

*The fire of autumn sweeping through the great maple forests of America, strips their leaves from them in tongues of flame until they stand naked and penitent before the reckoning we call winter. It is a moment always full of profound and natural sanctity for me, when the earth round about me becomes like an antique temple wherein this conflagration, aflame and aflicker among the trees, accomplishes the final metamorphosis that fire did for the dead in those archaic places of the great forgotten mysteries, removing what was provisional, false and perishable from the spent life, so that only what was permanent, true and imperishable could accompany the spirit that once invested it on the journey to whatever lies beyond the here and the now.*

– Laurens van der Post



**Looking Far Ahead - save the dates**

Every four years a **North-South Americas Conference** is hosted alternately in North and South America. The last conference took place on Vancouver Island in Canada; the **next conference will be in Argentina during the last week of July in 2016.**

**At Pentecost 2017 there will be a World Pentecost Conference in Rotterdam, the Netherlands.** This is a rare opportunity to experience The Christian Community as a world movement.

**Please -**

We would like to grow our e-mail list so we can communicate with you more easily regarding changes or additions to the program, including reminders when appropriate.

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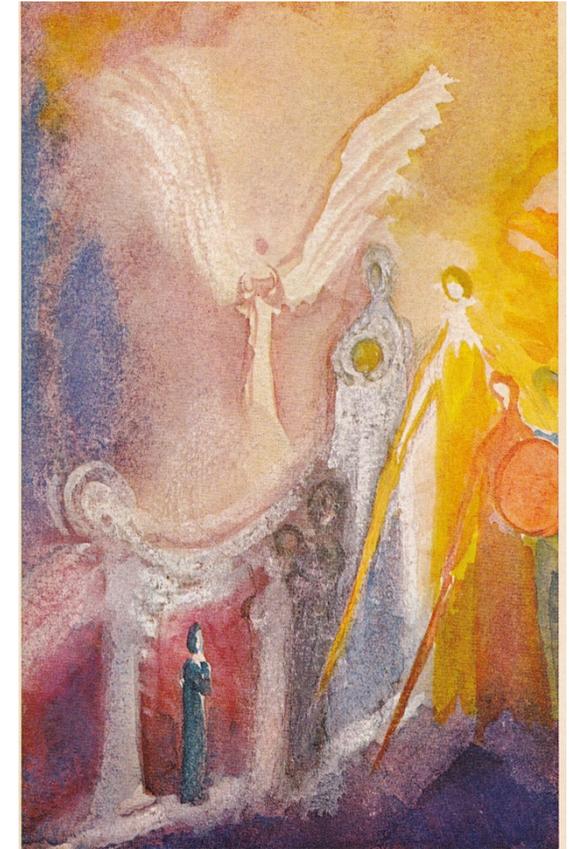
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**MICHAELMAS - FALL**  
2015

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## SERVICES

The Act of Consecration of Man  
Sundays at 11:00 AM

Thursdays at 9:00 AM  
Except October 15 & 22

The Sunday Service for Children  
10:30 AM  
Sept. 13, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, 15  
Story at 9:45 AM

## MICHAELMAS SEASON

### Sunday, September 20

12:00 Noon light meal followed by  
**COMMUNITY MEETING**

Summer Memories - Autumn Challenges  
*With the wind in our backs, the road ahead ...*

### Michaelmas Day

Tuesday, September 29  
9:00 AM The Act of Consecration of Man

### Sunday, October 4

9:30 AM

### MICHAELMAS FESTIVAL

For children and parents  
10:30 AM

Sunday Service for Children

### Sunday, October 4

12:00 Noon light meal followed by a presentation  
and conversation

### ST. FRANCIS THEN AND NOW

Choosing the Path of Service

### Sunday, October 18

12:00 Noon light meal

12:45 PM Talk by Rev. Erk Ludwig, San Francisco  
In preparation for Glen Williamson's performance of:

### 'KASPAR HAUSER

THE OPEN SECRET OF THE FOUNDLING PRINCE'

Oct. 24 at 4pm at the Off Broadway

United Solo Theatre Festival

### Saturday, October 31, 6:00 PM

**NINTH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER  
AN IRISH HALLOWEEN**

### Sunday, November 8

12:00 Noon light meal followed by a presentation  
and conversation

### ST. MARTIN THEN AND NOW

*'What you have done to one of the least of my  
brothers you have done to me'*

### Sunday, November 15

12:00 Noon Light Meal

**Meet and Greet the Seminary Students**

### Friday evening study group

6:30 PM Oct. 9, Nov. 6, 13, 20, Dec. 4, 11

**LIVING WITH THE ANGELIC REALMS**

Everyone welcome to attend regularly or occasionally

### Dear Congregation

Come and share your own and the congregation's  
summer memories and autumn challenges at our  
**Community Meeting, Sunday, Sept 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Chapel news:** In early August Sara Parrilli beautifully  
lazure painted our windows facing the street. This keeps  
the outside world at bay without making us feel shut in.  
All day the light and whatever goes by adds color and  
movement. And at night, with light inside, passersby  
pause and relish the color glow. Come and see for  
yourself.

### Oh when the saints go marching in....

This fall we want to highlight the lives and deeds of two  
beloved saints, whose name days fall in the autumn  
season. St. Francis and St. Martin, what can we learn  
from them for today?

### Study Group: Living with the Angelic Realms

During the twelve days of Christmas we are in the  
service invited to join in the offering song of the nine  
hierarchies. The study group is a humble attempt to  
prepare our selves for this rather grand task.

### Ninth Annual Fundraising Dinner

What, an Irish Halloween? Why not? Imagine a dinner  
party with goblins and fairies, leprechauns and elves and  
lots of other Little Folk, Irish food and music. Robb  
Creese stands ready to bewitch us all. Bring your  
friends.

### Have You Been Thinking about Becoming a Member of the Christian Community?

*The single requirement to becoming a member is to  
become certain that one wants to help assure that the  
healing power of Christ can flow into the world in the  
particular way which the sacraments of The Christian  
Community make possible. -- Rev. Paul Corman*

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