



November — December 2010

Dear Ones,

As the holidays beckon, our spiritual practices are perfect to practice. For November our monthly theme is Practice the Presence through Expression and for December our monthly theme is Practice the Presence through Gladness.

R.J. Fitzhenry wrote, “Uncertainty and mysteries are energies of life, don’t let them scare you unduly, for they keep boredom at bay and spark creativity.”

If we want to create a work of art, first we envision what we want. Then we nurture the idea with enthusiasm, keeping it fresh in mind.

The Creative Process is the process of creativity and it results in expression of some kind. The old metaphor for the Creative Process is a gardener planting seeds in a prepared garden, she tends them, pulls the weeds, feeds and waters appropriately and whatever she planted sprouts, grows, blossoms, and bears fruit. Of course, if we are talking about annuals, then the garden dies and needs to be prepared for the next planting.

That is also the case with us, just like the gardener, first we decide what we want to experience. We explore our infinite choices and then we choose the kind of life we want to have. If we want to create a work of art, first we envision what we want. Then we nurture that idea, with enthusiasm, keeping it fresh in mind. Then new ideas start flowing to us. There may even be uncertainty in the beginning, but if we just do the next thing, our vision will start to take form. Remember the first sprouts in the garden look very little like the golden harvest.

What is it you love to do? Do you love to sing? To cook? To read? To paint? To write? To draw? To entertain? To care for? To build? To invent? No matter what it is you love to do, doing that thing is practicing the Presence through Expression. Even if you don’t do it perfectly at first, you are still practicing.

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Dr. Heather Clark

Dr. Heather's Message

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What a delightful practice while approaching the season of Thanksgiving! You will be staying in love the whole time because you have chosen to practice. What new expression of the Presence will you create this season? I wonder what I will create?

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When we come to December, with all its pageantry, our Christmas Eve service and our holiday brunch, we can Practice the Presence through gladness. I am glad to be right where I am during the holidays. I am glad to be sharing myself with you. I am glad for the traditions around the season and I am glad for the reminder that God is Love. Then we can make a joyful noise and be glad ending this year with joy and thanksgiving.

Love, *Heather*

Classes

SOM 101: The Spiritual Path

This first class in the series introduces you to the Science of Mind, its principles and its practice. During this eight weeks, you will find your curiosity about life piqued and interest in your life's purpose awakened. You will begin to learn how to live your life more effectively.

Rev. Alene Kramer and Kathy Storey, RScP; Mondays; 8 weeks
September 20 - November 8; 7 - 9:30 p.m.

Tuition: \$120

Text: *The Science of Mind*, by Ernest Holmes

Classes & Workshops, continued

SOM 207: Edinburgh Lectures

Based on the classic lecture series, the *Edinburgh Lectures* have inspired nearly every other early New Thought writer. Judge Thomas Troward delivered them in Scotland in 1908, and they have served as the touchstone for metaphysical thinking to this day. Troward's mind is logical, brilliant, and extremely precise. This class is excellent for the serious student of New Thought, and is required for entry into SOM 300.

Dr. Heather Clark and Rev. Bruce Fredenburg

Tuesdays; 8 weeks;

September 21 - November 9; 7 - 9:30 p.m.

Tuition: \$120

Text: *The Edinburgh and Dore Lectures on Mental Science* by Thomas Troward

Message from the President of the Board of Trustees

It is with great joy that I report to you the status and vision of our **passive income programs**. Many of you have participated in one way or another in the various programs. They are: Amazon Associates, eScrip, GoodSearch, Shop as You Give, Ralph's Community Program and soon to be introduced is Visionbirth©. Each of these programs has the potential to generate thousands of dollars for our center. Yes, thousands! David Echelberger has named his board portfolio as the coordinator of these programs, "Wealth Coordinator." As we combine our efforts, we join together in utilizing these programs enabling our center to have a greater opportunity to offer classes and events designed to transform lives. Yes it is exciting to know we can generate wealth and prosperity by getting on board with our passive income programs and change lives!



Pattie Mercado
President of the
Board of Trustees

In July I shared with you about a **new passive income stream** that we are introducing. We've taken the last few months to clarify how our center, a not-for-profit organization, can best participate and prosper. We wanted to make sure that the structure was in place and solid before launching this month.

The company, ACN, is the largest direct selling telecommunications company IN THE WORLD! This company markets necessities: local/long distance, internet, digital phone service, cellular phones (all major carriers) satellite TV, home security and video phones. They plan to introduce energy products (gas and electric utilities) in the United States very soon. Visionbirth's mission is to **help non-profit organizations** create passive income through the ACN vehicle.

Why would our center want to get involved with a direct marketing company? First, let me be clear, we are not now and never will be selling a business opportunity. That is not the purpose of our involvement. Our purpose is to fund our Home That We Own. We have a vision to own our own home, to allocate our property funds to our mortgage and not to rent. The Home that We Own committee has the ways and means in Visionbirth to make that happen! How can all of us be a part of the success? November 14th is the rollout for Visionbirth at our center. We will be given a short presentation by Pearl Rothman. We will be given the understanding of how Visionbirth works.

So again, why Visionbirth? This is a **fund-generating program** that once put in place will continue to generate funds without costing our members and supporters any additional money. That is the true heartbeat of Visionbirth, to create an atmosphere that encourages creativity and dreaming. I believe that many, if not all of us, would like to be a part of our owning our own home! I offer Visionbirth as a way for all of us to join together for the idea that is bigger than any one of us. Our intention is to rely upon God as our source and put our attention into making Visionbirth a successful vessel for our good – the home that we own!

The story does not end with our home that we own. The energy, wealth, abundance that is generated through our participation in uplifting the life of our center, ourselves and each other will surely manifest in new programs, ministries, community outreach and personal and global transformation.

Please stay tuned for more information about all of our passive income programs! They are each intended to uplift our center through participation, growth and prosperity!

With love, *Pattie Mercado*

Youth Center

Pattie Mercado, Youth Director

Sundays At the Youth Center

What it is.... Youth church at our center is a place for children nursery through 7th grade to connect, make friends, receive inspiration, and explore and deepen their understanding of Principle. Our youth classes, designed with the child in mind, offer a variety of spiritual practices, lessons, crafts and activities to deepen their understanding of Principle and experience of Unity, Wholeness, Unconditional Love, and all of the qualities of God. Classes are determined by age and grade

November

During the month of November we are practicing gratitude, appreciation and of course, Thanksgiving! The feast of Thanksgiving Day is a perfect model of the bounty that our lives contain.

This month we will expand our awareness of the good in our lives, celebrate and appreciate our many blessings and give thanks for this good that is our life now! The Thanksgiving Eve service is a beautiful and fun opportunity to connect with our center family. The service begins at 7 p.m.

December

In December our annual reflection of the symbols of Christmas are fun and inspiring. We will be looking with fresh eyes at traditions, holiday spiritual practices, activities, and more! The center's Christmas Eve service is Friday, December 24th at 5 p.m. and is a beautiful Holiday celebration.

Contact or see [Pattie Mercado](#) for more information.

Holiday Getaways for Kids and Parents

Saturday, December 4, 2–7 p.m. and Wednesday, December 22, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

During December our youth department will offer two **Holiday Getaways**. We will host your children for fun, refreshments, holiday gift making and crafts while the parents are free to shop, relax, or....

Sign up (required) on the Youth kiosk starting this Sunday. All ages welcome \$20 per child, \$8 sibling, siblings two and under free.

Kids Day Out

Our Kids Day Out playgroup for age 2+ is ongoing every Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.. Please call [Pattie Mercado](#) for more information and for space availability.

Parenting Class

Spiritual Mindfulness is a brand new parenting class on the mindful activities that will bring your family closer, enhance and create connection, cooperation and peace in the home.

Get ready for the Holidays with peace, ease and joy! Facilitated by Pattie Mercado with Lara Romero. Tuesday, November 16, 6:30 p.m.. Love offering. Childcare available.

In-Flight Teens

The In-Flight Teen group has four new 13-year olds and several high school seniors this year. We are teaching affirmative prayer, having fun workshops, and planning another fund raiser for Teen Camp.

Look for the **In-Flight Boutique** on the patio on November 21, 28 and December 5, selling items such as beautiful holiday ornaments, key chains, **In-Flight Cookbooks** and more!!!

We are very grateful for all the support from the congregation to allow us to go to Winter Camp at Camp Hilltop in Malibu, January 14-17.

A very special

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Join us Wednesday, November 24, Thanksgiving Eve, as Dr. Heather Clark leads us in a very special service. We have so much to be grateful for; family, friends, health, love, prosperity, and so much more. Spend the evening with friends.



*Wednesday
November 24
7 p.m.
at the center*

Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service

5 p.m. at the center



Holiday Brunch

Save the date! Our annual Holiday Brunch will be held on Sunday, December 12 shortly after second service at Irons in the Fire restaurant in beautiful San Clemente. Stay tuned for more information!

Holiday Brunch

Sunday, December 12

Where: Irons in the Fire restaurant
San Clemente

When: after second service



November

Expression

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 SOM 101 <i>Spiritual Path</i> 7/8 7-9:30 p.m. Rev. Alene & Kathy Storey | 2 SOM 207 <i>Edinburgh</i> 7/8 7-9:30 p.m. Dr. Heather & Rev. Bruce | 3 Wednesday's Wisdom <i>Spiritual Practice</i> <i>Week Five</i> 7-8 p.m. | 4 | 5 Office Closed | 6 |
| 7 <i>Piercing the Mundane</i> Guest vocalist: Melissa Suzanne | 8 SOM 101 <i>Spiritual Path</i> 8/8 7-9:30 p.m. Rev. Alene & Kathy Storey | 9 SOM 207 <i>Edinburgh</i> 8/8 7-9:30 p.m. Dr. Heather & Rev. Bruce | 10 Wednesday's Wisdom 7-8 p.m. | 11 Choir Practice 7 p.m. | 12 SOM 400 Ministerial Training 7-10 p.m. Office Closed | 13 SOM 400 <i>Ministerial Training</i> 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. |
| 14 <i>The Direct Approach</i> Guest musician: Michael Paul Smith After 2nd service: •AKM Sale •Prosperity Partners •eScrip Signup | 15 | 16 Parenting Class 6:30 - 8 p.m. | 17 Wednesday's Wisdom 7-8 p.m. | 18 Choir Practice 7 p.m. | 19 Office Closed | 20 |
| 21 <i>Imagination is More Important Than Knowledge</i> Guest Vocalist: Choir •In-Flight Gift Boutique | 22 | 23 | 24 Thanksgiving Eve Service 7-8 p.m. Guest Vocalists: AllenDale | 25 Choir Practice 7 p.m. | 26 Office Closed for Thanksgiving | 27 |
| 28 <i>I Am What Nature Intended Me To Be</i> Guest Vocalist: Rebecca Randal Teen Gift Boutique | 29 SOM 400 Ministerial Training 7-10 p.m. | 30 | | | Office Closed | |



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 Wednesday's Wisdom 7-8 p.m. | 2 | 3 Office Closed | 4 Holiday Getaway 2 - 7 p.m. |
| Hannukah December 1 -9 | | | | | | |
| 5 <i>Set Your Spirit Free</i> Guest vocalist: Teen Gift Boutique | 6 | 7 | 8 Wednesday's Wisdom 7-8 p.m.. | 9 Choir Practice 7 p.m. | 10 SOM 400 Ministerial Training 7-10 p.m. Office Closed | 11 SOM 400 Ministerial Training 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. |
| Hannukah December 1 -9 | | | | | | |
| 12 <i>Living a Life of Joy and Satisfaction</i> Guest vocalist: Melissa Suzanne Holiday Brunch | 13 | 14 | 15 Wednesday's Wisdom 7-8 p.m. | 16 Choir Practice 7 p.m. | 17 Office Closed | 18 |
| 19 <i>Joy is Your Nature</i> Guest vocalist: Choir | 20 | 21 | 22 Wednesday's Wisdom 7-8 p.m. Holiday Getaway 2 - 7 p.m. | 23 Choir Practice 7 p.m. | 24 Christmas Eve Service Music by the choir and AllenDale | 25 |
| | | | | Office Closed for Christmas | | |
| 26 <i>A Year of No Regrets</i> Guest musician: Efran Ozan | 27 | 28 | 29 Wednesday's Wisdom 7-8 p.m. | 30 Choir Practice 7 p.m. | 31 Office Closed | |



Center for Spiritual Living Capistrano Valley 2011 Intentions

It is our intention:

To be an environment of Beauty, reflecting all the qualities of GOD, where Spiritual Truth is revealed through the study of Science of Mind Principles.

To live in the promise that our lives are transformed by reliance on Principle.

To be a spiritual community that stands for a world that works for everyone.

To be known in the greater community as a place of global transformation through personal empowerment and responsibility.

To be the people who recognize and honor our oneness by communicating directly, clearly and lovingly.

To know God as our source, receive abundantly, and have resources and prosperity always available by doing our spiritual practices acknowledging everything with gratitude; maintaining and sustaining a receptive attitude, circulating our good and celebrating our magnificence.

To receive \$846,000 dollars or more in total income in 2011.

To be blessed with 155 or more pledging members in 2011.

Christmas Families!

Charlotte Wolfe, Project Chair

Santa's Christmas Gift Giving time is here again and what better way to give than to support the needs of the families in our center. On Sunday, November 21, there will be a decorated Christmas box in the bookstore with a Secret Santa suggestion form for you to fill, out and for Santa to check out and check off! As soon as Santa can post the a.k.a. (also known as) list, you will have the opportunity to adopt and gift shop for the individual, or pay Santa's elves to shop for you. The collection date is December 19. All gifts are secret between you and Santa. Experience the joy that Santa experiences every year.

Ho, Ho, Ho. The Christmas Gift Giving Team!

Shop and Give

We are pleased to announce that our partnership with **Shop As You Give** has taken the next step. The e-commerce store is now 'live' and going through its beta test phase. That is one of the reasons we will be receiving 50% of the gross profits over the next 2 months instead of 30%, which is the norm.

The merchandise is high quality, interesting and unique. There are thousands of products in most consumer categories, and a large selection of **eco-friendly** and **American-made** merchandise.

Prices are competitive. If you take the time to compare the prices with other retailers, you will find that **Shop As You Give** usually beats the majority of them. Compare to Target and Walmart.

Remember, when you shop at the Shop As You Give store, our Center will receive 50% (30 after 2 months) of the gross profits.

Specials will be sent out weekly that will highlight amazing product selections. Enjoy your shopping. Thanks for helping our center.

Wednesday's Wisdom

Practicing the Presence

And the Thunder Rolls...

Rev. Judee Chapman, Assistant Minister

I woke up this morning to brilliant flashing lights and loud thunder roaring. It was almost like Mother Nature was saying, "I HAVE ARRIVED! I AM POWERFUL! DON'T MESS WITH ME!" Wow! It certainly got my attention. As I was watching the 'light show', I thought about us, all of us, dynamic, spiritual beings having this incredible human experience. And it made *me* feel powerful and inspired, because when we recognize and remember that we are Spirit in Action, we are reminded of these words from Dr. Ernest Holmes "There is a power for good in the universe that is greater than you are and you can use it." This is the Power we choose to use when we do affirmative prayer.

What we are saying to our innermost being is that we are powerful because we have the faith of God. We have arrived at the place where we *know* that we are the activity of the Beloved and absolutely *no-thing* can 'mess' with us! We take responsibility for our thoughts, actions, and our expression of Spirit as we show up in this time and space.

The perfect way to continue to expand our Christ Consciousness is by doing our spiritual practices: i.e.; mediation, silence, prayer, chanting, etc. In November and December, the mid-week service, gives each of us the place to grow and develop our spiritual muscle.

Five of our ministers and two ministerial students will be presenting their insights and wisdom through their talks. Dr. Heather will present a wonderful Thanksgiving Eve service filled with love and inspiration as well as a magnificent Christmas service. So it is time for each of us to stand with divine authority and say "I HAVE ARRIVED! I AM POWERFUL! DON'T MESS WITH ME!" And so it is. See you on Wednesday at 7 p.m. for a full hour of wisdom..

Blessings, *Rev. Judee*

November — December

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| Nov. 3 | AIF | <i>Wholly Surrender</i> |
| Nov. 10 | Rev. Bruce | <i>Always Brand New</i> |
| Nov. 17 | Doris Palardy | <i>Smile! You Are It!</i> |
| Nov. 24 | Dr. Heather | <i>Thanksgiving Eve</i> |
| Dec. 1 | Rev. Alene | <i>Perfect Love</i> |
| Dec. 8 | Joanne Leone | <i>Where Do You Think You Are Going? How Will It Fall Into Place?</i> |
| Dec. 15 | Pattie Mercado | <i>The Family Way</i> |
| Dec. 22 | Rev. Geoff & Rev. Bruce | <i>The Healing Science Behind the Science of Mind</i> |
| Dec. 29 | Rev. Madi & Rev. Geoff | <i>Winter Wonderland</i> |

November Artist of the Month

Catherine Singer

Discovering the wonders of nature and exploring this planet have been my lifetime passion. The vibrant colors, shapes, patterns and movement surrounding us are an ever-changing pallet of beautiful possibilities.

I am focused on capturing that poetry and incorporating it in my photographic images and collages.

I am thrilled to be The Center's November Artist of the month! Please visit the Bookstore Gallery to see my newest prints and holiday cards.





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Services:

Sundays: 9 and 11 a.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m.


Vision: A whole new world through spiritual awareness.

Purpose: To reveal spiritual truth.

Intention: To grow into our Divine Potential individually & collectively.

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