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Unity Community Church

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SUNDAY SERVICES, 10:00 a.m.

Dear Friends,

We closed down our church from the middle of March until the first Sunday in June due to the virus epidemic. Our main concern, of course, was the safety and well-being of our congregation, but it sure was a hard thing to do. During the closure, we created videos to post on our church website and church Facebook page on Sundays. Good timely topics were selected such as Easter, the Four Agreements, Prosperity, Memorial Day and Lessons in Truth. Stuart Walker did all the technical work; the Prayer Chaplains and I were the presenters. These videos are still available to view on www.unitydunedin.org under the section at the top of the page titled "Blog." Since the Board of Directors decided to open church for Sunday service on June 7, we have been blessed with our wonderful guest speakers for many Sundays. We're not making plans too far in advance, but below are the speakers scheduled for September. Check our website for speakers/events after September.

September 6 – Rev. Carole O'Connell

September 13 – Terence Young

September 20 – Elsie Huebner, SL, LUT

September 27 – Linda Carney, LUT

A Course in Miracles resumed meeting on Fridays 10:00-11:30 a.m. The Dunedin Toastmasters Club resumed meeting in August on Tuesdays at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. (with hybrid meetings, some people meeting in person and others on Zoom).

First Wednesday Meditation Services have not resumed.

When we are meeting at church, we are using all the recommended safe practices. All are required to wear a face mask. Your temperature is taken when you come in the door. Chairs are spaced far apart. We're not hugging or touching each other and congregation singing is at a minimum. There is no fellowship time with refreshments. But there is lots of love being circulated and lots of music, too, by our wonderful pianist and our soloists. As of this writing, attendance has been light, but those of us who come on Sunday are so very grateful to have this one special hour. We look forward to the day when everyone feels safe to return to church in person.

Our beloved Prayer Chaplains are staying in touch with you by phone every month to offer prayer support. If you don't have a Prayer Chaplain assigned to you and would like one, please let me know.

We sincerely appreciate the love offerings and tithes that many of you continue to share with our church. Because of you, we've been able to pay all our bills on time, every time. If you haven't returned to church in person yet, but still want to support our church, you can mail your checks. It's very safe and our mail box is locked and checked several times a week. Also our PayPal account is up and running just fine now. If you would like to use PalPal, please go to our website and use the "Donate" button. All who attend our church community, all who serve in many and varied capacities, are our most valuable assets. You are deeply loved and appreciated. Thank you.

Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader

FINANCIAL REPORT

May

Income	\$3,768.80
Expenses	3,845.39
Difference	-\$ 76.59

June

Income	\$14,970.00
Expenses	3,885.80
Difference	+\$11,084.20



In May we had a big insurance bill to pay. Still we did very well with income vs expenses. In June we were blessed with a special generous and loving donation of \$10,000 from one of our long-time members, which will be dedicated to several projects we'll be undertaking in the months ahead. Our church is exceedingly blessed in every way and we sincerely appreciate all of you who continue to support us with prayers and donations. You didn't stop even when we were not able to be physically together. Thank you most sincerely.

Maturity Described in Simple Terms

(...from Dear Abby Column 6-24-2020)

"Dear Abby: I read the "Definition of Maturity" in your column a while ago, and I would like to share a clipping I have been saving since the 1960s. It's from the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Newsletter and titled "A Short Course in Courtesy."

"The SIX most important words: 'I admit I made a mistake.' The FIVE most important words: 'You did a good job.' The FOUR most important words: 'What is your opinion?' The THREE most important words: 'If you please.' The TWO most important words, 'Thank you.' The ONE most important word: 'We.' The LEAST most important word, 'I'."

The clipping is disintegrating but the saying has provided a life lesson I've lived by. In these times of uncertainty, it's a good reminder of how to treat others.

---NY Transplant in SC.

Dear N.Y. Transplant: I agree with the philosophy expressed in the item you shared. It is something to inspire us. Thank you for writing."

PROSPERITY THOUGHT

Do you pray as if your prayers are already answered? The traditional means of prayer that we are exposed to throughout our lives involved asking for something and hoping that an external God would provide us with answers for our wishes.

Gregg Braden writes..."Rather than asking that the outcome of our prayer come to pass, we acknowledge our role as an active part of creation and give thanks for what we are certain that we have created. Whether we see immediate results or not, our thanks acknowledges that somewhere in creation our prayer has already been fulfilled.

This may appear to contradict the "Ask and you shall receive" version of prayer that you were likely exposed to. It may feel new, but it is so important that you acknowledge your own Divine role in the fulfillment of your spiritually aligned desires for yourself and others.

A vision is within your own imagination as you enter into your sacred practice of prayer, one that is so strong you can already feel its fulfillment in your own body. The moment you accept the wish as an accomplished fact the subconscious finds means for its realization. To pray successfully, then, you must yield to the wish, that is, feel the wish fulfilled."

Being a piece of God, and therefore altogether God as a part of the entire process of creation, you become an active participant..."

(Excerpt from "Wishes Fulfilled: Mastering the Art of Manifestation" by Dr. Wayne Dyer)

"Help, Lord, Save Us"

.....Rev. Ellin Dize

"Help, Lord! Save us! For godly ones are swiftly disappearing.
Where are the dependable, principled ones?
They're a vanishing breed!
Everyone lies, everyone flatters, and everyone deceives.
Nothing but empty talk, smooth talk, and double-talk.
Where are the truthful?"

After reading the above, you may think the words are a description of today's society, yet these words came from the Bible, Psalm 12:1, 2. They are a song of smiting, sung for the new day by King David written at the end of his life 1015 B.C.

Psalm 12 stirs up our emotions, our frustrations with dishonest people. We can even feel anger, thinking people are rotten, no good, liars. And then, our souls are calmed at the end of the Psalm 12:7, 8 with these words:

"Lord, you will keep us forever safe,
out of the reach of the
wicked.
Even though they strut and prowl,
tolerating and celebrating what is worthless and vile,
you will still lift up those who are yours!"

There may be many problems in our world we live in but there is always, only one solution: Trust, belief, having faith in our Lord, remembering we are in this world, but not of this world.

Got a flat tire, washing machine broke, got Covid 19, no matter what the problem, our Lord is always the answer. We are pure energy that no one will ever comprehend. We are connected to God. Those who doubt their connection, have no connection. They are disconnected people, with worldly ideas and thoughts, forever attempting to solve their problems with worldly tools and methods.

The best way to describe how to get connected is to picture air waves on a radio. When the energy matches, then you are connected, tuned into God. Matching is tuning into God by being godlike, getting on the same

wavelength as God. When we do that, all goes well in our lives.

Basically, our main problem is that people forget who they really are. They are the sons and daughters of one on high, Yahweh, Elohim, El Shaddai, Adoni, Jehovah, God. With God, you can move mountains. Without God, you can do nothing.

There are powerful people in the news. How do you know if they are on the same wavelength as God? Think of some basic questions: Is what they are doing helping all people? Are they causing more harm than good? Do their actions uplift the population or are their actions destroying our world? Keep it simple: helpful vs. harmful; good vs. bad; positive emotions vs. negative emotions; goodness vs. evil.

There is a worldly saying that is helpful in determining the true reason for someone's actions and that is "follow the money." Is their intent to pad their own bank account? Don't be fooled. Most hide behind a seemingly good cause, however, their real intentions are to selfishly help themselves. Some will lose their jobs, if all goes well. Their jobs depend on causing separation, dissension and discord. Harmony, unity, peace, agreement will eradicate their fat sources of income.

Don't be confused or dismayed, today's news is the same news written about 1015 B.C. What has changed are new faces, new statues, and new buildings but the deceivers, liars have not changed. And, our Lord will still lift us up, when we tune in, believe and 'In God We Trust'.

(Rev. Ellin Dize is a regularly contributor in the Carroll County (Maryland) Times. This article was written by Rev. Ellin and published on 8/1/2020. Ellin is a pastor, a business consultant, and a life coach, a teacher/student of A Course in Miracles. Before she moved from Dunedin to Maryland, she attended our Unity church often. She and Elsie are good friends and this article is shared here with her permission.)

Let's Meet Sarah!

Sarah Rautio was born in Ashland, Wisconsin. Ashland is a port city on Lake Superior. The family's home was on 20 acres of land about 13 miles from Lake Superior, in a town called Brule, Wisconsin. This town is known for fishing and canoeing on the Brule River. Sarah has two younger brothers, Jacob and David. They loved the outdoors, and together they spent many hours biking and walking on the Corridor, (a trail akin to our Pinellas Trail.) Sarah loved all of the outdoors, but the "crick" which ran close to their property was one of her special places.

Sarah's father still works with Olson Brothers, a contracting business which was started by and is still owned by Sarah's Great-Uncle and her Grandmother and their sons. There is much mining in the area, and Sarah's father works in a rock and gravel quarry, crushing rock and repairing equipment, often creating machinery parts which are no longer available. In her words, "My dad can fix just about anything!" Her mother worked as a counselor of drug/alcohol abuse patients, often speaking to high school students about the dangers of addiction. Sarah's mother became a stay-at-home mom after she had the children. Sarah says, "My mom heals hearts with her generosity, kindness, and love."

Life in the family was often hard, as her parents fought a lot and eventually divorced. Despite the hardship, Sarah considers younger brother David, one of her parents' greatest gifts to her. She practically raised him, and she dearly loved this role. She feels it was key to her later success working as mediator with child custody cases. Sarah is also close with her brother, Jake, who is a talented artist and works as a County Lineman.

Sarah had many varied jobs during summers and most nights while in high school and she loved them all! She worked as lifeguard, waitress, hostess, assistant in a pet hospital, and as an exotic dancer.

After graduating from Superior High school, Sarah attended classes at the University of Wisconsin-Superior, where she earned a BS in legal studies as a prelude to a law degree. However, during an internship as an associate working in mediation with child custody cases,

she found she enjoyed the mediation process very much. She believes this was because she had gone through similar circumstances in her own family while growing up. She decided to forgo the law degree.

Sarah laughed when I asked her about her spiritual path! I began by asking her if her parents took her to church services while she was a child. She responded that she often "led her family to church" attending with friends and Grandparents, who are her "Heroes and Role Models" in life. She was baptized in a Presbyterian church, but later led the family to Lutheran churches. After moving to Fort Myers to help a friend, she attended a Course in Miracles in a Unity church there.

Sarah eventually moved to Clearwater; one day on the way to the beach she noticed Unity Community Church. She liked the looks of it, and had been wanting to find a small church, so she stopped by one day to meet Elsie. Sarah says she immediately connected with Elsie and loves the openhearted welcome she feels among our church family. She values the "judgment-free zone" she experiences in Unity Community Church.

Sarah shares her life with partner, Rick. Painting, walking, reading spiritual materials, writing, gardening, swimming, Yoga, and dancing are things she loves doing.

Earning her college degree is an accomplishment of which she is most proud. Friends tell her that they admire her kindness and she treasures this. Sarah emphasized her pride in helping to raise her brother, David.

Sarah's goals for the future include dancing again and becoming certified in Florida so she can work in mediation once more. She wants to continue painting. She also wants to return to Costa Rica to learn more about Holistic Plant Medicine healing. Ultimately Sarah would like to become a licensed Unity Minister, and believes the combination of Unity and Holistic Healing will enable her to achieve her heart's dream of helping to heal Humanity and the Earth.

Sarah, we feel blessed to have you join us in Unity Community Church. We see you as the beautiful spirit that you are, and we know God has wonderful things in store for you in your journey ahead!

~Marilyn Renner

CHURCH NEWS



Irene Culletin, a long-time beloved member of Unity Community, made her transition on May 17, 2020, after a long illness. Elsie spoke with her only a few days before on Mothers' Day and she sounded better than she had in a long time. She was in rehab and said (once again) that her goal was to get well enough to return to church. Irene really loved Unity Community Church. We hope to have a Celebration of Life service for Irene as soon as it's safe for friends to gather. We sure do miss her. The "Daily Word" for May 17 was, "I let go and trust the Divine in me."

Candace Spathelf, former long-time member of our church, passed away in her home on July 10, at the age of 61. Candace was very active when she was a member and helped with lots of activities. She had been a professional photographer in her career and several times took pictures of our members and donated the proceeds to the church. As far as we know, there is no memorial service planned in Dunedin. Our deepest condolences go out to all who loved Candace.

Christina Grills, one of our beloved church members who relocated to Kingsport, TN a few years ago, lost her grandmother, Pauline in July. She and Pauline were very close and lived in the same apartment complex. Pauline never let a Christmas or Easter go by without sending a card to our church with thoughts of blessings. Pauline was 99 years old when she made her transition. We enfold the whole family in our prayers for comfort, knowing Pauline lives on in another of God's many mansions.

PILGRIMAGE ENERGY HEALING

TREATMENTS available at our church. 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.

AMAZON SMILE. Sign up with Smile Amazon.com and then select Unity Community Church in Dunedin as one of the charities listed. We will be credited a small percentage of the purchase price of your orders.

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

Dunedin Toastmasters Club meets at on Tuesdays, 7:00–8:30 p.m. They are hosting a hybrid meeting in person and via ZOOM at this time.

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

Prayer Box. Every written request in the prayer box at church will be given prayer treatment at Unity Community, and 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. During this ongoing pandemic, several of our members got "their affairs" in order, preparing wills and directives. Elsie served as Notary and/or witness. If you need a document notarized, let Elsie know. We'll meet at the church, practicing safe-distancing, etc. No cost to members of our church.

Unity World Day of Prayer 2020

We will not be having a World Day of Prayer service at our church on Thursday, September 10, 2020. However, Unity invites you to join friends around the world in prayer to affirm this year's World Day of Prayer theme: "From Fear to Faith." As you do, you'll hear how to anchor your life in faith through stories and songs. See page 6 of this newsletter for more information on the presenters at the event. Learn more at unityworlddayofprayer.org.

Unity World Day of Prayer 2020

We will not be having a World Day of Prayer service at Unity Community in September this year. Instead we encourage everyone to participate in the Unity Headquarters event. Learn more by visiting worlddayofprayer.org

The Affirmation for World Day of Prayer this year is: "*Standing in Truth, I move from fear to faith.*"

World Day of Prayer 2020 Schedule

All World Day of Prayer events will be live streamed on Facebook and YouTube.

Wednesday, September 9

7 p.m.—Opening Ceremony

- Rev. Linda Martella-Whitsett, Vice President, Unity Prayer Ministry
- Rev. Ogun Holder, Senior Minister, Unity on the River, Amesbury, Massachusetts
- Rev. DeeAnn Weir Morency, Associate Minister, Unity San Francisco
- Rev. Ana Quintana, Associate Minister, Unity of the Triangle, Raleigh, North Carolina
- Music by Eddie Watkins Jr., Motown and New Thought Musician
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Thursday, September 10

8 a.m.—Live music with Eddie Watkins Jr.

11 a.m.—Bilingual prayer service (English and Spanish)

- Rev. Patricia Bass, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Unity Worldwide Ministries
- Rev. Juan del Hierro, Associate Minister, Unity on the Bay, Miami, Florida

4 p.m.—Live music with Eddie Watkins Jr.

UNITY'S 5 BASIC PRINCIPLES

There is only One Power and One Presence active in the universe and in my life, God, the Good, Omnipotent.

Our essence is of God; therefore, we are inherently good. This God essence was fully expressed in Jesus, the Christ.

We are co-creators with God, creating reality through thoughts held in mind.

Through prayer and meditation, we align our heart-mind with God. Denials and affirmations are the tools we use. Through thoughts, words, and actions, we live the Truth we know.



The Development of Divine Love

From Talks on Truth, Charles Fillmore

Do not be afraid to pour out your love upon the so-called evil in the world. Deny the appearance of evil and affirm the omnipotence and the omnipresence of love and goodness. Take no account of the evil that appears in your life and your affairs. Refuse to see it as evil. Declare that what seems evil has somewhere a good side, which shall through your persistent affirmation of its presence be made visible. By using this creative power of your own thought you will change that which seems evil into good, and divine love will pour its healing balm over all.

THE PRAYER OF FAITH

by Hannah Moore Kohaus

God is my help in every need,
God does my every hunger feed;
God walks beside me guides my way,
Through every moment of this day.

I now am wise, I now am true,
Patient and kind, and loving, too
All things I am, can do, and be,
Through Christ the Truth, that is in me.

God is my health, I can't be sick;
God is my strength, unfailing, quick;
God is my all, I know no fear,
Since God and Love and Truth are here.

Daily Prayer and Meditation doesn't have to be difficult. Did you know that Dr. H. Emilie Cady, author of "Lessons in Truth," advises us to begin daily prayer and meditation with a simple truth statement? She says "Sincerity and Honesty constitute power in prayer. Simple words and clear sentences are preferred." Well respected Unity Minister, Ed Rabel, also promoted simplicity in prayer. When he was asked for specific advice about meditation, he said, "In this matter, I have no hesitation in recommending to people that they begin by memorizing the opening four lines of Unity's Prayer of Faith. Surely no words are simpler, clearer, and more genuinely expressive of a oneness with God. A person who meditates and speaks these words with belief in them is working with the most powerful prayer force available to mankind on earth today."

INVOCATION

I am now in the presence of pure Being
and immersed in the Holy Spirit of life, love, and
wisdom.

I acknowledge Thy presence and Thy power.
O blessed Spirit, in thy divine wisdom now
erase my mortal limitations, and from thy
pure substance of love bring into manifestation
my world according to Thy perfect law.

---Charles Fillmore

HAPPY SPECIAL DAYS

Birthdays

Sep 2 – Bill Baird,

Sep 7 – Theresa McComber Baird,

Sep 24 – Amy Brannen,

Sep 25 –Cathy Zeph,

Oct 8 – Deb Anderson,

Oct 12 – John Oberst,

Oct 13 – Diane Starr,

Oct 13 –Marilyn Renner,

Oct 16 – Lesley Blake,

Oct 20 – Helen Quinn,

Oct 29 – Bob Wetzel,

Nov 20 – Laura Ronan,

Anniversaries

September 8- Pat and John Crogan,

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.