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Unity Community Church

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SUNDAY SERVICES, 10:00 A.M.

June 2 – Revs. Frank Drexler and David Panunzio

June 9 – Valleri Crabtree

June 16 – Fathers' Day – Terence Young

June 23 – Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader

June 30 – Diane Starr "Getting to Know You Sunday"

***July 7 – Rev. Carol O'Connell**

July 14 – Terence Young

July 21 – Rev. David Florence

July 28 – Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader

August 4 – Rev. Carol O'Connell

August 11 – Rev. David Florence

August 18 – Revs. Frank Drexler and David Panunzio

August 23 – Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader

*On **Sunday, July 7**, we'll have an indoor picnic to commemorate July 1994, when our church was incorporated. We'll have a BIG celebration of our 25th anniversary on Dec. 1, so that our "snow birds" and vacationers can be with us to celebrate. Stay tuned.

MEDITATION SERVICES (First Wednesday of each month from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.)

Includes time of prayer, music, silence, peace and love. Mark your calendars for June 5, July 3, August 7) and join us.

ENERGY HEALING TREATMENTS are offered at our church several times a month and by appointment. Trained partners use a unique process that provides a peaceful atmosphere of safety and support, healing touch and prayer. There is no charge, but love offerings to the church are appreciated. Call Diane Starr (727) 542-5455, Katina Demas (727) 237-1452 or Stuart Walker, 415-867-3264, for an appointment.

Rev. Carol O'Connell, our guest speaker on July 7 and August 4, inspires people to expand their thinking, feel more deeply, and look at life from a higher point of view. Drawing from 30 years of experience as one of the most successful Unity ministers in the country, Rev. Carole has helped thousands of people transform their lives. She co-founded the "Center for Creative Living" in 1988 for the purpose of facilitating personal and spiritual awareness. She has traveled the country presenting Seminars, Retreats, Board of Trustee Trainings, and Church Leadership Trainings. She is the author of several books, DVDs and CDs. And.....best of all.....Rev. Carole recently relocated to Dunedin, where she plans to open a Wellness Center!

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Getting to Know Kimberly Plazewski!

.....*Marilyn Renner*

Born in Muskegan, which is near Grand Rapids, Michigan, Kimberly was raised in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She was the oldest of three children, having one brother, Kevin, and a sister, Tonja. Sadly, due to a car accident, Kimberly lost her mother when she was only 10. Quite naturally, she was pushed into a caregiver role for her younger siblings. After their mother's death, the three children went to live with their father. Recalling how her paternal grandparents helped them all to set up their new home and cared for them a lot, Kimberly feels this was a great gift from them.

Kim has two children, David and Kristina. Together they have given her six grandchildren, ranging in ages 6 months to 16 years. One family lives nearby while the other is living in Northern Indiana. Kimberly loves to spend time with them, and is especially excited to participate in the lives of her grandchildren! There is also a wonderful man in her life; she and Kevin have been together for more than 15 years.

Having her first job when she was only 15, Kim says she has "always worked!" Her first "career job" was working as Office Manager in a doctor's office. Staff there encouraged her to get her Associates Degree in Accounting, which she earned from Hillsborough Community College. Today she works in the health insurance industry as a Claims Collector. Kimberly plans to go back to college and earn her Bachelors' Degree in Business Management.

Kim's religious experience began during her childhood, when she regularly attended the Methodist Church in the community with her grandparents. She considers this another important gift from them, but says her spiritual path really began after she moved to Florida in 1985. Kimberly stayed for a time with her Aunt Pat, who was teaching a Master Mind class at Unity Clearwater. Kim attended church with her

aunt and she recalls that it was the first time she had heard about positive ways to change her life in a church setting.

How did Kimberly find Unity Community in Dunedin? She was encouraged by her friend, Theresa McComber, to attend classes and programs being held here. Kim explained, "Life got busy!" and for a period of time she was not attending consistently. But she loves the "smallness" of Unity Community in Dunedin, and she felt as though she belonged. She liked the messages she heard from our speakers and having Prayer Chaplains available. Kimberly decided to make the commitment to "officially" join our church and became a member several years ago. She wanted to be involved and appreciates the ways she is asked to help, including serving as Worship Leader during Sunday Services and counting money after services. All of these "positives" keep her coming back!

In her leisure time, Kim loves to read. She enjoys all kinds of books, from Eckhard Tolle to romance novels and everything in between. Music has always been one of her great loves; she credits her father for this gift, as he was a musician. As with reading, Kimberly enjoys all kinds of music. Quilting is also a passion of hers and most of her creations are given away as gifts. She is especially excited about her latest interest in raising chickens in her back yard. There are four of them – Henrietta, Lucy, Big Momma, and Kelly. Hopefully they will produce some fresh eggs sometime soon!

Hopes and goals for Kim's future include getting that degree in Business Management! While she really likes her job and the people she works with, Kimberly looks forward to retirement and spending more time with her children and her grandchildren! She is very proud of them all!

We're sure they are very proud of you, too, Kim! And all of us at Unity Community are proud of you. We love having you with us and feel blessed by your presence in our church family!

GOOD TO KNOW

A Course in Miracles, meets every Friday 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. led by Martha Landry. Love Offering.

Dunedin Toastmasters Club meets at Unity Community Church on Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Prayer Chaplains. Our Prayer Chaplains pray with you, hold you in sacred space, visit you when you are ill and phone you each month. If you don't have a Prayer Chaplain and want one, please let Elsie know.

Pilgrimage Healing treatments are available at church at no cost to you. Read more on page 1 of this newsletter.

Dunedin Food Pantry needs Peanut Butter and Jelly. Please bring donations of unopened packaged and canned food of all kinds. Leave in the baskets in the lobby or fellowship room. We appreciate Bill Baird for delivering our donations to the Pantry.

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.

Stamp Project. Bring your used postage stamps to church and leave in the basket on the table in the sanctuary. Income from stamps goes to prepare, publish and distribute Spanish Sunday school programs in Latin America.

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

"Lessons in Truth", "Prosperity", "Unity's Five Principles" podcasts are on our church website www.unitydunedin.org.

Spiritual Counseling. Please call Elsie for an appointment if you feel spiritual counseling will help. She will help you find the answers from your own inner Christ Spirit. Or just **Stop By and Visit** Elsie on Monday (10:00 – noon). No appointment necessary.



Our beloved member, Maizie Dalby, made her transition at home on March 4, 2019, surrounded by loving family. Elsie officiated her Celebration of Life Service at Unity of Palm Harbor on March 23, as our church was having an all-day retreat the same day. Bob and Diane provided the beautiful music and many folks helped with readings and sharing memories of Maizie. The service ended with everyone singing Bob Marley's "Three Little Birds" with a video showing Maizie dancing and singing the words. Maizie's daughters decorated the church beautifully and provided a lovely luncheon reception afterwards. God bless you on your journey, dear friend. Yours was a life well lived.

FINANCIAL REPORT for MARCH 2019

Income	\$5,213.00
Expenses	4,686.68
Difference	+\$ 526.32

We've had several unforeseen expenses in the past couple of months, including a small roof shingle repair, replacement of the water heater, the thermostat in the fellowship room, and a power breaker switch. Now we're planning on replacing the worn-out benches on the front porch of the church. We're very grateful that we have the means to make the repairs/replacements as they are needed. I read that there is a First Nation tribe in the Canadian northwest that has no word in their language for "thank you." It isn't that they are ungrateful or impolite. They simply believe that the best way to respond to kindness is by kindness returned. They understand a basic truth many of us forget: actions speak louder than words. Still, I'm grateful we have words in the English language to express our appreciation and our thanks. Our thanks go to each of you who support our beloved church in so many ways, especially with your gifts of substance.

INNER-DEPENDENCE



With Independence Day, July 4, coming up, it is a good time to consider the idea of independence in the spiritual sense. In Unity, we call it "inner-dependence," dependence on the Christ within each of us for guidance, assistance, and inspiration.

Dependence on the Christ within as our source of all good is our help in every need. Inner-dependence is not being dependent on outer things or people or conditions, but rather drawing on our own inner resources and our spiritual inherence of rich ideas for fulfillment and sustenance. Inner-dependence is knowing that life is lived from within-out.; it is learning to trust the Christ within, to trust ourselves, and to build our own self-confidence and self-esteem by consciously realizing we are co-creators with God in all we do. Inner-dependence is seeking first the kingdom of God, knowing that it is the Christ within who does the work.

Inner-dependent people take responsibility for themselves, their thoughts, feelings, attitudes, and actions. Inner-dependent people are givers, not takers, but do not foster dependence on themselves in others. In their acceptance of themselves, inner-dependent people accept others where they are and free them to be themselves, to take responsibility for themselves, to develop their own inner-dependence. Inner-dependent people are secure in themselves and in God. They are safe, honest, and centered people who have a simple faith, a constant poise, and a joyful heart. Jesus was the perfect example of an inner-dependent person.

Learning to take responsibility for ourselves and our life is not easy, but it is something we must do if we are to know fulfillment, joy and

oneness within ourselves. As we build inner-dependence, we find that life takes on a new dimension and we come to understand more deeply what Jesus meant when He said, "You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." (Jn.8:32)

(Excerpt from an article of the same title, in July 1994 Unity Magazine)

When Did Unity Begin?

Unity began about 130 years ago. But its origin reaches back into the mystic truths out of which every great religion of the world has come. Like the Buddha, Moses, Zoroaster, Mohammed, Jesus and Paul, Charles and Myrtle Fillmore were mystics. To mystics, Truth, God, and reality are not things they read about or thought of. They are things they experienced immediately, directly, personally – and they teach that we, too, can become aware of our oneness with God. The origin of Unity goes back, then, to old primeval truths.

But, also, it goes back to the new scientific view of the world that began with Copernicus and Galileo five hundred years ago. And it goes back to the rejection of the authoritarianism of kings that produced the American Revolution two hundred years ago. The roots of Unity run back a long way and in many directions.

What then is Unity? It is an expression of the modern spirit in religion, for it sets us free instead of binds us, and it affirms our infinite perfectibility. It is the church of the evolving individual – growing, seeking, unfolding—becoming what each of us is meant to be, and it places no limitations on what we are meant to be. It reaffirms in modern terms some of our most ancient and ennobling truths – truths that the wisest sages and most inspired saints and saviors have repeated across the ages. Unity combines mystical, scientific, and democratic elements of truths and expresses these in new ways to help people live more effectively. It is God-centered, but it affirms humanity no less, for it helps us all to find our unity with God and with one another. May the Unity spirit of complete dependence on God and complete independence of soul be with you now and carry you forward into the ever-unfolding, God-guided way of life that God intends for you to live.

The Twelve Powers of Man

Charles Fillmore, supported by the teachings of Jesus Christ, explains in depth how the refinement of the twelve powers of man will bring forth unfoldment and glorification of the divine in ourselves. *The Twelve Powers of Man* is one of Charles Fillmore's most profound books and is intensely challenging for the serious metaphysical student. Learn how to develop your twelve powers and experience physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual renewal and regeneration. We have the book in our church library.

**FAITH STRENGTH JUDGMENT
LOVE POWER IMAGINATION
UNDERSTANDING WILL ORDER
ZEAL ELIMINATION LIFE**

To help us remember the names of the Twelve Powers, our Board President, Theresa McComber, created a beautiful wall hanging for the sanctuary with the words on it.

HAPPY SPECIAL DAYS



Birthdays

June 4 – Bob Groves

June 28 – Gloria Cunningham

July 5 – Katena Demas

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 25 – Harry Kletcher

July 28 – Joel Bancroft

Aug 18 – Mary Lou Thomas

Aug 19 – Joyce Paterson

Aug 20 – Kimberly Plazewski

Aug 21- Mary Schroeder

Aug 24 – Skip Quinn

Aug 26 – Elsie Huebner,

Anniversaries

July 24 – Joel and Peggi Brannen

Aug 7- Helen and Skip Quinn

Mary Lou Thomas is in charge of our Card Ministry. She sends cards from our church for birthdays, anniversaries, Thinking of You, condolence, etc. If we missed anyone's special day, or if someone is ill or has had a death in the family, please let Mary Lou or Elsie know. We appreciate Mary Lou for her dedication to this Ministry.