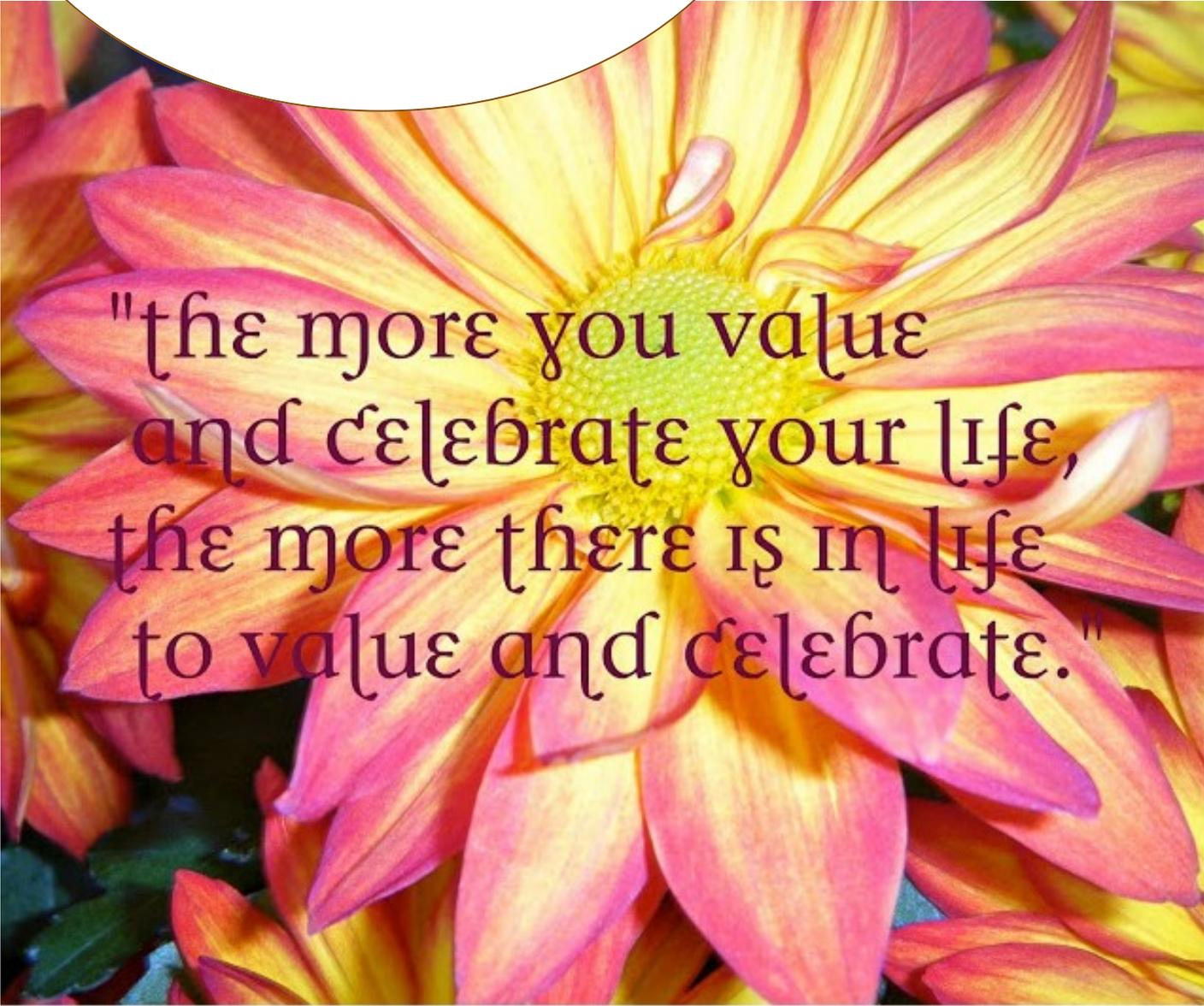


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## January Classes

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### Your Sacred Self—Wednesdays 10:30am and 6pm Starting January 23

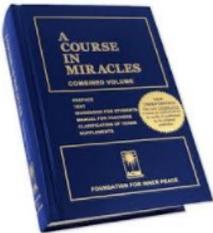
The book Rev. Sharon will be facilitating is: 'Your Sacred Self', by Dr. Wayne W. Dyer. This book is an inspiring, hopeful, illuminating guide that can help everyone live a happier, richer, more meaningful life.

Participation in this class will assist you in living each day, regardless of what you do, with a greater sense of peace and fulfillment. You will develop a sense of satisfaction with yourself and others, along with further development of a deeper sense of your sacred self.

This class is offering a step-by-step program that helps you establish a spiritually-oriented, rather than an ego-oriented, approach to life. Step by step, the class will show you how to progress from emotional awareness, to psychological insight, to spiritual alternatives in creating a life of awareness of yourself as divine.

### A Course in Miracles Tuesdays at 10:30am

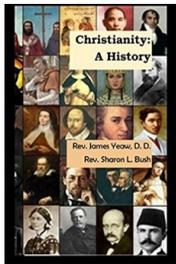
The Course in Miracles group meets every Tuesday at 10:30 am. The class began at the start of the book on October 2. Each week they continue



from where they left off the week before. Everyone is welcome to attend this class and join in the discussion of the chapter of the week. Some consider the Course the most important spiritual document for our lifetime. After completing each chapter, the study group will listen to recordings from the world's foremost teacher of the Course, Ken Wapnick, Ph. D.

### The Evolution of Christianity

Some 2,000 years ago, a man walked the earth who had a greater impact than any other person in history. Lowly born, he rose to prominence as he spread his vision of life. He attracted the attention of faithful disciples and suspicious local authorities. Eventually, he was tried, convicted, and executed. Who was he?



Since the earliest days of the faith, questions like this have been at the heart of Christianity. Over the centuries, they have led to fierce debate and produced deep divisions among the faithful. These questions have driven profound acts of faith and worship and incited war and persecution.

You trace this epic story as it unfolds through the various teachings and divisions in the Christian faith. *The History of Christianity* begins at the very dawn of Christianity. You will see how, over the centuries, Jesus' teachings developed into the orthodox teachings of the mainstream church as well as the divergent doctrines taught by splinter groups branded as "heretics." However, orthodox teachings were really not orthodox, but varieties of belief that developed in the ancient church: Jewish Christianity, Gnostic Christianity and Pauline Christianity.

Rev. Jim will bring this story to you in film, in discussion and historical timelines developed and presented in his book: *Christianity, A History*.

The 5th and 6th sessions will take place on January 6th and 13th. The topics will be American Christianity: The New Religions and New Thought respectively.

  
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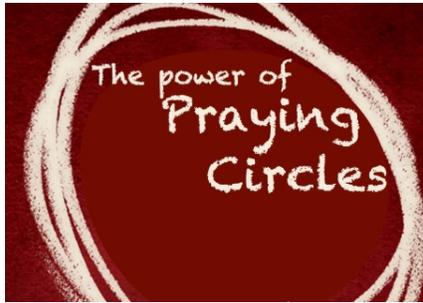
Tuesday through Thursday

8:30am to 5pm

Sunday 9am to 1pm

## Circles of Prayer—Sundays 9:30am

Long before Rev. Jim and Rev. Sharon came to Sun City in August of 2007, the community has met in prayer on Tuesday morning at 10am. We are now announcing a change to make the time more accessible to the members of our congregation.



On Sunday mornings at 9:30am we will be gathering for a circle of prayer. The format will include reading of the prayer requests that have been submitted and a special time when anyone can briefly share their prayer story... a prayer requested or a prayer answered.

Individuals are invited to the “prayer circle” where we will affirm the good of health, finances, or relationships in their lives.

This is designed to be a special sacred time in life as we give and as we receive prayer treatment. Our chaplains will be especially invited to be involved in this sacred time.

It begins promptly at 9:30am and will conclude at 10am or shortly thereafter.



Bunco is a parlor game generally played with twelve or more players, divided into groups of four, trying to score points while taking turns rolling four dice. A Bunco is achieved when a person rolls three-of-a-

kind and all three numbers match the round number.

Those that play together stay together! Some members of our community would like to host this game party! Bring \$2 and stay after our social hour on January 27 to play Bunco!

## Prosperity

God is our source and our supply. We give thanks for the good that is ours.

If I were to ask ten different people to define prosperity, I would likely get ten different answers. My own definition might bring the total to eleven. Yet no matter how many different ways there are to define prosperity, the miracle of God's abundance is this: whatever the need, God provides.

God is the source of our supply. This supply includes inspiration and knowledge. Prosperity in all its variations is ours because we share of ourselves and all that we have been given. We know what to do in order to both give and receive the good that God has supplied.

We are so very grateful, for the good that God has given this spiritual community already and also for the good that we know is, even now, on its way to us.

Thank you for your giving in a spirit of abundance.

## Financial Statement

### 11 Months ending November 30, 2018

Income	
Sunday Contributions	\$ 92,323.00
Less 10% tithe	\$ (9,232.30)
Other Income	\$ 38,829.53
Net Income	<u>\$ 121,920.23</u>
Less Expenses	\$ (204,576.16)
Net Operating Loss	\$ (82,655.93)
Interest Income	\$ 99,578.37
Less 10% Tithe	\$ (9,957.88)
Operating Income	<u>\$ 6,964.56</u>
Designated Income	\$ 5,135.00
Less Designated Expense	\$ (21.55)
Net Income	<u>\$ 12,078.01</u>
Bequest Day Trust	<u>\$ 481.46</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 12,559.47</u>



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# January 2019 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<p><b>January Birthdays</b>            1—Will Triem            5—Howard Fisher            6—Steve Chenoweth</p>	<p>11—Evelyn Philipps &amp; Craig Smith            12—Jimmy Lovato            13—Sandra Hurlbut</p>	<p>17—Kathy Allen            18—Frank Dias &amp; James Rasmusson            24—Joann Cupp            25—Arlene Vavra</p>	<p><b>1 New Year's Day</b>            10:30am AA</p>
<p><b>2</b>            1pm—Al-Anon</p>			
<p><b>6</b>            9:30am—Circle of Prayer            10:30am—Habit—Rev. Sharon -            11:45am—Fellowship Potluck (A-D Serve)            12:30pm—The Evolution of Christianity—The New Religions - Rev Jim Yeaw</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b>            10am Tai Chi            10:30am A Course in Miracles            10:30am AA            6pm Choir</p>	<p><b>9</b>            1pm—Al-Anon</p>
<p><b>13</b>            9:30am—Circle of Prayer            10:30am—Christ &amp; Sophia—Rev. Jim            11:45am—Fellowship Potluck (E-K Serve)            12:30pm—The Evolution of Christianity— New Thought—Rev Jim Yeaw</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b>            10am Tai Chi            10:30am A Course in Miracles            10:30am AA            6pm Choir</p>	<p><b>16</b>            1pm—Al-Anon</p>
<p><b>20</b>            9:30am—Circle of Prayer            10:30am—The Power of Purpose—Rev. Sharon            11:45am—Fellowship Potluck—(L-O Serve)            12Noon—Singles Planning Meeting            12:30pm—Film: Heal</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b>            10am Tai Chi            10:30am A Course in Miracles            10:30am AA            6pm Choir</p>	<p><b>23</b>            10:30am—Your Sacred Self —Rev. Sharon            1pm—Al-Anon            6pm—Your Sacred Self —Rev. Sharon</p>
<p><b>27</b>            9:30am—Circle of Prayer            10:30am—How Did Jesus Heal? - Rev Jim            11:45am—Fellowship Potluck—(P-Z Serve)            12:30pm—Bunco!            12:30pm—USC Board Meeting</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b>            10am Tai Chi            10:30am A Course in Miracles            10:30am AA            6pm Choir</p>	<p><b>30</b>            10:30am—Your Sacred Self —Rev. Sharon            1pm—Al-Anon            6pm—Your Sacred Self —Rev. Sharon</p>

	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>3</b> 9am Chair Yoga 10:30am AA 2pm Blossoming Depression Support Group 7pm OA	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>11:30am Women of Spirit Potluck</b>
	<b>10</b> 9am Chair Yoga 10:30am AA 1pm— Rev Jim at RISE—Is it Possible? Can we all be right? 2pm Blossoming Depression Support Group 7pm OA	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
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	<b>24</b> 9am Chair Yoga 10:30am AA 1pm— Rev Jim at RISE—Is it Possible? Can we all be right? 2pm Blossoming Depression Support	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
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- February 2**—10am—Prayer Chaplain Training
- February 3**—12:30—Forgiveness Workshop with Rob Corbin
- February 8**—5:30pm—Annual Winter Celebration
- February 16**—9:30am—Angel Communication Workshop with Kim O’Neill (ARE)
- February 17**—12:30pm—USC Annual Meeting
- March 3**—First Session—*Discover the Power Within*—Rev Kim O’Connor
- March 6**—6pm—Ash Wednesday Service
- April 19**—6pm—Good Friday Service
- April 21**—Easter Sunday!



## Life as You Know It Can Be



The first day of a New Year is a blank slate of time and is a promise that lies before us, as we set intentions and dream about the coming twelve months. Many of us reflect back on what has been and look forward to what might be for our lives.

There is a vital element that will decide our success in manifesting new possibilities for our lives and that is, the quality of our motivation. A strong enough “why” can move us over, around, or through the myriad of obstacles that might hinder our progress with a lesser incentive. There seems to be a direct corollary between the depth of our onward impulse and our chances of reaching our goals.

Any of us could sit down today and with a little imagination make out a long shopping list of wants and desires for the coming year or decade. We could stick those up on the wall as our treasure map to guide our thoughts and actions in the days ahead. That is a familiar time-honored process of clarifying what we want out of life in specific terms.

However, I suspect that many of these goals and desires might not be realized, and some might actually lose luster or significance over time. Just as in the past we have made New Year’s resolutions that have disappeared from our minds by the end of January. We have all failed to keep those resolutions. Why is that? Because these goals are not rooted in our deepest self. They emerge from the surface mind with its false understanding of what would bring us true and lasting fulfillment.

Eckhart Tolle, author of the book, *A New Earth*, suggests that instead of asking the question, what do I want out of life, the greater and deeper question is what does life, or God, want out of me? Unless we sincerely entertain this question, we are living outside the Divine impulse for our life, and thus we are likely to suffer disappointments and emptiness as we try to carve out a life based solely on our desires.

When we ask the deeper question that links our inner passion and purpose to a new vision for life, we are really asking who have we come here to be at this very time in our lives. No matter our age, we are never too old to ask that question, because God is always pushing and pulling us to a higher consciousness. We are to continue to seek and grow as long as we have human life and I suspect this will continue in the next life.

For many of us, we get too busy doing that we don’t spend enough time just being. When our doing arises out

of our Being, we build a new life on a rock-solid foundation, that will not be toppled by changing winds of desire and whim. By calling forth our deepest impulses to navigate the direction of change, we will have the inner resolve and fervor that will be necessary to keep us on course when the going gets rough. If we are to climb the mountain it will take all the love, we can give it.

Each of us has our own unique set of talents, gifts, inclinations, and affinities that are unique to us. When we look honestly and listen deeply, we can emerge knowing what is within us that aches for greater expression in our lives. This ache is our calling to something greater and truer. It is the most natural and powerful process we can honor with our willingness to heed its call.

It is the same impulse that morphs a butterfly from an earth-bound creature; the same energy that springs the seed out of its husk of darkness into light; that releases a flower from its hidden beauty. In you and in me it is our imprisoned splendor given its freedom, so that we might give the world our best, and in so doing fulfill our personal destiny. When you do this you will, at once, know how you can best serve, because the world needs you at your best to meet the challenges of these times.

I look forward to deepening my own sense of purpose and encouraging each us individually and collectively to live from the powerful mission that we espouse Sundays. Following this lofty intention will bring the best out of us, and we will love better, and serve better and make a major contribution to bring heaven to earth. Oh, what a year this will be for us! ~ With Warm Love, Rev. Sharon

### Is it possible?

Starting January 10, at 1pm, Rev Jim will be facilitating a class at RISE in Surprise. Yes, is it possible that all of the world's major religions are talking about the same thing... And seeing the same thing through the lens of their own culture and religion? Is it possible that we are all talking over each other in a pandemonium of voices? Is it possible that we think that we are right and others are wrong? Is it possible that God, Allah, the Ground of Being, the Tao and a thousand other images is really the light that shines through the stained glass mosaic of all of our religions?

The author explores God, Jesus, the Trinity, Divinity, Redemption, Reincarnation and Religion-centered hate in this book of questions. This is for those that would like to explore. There are no answers here; just questions to ponder and conclusions to reach for yourself. The author provides the fodder and you apply the wisdom to sort out this quandary: Is it possible that we all might be right?

A Catalog of RISE courses is available at USC.

## You Go to Heaven When You're Born



This is January and we have just passed through another Christmas season. I trust that it is one that has brought you much joy. I want to thank our music team under the direction of Mollie Kidari and the choir with Melvin Johnson for the talents expressed as we have celebrated

together as a spiritual family. Of course, we include all the soloists and our choir. And all those that support the services from Cathy Collins to the ushers, greeters, kitchen helpers, librarians, those that clean up and those that prepare everything for us.

And now we are facing another new year... 2019. It seemed like just yesterday that we entered the 21st century and now we are well into it.

This is the fiftieth anniversary of one of the most iconic photographs ever taken. That also seems like just yesterday. The astronauts of Apollo 8 were the first humans to orbit the moon and see Earth "rise" on the moon's horizon. On that space mission they saw, and shared in photography, what no human had seen before - Earth suspended in space.

James Lovell, the last surviving member of that crew describes it this way: *"...we brought back a picture of the Earth as it is 240,000 miles away. And the fact is, it gives you a different perspective of the Earth when you see it as three-dimensional between the sun and the moon, and you begin to realize how small and how significant the body is. When I put my thumb up to the window I could completely hide it, and then I realized that behind my thumb that I'm hiding this Earth, and there are about 6 billion people that are all striving to live there."*

Earth, he says, *"...has the proper mass, has the gravity to contain water and an atmosphere, which are the very essentials for life,.. orbiting a star just at the right distance — not too far to be too cold, or too close to be too hot — and just at the right distance to absorb that star's energy and then, with that energy, cause life to evolve here in the first place."*

From this amazing perspective, Lovell concludes, *"You have to really kind of think about our own existence here in the universe. You realize that people often say, 'I hope to go to heaven when I die,' In reality, if you think about it, you go to heaven when*



*you're born. We are given a stage, a stage on which we perform. And how that play turns out is up to us.*

In the Christmas season just past, many people around the world told us an ancient story of the birth of a child named Jesus, which means "the one who saves." Could it be that the salvation we seek and the salvation Jesus brings is similar to Lovell's observations? Jesus tells us the kingdom of heaven is already here and now. When we realize this, we are born into harmony with our planet and all of its inhabitants, without exception-- heaven!

And when we realize this we will be aware that we can each contribute to the furtherance of the kingdom in our communities and in our nation.

Happy and blessed New Year! ~ Rev Jim



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## Prayer Chaplain Training

On Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 10 am to 4 pm we will be having training for those who feel called to serve in Unity Spiritual Center's Prayer Chaplain Ministry. Lunch will be served. Current chaplains are asked to attend the morning session so that they may share with others.

"Being" a Chaplain is transformative soul work as it deepens your spiritual path through prayer and service. No prior experience in prayer or praying with others is required to serve as a Prayer Chaplain, training is provided.

We require that you are an active congregant at USC. Being active means that you attend Sunday services frequently and that you are willing to participate in our classes and social times. We ask for a twelve-month commitment to this ministry that will begin the first of February 2019. Snowbirds are invited to serve in this ministry and may make their calls from their summer home.

Saying yes to being a prayer chaplain will move you from a place of fear about praying with others to a place of spiritual comfort and knowing as you pray with others.

Marianne Williamson writes, "Prayer reweaves the fabric of the universe". This is so true here at USC as our prayer chaplains pray individually with you. "This is a very powerful experience"; we are told by many who have prayed with us.

## Women of Spirit...Saturday, January 5, 2019

You are invited to Unity Spiritual Center's Women of Spirit as we celebrate our sisterhood, by making new friends, getting to know current friends at a deeper level, and sharing laughter as we grow together. You do not need to be a member of Unity Spiritual Center to attend our gathering.

The meeting will be held on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 11:30 am in the Activity Center. We will share a pot-luck lunch.

Marlene Messer will share her spiritual journey with us. We invite you to consider sharing your spiritual journey at a future meeting in a twenty-minute time of sharing. Please contact Rev. Sharon. We always find the spiritual walk of others in our group to be enlightening and the talks help us get to know each other at a deeper level. The Vision Statement of Women of Spirit is: "To be a beautiful source of light, love, spirit, service and support to women and all whose lives we touch."

Our goal is to provide a social environment of inclusion and belonging as we create opportunities for personal and spiritual development, both in our personal lives and in the life and energy of Unity Spiritual Center. All the women who attend the church are welcome. Please mark your calendars...because it's not the same without you.

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