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Unity Community Church

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Happy
Holiday!

Dear Beloved Friends,

We send wishes for a blessed and joy-filled holiday season and we extend our deepest thanks for your loving support to Unity Community all during the year.

We also joyfully support you in prayer because we are united with you in faith and love. Prayer is like opening a door to the treasures of God. We now open this door for you. We affirm that God in the midst of you is Wisdom, bringing Divine Order into your consciousness and life. Within your mind and heart is the treasure of God's Light. As we pray for Wisdom to lead you, we place our trust in God. This activity is working within you now, strengthening you, and filling you with peace. We see you filled with energy and renewed vitality and we see you confidently going about your days with serenity.

In the name and through the nature of the Christ, we claim the promises of Jesus, that as we ask believing, our prayers are answered. We are asking and believing and giving thanks in advance that God's Spirit is the Light which illumines you..the Wisdom that leads you...and the Peace which fills you. In every decision, we know that you will trust the Father to gently guide you.

Let us rejoice during this holy season for the Light of Truth which reveals the power of the newborn Jesus to bless and uplift us. We gather all who need the Christ benediction into the circle of our love and speak to them the following living Christ

words, words that carry healing, guidance, substance, peace and joy on their wings:

The light of Christ fills your mind;
The life of Christ fills your body;
The love of Christ fills your heart;
The substance of Christ fills your affairs;

The beauty of Christ shines forth through you as faith and freedom, joy and courage, power and peace;

Christ is made manifest in you.

We sincerely invite you to attend all our special holiday services listed on the next page. One in love, we bless you and wish you a very Happy Christmas and the very best in the New Year.

Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



You are cordially invited to join us on Sunday, December 1, at 10:00 a.m. to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Unity Community Church! It will be a joyous occasion with lots of music, a re-dedication service, a catered luncheon after church service, and gifts for all who attend. We are very happy and proud of this milestone that we couldn't have reached it without you.

SUNDAY SERVICES, 10:00 A.M.

Dec 1 – Celebration of Church's 25th Anniversary – Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader (Catered luncheon after church service)

Dec 4 (Wednesday) 5:30 p.m. Special Christmas Remembrance Service, Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader

Dec 8 – Fairie Elaine Silver (Music and Message)

Dec 15 – Valleri Crabtree

Dec 22 – Metaphysical Sing-Along, Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader

Dec 24 (Tuesday) – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5:30 p.m. Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader

Dec 28 – Burning Bowl and Letters to God Service – Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader

NOTE: No meditation service Jan 1.

Jan 5 – Terence Young

Jan 12 – Rev. David Florence

Jan 19 – Cathy Zeph, PhD

Jan 26 – White Stone Ceremony - Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader

Feb 2 – Terence Young

Feb 5, Wednesday -Meditation Service – 7:00 p.m.

Feb 9 – Rev. David Florence

Feb 16 – Rev. Prentiss Davis

Feb 23 – Elsie Huebner

SPECIAL HOLIDAY SERVICES

REMEMBRANCE MEDITATION SERVICE - Wed. Dec 4, 5:30 p.m. With music, readings, prayers, and silence, we will join our hearts in a special holiday service, to remember loved ones who have made their transition. We will

celebrate the love we carry in our hearts, by sharing the names being celebrated and placing a small golden Christmas dove ornament on our Christmas tree. Prayer Chaplains will be available to hold a sacred space and pray with us.

BURNING BOWL AND LETTER TO GOD SERVICE, Sunday, Dec 28, 10:00 a.m.

After a quiet time of contemplation, you will be guided how to release the past and lay hold of your good in the future. We will each write down on a piece of paper all the things we want to release. Then the paper will be set afire in the Burning Bowl, symbolizing the cleansing fire of the Holy Spirit.

Later, we will write a letter to God, expressing the good things we want to manifest during the coming year. These sealed, self-addressed envelopes will be held in sacred space here at church for six months of blessings. In June, they will be mailed back to your home address unopened. It's very exciting to receive your own letter in the middle of the year to see which of your prayers have been answered.

For many of us, this is an important ritual to help us on our spiritual path.

WHITE STONE CEREMONY, Sunday, January 26, 10:00 a.m.

In the days of old, when people had overcome difficulties and made their connection with the Divine, they got a new name. No one else intervened; most of the time, no one else was aware of the new name. Abram, as he grew in spiritual awareness became Abraham; Sarai became Sarah.

A change in name signifies a change in consciousness. In biblical times a name was a very sacred thing. Every name in the bible actually means a quality that was in the person who carried the name. Parents chose a name for their child for whatever essence they saw in the child.

In our White Stone Ceremony, each person will be given a white stone from the Holy Land. After a time of contemplation; we will be led in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal our new name, which we will write on the stone.

With our stone and new name we free ourselves to live more fully on a path to greater insights and awareness of who we truly are.

CHURCH NEWS



Beverly D. McTyier, former member of our church, who moved to South Carolina a few years ago, made her transition on September 11, 2019. She is remembered with love and appreciation.

Joan Cochran, one of the seven founding members of Unity Community, passed away on Oct. 15, in an Assisted Living Facility in Indianapolis. Joan and her late husband, Jack, were involved with every aspect of creating and establishing our church home. It's fair to say that if it weren't for Joan and Jack, Unity Community would never have come to be.

Welcome New Members: Carole Howell and Sarah Rautio. We're delighted to have you as members of our spiritual family.

"Power of Eight" powerful healing prayer ministry has begun at Unity Community. It meets before church service on Sundays. Speak to Laura Ronan or Katena Demas for more information.

Silent Auction Success! For a one-day event on Sunday, Sept. 29, it went off without a hitch and the church was \$1,111 richer for it. Thank you, everyone for your donations and your purchases.

SE Unity Conference was held Oct 14-17 at Safety Harbor Resort. Elsie Huebner attended all the sessions to learn what's happening at our Unity Headquarters.

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 and join us.

PILGRIMAGE ENERGY HEALING TREATMENTS are offered at our church in the day and evening by appointment. There is no charge, but love offerings to the church are appreciated. Call Diane Starr (727) 542-5455, Katina Demas (727) 237-1452 or Pat Rivera, 305-546-2714, for an appointment.

PRAYER CHAPLAINS pray with you, hold you in sacred space, visit you when you are ill and phone you each month, and help with our

sacred services. If you don't have a Prayer Chaplain and want one, please let Elsie know.

AMAZON SMILE. When you order from Amazon, sign up with SmileAmazon.com and then select Unity Community Church in Dunedin as one of the charities listed. If you choose our church when making purchases, we will be credited a small percentage of the purchase price.

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 on Tuesdays, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Dunedin Food Pantry. Please bring unopened packaged and canned food of all kinds during this holiday season. Leave your donations in the baskets in the lobby or fellowship room. Thank you, Bill Baird, for delivering our food 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.

Spiritual Counseling. Please call Elsie for an appointment if you feel spiritual counseling will help... or just **Stop By and Visit** Elsie on Monday (10:00 – noon). No appointment necessary.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO BRINGS OUR REFRESHMENTS ON SUNDAYS. Some of us remember the days when fellowship food consisted of Entenmann's Sweet Rolls and coffee. Pat Crogan and Toni Cina want to say, "Big THANK YOU to all who bring the great food. Some people bring every week (not required.) There is always plenty and it is always sooooo good! We appreciate you."

Have You Met Katena Demas?

Born in the city of Chicago, Katena's childhood was spent in Schamburg and Elgin, Illinois. Her father was Greek, immigrating from the town of Filiatra, a coastal town situated near the Ionian Sea. For a time he operated a small restaurant in Elgin. Of course, because of her father's Greek heritage, they observed many of the Greek customs, especially those pertaining to holidays. Katena recalls those related to Easter, such as the Lenten fasting, and the candlelight services. There were many special foods, too, including special soups and breads. (Yum!)

Katena was an only child, but although she describes herself as "very shy," she enjoyed the many friends who were part of her childhood years. Katena's school years were split between private and public schools; she liked school and was a fine student!

Katena describes her mother as a very insightful person, instinctively wise about people, and Katena feels she inherited that same trait. Katena credits her mother with inspiring her to choose a career in Clinical Social Work and feels this was a wonderful gift!

After high school Katena attended the University of Wisconsin. She married John and together they moved to Michigan, where Katena earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in English and Sociology from Western Michigan University. She taught English in high school and in a junior college. Katena felt that teaching was not for her, and after a divorce, went back to school and earned a Masters Degree in Social Work. She was led to work in schools as a Community Mental Health Counselor; in this position she was able to work with students on a one-on-one basis and she found this to be her calling! Today Katena works part-time with adults in Assisted Living facilities and she truly loves it!

A spiritual path for Katena began early, as she describes her mother's choice of religions as being "eclectic." Her family attended many different churches and was

exposed to a variety of faiths. Katena eventually joined a Congregational Church, where she taught Sunday School. After retirement and a move to Florida granddaughter, Kaitlyn, came to live with her for a time. Prior to that Kaitlyn had been attending the Unity church in New Port Richey, but after moving to Dunedin, it seemed logical to attend Unity Community Church in Dunedin. Katena was immediately comfortable and impressed with the warm welcome she felt in our church, and she really likes the Unity message! Even though she "still has a lot to learn" about Unity's teachings, she feels that Unity Principles are "Universal."

Katena has a daughter, Kathy, and two grandchildren, Quentin and Kaitlyn. She also has one great-grandson, Leo, who is just 6 months old. Leo was born with cerebral palsy, and this is an issue of great concern for Katena and all the family. She spends lots of time with them, helping as much as she can. One spiritual source of help for Baby Leo and all the family is participating in "Power of Eight" groups; one such prayer group is being held in Unity Community Church on Sunday mornings at 9:15.

In her leisure time Katena loves to kayak, bicycle, and read (especially things spiritual!) Lynne Taggart is one of her favorite writers – Katena feels that Ms. Taggart's approach to spirituality is scientific and actually proves Unity principles! Lots of Katena's leisure time is also spent walking her dog, Picot. Goals for her future include travel – she already has plans to visit Rome and Panama in the near future. When those trips are complete, Katena would like to see more of the USA! Most importantly, she wants to spend more time with her family.

We feel blessed by your presence at Unity Community in Dunedin, Katena! We look forward to having you with us for a long time to come!

~ Marilyn Renner

FINANCIAL REPORT

	August	September	October
Income	\$4,415.00	4,494.00	4,668.00
Expenses	4,962.10	4,483.86	3,873.44
Difference	-547.10	+ 10.14	+794.56

We paid a large insurance bill in August and very high electric bills in the summer months. We replaced the 20 year old air conditioner in the fellowship room in November, which was very expensive. Our thanks go to each of you who support our beloved church in so many ways, especially with your regular gifts of substance. Please consider giving an extra financial gift to the church for Christmas. Thank you in advance!

HAPPY SPECIAL DAYS



Birthdays

- Dec 2 – Sharlene Hale,**
- De 10 – Darcy Ann Potts**
- Dec 18 - Pat Gannon,**
- Dec 28 – Marge Gibbons,**
- Dec 28 – Marta Ellis Kellam,**
- Dec 31 – J.M. Giibons,**
- Dec 25 – Marge Klingman,**
- Dec 25 – Jesus, born in our hearts**
- Jan 7 – Bette Wood,**
- Jan 13 – Steve Brewer,**
- Jan 15 – Celia Blum,**

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Jan 23 – Patricia Rivera,

Jan 31 – Rev. Phyllis Grace Deballa,

Feb 2 – Pat Crogan,

Feb 10 – Brenda Renee George,

Feb 11 – Bill Robinson,

Feb 20 – Dee Kuncz,

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.

NOTICE

Annual Membership Meeting will be held after church service on Sunday, February 16, 2020 in the Fellowship room. Year-end financial reports, proposed budget, Spiritual Leader's report and election of two directors will take place at the meeting. If you will need an absentee ballot, please let us know before the meeting by calling Elsie (727-791-7732) or emailing UnityDunedin@aol.com

If you are a member and would like to run for a seat on the board of Directors, or nominate another member, please let Elsie or Theresa Baird, Board President, know.