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Unity Of Centralia Newsletter

February 2012

FEBRUARY SPEAKERS

5TH ELLEN
12TH DARYA
19TH ROY
26TH TBA

BIRTHDAYS

4 DARYA FUNCHES
8 SHELBY BROWN
14 DONNA TAYLOR
14 WILLY GIFFORD

February is the month of Strength

Represented by the Apostle Andrew

Color – Spring Green

Associated with the loins

The ability to endure, stay the course, persevere.

**I have the strength to accomplish all
that is mine to do.**

Be Strong

By Winifred Wilkinson Hausmann

Strength is not simply a physical quality. As with all the Twelve Powers, it expresses itself on three levels, each one complementing the others in this life expression on the earth plane.

In the physical realm, strength is vitality, endurance, the ability to persist. In the mental area of expression, strength is that quality of mind which enables one to lead, to accomplish, to follow through on decisions, to establish purposes in life, and to hold firm to spiritual principles in daily living. It expresses itself as stability of character.

The highest expression, and the one that should determine the direction of strength in the other realms, is the spiritual realization of this quality. Here strength is closely allied with faith. In the symbology of the 12 disciples and the 12 qualities of mind that we are to develop as Jesus encouraged and developed his closest followers, strength and faith are represented by the brothers Andrew and Peter.

Peter must be the first of our qualities to be unfolded in a spiritual way, because without faith there is no impetus to action and no foundation for a program of spiritual growth. Faith also is our innate ability to see the unseen, plus the desire to persist in order to bring it forth. But faith has to be established in strength. The “two brothers” must grow together, both under the loving direction of our own Christ nature, the “perfect human” idea within us.

Faith must continually be strengthened, and strength must be inspired to right action by spiritual faith. In a spiritual way, then, strength enables us to persist in prayer, to build a stronger and stronger faith in our spiritual nature and the activity of God through us, and to do the things that need to be done by us as a part of becoming the “fourth dimension” person that our Twelve Powers, spiritually developed, enable us to be.

The person who depends on physical strength alone is constantly being challenged by others in the human thought and eventually will be overcome by one who is stronger. ... Mental strength alone—pitted against the strong mind of another—may result in a test of wills, a human contest, with the same results. Only spiritual strength remains nonresistant, triumphant, regardless of the challenge.

For the best results, both physical and mental strength must be rooted in the spiritual development of the strength faculty. ...

... Strength is a quality that we can and must develop if we are to bring forth our God-given potential. It is to be brought forth along with the other 11 powers, but it must be basic in our growth.

As you begin your development of this faculty represented by Andrew, declare quietly to yourself: **Through the will and the work of [Spirit] within, my God-given potential of strength is developed and expressed—easily and in divine order.** Remember that strength is to be developed easily, not with tension and strain, but with a relaxed, trusting attitude.

... As with all the powers, strength is consciously awakened first in the intellectual nature and then developed (through prayerful concentration on the idea) to be a spiritual realization of oneness with the Source of all strength.

This excerpt is from the Unity House® book *Your God-Given Potential: Unfolding the Twelve Spiritual Powers*.

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Come One, Come All to Harmony Hill

Remember to keep the dates Feb. 17-19 for our church retreat at the Hill. The charge is only \$100 per night per person including food. No charge for children. The program will have something for all but as usual it is all voluntary. If you want alone time to hike, meditate or listen to music, you are free to be good to you. The retreat is open to all church members and friends or family.

Those wishing for a partial scholarship or to contribute towards a scholarship, please contact Kristy Woodford (kristy.woodford@gmail.com). We are planning fundraisers to help with the cost of scholarships and supplies. We are looking for some super items to be auctioned off and other goodies to be priced as marked for donation. Please contact Kristy to donate or feel free to contact your retreat committee with any questions. Susan F., Kristy W., Susan K.

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PRAYER PAL CLUB

I believe prayer is a gift, a powerful tool that we sometimes forget we have. Some of us pray often, thanking God for His blessings, for our food, praying for family and friends in need, but sometimes its hard to find the words, to know how or what to ask for, or even express our despair. Sometimes I find my prayer is just "Dear God, NOW WHAT??" In church we take a few minutes to pray for each other, for friends and family, for our leaders and our planet, and when one of our community is in trouble, we pray for them. What if we had someone who prayed just for us, every day, for our highest good, our well being and prosperity? Would it be wonderful for the coming year to know someone was praying just for you, no matter what, every day? I would like to start a prayer-pal group, kind of like the old pen-pal projects we used to do in school. It would be like a secret pal exchange: take a name and for the next year make a pledge to pray every day

for that person. I have a feeling it will do as much good for you as for the person you pray for! If you would like to join me in this, put your name on a slip of paper and put it into the jar I will leave in the Garden Room. Then anyone who puts in his or her name, can draw out a name to be that person's prayer angel for the year. Sssshhh, this can be fun! Contact me, Dianne Seng, for details.

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Church Board News

At the annual membership meeting on January 8th, three church board positions were elected: Bill Lane, Sherry Lauter, and Suzanne Hostetter. After the membership meeting, the board adjourned to the conference room and elected the following officers:

Bill Lane – President

Joanne Cobbs – Vice President

Suzanne Hostetter – Treasurer

Sandy Crowell – Secretary

Dianne Seng – at large (to assist President)

Sherry Lauter – at large (to assist Treasurer)

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Mark Your Calendar

February 1st 5:30 p.m. at church – Pot Luck. Movie at 6:30 p.m.: *Have a Little Faith*, a movie about a successful sports writer who learns the same lesson from two diverse cultures – a single person can make a big difference in other people's lives if they "have a little faith".

February 12th 12 noon – 1:30 p.m. Dr. Darya will present a group session on "Going Deeper into the Well in 2012" – Infinite Mind, Infinite Presence. This is on a donation basis and all are welcome. The Course in Miracles Group will not meet.

February 17-19th Church Retreat at Harmony Hill. See article above for details.

Monday evenings, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. – Meditation workshop at church.

Tuesday mornings 10 a.m. to 11:00 – Book study group. Currently studying Take Me to Truth.

Fourth Wednesday, 6 p.m. -- Potluck and Abraham video at Rosie's.

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If you would like to have a notice posted in the newsletter, submit it **in writing** to Sherry no later than the third Sunday of the month. Also, **don't forget to sign up** for a turn at being the platform person, greeter, reader, music, healing prayer, childcare person, or cleanup. Many hands make light work!

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Sign me up! If you would like to add your name to the church directory or change any of your information, please complete this form, tear it off, and give to Sherry, Dianne, or Joanne. It is our intention to update the directory quarterly, e-mail it to those with internet access, and run copies for those who wish to pick it up at church

Name(s) _____ (print please)

Address _____

Phone(s) _____

e-mail address(es) _____

Birthday(s) _____ Anniversary _____

Ways I would love to help the church: _____

(Examples: childcare, kitchen duty, landscaping, etc.)

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Sunday	Mond	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursda	Friday	Saturday
			1 5:30 POTLUCK 6:30 MOVIE: <i>Have a Little Faith</i>	2	3	4
5 8:30 Board Mtg SPEAKER: ELLEN ACIM Study Group	6 6:00 p.m. Meditation	7 10 AM Discussion Group: <i>Take Me to Truth</i>	8	9	10	11
12 SPEAKER: DARYA Group Session – Going Deeper	13 6:00 p.m. Meditation	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> 10 AM Discussion Group: <i>Take Me to Truth</i>	15	16	17 CHURCH RETREAT AT HARMONY HILL	18 CHURCH RETREAT AT HARMONY HILL
19 SPEAKER: ROY CHURCH RETREAT AT HARMONY HILL ACIM Study Group	20 6:00 p.m. Meditation	21 10 AM Discussion Group: <i>Take Me to Truth</i>	22 6PM Potluck @ Rosie's followed by Abraham DVD	23	24	25
26 SPEAKER: TBA ACIM Study Group	27 6:00 p.m. Meditation	28 10 AM Discussion Group: <i>Take Me to Truth</i>	29			