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Unity Community Church

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HAPPY SUMMER



Sunday Service, 10:00 AM

June 4 – Linda Carney, Licensed Unity Teacher

June 11 – Rev. Eleanor Bentley

June 18 – Father's Day – Rev. Elsie Huebner

June 25 – Rev. Grace DeBella

July 2 – Revs. Frank Drexler and David Panunzio

July 9 – July 30 – Rev. Elsie Huebner –
"A Month of Prosperity Lessons"

August 6 – Ricky Roberts, III

August 13 – Rev. David Florence

August 20 – Patricia McCovern -
"Reincarnation and Past Life Regression"

August 27 – Dr. Cathy Zeph -
"A Spiritual Approach to Dreams"

Prosperity Sundays in July

Did you know that Prosperity is your birthright? This is a universe of Law – from the giant swing of the planets to the unfolding of the smallest rose bud. In order to accept your spiritual birthright of prosperity, it is up to you to establish the right, most favorable mental conditions through which the Law of Supply can work. Join us on Sundays in July to learn how to do that!

Patricia S. McGivern will be our guest speaker on August 20. Her books will be available for purchase. Author of "Angel Babies: Messages from Miscarried and Other Lost Babies," Pat's second book is a riveting examination of reincarnation and the healing power of past life regression. "Soul Explorer" recounts her clients' remarkable memories of previous incarnations and how past lives add to a soul's storehouse of experience and wisdom.

Patricia and her clients sought—and found—proof of their past lives in the modern world, including one remarkable instance in which they made contact with the descendants of a previous incarnation.

In all, "Soul Explorer" covers over thirty past lives and discusses how facing past trauma brings healing in the present. Patricia's clients have resolved phobias, cured physical ailments, and found the root causes of relationship issues, all by allowing themselves to slip back into the past and accept what they find.

Patricia has been in private practice as a hypnotist and past life regressionist since 1998. She trained with world renowned Dr. Brian Weiss, author of *Many Lives, Many Masters*. She is certified by the International Board of Regression Therapy as well.

Prayer and Meditation Services – each 1st and 3^d Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Grace DeBella

New Unity Class, "Game of Life," taught by Rev. Grace DeBella, will begin soon. There is a signup sheet at church. Florence Scovel Shinn, author of the book, says "*The game of life is a game of boomerangs. Our thoughts, deeds and words return to us sooner or later with astounding accuracy.*"

CHURCH NEWS

Welcome New Members: Mary Schroeder, Stuart Walker, and Brenda Renee George!

Memorial Services were held at Unity Community for Richard Thomas on March 3 and Jane Killian on March 18. We bless these beloved ones on their way to new life and new adventures in God's many kingdoms.

Stamp Project. Please cut the stamps from mail you receive and bring to church. There is a basket for them on the back table in the sanctuary. The income from selling the stamps goes to prepare, publish and distribute Spanish language Sunday school programs in Latin America for 40 different denominations in 19 countries. For more information, please speak to **Toni Cina**.

Pat Crogan, long-time Unity Truth student, but fairly new to Unity Community, has been appointed to serve as Alternate Board Director.

Prayer Chaplains. On April 2, Elsie installed 9 new Prayer Chaplains, giving us a total of 12. Prayer Chaplains pray with our members, hold them in sacred space, visit them when they are ill, and make wellness telephone calls each month. Welcome aboard.....Pat Frantz, Pat Crogan, Stuart Walker, Grace Debella, Sharlene Hale, Lesley Blake, Bette Wood, Maizie Dalby, and Pat Rivera. We are also most thankful for Marilyn Renner, Helen Quinn and Diane Starr for continuing to serve as Prayer Chaplains.

Dunedin Food Pantry. Our donations to the Food Pantry have dropped off since Christmas. Please bring unopened packaged and canned food and leave them in the baskets (one in the lobby, one in the fellowship room). Cereal and peanut butter are always good choices. We appreciate Bill Baird for delivering our donations to the Pantry for us.

Financial Report

March 2017

Income	\$6,720.89
Expenses	\$4,885.64
Monthly Gain	\$1,835.25

In March, the large air conditioner required repair at a cost of \$476.00.

Our Volunteer Appreciation Sunday with catered lunch and guest presenter, Eddie Watkins, on March 12, was wonderful and worth every cent we spent to honor our many beloved volunteers.

In April we had our church website encrypted. Our webmaster, Cheryl Harrison, explained exactly what we get by encrypting the website:

1. Safety, security and peace of mind for everyone who visits your website (including you and/or everyone who maintains it).
2. Reputation protection. Your encrypted website reassures web visitors that you are a responsible website owner who cares about their privacy and security.
3. Another level of security that can make it more difficult for hackers to compromise your website.

Father's Day

The word "Father" denotes those nurturing qualities that we expect from the one who provides and keeps us safe and out of harm's way. There are two aspects of this: our earthly Father, so human; and our heavenly Father, so powerful. Each has an influence on our lives, but only to the degree we permit. We often forget that the earthly father has provided the necessary avenue for our soul and spirit to make its appearance in the physical dimension with all the human strengths and weaknesses. Our heavenly Father is there, creator of all, waiting for an invitation to take our hand and heart and guide us on our chosen path. This "Father's Day," both Fathers can be honored for their influence in our life. *"When you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your (heavenly) Father in secret."* For your early father, remember to express outward appreciation for the part he plays or has played in your life.

It's About Toni Cina, Our Newest Board Member!

Toni was raised on a farm near a small town just outside of LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Her father raised milk cows, and she remembers drinking "blue milk," another name for skimmed milk. They also raised chickens and always had a vegetable garden. Toni was the only child and she remembers that her parents were wonderfully loving. She feels their greatest gift to her was allowing her to be independent. Toni loved wandering outdoors and exploring nature, sometimes alone and other times with friends. She remembers having lots of fun growing up during the 50's!

The family moved to Colorado in 1958; Toni went to college after high school but discovered it was not for her. For several years she worked for Bell Telephone as a long-distance operator.

Before long Toni married Art and they have three children: Mary, Frank, and Susan.

Later Toni and her husband started a landscaping/sprinkler business, which was very successful. Daughters Mary and Susan spent many years working with Toni in the family business. Susan has a son and a daughter. Frank resides in Estes Park, CO, where he practices medicine; he and his wife have two sons. In 2012 Toni was diagnosed with leukemia. Using natural healing methods, lots of support from family and friends, and lots of prayer support, she was declared totally healed in June, 2016! That's when she decided to retire, sell the family business, and move to Florida. Daughter Susan was already living here.

How did Toni discover Unity? She had been raised Catholic, but had become disenchanted with parts of it. It was through her business that Unity came to her. She had a customer who was a Unity Spiritual Minister. He invited Toni to attend his church, and she immediately felt "at home." She went back again and again, attended their meditation services, and read Daily Word. Toni loved the small, more intimate aspect of that church. She says it was much like Unity Community of Dunedin!

When Toni came to Florida she again had to find a place of worship that suited her. It started

with Darlene Gwyn's ad for her meditation class printed in the "Beacon." Toni says she started coming to Unity Community of Dunedin and has "never looked back!"

Asked about what she considers her greatest achievement she immediately responded: "My children!" They have all grown to be loving and good, successful adults. Toni added, "This is partly because of me and partly in spite of me!" She is also proud of "beating cancer!"

Toni enjoys a multitude of activities at the community where she lives. She loves her dog, Lucy Alice Cina, spending time with her family, and a part-time job as an "executive assistant." Toni is a fan of rodeo and championship wrestling! She also has a "Bucket List," which includes a riverboat cruise up the Mississippi River, seeing the Panama Canal, staying healthy, and finding ways "to help."

She believes strongly in Divine Guidance and practicing an attitude of Gratitude. Her favorite affirmation is "Things always work out for me and my family."

Toni, we here at Unity Community feel very blessed to have you join us! We appreciate the warm, loving spirit you demonstrate in so many ways, especially in serving on our Hospitality Team, and as a member of our Board of Directors. We affirm that God is guiding you to your Good!

(...by Marilyn Renner)

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Have You Paid Your Taxes Yet?

Father O'Malley answers the phone: "Hello, is this Father O'Malley?" "It is," he answers. "This is the IRS. Can you help us?" "I can," says Father O'Malley.

"Do you know a Ted Houlihan?" "I do."

"Is he a member of your congregation?" "He is."

"Did he donate \$10,000 to your church?"

"He will."

Answers to Your Questions about Unity

By James Dillet Freeman

Many people have little idea what Unity is. They may have read *Daily Word* – or called Silent Unity for prayer, but they do not know what Unity is. They do not go to Unity churches; they may not even know that such churches exist. They are members of other churches or of no church. But they find that Unity ideas help them meet their problems and live more effective lives.

Unity is a religious movement that began over a century ago. I suppose it has to be defined as a church, though it is a very different kind of church. Its message crosses denominational lines. Those who become interested usually refer to themselves as “Unity Truth Students.” Unity does not require membership or subscribing to a fixed set of beliefs.

In the 1880s, Charles and Myrtle Fillmore, co-founders of Unity, began to work with some new ideas that they had found about life. Charles had a withered leg; Myrtle had tuberculosis. But in a short time, she was healed, and his health was so much improved that other people, seeing the changes in them, were drawn to them to find out how they, too, could change.

The Fillmore’s had no thought of starting a new religion; they just wanted to help themselves and others who turned to them for help. In 1889 they began to publish a little magazine called *Modern Thought*, which was, a few years later, renamed *Unity*. In this magazine, they presented the ideas that had helped them heal themselves and find peace and strength. These ideas are simple. They are centered around two basic propositions: “One, God is good. Two, God is available; in fact, God is in you.”

If God is good, God’s will is good. It is impossible to believe that a good God – a God who is love and intelligence – could have made you in any other way except to be healthy, happy, prosperous, loved and loving, courageous and strong. If you are not healthy and happy, it can only be because you have separated yourself from God in mind – the only

place you *can* separate yourself from God and God’s good. You have only to reunite in mind with God and your life is certain to be full and fulfilling. You do this best by getting still and realizing your oneness with God. Every thought, negative or positive, comes one at a time to the door of your conscious mind; there you let it in or turn it away. To have a good life, you have to learn to say no to the negative thoughts which deny your oneness with God’s good and say yes to the positive thoughts which affirm your oneness with God’s good. These are the essential elements of Unity.

People in Unity feel that its teaching is a return to the religious ideas that Jesus Christ had. However, Unity shuts no one out; many who are not Christians read our literature, join us in prayer, and attend Unity Churches. Today, Unity is referred to as “Practical Christianity.”

Unity has grown almost entirely because individuals, who have been helped by its ideas have told others about it. Someone may have given them a subscription to *Daily Word* or suggested that they call Silent Unity for prayer.

Unity is not a proselytizing religion. We are happy to have you call yourself a Unity student and join a Unity group. But we are also happy when we can help you be a better Methodist, a better Catholic, a better whatever you are.

Unity has been an interesting religious phenomenon, a religion that has spread throughout the world with no missionaries, except through literature and letters from Silent Unity. Today there are Unity churches, some large, some small – mostly in the United States, but in more and more countries.

Unity World Headquarters is located in Unity Village, Missouri, approximately 15 miles south-east of downtown Kansas City, Missouri. Thousands of people come to the 1400 acres of Unity Village every year for retreats, to study, or to visit the beautiful grounds. Those who visit Unity often declare that they find Unity Village a tranquil haven. They comment that when they come through the gates, they immediately feel a sense of peace.

(Extracted from a Unity pamphlet, “Answers to Your Questions about Unity”

A Prosperity Blessing

May you be blessed with an amazingly abundant day today! May the clouds break and the heavens pour down upon you more joy, more love, than you could ever have dreamed possible. May the sun shine its golden light of prosperity through every cell of your extraordinary being. May you be cleansed today of any resistance or feelings of unworthiness that you may still be holding onto. May you be willing to allow the Universe to shower you with miracles today. May the Angels wrap you in their shining wings of opulence. May your eyes shine with the glorious truth of who you really are and may that truth uplift others. May your ears hear the sound of perfection ringing in your soul. As this day ends, may you sleep wrapped in an exquisite blanket of enduring peace and profound gratitude. And may the last words you speak today be "Thank You!"



Birthdays

June 28 – Gloria Cunningham,

July 7 - Steve Spathelf

July 12 – Catherine Montez

July 16 – Toni Cina

July 22 – Cathy Daumen

July 23 – Lynotte Cruickshank

July 25 – Flora Costello

July 28 – Joel Bancroft

Aug 16 – Terry Gardner

Aug 18 – Mary Lou Thomas

Aug 19 – Joyce Paterson

Aug 20 – Kimberly Plazewski

Aug 21 – Mary Schroeder

Aug 24 – Betty Perram

Aug 24 – Skip Quinn

Aug 26 – Elsie Huebner

Anniversaries

June 4 – Nancy and Bill Baird

July 24 – Joel and Peggi Brannen

Aug 7 – Helen and Skip Quinn



Mary Lou Thomas is in charge of our Card Ministry. If we missed anyone's special day, please let Mary Lou or Elsie know.