



Bear Valley Center for Spiritual Enrichment

A Religious Science Community

"Open at the Top"

November 2018 Newsletter

Sunday Services, 11:30 a.m.

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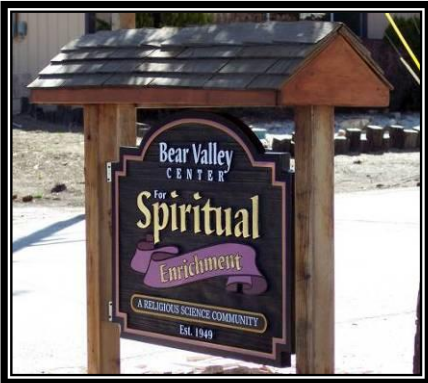
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Our purpose is to inspire and nurture spiritual growth by accepting a loving, all inclusive community through teaching, healing, and serving, for the highest good of all.

We are the Mind of God knowing, the Heart of God loving, and the Hands of God serving.

November Topics and Speakers



November 4th **Janet Grace Nelson**
"Your Grateful Heart.
A Blessing to All"

November 11th **Michael Curcuru, RScP**
"The Wizard Within"

November 18th **Rev Ali Benjamin**
"A Bounty of Blessings"

November 25th **Alpha Richards**
"Feeling the Flow"

November Calendar

November 4th **Sunday service at 11:30 a.m.**
Zen meditation at 3:30 p.m.

At the Center

(Daylight Savings ends, fall back!)

November 6th **Election Day – GO VOTE**

November 7th **Meditation 10:00 a.m.**
At Carolyn Dawley's house

November 11th **Sunday service at 11:30 a.m.**
Board of Trustees

at 12:45 p.m.

Zen meditation at 3:30 p.m.

At the Center

(Veteran's Day)

6:00 potluck

7:00 drumming

November 18th **Sunday service at 11:30 a.m.**
Thanksgiving potluck

Following service

(No Zen meditation today)

November 21st **Meditation 10:00 a.m.**
At Carolyn Dawley's house

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November Calendar (continued)

- November 22nd* **THANKSGIVING DAY**
- November 25th* *Sunday service at 11:30 a.m.*
Zen meditation at 3:30 p.m.
At the Center
- November 28th* *Meditation 10:00 a.m.*
At Carolyn Dawley's house
- November 30th* *Game Night – 7:00 p.m.*
At the Center

*Carolyn Dawley is retiring from having the weekly meditations in her home and is seeking someone who would be leading the meditation group, could be held at the Center

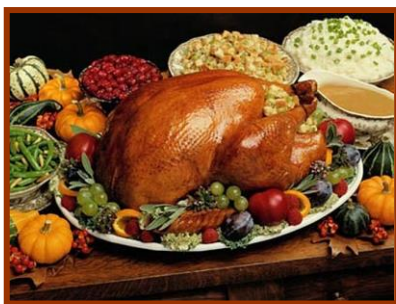
Thanksgiving Feast

Sharing our Bountiful Harvest

Keeping up with tradition, *our Thanksgiving Feast/potluck will be on Nov. 18* following the service. It is a potluck supper, just like the Pilgrims and Native Americans did, bringing food to a community table. We (your Board of Trustees) will provide a turkey, but the dishes to surround the bird will come from you. Please bring enough to feed at least 10 people.

If you are planning on attending, PLEASE sign up on the list in the Hospitality Room and let us know that you are coming and what dish/food you will be sharing. We need to know for a count and a variety.

"Be there or be square!"



"The Urge to Merge"

We have an urge to merge,
With the Source of Live, the Truth of Being,
Free of strife.
Imagine the feeling of Nature's flow.
Releasing the past and letting it go,

Wondering why it took so long
to be in the moment,
where Truth, we belong.

Wholeness, completeness, and perfection are near
When we quiet our mind and finally hear -
A real, small voice from deep within,
"I've always been here;
Welcome, come in."

I was looking out there, A misguided hunger,
It's all in here,
Like a child, I wonder in a moment of truth,
Warmed by the Son,
In His infinite wisdom,
He said, "We are one."
With the Source of Life,

Art Garriman

(Editor's Note: Art returned to the mountain this year on October 23rd.)



Inspirational Article

“What is Tithing?”

Board Member Article

Imagine you are enveloped like a cocoon surrounding you with warmth and light. Your core is re-absorbing all of your life’s experiences. We are made of star stuff – you are matter being re-collected and re-absorbed. You are encapsulated in this sacred space that has morphed into the YOU that you are, and that which you present on your Earth walk.

When we tithe, it unlocks that of us in the spirit realm. Not only does giving of your coin (which is the tangible expression of what you’ve collected and now release, to be used to enhance and make better the lives of others), to that which gives you joy. It aligns you with the causes that matter to you. It generates contentment in your heart. It validates you, and you make yourself the validation by gifting what you have absorbed in your life, what you’ve made of those experiences, and how you release *you*, out. You are the ultimate decision-maker of where your outpouring goes.

Liken it to a life’s sponge where you have absorbed all and now are squeezing that of you into the world, which benefits from the product you have become. You are a collaboration; an action which creates benefits to the world. We send out our vibrational ripples via our tithes and never know how far they travel.

You are magic, and tithing is you/our way of projecting your “star stuff”.

In searching around the internet, I found the following:

Tithing is a principle taught throughout the Bible of the *first 10%*. Honor our belief with your wealth and with the best of everything you produce – the *most meaningful*.

We serve multiplicity that honors the principles of generosity by 3 kinds of giving;

1. Tithing (the foundation of giving)
2. Offerings (are for specific needs – example, missions, buildings, etc.)
3. Alms (for the poor)

We tithe to that which fills our soul, brings us joy, teaches us timeless principles, 10% to the source of our spiritual sustenance (where you have been spiritually fed). Our Center does great work and we support that by changing lives, creating a more connected world, and it raises the benefit of others. Through our acts of unselfish giving, we attune our consciousness to that of universal abundance.

The biggest deterrent to giving is fear that if we give away too much, we won’t have enough. That of lack, which we know in OUR beliefs is not the consciousness we embrace. Our attitude towards money is the foundation of our spiritual lives and tithing is where we start. As we demonstrate our faith, our circle grows.

Namasté,
Noreen Caswell
Board Member



September 2018 Financials

Collections	\$ 3,749
-Other income	91
Total regular income	\$ 3,840
 Expenses	 \$ 5,219
 Net September Income	 \$ 1,289

Our Prosperity

(All tithes are now \$100 each.
The Board also tithes back to any church making
a donation to the Mortgage Reduction Fund.)

October Tithing:

With donations from the congregation,
we were able to tithe \$270 to Wings of Rescue

Billboard Donations

KiKi donated for the *water bill*.

We are so grateful for your help!



September Attendance

	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>
9/2	27	0
9/9	29	0
9/16	39	1
9/23	37	1
9/30	26	1
Totals:	158	3
September Averages	32	.6

In Grateful Appreciation for September Bills

Regular monthly credit card contributions:

Julie Grandi
Bob & Marla Henrich
Sherry Noone

(*Did you know...* you can arrange to have
your donation made to the Center using a credit
card which will be charged monthly with the
amount you designate. That way you don't have to
remember to bring money on Sundays. And of
course helps our Center pay the bills! ☺)

Call Sandy Morrell in our church office to give
her details of your charge account (909-866-7100).

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

Who ever thought of a wagon train in the Palm Springs area? Most of us equate it with crossing the Midwest or up into Oregon. Well, if you have had a hankerin' to try it, Noreen Caswell just did it out of Thousand Palms.

It was a real old West experience traveling through the Coachella Valley Preserve in a mule-drawn covered wagon. The two-hour tour was narrated by knowledgeable, experienced, naturalists telling of the history, flora, and fauna of the area, including the San Andreas Fault by which you ride. When you return to camp, you enjoy a delicious chuck wagon-style cookout.

Are you wondering about the "creature comforts" (which the original pioneers didn't have)? Your wagon is equipped with pneumatic tires, springs, steps and handrails, and padded seats and backs.

Noreen said it was a wonderful experience, gaining insightful knowledge, and just really fun!

For more information, contact "Covered Wagon Tours", 760.347.2161. or 800.367.2161.
Reservations are required.



FUN! FUN! FUN!



On November 30th, we are going to have another ***Game Night in the Center***. The last one in October found the players enjoying sub sandwiches, potato and macaroni salads, and beverages. Kiki is the Rummikube titleist! Come challenge her! Lots of laughs and just plain fun! Evening starts at 7pm and there's no cost to participate. Just enjoy the evening.

For more information, call Noreen Caswell, 310.850.2185

Rumor has it...It's fall now.



ADVERTISE!

Let your spiritual community know about the services and products you provide. *We want to support you!* You are invited to advertise your business in our monthly newsletter, which reaches over 300 people. Please provide camera-ready art and a check for \$25 to the church office (or any Board member) for the December issue by November 15th. Questions? Call 909-866-7100.



Are you a Caregiver?

CarePartners of Bear Valley
is a support group providing friendly & insightful tips for caregivers of loved ones with Alzheimer's, dementia & other illnesses.

For further information
Please call Mary Andresen
909-585-7958
or Ellen Kesler
909-585-1062

Please join us at 1 PM
2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Senior Center
42651 Big Bear Blvd



Spiritual Journeys
ALL ARE WELCOME

**Wednesday Meditation
Group 10 AM**

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CAROLYN DAWLEY, R.Sc.P.



Holly says....

**Attitude is everything
SO....
Pick a good one!**

and pass it along....