

Newsletter - January, February, March 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

Paramahansa Yogananda's Birthday
Commemorative Service Sunday
January 5th - 7:30 - 8:30

Paramahansa Yogananda's
Birthday-All Day Meditation
Saturday January 11th -
9 AM to 4 PM

Daya Mata's 100th Birthday
Anniversary Meditation
Friday January 31st 7:30 to 9:30

Paramahansa Yogananda's
Mahasamadhi Commemorative
Service Friday March 7th - 7:30 -
8:30

Committee News and Announcements

Sunday School

The Sunday School and Teen Group will be in recess from Dec. 22 until it starts up again on Feb. 2, 2014.

A teacher training is scheduled for Sunday January 26 at 11:30 immediately after the Reading Service. Contact [Muriel](#) for more information.

Flowers

A huge Thank You to all Flower committee members who took time in 2013 to decorate our chapel with beautiful and colorful flowers! Let 2014 be a flower-year again! If you want to help us with flowers, please contact [Valerie Penners](#). The more, the "bloomier"! You do not need to know how to make a floral arrangement. We will help you!

Bookstore and Lending Library

The book room committee would like to thank Betty Werner for her years of loving and dedicated service as book room chair person. Thanks to her efforts and leadership, we have a well organized book store and our members enjoy a wider selection of items in the lending library. Lakshmi Vemulapalli has volunteered to chair the committee. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the book store or library, please send them to [Lakshmi](#).

Sunshine

The Sunshine Committee welcomes your requests to acknowledge members of our group during an illness or hospitalization for example, or to send a special thank you or sympathy card, or if someone is moving away, to let them know we are thinking of them. Requests can be sent to [Marta](#) or to any [council member](#).

Church Cleaning

There will be a sign up sheet downstairs on the bulletin board for cleaning the chapel and downstairs. Please volunteer if you are able to. Contact [Bill Fridge](#) for details.

Regional Retreat 2014

Sri Yukteswar's Mahasamadhi
Commemorative Service Sunday
March 9th - 7:30 - 8:30

General Meeting

March 23rd, 11:30 AM. Elections will be held at this meeting.

Movie Night

Saturday January 18th (*Groundhog Day*) and Saturday March 15th (*One Track Heart*), Church opens at 5:30 PM and the movie starts at 6:30 PM.

Social Gatherings

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

Sunday Readings Schedule

January

5 - Attunement with a True Guru
12 - Man - The Image of God
19 - Meditation - the
Transcendental Way to God
26 - How to Rise Above Your
Problems

February

2 - Sri Daya Mata
Commemoration
9 - Lord, Possess Us with Thy
Love
16 - The Science of Affirmation
23 - The Dream Nature of the
World

March

2 - Secrets of Success
9 - Follow the Path of the Great
Ones
16 - Seek God Through Kriya
Yoga
23 - How to Get Along with
Others
30 - In God is All Happiness



Villa Maria Retreat Center

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. Information and registration materials will be sent out by the middle of January. Please return registration materials and payment by March 1st.

Building Fund Update

18 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. We would like to thank everybody for their generous contributions.

However, over recent months, we have seen a significant decline in contributions. In some months we only received \$400-500. This means that the current level of donations to the Building Fund are not adequate to replenish the Building Fund and meet our monthly loan payment going forward.

We hope in the new year, you will consider serving Master's work by initiating or renewing your pledge and contribution to our Building Fund.

Information on how to contribute is available at the church. We thank you all for your generous support.

General Meeting

Our next general meeting will be March 23rd immediately after the Sunday Reading Service at 11:30. At this meeting our annual elections will be held. The General Meeting is an opportunity to provide your input into issues before our group, or to bring up issues you feel need addressing. Please plan on attending. A pizza lunch will be served.

Winter Weather and Parking

When coming to the church during the winter, be aware of the Minneapolis parking rules if a Snow Emergency has been declared. To review the parking rules for Minneapolis Snow Emergencies click [here](#). The church is on the even side of the street and typically there is no parking on the even side of the street on day 2 of a declared snow emergency.