

Spirituali-Tea to discuss meaning of Labor Day

On Monday, Sept. 5, beginning at 6:30 p.m., everyone is invited to join a group from varied spiritual paths to discuss the meaning of Labor Day, a day set aside to pay tribute to working men and women.

It has been celebrated as a national holiday in the United States and Canada since 1894.

Baha'u'llah says, "It is enjoined upon every one of you to engage in some form of occupation, such as crafts, trades and the like..."

The gathering will end at 8 p.m. with prayer.

The Heintz home is located at 875 Seventh St.

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

ST. MARY'S HOLDS MASS, SPECIAL FEAST DAY

St. Mary, Our Lady of the Dunes Catholic Church is having a celebration Sunday, Sept. 11, beginning at 11 a.m.

The parish feast day will begin with a special mass and

commissioning of ministers followed by a reception, family games and art and quilt show.

All parishioners, family and friends are invited to this annual event



We've all experienced the effects of strife in one way or another. Strife can manifest itself through arguing, screaming and yelling. Other times, it can be more subtle, like when someone gives you "the silent treatment" and refuses to talk at all.

The dictionary defines strife as "bickering, arguing, a heated disagreement or an angry undercurrent."

I think maybe the most dangerous form of strife is an angry undercurrent, because it's not as easy to recognize. It's something you can feel in the atmosphere. You know something's not quite right, but no one wants to address it. Maybe nothing is specifically said, but it's quite clear that everything is not okay.

In the early years of my marriage, I perfected the art of arguing with my husband, Dave, without having to say a word. I spent entire Saturdays stomping around the house and cleaning every room, ignoring him for hours at a time. Thankfully, Dave was a peacemaker and mature enough to not give in to my tantrums.

You see, Satan works endlessly to try and fill our lives

You can say no to strife

with strife — our marriages, businesses, churches, schools, and relationships. Why?

Because he knows how powerful it is when God's children walk in peace and unity.

Psalm 133:1 (NIV) says, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity." It then goes on, in verses 2-3, to give an illustration of what unity is like.

This psalm tells us that unity brings with it the anointing and God's blessing. The anointing is the presence and power of the Holy Spirit to help us in every area. We need the anointing to raise our children, perform well at our jobs, have a successful marriage and simply enjoy our lives.

Conversely, if there is not unity — if your home or business is full of strife — you will not have the anointing and God's blessing.

First Peter 3:11 (AMPC) says, "Do not merely desire peaceful relations with God, with your fellowmen and with yourself, but pursue, go after them."

"Pursue" is a strong word. It implies making a true effort and taking action. If we're really going to pursue peace, we can't wait around for everyone to come apologize to us.

Chasing after peace means resolving issues quickly and

even apologizing to others when we don't feel like it.

Romans 12:16 (AMPC) says, "Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but readily adjust yourself to [people, things] and give yourselves to humble tasks. Never overestimate yourself or be wise in your own conceits."

Living in peace requires us to take responsibility for our own thoughts and actions. We're going to have to humble ourselves and do some adapting and adjusting.

I learned a tough lesson in this area. A few years ago, Dave and I were in an art store at the shopping mall. Dave found a picture he really liked for our house, but I didn't like it at all.

He really desired to purchase it, but I wouldn't give in. I persisted and argued until he finally said, "All right, just do what you want."

For a few minutes, I felt smug and congratulated myself on the victory. Then, right there in the mall, the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart and said, "You think you won, but you lost."

It pierced my heart. I knew right then that I didn't walk in love at all. If Dave really liked that picture, there were plenty of places we could have hung it. At the very least, I could have been more loving in how I handled the entire conversation.

You see, pursuing peace requires compromise.

We should never compromise our beliefs or what God

tells us to do, but we will be required to compromise our own wants and desires in order to truly love others and keep strife out of our relationships.

Living in peace will also require us to sacrifice our need to be right. We all like to be right and win every argument, but being right is highly overrated. We may win the battle, but when we insist on having our own way at the expense of a relationship, we can do tremendous damage.

Always remember, real love gives up its right to be right. If you truly want to have a healthy marriage or strong relationships with others, I recommend that you learn to say (and sincerely mean) this statement: "I think I'm right but I may be wrong."

Can I let you in on a secret?

Even if you know you're right, you don't always have to argue about it and prove your point. What's more important — being right, or keeping the peace in your home?

Yes, some things are very important and you need to stand your ground, but there are so many things in life that just don't make a difference.

You won't always agree with your spouse, family or friends, but you can still respect and appreciate them. And as you do your part to "keep the peace," God will not only honor your commitment, He will also bless your life in greater ways than you can imagine.

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Pearce to speak on innate intelligence Sunday

The Rev. Dr. Marcia Pearce will lead the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship's worship service on Sunday, Sept. 4, from 10 to 11 a.m.

Rev. Pearce's message will be titled, "The Light Through a Prism."

"We all contain within us an innate intelligence that guides if we will allow it," said Pearce. "Lao Tzu taught the key to growth is the introduction of higher dimensions of consciousness into our awareness."

Is there a single, simple

principle that will assist us in examining those perspectives?

"There is and we use it once we realize that it's the essence of the Universal, that is within us," suggested Pearce.

The UU Fellowship, 87738 Highway 101 at Heceta Beach Road, is wheelchair accessible. Each service concludes with refreshments and dialogue circle to explore the questions that come up during each service.

For more information, visit www.florenceuu.org or call 541-997-2840.

Umpqua Bank taking donations for flood victims

Minister Event Services, a private nonprofit ministry offering free wedding officiant services in Oregon, is collecting donations to help Louisiana flood victims.

Donations can be made at any Umpqua Bank location in the Northwest, including the Florence branch.

When making a donation,

use the reference number 9467 or "Louisiana Relief Fund."

All proceeds will go to Louisiana Disaster Relief organizations.

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