

Universalists discuss ETs, consciousness

On Sunday, June 26, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Rosemary Alden and Ruth Ostertag will lead the service titled "ETs, Consciousness and Meditation."

Alden and Ostertag will describe the "Global CE-5 Initiative," founded in the early 1990s by Dr. Steven Greer.

CE-5 is a grassroots movement which promotes careful bilateral communications between Extraterrestrial (ET) Intelligence and humans through meditation and awareness of different levels of consciousness.

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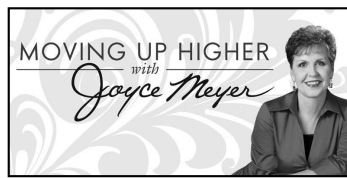
background and protocols of this movement that includes thousands of members in over 100 countries around the world.

Alden has been leading groups in the CE-5 Initiative since 2010 and Ostertag joined her in 2012.

Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is at 87738 Highway 101 at Heceta Beach Road. It is wheelchair accessible.

Each service concludes with refreshments and a dialogue circle to explore the questions that come up during each service.

For more information, go to www.florenceuuflorence.org or call 541-997-2840.



There's nothing more valuable than the presence of God in our lives. My goal for teaching about God's presence and anointing is to increase your desire to completely and promptly obey God. Because the more we love, trust and obey God, the stronger His anointing will be in our lives.

Now God's love for you is perfect, complete and unconditional. He couldn't love you any more than He does right now and His love for you never changes.

But we can grow in our love for God. As we learn more about His character and have experience with Him through a personal relationship with Him, our trust in Him and love for Him grows. And this causes more of the anointing of the Holy Spirit to work in and through us.

Jesus Christ is the Anointed One, so when we are born again, His anointing abides in us. The word anoint means "to smear or rub all over." It's won-

Do you have enough power in your life?

derful to think about how in Christ, we are "rubbed in and smeared all over" with the Holy Spirit.

In one way the anointing is a free gift from God that comes by His grace and mercy, and in another way, there is a price to pay for it.

First John 2:27 (AMPC) says, "But as for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you..."

Notice how this scripture says that the anointing abides permanently-it won't go away.

I also like that word "unction" — it's like having Holy Spirit "umph." or power to do what God is calling us to do. And it's the gentle promptings, urges and leadership of the Holy Spirit in us that shows us how to live. When we follow the anointing, we feel peace and joy because we're making wise decisions.

More than anything, we need to protect the anointing in our lives.

While the anointing abides in us through our salvation, it can't come through our lives until we are broken before God. That's when the oil of the Holy

Spirit in us is poured out and can be a benefit to others.

So what is it that needs to be broken in us? Things like rebellion, stubbornness, pride and a spirit that's independent from God are a few areas of disobedience that can keep the anointing from working through us. See, the vehicle that carries the anointing is the soul-our mind, will and emotions. And when we are led by our natural carnal or fleshly impulses, we are not being led by the Holy Spirit.

It's so important for us to grow up and mature in Christ so we can be what God wants us to be.

We need to understand that we dare not do anything without God's anointing. And there's an anointing for everything we need to do. It's not just for ministers or for spiritual areas of life.

The anointing is what enables and equips us to do what God asks us to do. You have an anointing to be a parent, husband or wife...to be in business or some kind of organization...whatever you are gifted to do with your life.

It's amazing when God use

someone to do something that you know they don't have the ability to do on their own. That's the power of the anointing.

Philippians 2:10 (AMPC) says, "At the name of Jesus every knee...(must) bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth."

He is God, and He is all-powerful. Yet, He is also our example in humility. Verses 5-8 in this same chapter tell us we are to have the same attitude that He demonstrated: although He is one with God, He stripped Himself of all privileges and became a servant; He abased and humbled Himself and was obedient even to the extreme of death on the cross.

Power is connected to obedience. The anointing is released when we get rid of our selfish, self-centered, independent attitudes and humble ourselves before God. As you choose to be radically obedient to God, you will have the same power that raised Christ from the dead working in and through you. And you'll be amazed by the anointing of the Holy Spirit in your life.

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Mapleton hosts Voice of Martyrs

Sunday, June 26, at 10:30 a.m., Bob and Faye Kircher from Salem, Ore., will be speaking at the Mapleton Evangelical Church, 87978 Riverview Ave.

The Kirchers are from Voice

of the Martyrs Ministry and will speak about the underground church and the persecution of Christians throughout the world.

Call Mark Dutton at 541-268-4414 with questions.



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As part of Alice Brauer Christian Preschool's Summer Camp Program, the children are participating in Bike Rally Tuesdays (above). There are still some full-time and part-time openings for the program. Contact ABC Preschool at 541-603-1562 or go to its website www.abcprek.com to receive more information.

Monday night's Soup's On becomes Spirituali-Tea

On Monday, June 27, at 6:30 p.m., everyone is invited to join a group of friends from varied spiritual paths to discuss violence and to share cups of tea and coffee.

Abdu'l-Baha said, "A Baha'i denies no religion; he accepts the Truth in all, and would die to uphold it. He loves all men as his brothers, of whatever class, of whatever race or nationality, of whatever creed or colour, whether good or bad, rich or poor, beautiful or hideous. He commits no violence; if he is struck he does

not return the blow."

The main goal of the Baha'i Faith will always center around one ultimate aim — the peaceful unification of the entire human race.

The gathering will end at 8 p.m. with prayers for the requests left in the Prayer Pole in the garden of the Florence Playhouse and those shared by the group.

The Heintz home is at 875 Seventh St.

For more information, call Suzanne Mann-Heintz at 541-590-0779.

Register now for Bible camp

Youth can have "s'more" summer fun at Camp Turned Around. This fun-filled Vacation Bible School begins Monday, July 11, through Friday, July 15, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, at Florence Evangelical Church on Rhododendron Drive.

Participants will learn that when God "turns them around," others will see a difference in their lives. This VBS includes Bible stories,

snacks, crafts, games and puppet skits, and is for children who have completed kindergarten through fifth grade.

There is a family program Thursday, July 14, at 7 p.m. The church is at 1318 Rhododendron Drive, just one block west of Highway 101.

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