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December 2015							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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Rev. Jyoti 6 You ARE the Gift Karen Karsh Lunch	Peace steals through the waiting Soul, and the comfort of the Spirit comes into the stillness of the heart. Peace, like an ocean of Infinite				11	Board Meeting 8:30 AM	12
Rev. Jyoti 13 The Gift of Peace Natalie Ottobriano New Member Sunday	Life, reflects itself through me and calms every turbulent feeling. I am at peace and rest in the knowledge of the All-Good which is at hand. <i>I rest in peace.</i>		16	Movie Nite 17 Affinity 6:30 PM	18		19
Rev. Jyoti 20 Bring Forth Our Light – Candle- Light Service Karen/Natalie			23	24	25 Christmas		26
Laura McGee 27 Open Hand, Open Heart, Open Door Meditation Service Potluck	SOM pg 539.4 Meditations		30	World 31 Instant Of Cooperation For Peace 5 AM Breakfast			
						Theme GIFTS from TSRW	

New Member Sunday 12/13
Join Rev. Jyoti and Mary as they become official members of CSL Boulder Valley!

Membership is a deepening of your commitment to your spiritual growth and a commitment to supporting and being supported by a dynamic community of spiritual seekers. If this calls to you, contact Rev. Jyoti at 303-668-0411 RevJyotiD@gmail.com.

If you are interested, there will be a New Member Orientation Meeting after the service on Dec. 6th. We will discuss what it means to be a Member, what you get as a Member and what is expected from you as a Member. Attending the meeting is not a requirement to membership.

Major decisions will be made at the Annual Meeting in January. Anyone can attend the meeting and even speak but only Members can vote.

From My Heart By Rev. Jyoti



Greetings,
December – a time to celebrate the light. With Chanukah being observed from the 6th to the 14th, Winter Solstice on the 22nd, and Christmas on the 25th, there are plenty of holidays to celebrate.

Looking ahead to January, I'll be offering "Beyond Limits", a foundational Science of Mind class that is certificated by Centers For Spiritual Living, and is both a wonderful introduction to our teaching, AND a wonderful way to deepen into the teaching and apply the Science of Mind and Spirit principles in daily life. I'd love to hear from you about what kinds of classes you'd like to see in the future. Give me a call.

My office hours will shift a bit in December: I'll be at the Center from 2:00-5:30 on Thursday December 3rd, 10th, and 17th. Since both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve fall on Thursdays, I won't be in the office on those days. Feel free to call me to schedule time to stop by and chat.

December is a time of great joy, and can also be a time of fairly high stress. In this time of busyness, it is especially important to make sure you have some quiet time for prayer, meditation, and whatever other spiritual practices feed your soul. Trust me, it will make a difference! And as you do your holiday shopping, I

encourage you to honor and care for yourself by not overspending.

Not enough resources to buy exactly the gift you'd like to give? Try this:
-Spend a moment or two each day surrounding your loved one in love and light and blessings.

-Remember that they are expressions of the Divine, and that all possibilities are open to them.

-Imagine them moving through their days with ease and delight, and radiant health & energy.

-You can even imagine them having the very gift you'd like to give them. Imagine them enjoying it and feeling that all of their needs and desires have been met.

-Imagine them walking through their days in gratitude, and resting at night in peace.

PS: You do not have to figure out HOW any of this will come about - you are just free to imagine them having and enjoying all the blessings you wish for them!

PPS: Now do this for yourself, also.



Be sure to attend our annual Candlelight Service on Sunday, December 20th and the World Peace Meditation on Thursday, December 31st at 5:00 am. Both are beautiful services that will refresh your soul and renew your energy.

Love, Reverend Jyoti

Message From the Board:

Dear friends,
The end of 2015 is upon us, and what an exciting and eventful year it has been.

As we head into 2016, there are some things that you should be aware of, that are on the Board of Trustees' "radar."

The first is amending the Bylaws of the organization. Our Bylaws have not been amended since our inception, over 15 years ago. Home Office has provided us with a template, with different variations of pre-approved language. Most of the changes being considered are pretty bland and don't require much thought or debate, but there are a couple that we will need to really think about. I won't go into too much detail here, because the Board itself has not yet discussed these options, let alone decided what our recommendations to the Membership will be – that will happen between now and

the end of the year. In the interest of transparency, however, anyone is welcome to look at the template document. Send me an e-mail at: lmgee4114@gmail.com requesting a copy and I will send it to you. I'm also then happy to answer any questions you may have about it.

The Board is also in the process of developing our proposed budget for 2016. This is exciting because this year, rather than going through a painful exercise of "where else can we cut?" we made a conscious decision to build in some moderate growth, while being mindful of the fact that this growth will need to be properly managed. What a great challenge to be facing!

Lastly, board composition, and standing and ad-hoc committees are all on the table along with the Bylaws. Individual Officer roles within the Board are determined by the Board itself after the January election.

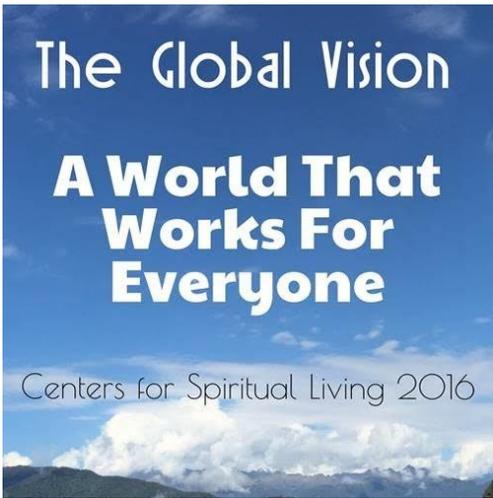
Soooooooo . . . mark your calendar. January 24, 2016 is the date of the Annual Member Meeting, which will be held after service. You must be a Member to vote, although anyone is welcome to have a voice. Members must be present to vote. No proxy is allowed under the current Bylaws. This is an important meeting, so please plan on attending. We'll be providing additional information about the Board recommendations in the January newsletter.

In the meantime, have a safe and happy Holiday season. May the joy and peace of the season be the joy and peace of your heart, today and always.

Love and light,

Laura L. McGee, R.Sc.P.
President, Board of Trustees

November Board Visioning: Highest vision: Growth, prosperity, peace, joy and freedom; sunny, warm green fields; warm and comfortable, full of joy; multi colored balloons lifting to the sky; hope and saw a sunrise; hearts wide open, all inclusive; joy joy joy for all that is done in joy prospers. **What form does this vision take:** White building with high ceilings and more space, a big space; cool breeze, hugs and love; laughter; multi level children's church and hospitality takes two large coffee pots; bells ringing and singing; love and light; expanding circle of connection, big circle of people with arms outstretched, others joining, continuing expanding circle of connection with beautiful music in the background **My role:** youth director, joyous and free; communication and attendance; hold each one individually in conscious and love; service coordinator; hold steady; continue to give; honesty focus and continued commitment; stay connected to spirit and let spirit guide into love **Release:** Old ways and habits; resistance; old ways of doing things; WTWD: wanting things the way we did it, and small center thinking; **Embrace:** Creativity and ideas, embrace the process of releasing; willingness to participate; embrace the differences of all people; new configurations like Legos refit; like tinker toys, take apart and put back together in a different way; new possibilities and new ways; embrace prosperity and embrace clarity; embracing the face of God in each face; embracing love and joy. **What else to know:** Be joyous, be free and grow; No heartache; Reminder: each one of us is infinitely precious; Bringing all congregants into the flow; I saw the dragon of the Chinese New Year with everyone grabbing hold and coming along, leaving no one behind; Thankfulness; I am grateful; All is well, success is assured; You are on the right path.



Our Theme for 2016

is The Global Vision: A World That Works For Everyone

In 2016, CSL Boulder Valley joins with over a hundred other Centers for Spiritual Living in embracing a yearlong theme of A World That Works for Everyone.

Global Vision
WHERE...

- ..all life is honored as expressions of the Divine
- ..people live according to spiritual truth
- ..humanity awakens to spiritual magnificence
- ..humanity rediscovers personal creative power
- ..we live as one global family
- ..kinship with all life prospers
- ..unity and connection is emphasized
- ..forgiveness is the norm
- ..spiritual guidance is valued
- ..we are called to conscious social action
- ..people have enough food, homes & a sense of belonging
- ..there is peace, harmony, and justice for all.
- ..resources are valued, cared for, and shared
- ..communities are meaningfully involved in service to the world
- ..there is a renewed emphasis on beauty, nature, creativity, art, and aesthetics

Monthly Themes for 2016

- January – A World That Works For Everyone
 - February – Awakening To Our Spiritual Magnificence
 - March – Realizing The Power Of Mind
 - April – Kinship With All Life
 - May – Spiritual Guidance And Personal Responsibility
 - June – Freedom From Discord
 - July – Loving Kindness And Forgiveness
 - August – Beauty, Nature, Art And Aesthetics
 - September – Service To The World
 - October – Global Transformation Through Individual Transformation
 - November – Wholeness
 - December – The Living Spirit
- For a shorthand re-statement of the Global Vision, see box on right.

Annual Meeting Information

This year’s annual meeting is scheduled for January 24th. Because it is such an important meeting, the board decided not to have it on Potluck Sunday. The meeting will start 15 minutes after the service.

At that meeting, we will be required to ratify the decision to accept Rev. Jyoti as our Senior Minister. We will vote on the 2016 budget and vote for new board members. (See Laura McGee’s column page 2.)

The loaves and fishes fund is the place to put your loose change and singles. This fund is used to support our outreach. The major purpose is to buy the turkeys and pies for our Thanksgiving Outreach. This year the bill was \$208. We have moved the Loaves and Fishes basket to the hospitality shelf so that it is now more accessible. Please contribute when you can.

After postponing the problem of the Bylaws for several years, we now know why. CSL has provided us with a Bylaw Template. We are taking advantage of this gift. The board will create a draft of the Bylaws from the template and it will be in the January Newsletter.

During the meeting, we will move through the document and will stop to discuss the paragraphs that any person has questions or comments about.

It is a very important that we have a quorum so that this important work can be accomplished. Please plan to attend. Anyone attending may speak but only members can vote. (See New Member article on page 1.)

JANUARY

Theme: Global Vision:
A World That Works For Everyone

3rd The Global Vision
Music: Natalie Ottobriano
Lunch Bunch - Morning Glory

10th Suffer No More
Music: Natalie Ottobriano

17th There is Only One Life
Music: Karen Karsh

20th Movie Nite Affinity 6:30 PM

24th Individual Expressions of an Infinite Creator
Music: Karen Karsh
Annual Meeting

31st Living in Alignment with Truth
Music: Natalie Ottobriano



CSL Boulder Valley Cookbooks

Our cookbook is now available online! It’s the perfect gift for the cook in your life. Cooking in Ernest: Go(o)d Food: A collection of recipes by CSL-Boulder Valley cooks - 200 pages of recipes plus index and kitchen hints. This cookbook is dedicated to our vibrant, fluctuating, expanding, diverse and joyous spiritual community.

Find it at EBay: <http://www.ebay.com/itm/like/291588319390>

OR Etsy: <http://etsy.me/1NjzcTh>

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE FOR LAFAYETTE SENIOR GIFTS

This year we are going to give gifts to seniors who either don't have family or don't have anyone nearby. The seniors live at Josephine Commons here in Lafayette. We have committed to 15-20 gifts. Pick a homemade ornament made by our youth from the giving tree.

The ornament will designate whether the gift is for a man or a woman and has a number. Taped to the back is a list of suggested gifts. If the tag is a U- that means the gift should be for either a woman or a man. The average cost should be about \$15.

Shop early if you can so that you can bring the wrapped presents and put them under our tree. Use the ornament as a tag for your gifts. Put the number of the tag on the extra gifts. The board will deliver the presents on Dec. 21st.

Note: No candles are allowed in the building.

Here are the suggested items:

- Cocoa mix (that uses water)
- Special soaps and lotions (but not bubble bath)
- Small fleece blanket or throw
- Easy throw shawl
- 2016 calendars
- Note pads
- Night lights
- Special snack treats (seasonal or not)
- OXO gripper to open bottles/jars of all sizes (OXO handles are helpful for arthritis)

Bedside flashlight with easy grip & light weight

If you have access to any of these items, you can donate them in bulk to be added to the wrapped presents.



Spiritual Cinema

Thursday December 17th , 6:30 PM

It's A Wonderful Life After George Bailey (James Stewart) wishes he had never been born, an angel (Henry Travers) is sent to earth to make George's wish come true.

George starts to realize how many lives he has changed and impacted, and how they would be different if he was never there.

Come enjoy popcorn and interesting spiritual discussion of this traditional Christmas movie.

Location: The theatre at Affinity Living Community; 860 W Baseline Rd Across from King Soopers on Route 7 at Highway 287. Call Pat Brazee at 303-880-9896.



Book Club will resume Jan 3rd. The next book is **E³** by Pam Grout We read **E²** early this year and had great discussions The book presents personal experiments for you to do and then share the results. The group meets at 8:55 am Sunday mornings before service. .

So ask Santa to get you the book and start reading!

Fun Opportunity Want to spend time with some great kids?

The Children's Ministry Coordinator Position has been filled by Laura McGee.

Thank you, Laura! We still have room for you, however, if you'd like to be a teacher or assistant teacher once a month. The rewards are huge in the form of being able to work with kids and knowing that you are making an important difference in individual kids' lives, in your spiritual community, and in the world.

The curriculum is ready, we have plenty of supplies, and you will be supported by Laura and by the CSLBV leadership If this opportunity calls to you, please email us at cslbouldervalley@gmail.com or contact Laura McGee at 303-638-9586



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PASTORAL CARE NEEDS:

If you or someone you know needs prayer or support, please call Rev. Jyoti at 303-668-0411. She will activate our Loving Response Prayer chain.