

Prayer Ministry Report 2014 Unity North Spiritual Center Annual Members Meeting

Description

There are 3 activities represented under Prayer Ministry.

- *Prayer teams* have had 3 to 6 members to a group. There are changes to prayer team membership and duties outlined in the Prayer Team Report below. Wendy Erickson and Laura Drube manage receiving and assigning requests to the team. Requests are received verbally, by email, or through calls made to the Prayer Line on the church phone.
- *Wednesday meditation recharge services* are led by several members of the community: Rhonda Steele, Will Hale, Heidi Meade, Robyn Lane, Ann Mongeau, Laura Drube, Ximena Oritz-Zamora, Bonita Anderson, Carol Kniskern and the Y.O.U.
- *Prayer Chaplain Ministry* is a group of 8 members of the church that will pray in person with members of the community. They are available at Sunday Services, Healing Services, Family table and other events as needed. The members of this group is Jan Davis, Laura Drube, Wendy Erickson, Nancy Helvig, John Ice, John Lippert, Ann Mongeau and Charles Reimler.

Prayer Teams Report

There are changes happening with the configuration of the prayer teams. Team members interested in continuing in this ministry were invited to a short informational meeting on September 14th. At this meeting members were asked to participate in a one day retreat (options are Oct 26, Nov 8 and Dec 7), at which, training and meditation time would be given. Once the training/retreat sessions are complete, prayer team configurations will be adjusted for those continuing on in this ministry. Additional service duties are also on the horizon for prayer teams. Some ideas include assisting with holding the energy in healing space during Wednesday healing sessions; and opportunities to participate in 7pm Wednesday meditation service times.

Prayer Teams will continue to be offered retreat and training opportunities throughout the year.

Another change requested by members is in the format of the prayer request. A name will be provided to the team. They will pray the highest forms of strength, love, care, compassion and joy, etc. This helps the team to not become distracted by the circumstances and enables the prayer team to focus on the healing. Teams create a hologram of pure energy offered in love and support for the recipient.

Wednesday Evening Meditation Service

Format for Wednesday evening meditation services is changing. A shift to offer a meditation circle held quietly, and in conjunction with healing in the sanctuary, is currently being planned. A traditional service (a talk and guided meditation) will not be offered except on 4th Wednesday led by the Y.O.U. Drumming circles will still be held on the third Wednesdays before the solstice and equinox dates. Format Details will be announced as they are finalized. Format changes are anticipated to start on November 12th.

1st, 2nd and 5th Wednesdays: quiet meditation circles

3rd Wednesday of March, June, September and December: solstice and equinox drumming circles will continue

4th Wednesday: Y.O.U. led

Prayer Chaplain Ministry

The number of Prayer Chaplains (8) have remained stable for 2014. Their retreat weekend is October 17-19th. At this year's retreat, Carol Kniskern will lead them through an exploration of different prayer types and the concept of Spiritual Bypassing.

Respectfully submitted,
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