

The InnerFaith Light



A NEW THOUGHT COMMUNITY
Dr. Sharron Stroud Co-Founder



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Dear Spiritual Partners



Blessings to you on this day! There are so many wonderful things happening in the Innerfaith Community! March 21st we will welcome the Rites of Spring and celebrate the Spring Equinox.

The vernal equinox celebrates the balance of light and dark. At this equinox, a shift takes place from the earth energy of winter to the airiness of spring. From the cold darkness of earth and stone and the roots of trees, sap begins to rise, the breeze begins to warm and soothe us, and the skies become thickly inhabited once again.

Spring Equinox, also known as Ostara, occurs in the middle of March. It marks the beginning of Spring and the time when days and nights are of equal length. The Goddess manifests Eostre with her basket of eggs. She is accompanied by the Hare or Rabbit, a manifestation of the God. Green has been sacred to this Sabbath since ancient times because it represents the greening of the land with vegetation. This is a festival of new growth.

This is a parallel of our spiritual life. The winter months have allowed us to go within, to pray and meditate upon that which we want to manifest in our lives. The seeds have been planted and the energy sent forth to accomplish that which we have accepted in consciousness.

In our way of life we believe that God is the Ever Present Companion that expresses Itself through the heart and soul of each one of us.

A poet expressed it perfectly with this expression of prose:

*"God speak to me" and a meadowlark sang.
But the man did not hear.
So the man yelled, "God speak to me", and the
Thunder rolled across the sky.
But, the man did not listen.
The man said, "God let me see you."
And a star shone brightly.
But the man did not notice.
And, the man shouted, "God show me a miracle."
And, a life was born.
But, the man did not know.
The man cried out in despair, "Touch me God, and
let me know you are here."
Whereupon, God reached down and touched the
man.
But the man brushed the butterfly away and walked
away.*

Do not miss out on a blessing because it isn't packaged the way that you expect.

Everything in Life bespeaks the beauty and glory of our relationship with God. We have been given the gift of life. This life is a sacred blessing that we express by means of one another. In the final analysis, we only have each other. To cherish our relationship with God is to express love to every living thing on the planet.

Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving you spiritually! For surely it is a relationship borne of God.

In His Love and Divine Purpose,

Dr. Sharron Stroud

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendship Sunday Brunch

After church, the first Sunday of each month. Dr. Sharron and the Ministerial Innerfaith Team.

The Hilton Hotel (across from the Spa Casino on Tahquitz) brunch. Special price \$7.95 to InnerFaith members and guests! Please join us. All are welcome. Spiritual Community is created by breaking bread one with another!

Healing Service

9:30 each Sunday morning facilitated by the Ministerial Team. Experience healing energy and the joy of deepening spirituality.

Centering Meditation

9:50 each Sunday morning with Jeri Lynne

Children's Ministry

10:00 each Sunday morning

Prayer Ministr

The prayer table in the foyer. Rev. Arline Hoover will assist you with your prayer request and pray with you personally if you desire.

Founder's Circle

Become a member of the Founder's Circle. Join today by tithing \$100 or more a month over your regular contribution. To join, write Founder's Circle on your check. Talk with Rev. Lloyd Brushett at 770-9263 about the miracles that come from giving to a Purpose larger than yourself. This works out to \$3.25 a day to be a Founder!

Flower Power

Bring flowers to honor a special occasion for the service. Take them with you when you leave to brighten your day!

Men's Group

6:30 PM pot luck hosted by various members of the Innerfaith Community on a quarterly basis.

Women's Empowerment

Dr. Sharron Stroud

6:30 PM veggie pot luck and vital discussion from Dr. Clarissa Pinkola Estes. Sign up in the foyer.

Volunteer

A big thank you to all the VIPS (Volunteer's In Progress) who make this ministry happen! You are a gift and you are loved and greatly appreciated. Call the Innerfaith Office at 318-3196 to become a volunteer.

Food Drive

Chaplain Lloyd Brushett is collecting canned goods for The Well in the Desert, with whom we have partnered, for those who at the moment do not have enough to eat. Please leave your canned food donations at the designated place in the foyer.

THE MINISTERIAL TEAM

Rev. Valjean McGinty	760-341-2511
Rev. Roberta Temple	760-323-9746
Rev. Arline Hoover	760-360-8918
Rev. Lou & Lloyd Brushett	760-770-9263
Rev. Howard Hassett	760-360-7484
Rev. Pam Santoro	909-336-6400



Today is the day the Lord hath made and I consciously choose to rejoice in it.

I am happy, healthy, prosperous, and free. Thank You Father/Mother God for the abundance that is mine.

CELEBRATE WITH US

March Services

Theme: Invisible Acts of Power

Affirmation: I call upon the Invisible Energy of my Higher Power and I Am generously supported in every area of my life!

5th Grace, Intuition, and Power

12th Your Invisible Power

19th Gifts of Good Fortune

26th Gifts of the Spirit

April Services

Theme: If You Don't Go Within You Go Without!

Affirmation: I am the resurrection and the Life! I am the ever renewing, ever expressing energy of the Universe! I and My Father/Mother God are One!

2nd Going Within for Peace

9th Going Within for God- Palm Sunday
Spiritual Baptism in Sunset Park

16th Going Within for Transcendence – Easter Sunday

23rd Going Within for Wholeness

30th Going Within for Wisdom

THE SPIRIT, MIND, & BODY CONNECTION



WELL SPIRIT FITNESS CENTER

SPA RESORT HOTEL

Every Wednesday

Canyon Conference Center
100 North Indian Canyon. Dr. Palm Springs
On the corner of Andreas and Indian

NOTE: Enter on Indian through the Conference Center Door

March SMB Connection

1st - 7PM Symphony of Light Frederic Delarue

6:45 PM Silent Meditation with Music
New Album and the first public performance!
An album dedicated to the Angel on the Mountain in Palm Springs, California and inspired by the Angels, Archangels and the Great Classical Composers. This album will bring forth the Passion, the Light, the Energy, and the Creativity. within you!!! This evening will prove transformative! Since this is Ash Wednesday we will all arise Phoenix-Like from the ashes of the past to the resurrection of the Holy Instant!

8th - Invisible Acts of Power Dr. Sharron Stroud

Learning to manage your personal power means that you have to become aware of how you work with your energy and who you give it to. "Those who overcome themselves are strong", wrote Lao-tzu. It is also about how much you are willing to surrender to Divine Guidance, which comes through your intuition.

15th - The Power of I AM John Maxwell Taylor

Award winning actor and acclaimed author John Maxwell Taylor is known internationally for his portrayal of Carl Jung in the play "Forever Jung". As a pioneering European rock star he has opened for the Beatles & the Rolling Stones. He has performed for the Queen of England, and has lectured throughout Great Britain and Internationally. He will lecture on Personal Empowerment in the Real World. His presentation will address:

Connecting easily and holding ones own with everyone they meet. I AM gives security in a world of Constant change.

Release being drained by "energy vampires" or disempowered by the overbearing in society.

Feel the "I AM" presence in and around you during difficult social interactions.

Increase your "Level of Being" and personal magnetism to bring out the best in yourself and others.

I AM gives strength and confidence to our personality; be seen for who you really are.

Eliminate stage fright, fear of others, and have your personality reflect the beauty and strength of your soul.

22nd - Gifts of the Heart

Dr. Sharron Stroud

Research proves that fear, along with anger and sadness, depresses our immune systems, while love, appreciation, gratitude and joy enhance the functioning of this system. It has also been said that love and fear cannot coexist. The heart chakra is said to be the seat of love, the connection between ourselves and others. Dr. Sharron will share the exercises that will help you cultivate the bridging and nourishing heart energy.

29th - Create the Vision

Dr. Karen Vizer & the Innerfaith Community

We will gather together to stream line our group vision and action plan for taking Innerfaith Ministries to the next level. The last Wednesday of the Month is dedicated to honing our vision and creating a context of community that will inspire, teach, heal, empower, and prosper humanity. We have the most powerful teaching on the planet and we are putting the works with the faith!

April SMB Connection

5th, 7PM - Frederic Delarue

Rites of Spring Concert

We are blessed to have Frederic come to give his amazing gift to Innerfaith Ministries Worldwide. His illuminated expressions lift us to the realms of poetic bliss and we leave with prayer upon our lips and a song within our hearts.

12th - Metaphysical Seder

This Ancient Ritual will share the joy of freedom and the blessing of community

19th - Going Within For Love

Dr. Sharron Stroud

Experiencing directly the transcendent interconnectedness of life, love and intimacy are at the root of what makes us sick, what makes us well, what causes sadness, what brings happiness, what makes us suffer, and what leads to healing. If a new drug had the same impact, virtually every doctor in the country would be recommending it for their patients. There is always a doctor in the house!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Special Events at InnerFaith



Tea & Metaphysics, a Spiritual Gathering

Tuesday March 7th - April 25th 10:00 AM
1359 E Caleta Way, Palm Springs

Tea & Metaphysics with a Course In Miracles

Discover that Miracles are natural! Miracles honor you because you are lovable; they perceive the light in you. A Miracle is a universal blessing from God. Dr. Sharron Stroud, facilitator

Annual Pet Blessing in Doggie Park

March 25th at 9:00 am
222 Civic Dr. North (behind City Hall)

As you acknowledge the loving presence of your beloved pet, so does your beloved pet respond with unconditional love and a happy heart!

Innerfaith Ministries Annual Yard Sale

Saturday, March 25th

Hosted By Chaplains Lou and Lloyd Brushett
Date Palm Country Club
(Date Palm after Perez Road coming from 111)
128 Via Estrada, Cathedral City
770-9263

Yes, it is that time of year again! Bring your smaller treasures to the Camelot and drop off the larger items at the home of Lou and Lloyd. Last year we bought the Church "Faith Mobile" with the proceeds from our sale. We are putting the FUN back into FUNDRAISING!

You will receive a non-profit credit for your taxes when you request it!

EXPECT A MIRACLE ONLINE

Daily Thoughts of inspiration from the text of A Course In Miracles and a spiritual explanation from Dr. Sharron Stroud.

www.innerfaithworldwide.com/miracle.htm

SUPPORT/DONATIONS

Be an Active Participant in Taking Your Spiritual Enlightenment and Your Innerfaith Community to the Next Level:

- Invite Friends and Loved Ones to the Innerfaith Community. Celebrate Friendship Sunday with us the first Sunday of every month followed by brunch at the Hilton.
- Volunteer to assist with the Sunday or Spirit, Mind, and Body Connection. Or, make a contribution in the Innerfaith office. Contact Linda Orrick 318-3196 for more information.
- Attend Classes. Through lectures, discussions, and workshops, learn how to personalize the same metaphysical principles used by Spiritual Masters throughout history.

- Buy CD's and DVD's. For a list of CD's and DVD's, call 760-318-3196. CD's are \$10.00 each and DVD's are \$15.00 each. Buy 4 and get 1 free!
- Join the Unexpected Income Program. Request a Brochure for details.

Save Tax Dollars Through Your Loving Gifts and Endowments through:

- **Donations:** Contributions by cash, check, or credit card are gratefully accepted. Sign up to contribute a monthly amount on your credit card.
- **Endowments:** Contributions made through your will or living trust can be cash, stocks, bonds, or real or personal property. Suggested language is: I will, give, devise and bequest to Innerfaith Ministries Worldwide (insert the sum or description of the property), to be used in such manner as the Board may direct.
- **Tributes:** A donation to Innerfaith Ministries Worldwide in honor of a departed loved one or special friend is recognized in our Newsletter.
- **Life Insurance:** Designate Innerfaith Ministries Worldwide as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy.
- **Appreciated Assets, Charitable Lead & Charitable Remainder Trusts:** Consult your attorney or tax advisor about how to take advantage of these tax saving methods.



Let us rise up and be thankful, for if we didn't learn a lot today, at least we learned a little, and if we didn't learn a little, at least we didn't get sick, and if we got sick, at least we didn't die; so, let us all be thankful.

SUNDAY MEDITATION

Dr. Sharron Stroud



*Right now somewhere in the world
A Jew is saying his prayers,
A Hindu is chanting a mantra and a
Buddhist is kneeling at her sacred shrine.
Right now at this very moment someone is
Lighting a Candle in a Cathedral
Someone is making their hage toward Mecca
For it is the will of Allah,
And someone else is lighting a fire in a jungle
Repeating an ancient mystical drama.
Many, Many pathways up the mountaintop
And the View is always the same from the
summit!*

*In the Dawning of the Spiritual Sun
For a moment all faiths became as One.
The Christian, Buddhist, Muslim, Jew
Became as One and somehow knew
That Mystic Voice that calls to me
O yonder, yonder person I Am Thee!*

TESTIMONIALS



Yes, a new matrix indeed. I'm moving to New York within the month. Needless to say, it's as though the corners of my mouth have been stapled to my ear lobes. Dreams do manifest if we trust and focus our intentions over time. You and i have entered an "8" year of personal power and fulfillment, reaping what we've sown. So hold on sweetie *cause I know you've got some serious magic and miracles headed your way.* I'm sending you this month's lunar journal as a New Year's gift. Please let me know you were able to download it.

Love and Many Blessings,
Claudia

Rev. Blair Tabor's sermon today was about the cycle of giving and receiving. He gave us an opportunity to focus on gratitude for those in our past. I mentioned to Dr. Betty, your former Assistant Minister, whom I believe you saved my life. I was drowning when I was washed up on the shores of Religious Science - particularly into your arms and your church. I'm deeply grateful for your classes and all you have given to me. Thank you so much, dear one.

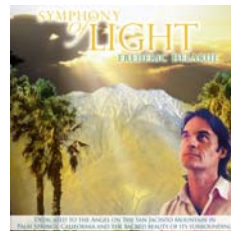
I hope your life is well and happy. When you are in San Diego please call, I'd love to see you. In the meantime, if there is anything I can do to make your life more wonderful, please ask.

Love & blessings,
Judy Winkler

[Judy is now a Spiritual Coach! She came to my church 25 years ago!]

FREDERIC DELARUE'S NEW CD!

SYMPHONY of LIGHT



Frederic debuted his astonishing new CD to a packed audience at our last Spirit, Mind, and Body Connection gathering. The CD is dedicated to the Angel on the San Jacinto Mountain in Palm Springs, CA and the Sacred Beauty of its surroundings.

Frederic masterfully weaves his gift of music while expressing his gratitude towards all Angels, Archangels and the Great Classical Composers including Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin, Greig, and Tchaikovsky. When the Great Composers come to play with Frederic, it's an amazing journey and experience you do not want to miss.

Let your heart be filled with the SYMPHONY of LIGHT. The CD contains 14 tracks that total 56:00 minutes. Frederic Delarue on the Web:
www.fredericdelarue.com.

EASTER HOLY WEEK EVENTS

April 9th-April 16th

PALM SUNDAY - April 9th



Group Rose Baptism at Sunset Park (Sunrise & Baristo next to library). This ancient ritual allows you to recommit to your Spiritual Life. It is done with a Rose Of Love, symbolizing your perfection. The gathering will immediately follow the

Sunday Celebration Service. Sign up in Foyer as we need to know the number of roses. Presented by Dr. Sharron and the Ministerial Team

HOLY WEDNESDAY - April 12th

METAPHYSICAL PASSOVER SEDER SUPPER at the Spa Resort Hotel 7:00 PM This Ancient Ritual will share the joy of freedom and the blessing of community.

GOOD FRIDAY - April 14th

12-1:00 PM - **THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS THE CHRIST** This is performed by Dr. Sharron and the Assistant Ministers. Learn the esoteric essence of the true meaning of these declarations followed by silence and Prayer. Dr. Sharron Stroud's Home is located at 1359 E Caleta Way, Palm Springs.

GOOD FRIDAY EASTER PAGEANT

April 14th

7:00 PM Beautiful Music with readings from **THE PROPHET**, by Kahlil Gibran. The readings come alive as you hear the classic message on Love, Giving, Work, Joy Pain, Friendship, Prayer, Beauty, Religion, and Death. This is a Light-Filled performance and one you will always cherish as one of the most significant events of Sacred Theater.

Holy Saturday - April 15th

Mother Goose, Peter Rabbit & Friends will pass out Easter Baskets to Hospice Patients & the Pediatric ward at Desert Regional Hospital Meet in the lobby at 1:00 PM.

Easter Sunday at the Camelot Theater with the Innerfaith Ministries Community!

Science of Mastery Advanced Classes

February 7th to March 28th

Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 PM. The tuition is \$150.00 (10 % discount for couples and seniors). Location: 1359 E Caleta Way, Palm Springs

Classes that study Science of Mind principles are held on a year-round basis. From the basic studies of Truth to advanced meditation techniques, you'll find just the right class to advance your growth.

The Innerfaith Ministries is a campus of Emerson Institute, an accredited learning institution. Emerson Institute believes that learning is a lifelong experience and that to fully grow spiritually, emotionally, intellectually and socially, the individual needs to be "open at the top," as Ernest Holmes stated. Innerfaith Ministries offers programs through Emerson Institute toward Bachelor of Religious Studies, Master of Religious Studies, and other degrees.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



When the eagle shall nest
in the hollow glen
When mountain and fen
shall from mists be free
When the priests shall no
longer for gold be seeking
The crow shall be speaking
as plain as we.

May you always have
A sunbeam to warm you,
good luck to charm you.
A sheltering angel
so nothing can harm you.
Laughter to cheer you,
And faithful friends near you.
And, whenever you pray,
heaven to hear you.



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Ed Zavora & Rev. Arlene Hoover



Valentine's Day Stage



Lillian Ray Clanton



Rev. Valjean McGinty & Guest



Dan Foley



Dr. Sharron Stroud



Ricardo Reyes



Linda Orrick and Pete Mardon



Rev. Pam Santoro



David Lasiter



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CELEBRATE WITH US

Camelot Theater
760-318-3196
Baristo & Farrell in Palm Springs

Every Sunday Morning at 10:00 Am
Guided Meditation at 9:30 AM

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