

GoodNewsLetter

Unity Community Church

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Sunday Service, 10:00 AM

Sep 3 – Valleri Crabtree

Sep 10 – Linda Carney, Licensed Unity Teacher

Sep 14, 24th Annual Unity World Day of Prayer Service, 7:00 p.m. Come be with us as we join thousands of others around the world and Silent Unity in prayer. The affirmation this year is "I am peace in the midst of all matters."

Sep 17 – Terence Young

Sep 24 – Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader

Oct 1 – Bhante Dammawansha

Oct 8 – Rev. Phyllis Grace DeBella

Oct 15 – Terence Young

Oct 22 – Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader

Oct 29 – Linda Carney, Licensed Unity Teacher

Nov. 5 – Daylight Savings Time Ends.

Please turn clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

Nov 5 – Fairie Elaine Silver – Music and Message

Nov 12 – Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader and others. Testimonial Sunday.

Nov 19 – Revs. Frank Drexler and David Panunzio

Nov 19 – Thanksgiving Pot Luck Luncheon after service.

Nov 26 – Lesley Blake
(Lesley is one of our Canadian members. She won first place in Toastmasters International Speaking Contest here in Florida. Her talk title then and on Nov 26 is "I Found My Passion.")

Terence Young, our new guest speaker, is a New Thought Transformational Speaker, an avid reader, musician, father, and runner. He specializes in working with communities and teaching people how to become Physically, Spiritually and Financially free. He does this by showing people how to harness the power in the eternal moment of NOW. Terence says, "If you want to change your life you must do it in the present moment. Life only gets lived in the NOW. My goal and passion is to inspire others to be the best that they can be in all aspects of their life. The time is Always NOW."

Bhante Dammawansha, who was born in Sri Lanka, will be our guest speaker on October 1. Bhante was ordained at the age of 16. After ordination, Bhante continued his education at the Buddhist University where he received a B.A. degree in Buddhism, History, Ethics and the languages of Sanskrit and Pali (the language of Buddha). After doing missionary work in Scandinavia and Australia, Bhante traveled to the United States in 1996 for a personal retreat. While here he decided that he would stay in the US and continue the teachings of Buddha. Thus, the Dhamma Wheel Meditation Society was formed in Clearwater, FL and is open for people from all religions and walks of life to learn meditation techniques and the teachings of the Buddha. Bhante engages in social and interfaith work and presents Dhamma talks at colleges, high schools, mental health and rehab centers, as well as other churches. He is also available for private counseling and discussion. He travels all over the world where his quiet, kindly nature makes him accessible to all and an inspiration to many.



Drive – Oct 1 through Nov 19. Revs. Frank and David will pick up our donations and deliver them to the Marine Corp, where they will be distributed to children for Christmas. Please purchase a new toy and bring it to church before November 19.

Prayer, Meditation and Healing

Services – each 1st Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. This special hour with others from our church and community will leave you with a feeling of Grace, peace and wellness. Love offering appreciated.

A Course in Miracles - Fridays 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Class led by Martha Landry on a love offering basis. What is “**A Course in Miracles?**” It is a complete self-study spiritual thought system. As a three-volume curriculum consisting of a Text, Workbook for Students, and Manual for Teachers, it teaches that the way to universal love and peace—or remembering God—is by undoing guilt through forgiving others. The Course thus focuses on the healing of relationships and making them holy. Even though the language of the Course is that of traditional Christianity, it expresses a non-sectarian, non-denominational spirituality. **A Course in Miracles** therefore is a universal spiritual teaching, not a religion.

Dunedin Food Pantry. Extra food is always needed during the holiday season. Please bring your donations of unopened packaged and canned food and leave them in the baskets (one in the lobby, one in the fellowship room). We appreciate Bill Baird for delivering our donations to the Pantry for us.

Prayer Chaplains. Our loving and dedicated team of Prayer Chaplains prays with our members, holds them in sacred space, visits them when they are ill, and makes wellness telephone calls each month. If you do not have a Prayer Chaplain and want one, please let Elsie know.

Prayer Box. Every written request you place in the prayer box at church will be given prayer treatment at Unity Community, then sent to Silent Unity for an additional 30 days of prayer. Your prayer requests are held in confidence and are important to us.

Stamp Project. Please cut the stamps from mail and bring to church. There is a basket for them on the 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**.

CHURCH NEWS

Welcome New Members: Harry Kletcher, Joanne Griggs and Margaret Klingman have applied for membership. They will be welcomed in soon.

Rev. Phyllis Grace Debella, who recently graduated from Unity Urban Ministerial School, is required to complete a 9 month internship as part of ministerial training. She will be completing that at Unity of Palm Harbor. We miss Grace being with us and look forward to her return to Unity Community.

Treasure Maps do work! During the last week of Prosperity Sunday Lessons in July, Elsie prepared a Treasure map to use as an example. She filled the poster board with affirmations and pictures of our church organ going to a new home. The very next day, Pat Riviera was contacted by a minister who wanted our organ! We're grateful that it will find new life and be loved by Rev. Linda Mitchell, and Favor of God Ministries in Largo.

Notary Public. Elsie is a Notary. If you need a document notarized, let Elsie know. No cost to members of our church.

New Church Sign? Unity Worldwide Ministries gave approval for our church to use the new new Unity Logo.



We're checking into City of Dunedin regulations and prices for a new lighted sign. Stay tuned!

FINANCIAL REPORT – JUNE 2017

Income	\$4,356.26
Expenses	\$4,260.42
Gain	\$ 95.84

We are so grateful that our church has no debt, we pay all our bills on time, we continue to tithe, and all our needs are met. God is our Source and we are thankful for all the many gifts of love we receive.

By the Grace of God

The more we pray, the more we experience the Grace of God, until we finally realize that we live by Grace.

Grace is God's gift of love and mercy, given freely to us whether or not we deserve it. We can only accept or refuse it.

We accept and experience Grace whenever we realize that we have not had to pay the price for some negative thought, word, or action, or when we recognize that in some mysterious way we have been protected in adverse or dangerous circumstances. Everyone has had such experiences, and anyone can become ready to be conscious of the ever-present Grace of God by practicing positive prayer.

Positive prayer readies us to recognize and accept Grace because it is a process of repentance. Theologians agree that repentance readies one to accept Grace. "To repent" means more than to be sorry and make amends for erroneous thoughts, words, and deeds – though certainly this is an important meaning; "to repent" also means to change one's thoughts. Actually, only by changing our thoughts can we be sorry and make amends for what we have thought, said, and done.

By helping us to eliminate negative and to acquire positive thoughts about our relationship with God, our fellow human beings, the universe, positive prayer prepares us to accept

the ever-present activity of the love and mercy of God in our lives.

Grace is not a special activity of God reserved only for human emergencies. It is omnipresent. As the principle which governs the cosmic process and as the cosmic process itself, God is always pouring out love and mercy. We "live and move and have our being...." (Acts 17:28) in God, in the cosmic process, and the cosmic process is always working to produce the highest and best conditions for all its products.

Positive prayer aligns our minds with the flow of the cosmic process so that we consciously think, speak, and act and live in harmony with it. To live in harmony with the flow of the cosmic process is analogous to driving toward a desired destination on a great road or freeway system, obeying the signals and road signs and honoring the speed limits. We will travel safely and arrive at our destination at the right time. We know the possible consequences of a driver's ignorantly, carelessly, or willfully running a red light, going the wrong way on a one-way street, or entering a freeway on an exit ramp. In much the same way, most tribulations result from attempts to oppose the flow of the cosmic process. But we know that many times when we have been headed for danger, something has mysteriously intervened to turn us away or around toward safety. That "something" is Grace, and the fact that we have not had to deal with the consequences of all our transgressions of cosmic or divine law is ample evidence of the omnipresence of Grace.

As you regularly practice positive prayer, you will realize that whether or not you have known it, you have always been helped by the Grace of God. As you keep your thoughts, feelings, beliefs, and attitudes in harmony with the flow of the cosmic process, you will know that Paul was speaking to you when he said: "*And my God will supply every need of yours according to the riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*" (Phil: 4:19, 20)

(Excerpt from the book, "Handbook of Positive Prayer," Chapter XII, by Hypatia Hasbrock)

It's Time to Meet Kathy!

.....by Marilyn Renner

Kathy Smith was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, the daughter of a mortician. Her father's mortuary business was located on the bottom level of the house, while the family lived on the upper level. I asked Kathy if it was "spooky" to live above the mortuary, and she said as a child, it felt 'scary,' and she often wanted to sleep with her parents when there was a corpse in the house.

Kathy told me that she believes the greatest gift her parents gave her is their absolute belief in integration. She has always been comfortable intermingling with all people, and this has been a great advantage to her throughout her life.

Kathy has one sister, Cassandra, and two brothers, Robert and Charles. She proudly shared that Robert was the first African American to graduate from Penn State with a degree in Linguistics, which he earned in only three years. Robert also earned a law degree at the University of Pittsburgh. Charles played football at the University of Cincinnati and appeared on the nationally-televised show "Punt, Pass, & Kick." Cassandra has retired from a career with GTE. Kathy also remembers a cousin, Ronald McNair, who was a missions specialist aboard the ill-fated Challenger.

What about Kathy? With her it was all about music. Kathy really enjoyed dancing and took lessons from age 7 – 11. Her lessons included modern, jazz, ballet, and tap dancing. This was her love. Originally, she took piano lessons because her mother wanted her to do so. Although she was not really interested in piano, she studied at the DiAngelo School of Music in Erie and is now very glad she had the lessons. She has played the piano in many different situations over the years. She played for choruses at Largo Junior and Largo High Schools, Seminole Junior and Seminole High Schools, and many churches. Her play at churches includes Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, Seventh Day Adventists, and of course, Unity Community Church! Kathy also played piano for "Operation PAR."

When Kathy was eleven years old, her parents separated, so she and her mother moved to Clearwater, where her mother had been born.

Kathy eventually married John; together they had 5 children. Matthew lives in Louisiana where he works as a systems' analyst for Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Lesley sells Afleck Insurance back in Erie, PA, and Selena works as an LPN in St. Petersburg. Natalie is also in Erie, where she enjoys being a homemaker. Kathy told me that her son Johnny's life has been forever changed through the power of prayer.

In addition to her music, Kathy has worked in several positions, including the Florida Department of Children & Families, and served as an intake specialist for the Florida Housing Authority. During these years (the 1990's) she attended the Segal Institute for Court Reporters in Clearwater, where she did well.

Kathy is married to Robert, her husband of 27 years. Robert is retired from a career with Florida Steel. Kathy enjoys reading, especially A Course in Miracles, and some television. Her favorite show is "Family Feud."

Kathy's spiritual path began with the Pentecostal Church. Then the family started attending a Catholic Church, which she really liked. After several years in the Catholic Church she met a "Unity person." Kathy found Unity Community in Dunedin by noticing the sign in front of the building. She says she had searched for just the right church, and she gets really good feelings and thoughts at Unity Community. She loves the teachings and people at our church so she plans to stay!

What is Kathy's greatest achievement so far in her life? Her children! She is very proud of them. She is also very happy and proud to have the opportunity to play piano at Unity Community Church!

Kathy's hope/goal for the future is for her family to be "Unity people." She would like for them to practice Unity teachings, because she knows how greatly their lives would be blessed by doing so.

Kathy, we are so glad you have joined us! We feel proud and blessed by your presence and your beautiful music!



HAPPY SPECIAL DAYS



Birthdays

Sep 2 – Bill Baird

Sep 7 – Theresa McComber

Sep 20 – Frank Kuncz, Jr.

Sep 24 – Amy Brannen

Sep 25 - Cathy Zeph

Oct 12 – John Oberst

Oct 13 – Diane Starr

Oct 13 – Marilyn Renner

Oct 16 – Lesley Blake

Oct 20 – Helen Quinn

Oct 29 – Bob Wentzel

Nov 4 – Bernice Whitaker

Nov 20 – Laura Ronan

Nov 29 – Jill Storelli

Anniversaries

Sep 8 – Jim and Carol Minner

Oct 22 – Frank and Dee Kuncz

Mary Lou Thomas is in charge of our Card Ministry. If we missed anyone's special day, please let Mary Lou or Elsie know. Also, please let us know if someone in our church family is ill, in the hospital, got married, had a baby, graduated, or if a family member has passed away. We'll send an appropriate greeting card.



Spiritually Speaking

It is very important that we pay attention to the words we speak; for the mouth speaks the things that are in the heart.

Just as the fruit of a tree tells what kind of tree it is, so our words tell what kind of person we are.

Our words can crush or restore, tear down or build up, demoralize or encourage. When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, our words cannot help but be a blessing to others.

Jesus said, "*The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and they give life.*" (John 6:63) Let us dwell on His words so that the words we speak may also be life-giving.

It's possible (indeed probable) that there is someone just waiting to be uplifted, inspired and healed by the words you speak.

Speak a Blessing to someone today.