

# Newsletter - April, May, June - 2014

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday Mornings

Energization Exercises 9 - 9:15  
Personal Meditation 9 - 9:30  
Meditation Service 9:30 - 10:15  
Reading Service 10:30 - 11:30  
Sunday School 10:30 - 11:30

### Tuesday Evenings

Meditation 7 - 10 PM 2nd Tuesday  
of month  
The Tuesday meditation services  
begin with group practice of  
Energization Exercises at 7 PM

### Wednesday Evenings

Lesson Study Group 7:30 - 8:30

### Thursday Evenings

2nd & 4th Thursday  
Inspirational Service, 7:30 - 8:45  
Prayer Service 8:45 - 9:00

### Saturday Mornings

5-hour Meditation 7 AM - Noon  
Group practice of Energization  
Exercises 7:00 & 9:30 AM  
First Saturday of month - Guided  
Meditation 10 AM - Noon  
Last Saturday of month - Kirtan 10  
AM - Noon

### Special Services

Good Friday Meditation 7-9 PM,  
April 18th

Sri Yukteswar's Birthday  
Commemorative Service Saturday  
May 10th - 7:30 - 8:30

### General Meeting

Next General Meeting is July 20th

### Movie Night

Saturday May 17th (  
*Shadowlands*)  
Church opens at 5:30 PM and  
the movie starts at 6:30 PM.

## Committee News and Announcements

### Sunday School

Applications for the 2014 SRF Boys' and Girls' "How-To-Live" Youth Programs are available now. Please see the flyer in the bookroom downstairs. We are offering an early registration discount until April 21, 2014. We encourage you to apply early. Application forms and more information may be found on the [SRF Website](#) including scholarship information. If you would like to contribute to our Youth Program Transportation Fund, we ask that you place your donations in the bookroom payment box downstairs. Your donations will help make it possible for children from our temple to attend, regardless of their financial circumstances.

May 25th will be the last day of Sunday School as we start our summer recess. We will resume again on Sept. 7th.

### Web Site and Computer

Rajiv Ramdeo will replace Sravani Pinapotu as the chair of the subcommittee looking into options for a new web site for the MMG. Many thanks to Tony von Arx for the stellar job he is doing maintaining and keeping our current web site up to date.

### Sunshine

The Sunshine Committee would like to let everyone know that prayer submitted to the MMG request box will be added to the healing prayer list at Mother Center. You can add requests directly to Mother Center through the [SRF website](#).

If anyone has any personal news they would like to share with the group, please send that to the council secretary and it will be included in the electronic weekly announcement in a new section called "News To Share". Due to confidentiality issues, please share only your own information and not that of other members in the group.

### Church Maintenance

Some areas of the exterior of the church are in need of painting. The south facing window trim and doors are peeling and showing signs of deterioration. If you would be able to help with painting this spring contact [Terry Schwab](#).

## Regional Retreat 2014

Our monastic-led Regional Retreat is coming soon. The Retreat will be held the weekend of May 30th - June 1, 2014 at the beautiful Villa Maria Retreat Center, Frontenac, MN.

## **Social Gatherings**

Vegetarian Potluck after Sunday  
Reading Service the first Sunday of  
every month.

## **Sunday Readings Schedule**

### **April**

6 - Life Energy - the Power That  
Heals  
13 - The Deeper Teachings of  
Jesus Christ  
20 - The True Meaning of  
Resurrection  
27 - Bringing Our Lives Into  
Balance

### **May**

4 - Developing the Invincible  
Power of Initiative  
11 - The Mother As an  
Expression of God's  
Unconditional Love  
18 - The Dream Fabric of Life  
25 - The Underlying Unity of the  
World's Religions

### **June**

1 - Living Without Fear  
8 - Self-Analysis: Key to the  
Mastery of Life  
15 - The Father Aspect of God  
22 - The Four Ways to Direct  
Experience of God  
29 - The True Purpose of  
Marriage

## **Quote From Master**

"Is a diamond  
less valuable  
because it is  
covered with  
mud? God  
sees the  
changeless  
beauty of our  
souls. He  
knows we are not our mistakes."



Paramahansa Yogananda in  
*Where There is Light* - p. 98

**Please note there will be no services at the church  
Saturday and Sunday during the retreat.**

## **Building Fund Update**

20 Months ago the MMG Building Fund drive was launched to meet the monthly loan payment for our church. Our goal was to collect \$1,700 in monthly donations for the Building Fund. MMG would contribute an additional \$500 from the general donations to meet our monthly payment of \$2200. The pledges we received reach \$1400 per month.

After having seen a strong decline in contributions during the later half of 2013. We are happy to let you know that the last couple of months donations met our monthly requirements. We know that many devotees make an annual contribution early in the year so we will be monitoring contributions and reporting to you the state of contributions. We hope you will continue to serve Master's work by contributing further to our Building Fund, allowing us to meet our monthly loan payment.

Information on how to contribute is available at the church and [here](#).

We thank you all for your generous support.

## **Special Services this Quarter**

Our next special service is our Good Friday Meditation from 7-9 PM on April 18th. There will be a birthday commemorative service for Sri Yukteswar. It will be on May 10th 7:30 - 8:30 PM.

## **Movie Night**

The next movie night will feature a screening of *Shadowlands* on Saturday May 17th. *Shadowlands* is a 1993 British biographical film about the love-relationship between Oxford academic C. S. Lewis and American poet Joy Davidman, her tragic death from cancer, and how this challenged Lewis' Christian faith. The Church opens at 5:30 PM and the movie starts at 6:30 PM.

## **General Meeting**

The election results from the March 23rd general meeting are:

Coordinator - Dale Anderson

Secretary - Don Peterson

Treasury - Paul Penners

Member at Large - Marta Crothers

Member at Large - Jim Bianchi

As soon as Mother Center confirms our elections results the new council members will start their positions.

Our next general meeting will be July 20th.