

January 2025

2025: A Year to Thrive:

On The Threshold of New Horizons & Ready for New Beginnings

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
January Birthdays:			1 Office Closed 10:00am SW Vly Enlightenment Ctr Metaphysical 12:30 Music Team Potluck Planning Meeting 2025	2 10:30am AA 3 Men's Connections 6pm OA	3	4 10:30am Women's Group Planning Meeting 2025
5 — Howard Fisher 5 — Jeana Petersen 8 — Grace Cabot	8 — Dr. Richard Renn 9 — Tom Cabot					
5 10:30am <i>Thriving & Epiphanies</i> Rev Sharon Connors New Member Sunday Birthday/Anniversary Sunday White Stone Ceremony 11:45am Fellowship Noon Prayer Chaplain Mtg 6pm New Member Party at Rev Sharon's home	6 4:30pm TOPS 5pm ACA	7 10am Circle of Prayer 10:30am A Course Of Love 10:30am AA 5pm Healing Hands	8 6pm Sound Healing Meditation	9 10:30am AA 6pm OA	10	11
12 10:30am <i>When at a Threshold</i> Rev Sharon Connor 11:45am Fellowship	13 4:30pm TOPS 5pm ACA	14 10am Circle of Prayer 10:30am A Course Of Love 10:30am AA	15 10:00am SW Vly Enlightenment Ctr Metaphysical	16 9am Men's Group Breakfast 10:30am AA 6pm OA	17	18
19 10:30am <i>Defying Gravity — You Don't Need Wings to Fly</i> Rev Cathy Mannino 11:45am Fellowship	20 4:30pm TOPS 5pm ACA	21 10am Circle of Prayer 10:30am A Course Of Love 10:30am AA 5pm Healing Hands	22 6pm Kirtan Meditation	23 10:30am AA 6pm OA	24	25
26 10:30am <i>How to Recognize a New Beginning Calling</i> Rev Sharon Connors 11:45 Fellowship Noon Board Meeting	27 4:30pm TOPS 5pm ACA	28 10am Circle of Prayer 10:30am A Course Of Love 10:30am AA	29	30 10:30am AA 6pm OA	31	

January Birthdays:

13 — Sandra Hurlbut
16 — Nancy Minister
18 — Kate Jackson

18 — Jim Rasmusson
19 — Rosemary Matney
24 — Pam Burt

25 — Arlene Vavra
26 — Rev. Sharon Connors

“You are not given a plan. You are given an invitation. You are given the creativity to shape it...the Universe forever invites us into a freer, greater experience of the Holy.” David Whyte

Warmest New Year Greetings,

As I think about my interests and choices through the years, I can see how it all worked together to bring me to where I find myself today. From the days of studying and testing myself on Word Power in the monthly Reader's Digest magazines that came to my folks home, to becoming editor of our High School newspaper, to writing books, to becoming a minister creating newsletter content and Sunday talks, I see the thread and evolution that has become my life. I invite you to take a look at your life journey this month and see how it is a fine, richly-elaborated tapestry that has become your life.

I find words to be majestically powerful. They carry meaning and energy. They create, like our thoughts and emotions, a magnetic vibrational field. The universe is permeated with sound vibrations as in the “sound” of words--God's symphonic music. That same elegant symphonic score lives in you. God's music is meant to be discovered, studied and played. When we are playing the notes in alignment with Divine vibrations, we thrive. When we play divine music consistently in our thoughts and choices, we thrive. Like the movements in a symphony, your life shows movements—a pattern. I'm confident that it demonstrates your heroic nature as you master the more difficult “pieces” given you.

New horizons and new beginnings not only invite song writers & symphony compositors to creative expression, new horizons and new beginnings call you beyond where you have now arrived to where the Music of Spirit seeks to take you. The music that lives in you actually always seeks new horizons and new beginnings—new music to be learned.

To that point, my mom gifted my sister, Nora, and I with tap and ballet lessons when we were in grade school. I didn't experience it as a gift, though, and after maybe six months I talked Nora into ditching the lessons. That kind of thinking led to me missing other important lessons in my life. How the Universe works, however, is that lessons keep coming until we get them. God is gracious—and unrelenting. Some call that being hit in the head with a cosmic 2x4. Learn the lesson or the Universe brings it on again. We get to learn at our own pace.

The point I want to make here is that we are meant to thrive. All faith traditions offer lessons and practices in thriving. Clearly, it must be the Divine Intention. It means acknowledging and moving toward new horizons. It means change, however nuanced it may be. It means new beginnings. And that is the spice of life and what gives life precious meaning.

That is the travel plan for 2025. Pack your bags, we are off on a great adventure.

With Great Love and Appreciation,.

Rev. Sharon