

Newsletter

April, May, June 2012

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

2nd Tuesday of month
Meditation 7 - 10 PM
4th Tuesday of month
Meditation 7 - 9 PM
Tuesday meditation services
begin with group practice of
Energization Exercises at 7 PM

Wednesday Evenings

Lesson Study Group, 7:30 -
8:30

Thursday Evenings

1st, 2nd & 4th Thursday,
Inspirational Service, 7:30 - 8:45
Prayer Service, 8:45 - 9:00
3rd Thursday, Meditation
w/Kirtan, 7:30 - 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 Service April 6th 7
PM to 9 PM

Sri Yukteswar's Birthday
Celebration Service Thursday
May 10th 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Day of Service

Saturday April 21 - 12:30 PM

Monastic Visit - Fall 2012

In conjunction with the Monastic visit scheduled for October 5-7 a retreat is being planned at the [Villa Maria Retreat & Conference Center](#) in Frontenac, Minnesota. Villa Maria is located on the Mississippi River bluffs between Red Wing and Lake City, Minnesota. It's 70 miles SE of Minneapolis, and surrounded by scenic Frontenac State Park. The retreat will be led by two monastics. Devotees are encouraged to hold that date on their calendar. Details are being finalized now, and a flyer providing the retreat schedule, accommodation information and other important points will be available very soon. Please plan on attending as this is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and to deeply commune with God and Gurus without the obligations and distractions of everyday life.

Day of Service - Spring Clean-up

On Saturday April 21 beginning at 12:30 a "Day of Service" will be held at the church. Bill Fridge will be there to direct interior cleaning of the church and Anton Crane will be on hand to direct clean-up of the church grounds. Come when you can and help with spring clean-up at the church!

Special Services this Quarter



There are 2 special services at the church this quarter. Good Friday April 6th will be from 7 - 9 PM and May 10th a service commemorating Swami Sri Yukteswar's birthday will be from 7:30 to 8:30 PM.



Landscape Committee

With spring upon us, the landscape committee is looking for volunteers to help maintain the church grounds and gardens. Duties include lawn mowing once a month, watering the shrubs, flower pots and the lawn, commissioning and decommissioning the water fountain and other miscellaneous duties. If you are interested in helping out, please contact [Anton Crane](#).



Movie Night

Friday April 27th 7 - 9:30 {PM}

General Meeting

May 20th, 11:30 after the
Sunday Reading Service.
Elections will be held

Social Gatherings

Vegetarian Potluck after Sunday
Reading Service -
April 1st, May 6th, June 3rd

Sunday Readings Schedule

April

1 - The Place of Money in the
Spiritual Life
8 - The True Significance of
Resurrection
15 - Healing by God's Unlimited
Power
22 - What Is Love?
29 - Anchor Yourself in God

May

6 - Good Books: Aids on the
Spiritual Path
13 - The Mother Aspect of God
20 - Why Our Loved Ones Die
27 - The Universe: God's Magic
Drama

June

3 - Attuning Your Life to God's
Abundance
10 - Ideals for a Balanced
Education
17 - How You Can Talk With
God.
24 - Spiritual Foundations of
World Brotherhood

Movie Night

The next movie night is scheduled for Friday April 27th. Liliana Tobon will show photos and provide commentary from her trip to India last fall. The trip took her to many of the places mentioned in "Autobiography of a Yogi".

Movie night schedule is as follows: Chapel open 6pm to 7pm for personal meditation, refreshments served at 7pm, movie begins about 7:15.

General Meeting

The next General Meeting will be held on Sunday May 20th immediately after the Sunday Reading Service at 11:30 AM. Important decision regarding out group are made at these meetings. Please plan to attend. A pizza lunch will be served.

A nomination committee has been formed for our upcoming May elections. The committee members are Sarah Clowes, Sravani Pinapotu and Bill Fridge. You are all invited to recommend candidates to the nomination committee to serve as council members, Sunday school teachers and service readers. To see the requirements for these positions please refer to [Election Guidelines](#) and [Duties of Managing Council Officers](#).

Sunday School

Sunday School is continuing until the first Sunday in June, June 3rd. After June 3rd Sunday School will be on summer break until resuming again September 9th. If parent bring their children over the summer break, one parent must remain with them in the Sunday School area.

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation and the work of the Sunday School, the Sunday School is on it's way to help defray the cost of air fare for children who otherwise would not be able to attend Master's How to Live Camp in CA this summer.

Council Members

Please feel free to contact a council member with your concerns or suggestions. Or leave a message in our general mail box at rfr-minneapolis@yahoo.com

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