of difficulties, distresses, disappointments and yes, even disasters. We honor the times we have risen out of our fears, resentments, guilt, blame—all those attitudes and perceptions that cloud the beauty of our being and our peace and joy.

Back to my book club, this month we read Apples Don't Fall. One of the main characters, Joe Delaney, is a super successful tennis coach who coached all four of his children into being outstanding, even

April 2022 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10:30 Women's Group Rising
3 10:30am <i>Right Understanding Changes Everything</i> Rev Sharon Connors 11:45am Fellowship 12pm Choir Practice 12:30pm Prayer Chaplain Meeting	4 4:30pm TOPS	5 10am Circle of Prayer 10am ARE 10:30am A Course of Love via Zoom 10:30am AA 5pm Healing Hands	6 10:00am SW Vly Enlightenment Ctr Metaphysical	7 10:30am AA 6pm OA	8	9
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24 10:30am <i>Let it Go</i> Rev Tom Catlin 11:45am Fellowship	25 4:30pm TOPS	26 10am Circle of Prayer 10am ARE 10:30am A Course of Love via Zoom 10:30am AA	27	28 10:30am AA 1:30pm Outreach Knit & Crochet 6pm OA	29	30

April Birthdays

4–Margie Beaty
5–Norma Dickson
5–Georgia Feiste
6–Diane Weber

11–Cate Campeau
11–Betty Jo Johnson
12–Paul Martodam
14–Carol Griffin
17–Sandy Galloway

23–Janet Bertsch
24–Rev Sharon Bush
27–Shirley Bangert
27–Shirley Compau

Mission Statement:

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

Palm Sunday & Easter Celebrations

Be sure to join us Palm Sunday, April 10th at 10:30am to hail the arrival of holy week with blessed palm fronds and Rev. Sharon's inspired talk on why *Passion is Essential*. Then the next Sunday—Easter Sunday—we'll be celebrating with an inspiring message, readers' theater, and a musical extravaganza. Plan on sticking around after the 10:30 Easter service for a delicious, Church-sponsored Easter brunch in the Activity Center.

Please Welcome Our Three Newest Volunteer-Team Leads

We are honored to announce new leadership for three of our volunteer teams.

You've probably already recognized Chris Romero, our new Head Usher. Chris became a member of USC last September, having transferred from Unity of Surprise. And she has already stepped into leadership! What a blessing! Please let Chris know if you are interested in being an usher on Sundays.

Hans Rasmussen has stepped up to lead our Outreach Team, which reaches out into the community to assist people who are not as fortunate as we. Team members have brought clothing, food, toiletries and other essentials to kids in foster care and homeless adults in out community. Please come to the April 13 meeting at 10:30am to learn more.

Licensed Unity Teacher, Sandy Walker began her journey with the Unity movement more than 24 years ago. She's been a prayer chaplain since 2012, and is a certified trainer. She will be working with Rev Lei Lanni to eventually lead the Prayer Chaplain Team.

Welcome to our newest leaders!

Vision Statement:

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

Crystal Bowl Sound Healing Meditation—It's Back!

Wednesday April 20 at 6pm

Emily Slonina is returning Wednesday, April 20th to lead us in a Crystal Bowl Sound Healing Meditation. This is a public event; no yoga experience required. Bring a blanket or yoga mat and pillow if you like to lay down. Chairs are available. Please come free of cologne/perfume. And bring WATER! Emily will lead you in meditation to harmonic vibrations from crystal bowls, drums and gong. Suggested Love Offering of \$10.

Men's Group—Attention all Men!

We are so pleased to initiate a Men's Group here at USC. Ken Weidner has agreed to be the organizer. Thanks, Ken! The first get-together will be on **Wednesday, April 20th at 10am** at Bobbie's Restaurant at 99th Avenue & Greenway (15472 N 99th Ave., here in Sun City). Please sign up to attend the first meeting. Sign up sheet is on the desk in the church lobby. For more information or questions please contact Ken at KWeidner2000@yahoo.com.

Power of the Month — Divine Wisdom

"Turn your wounds into wisdom." Oprah Winfrey
 "Any fool can know. The point is to understand." Albert Einstein

Represented by the disciple James, the Wisdom power center is located in the area of the diaphragm. It vibrates yellow.

The Revealing Word (Unity's dictionary of terms) describes Wisdom this way: it is intuitive knowing; spiritual intuition; the voice of God within as the source of our understanding. This knowing capacity transcends intellectual knowledge. Spiritual discernment places wisdom above the other faculties of the mind.

Wisdom is developed through committed spiritual study, practice and reflection. It rises out of spiritual understanding.

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stunning players. Here's my take-away from that whole, over-300-page book: Brooke's dad, her tennis coach, would say, "leave it all on the court, Brooke!" Mr. Delaney meant for his daughter to always give her all, her best. That is the Lenten practice meant to lead to giving all of our worthy endeavors everything we've got. It's an invitation to do what it takes to be my best—on the court of life and whatever court I'm standing on. And sometimes I don't "feel" like it. We are way more than what we "feel like doing" at any given time. The Easter message reminds us that we are the radiant light of the divine, meant to shine. No tomb can hold us—we choose not to let it.

As winter becomes spring, we see change all around us. New life flourishes throughout nature. Radiant color bursts out of hiding. The fragrance of new life fills the air. Change is life expressing itself. I ask myself what change might I make to enjoy the game of life just a little bit more. How might I be a tad more loving, more forgiving, just a shade bolder?

That's what we prepare for during the Lenten season and what Easter celebrates. Across faith traditions, people ritualize the work of leaving all of our own radiance on the court of life. Errors are corrected. Strokes are perfected. That's the Lenten assignment. Still, it's a worthy assignment for a lifetime. Trust the rhythm of your own becoming.

Radiance lives in you and rejoices to emerge in every area of life. The treasures that lie within you are stunning, full of grace and Truth.

With Love and Gratitude,
Rev. Sharon

Welcome Joanne Sommers!

We are very fortunate to welcome Joanne Sommers, our new Administrative Assistant, who works part time on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to assist Rev. Sharon and Cathy with administrative tasks. Come by to say "Hi" when you have a chance!



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