

A December to Remember & Cherish

“Believe in yourself. You are braver than you think, more talented than you know and capable of more than you imagine.” Roy T. Bennet

“You are the light of the light of the world. Let your light shine and don’t hide it under a bushel basket. When you shine your light, you show people the goodness, grace and beauty of God.” (adapted from Matt. 5: 16)

Dear Friends,

Years ago I had the startling and unforgettable experience of being in the presence of a woman named Peace Pilgrim. Her real name was Mildred Lisette Norman. She earned the name Peace Pilgrim.

Born on a poultry farm in Egg Harbor City, NJ in 1908, she later married and moved to Philadelphia. There she went through a profound spiritual awakening, what she called a direct experience of God’s love. This impelled her on January 1st, 1953 to devote the rest of her life to a “walking pilgrimage” across the United States.

She traversed the country on foot for 28 years, talking to people about peace. That’s 25,000 miles on foot! Often she would speak in churches or universities and on local radio and

television. She would share her decision to walk until given shelter and fast until given food. She died on July 7, 1981 while being driven to a speaking engagement in Knox, Indiana. At the time of her death, she was crossing the country for the 7th time.

I tell you this because, as we celebrate the Advent Season in preparation for a new spiritual awakening, it’s an auspicious time to consider your own pilgrimage here on earth and reflect on memorable moments that you cherish in your heart or maybe memorable moments that changed your life and set you on a new path.


This Holiday Season is a magical time as well to reflect on what new horizons and new beginnings called you to a greater, bolder, more meaningful and even a more joyful life.

It’s Christmas time—a time to remember that the divine spark indwells you and ever seeks to reveal more of itself in you. It’s all about Hope, Peace, Love and Joy filling you and moving you into a heavenly new year.

With great love,

Rev. Sharon

December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 4:30pm TOPS 5pm ACA	2 10:30am A Course Of Love 10:30am AA 5pm Healing Hands	3 10am SW Vly Enlightenment Ctr Metaphysical 6pm Wellness Drum Circle	4 10am Men's Connections 10:30am AA 6pm OA	5 5:30pm GALA!!!	6 10:30am Joint Men's & Women's Group Christmas-decorating Pizza Party! 2pm Music Team Rehearsal
7 10:30am <i>Peace Leads the Way to Healing & Blessings</i> Rev Sharon Connors Birthday/Anniversary Sunday 11:45 Fellowship Noon Prayer Chaplain mtg	8 4:30pm TOPS 5pm ACA	9 10:30am A Course Of Love 10:30am AA	10 11am Nominating Team Meets 6pm Sound Healing with Emily Slonina	11 10:30am AA 6pm OA	12	13 11am Music Team Rehearsal
14 10:30am <i>Love Makes a Wonderful Life Possible</i> Rev Billie Martini 11:45am Fellowship 12:30 Music Team Rehearsal	15 4:30pm TOPS 5pm ACA	16 10:30am A Course Of Love 10:30am AA 5pm Healing Hands	17 10am SW Vly Enlightenment Ctr Metaphysical	18 9am Men's Breakfast 10:30am AA 6pm OA	19	20 10am Music Team Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Eve
21 10:30am <i>Let Joy Be Your Compass</i> Rev Sharon Connors 11:45 Fellowship Rev Sharon Book Signing Noon Board Meeting	22 4:30pm TOPS 5pm ACA	23 10:30am A Course Of Love 10:30am AA	24 6pm <i>Igniting the Light Within to Shine & Glow</i> Candlelight Christmas Eve Service	25 10:30am AA 6pm OA 	26	27
28 10:30am <i>Let Go and Grow</i> Rev Billie Martini Burning Bowl Ceremony 11:45 Fellowship	29 4:30pm TOPS 5pm ACA	30 10:30am AA	31			
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01—Mackey Essary
 05—Sandy Walker
 11—Susan Fisher
 13—Cathy Collins
 13—Kate Okrongly

December Birthdays:

16—Maria Ferran
 17—Della Garfield
 20—D'Orr

22—Rev Lei Lanni Burt
 26—Betsy Dreyfus
 26—Ken Weidner
 29—Julie McKenna
 31—Darlene Paterson

Faith Statement: There is only One Presence and One Power In the Universe...God the Good, Omnipotent!

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.

ONCE AGAIN WE DID IT!!!

Thank you for supporting our Year-End Fund Drive so beautifully and powerfully. You all are absolutely the most generous, big-hearted people I know. Once again, together we rose to the call and met the challenge in an extraordinary way. I know the Spiritual Law of Giving & Receiving is activated on your behalf to bless your through the holidays and new year, You are bright lights in my world.

Thriving The Night Away

This year's Gala Dinner Dance celebrated the spiritual growth we experienced during our Adventure in Faith Program and the blessings in our Year-End Fund Drive. Thousands of thanks to all who made it possible. Thanks to our fabulous Co-Chairs, Linda and Paul Martodam. Big thanks also to Sally Grazian and Elaine Burdt for leading the Commitments Team; Suzie Fisher and Darlene Hubbard, our Decorating Team; and to Cathy Filippone as Ticket Sales chairperson.

Great News!

Rev. Sharon's new book, *"Heaven Now, A Quest for Meaning and a Beautiful Life,"* is hot off the press and available now on Amazon. We will hold a book signing in the bookstore on Sunday, December 21 right after service. Rev. Sharon will have her books available then or, if you buy yours on Amazon, bring it in to be signed.

Start the New Year Powerfully! Burning Bowl Ceremony



December 28th @ 10:30am
Rev Billie Martini



Volunteer of the Month: Robbie Robinson-Hokerk

Almost immediately upon first visiting our church in August 2024, Robbie joined the choir, and has been an integral part of the music team ever since, frequently singing the solo parts. He has been instrumental in helping Rev Sharon get her message out on social media. And he took it upon himself to redecorate the Divine Word Bookstore as well as our office building lobby. Plus he's always willing to lend a helping hand whenever and wherever he knows we have a need. Thank you, Robbie, for all you do here!

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

Igniting the Light Within to Shine & Glow Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service December 24th @ 6pm in the Sanctuary

Our Christmas Eve Evening Service will surely lift your spirits and inspire you with the most beautiful Christmas music. The 12-Power Candle Lighting honors and, so to speak, ignites the power of the 12 Ways that the Light of God in you can express. The Powers have life, substance and intelligence. They know what to do and will do it when you call on them. The evening is crowned with our Candle-lighting Ceremony, a symbol of once again lighting the Divine spark in you in new and expanded ways.

Unity Spiritual Center Open Heart Drum Circle

December 3rd 6-7pm
Beginners Welcome!

Suggested Love Offering: Only \$10

Drum to the beat of our hearts and rhythms of our souls as we celebrate community through group hand drumming!

Led by DC Facilitator, Krista Loetscher



Sound Healing With Emily Slonina

Wednesday
Dec 10th 6-7PM
Recommended Love
Offering of \$20

Southwest Valley Enlightenment Center Metaphysical Group

Meets in the Activity Center from 10 to Noon on the first and third Wednesday mornings of every month, asking a \$5 love offering.

December 3: Guest speaker was Dee Vlahos, a Certified Crystal Practitioner/ Advanced Crystal Master. She is an experienced metaphysical instructor dedicated to teaching those wishing to learn more about energy healing, working with your chakras and how to work with crystals to alter your vibration.

December 17: Our own Music Team member, James Giunta, is also a Master Hypnotist and Inspirationist. He will present his program on **Hypnosis, Hypnotism & Hypnotherapy**.

Women's & Men's Groups

December 6th at 10:30am: All women and men — including your friends who don't normally come to church — are invited to join us on December 6th for a Deck the Halls Christmas decorating party. Plan to join us at 10:30 to help decorate the church campus, and we'll follow the decorating festivities with a pizza party. No love offering requested, but please pre-register on the green form in the church lobby, bookstore or activity center bulletin board so we know how much pizza to get.

December 4th at 10am & December 18th at 9am: Even though the men are joining the Women's Group this month, they have decided to keep their two monthly breakfast meetings on their regular meeting days: the first and third Thursdays of the month. They have moved their breakfast meetings to JiMichaels Diner, at 13039 N 103rd Ave in Sun City. The men have been having a great time learning about one another and supporting each other. Come see for yourself. Contact Ken Weidner with questions: KWeidner2000@yahoo.com.

Power of the Month: Divine Life

Divine Life is pure creative energy that propels all forms into action. Given that all thought is creative, our creations will out-picture what we hold in our thoughts. Divine Life expresses in life-enhancing ways rather than life-depleting ways. It shows up as vitality, zest, optimism, peace, love, wisdom, strength, understanding and joy. It utilizes the powers of release and rests in willingness to seek and express divine ideas—nothing more, nothing less, nothing else. It is fed and grows in the good that we love; in noble character qualities and pursuits; in the kindness and generosity that we express. It synthesizes all of the other 12 Powers into expression.



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