

GoodNewsLetter

Unity Community Church

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Dear Friends,

This year, we dedicate our Advent season to the good news of Great Joy! We find our Great Joy by unwrapping the gift of Christmas, the Christmas Presence. Our Christmas celebration is about saying a joyful “yes” to the birth of Jesus and to the birth of the Christ within us by remembering we are all God’s beloved.

At Unity, we hold to the Truth that we are each here to be authentic to our true spiritual nature, to embrace life with a generous heart, and to help one another develop our divine potential. We celebrate our individual and communal spiritual awakenings with as much love and kindness as we can humanly express. This is living the Great Joy. This is living our lives in such a way that it becomes a creative, passionate blessing for ourselves and those around us. The Christmas season reminds us to live as fully and lovingly as possible, to say “yes” at all times to our divinity and to passionately explore our potential, cultivating what is right, allowing our Christ light to shine in an array of oneness. Join with us in this precious season to make a joyful noise as we shine a great light of love for our community and our wonderful world!

This Christmas, the Board of Directors and I join in wishing you love, peace, joy, good health and prosperity in God’s ceaseless abundance. We appreciate your loving prayers and financial support all year and thank you in advance for your holiday gifts. God bless you with a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader

SUNDAY SERVICES, 10:00 A.M.

Dec 2, 2018 – Rev. Mary Moore

SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE MEDITATION SERVICE – Wed. December 5, 5:30 p.m.

With music, readings, prayers, and silence, we will join our hearts in a special holiday service. Part of the service will include remembering loved ones who have made their transition. We will invite individuals to celebrate the love they carry in their heart, by sharing names of loved ones 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.

Dec 9 – Linda Carney, Licensed Unity Teacher

Dec 16 – Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader. Josie and Jack will provide music.

Dec 23 – Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader Metaphysical Sing-Along Service

Dec 24, 5:30 p.m. Christmas Candlelight Service. Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader

Dec 30 – Burning Bowl Service/Letters to God. Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader

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Jan. 2, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Monthly Meditation Service

January 6 – White Stone Service. Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader

Jan 12, Saturday, 12:00 noon. UC Angels after-Christmas gift exchange and potluck luncheon. Bring a dish to share and a wrapped gift to exchange (re-gifting is encouraged.)

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Jan. 13 – Matt Jones (read more about Matt on last page of newsletter.)

Jan 20 – Terence Young

Jan 27 – Rev. Carl Franklin

Feb 3 – Revs. Carl and Ortrun Franklin

Feb 8, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Monthly Meditation Service

Feb 10 – Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader

Feb 17 – Linda Carney, Licensed Unity Teacher. (Annual Membership Meeting follows Sunday service, in the fellowship room.)

Feb 24 – Terence Young



"COMPASSION"

By Rev. Lauren McLaughlin

As we prepare for the coming Holidays - and wrap ourselves in warm memories of Thanksgiving celebrations-past, it is also an act of KINDNESS to be aware that this isn't a time to celebrate for everyone. For more reasons than we can count - or even comprehend - this is an emotionally sad and draining time of year for some people - and it probably won't get much better for those souls until all the Christmas decorations disappear sometime in mid-January. There is probably little you or I can do to help - except to love them and accept them right where they are. They're doing the best they can and allowing them to be who they are right now is the most blessed gift we can give. Except - we can hold for them that time will help them to heal and to be grateful that God also has their back.

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. If you are interested in learning public speaking skills and increasing leadership abilities, please visit any Tuesday.

Prayer Chaplains. Our Prayer Chaplains pray with our members, hold them in sacred space, visit them when they are ill, and make wellness telephone calls each month. We most sincerely appreciate all the ways our Prayer Chaplains serve.

Dunedin Food Pantry. Please bring donations of unopened packaged and canned food of all kinds. Leave them 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. Your prayer requests are held in confidence and are important to us.

Stamp Project. Bring your used postage stamps to church; put them in the basket on the table in the sanctuary. The income from selling the 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.

Stop By and Visit. Elsie is at church every Monday (10:00 – noon). No appointment necessary. Just stop by.

GOOD THINGS THAT HAPPEN IN OUR CHURCH

Spiritual Leader, Elsie Huebner, taught **Unity credit class** "Jesus Teachings" for five weeks. The class was well attended with 12-16 students each week. Congratulations to Theresa McComber, Diane Starr, and Bob Charpentier (Unity of Palm Harbor) for successfully completing the class and earning 10 credits!

Our spectacular **jewelry sale** was fun and profitable, earning over \$1200.00 for our church. Many thanks go to all who donated and those who purchased. As part of the event, we had an exciting raffle for a gold Unity Wings pendant and chain. Our friend and guest speaker, **Valleri Crabtree**, won and was very happy! To help her chances, she bought 20 raffle tickets. There was a lot of jewelry left over after the sale. We gave it to a Tampa charity for their program, which provides free gifts for children with cancer to select gifts for family Christmas presents.

For several months, we had a donation drive for **Shriner's Hospitals** for Children. Each time we attended church, we dropped a quarter into a special jar. At the end of the drive, we invited our folks to guess how much money we had collected in the jar, which was \$202.00. **Pat Crogan** won a prize by guessing \$199.50. Once concluded, we sent a check to the charity.

We shared our good by sending \$100.00 each to two churches damaged by recent hurricanes, Unity Spiritual Center of Panama City and First Presbyterian Church in New Bern, NC.

We gave generously to our annual **Toys for Tots** program. Our friends, Revs. **Frank Drexler and David Panunzio**, picked up our donations on Nov. 18. They delivered the toys to the U.S. Marine Corps for distribution to children who might otherwise not receive a gift for Christmas.

A new **photo poster board**, placed in the fellowship room, was created by Board President, **Theresa McComber**. It shows pictures of those who regularly attend our church. We appreciate **Stuart Walker** for taking many of the pictures. If your picture is not there, please let Theresa know.

We have an ongoing drive for unopened food donations to be delivered to the **Dunedin Food Pantry**. Baskets for donations are in the church lobby and fellowship room. Thank you for your gifts. We appreciate Bill Baird for delivering our food to the pantry on a regular basis.

We happily welcomed **three new members** to Unity Community Church: **J.M. and Marge Gibbons and Katena Demas**.

On November 19, we held an all day workshop for 16 of our members to learn the **Pilgrimage Healing program**. It was presented by **Judy Charmatz and Ann Kowalec**, and other helpers who shared their knowledge and gave their time, free of charge. They brought five massage tables for the training, which were set up in the sanctuary and fellowship room. Printed Training Manuals, costing over \$200.00, were paid for by a generous Unity Community member, with our grateful appreciation. We are envisioning a "Pilgrimage Healing Center" to be offered soon at Unity Community, where clients will come to experience loving prayers and hands-on healing. There will be no cost to clients, but love offerings for the church will be accepted. Stay tuned!

Did you know that **Toni Cina** comes to the church each week before Sunday to put out our song books? She also opens our church whenever the two condo associations across the street have their meetings in the fellowship room. And she stays on the premises until they finish meeting and closes up. We appreciate Toni for all she does for us.

Every Sunday there seems to be a "**miracle of the loaves and fishes**" when lots of delicious food mysteriously appears for our enjoyment after church service. We truly love Pat Crogan, Toni Cina, Marylou Thomas, and others who make this happen each week.

Suncoast Brotherhood will be hosting their 38th Annual Motorcycle Toy Run on Sunday, Dec 16. It will run West on Main Street and North on Broadway to Wilson Street. Although this should not directly impact our church, it may impact some of us leaving the parking lot after the service. There are always lots and lots of motorcycles!



Nancy Baird, a cherished, long

time member, who served in many important capacities, made her transition on August 22, 2018. A Celebration of Life for Nancy was held at our church on September 23. Nancy had been ill for years and she lived far longer than expected by her doctors. In October 2014, after the first time she was approved for hospice care, she and husband Bill met with Elsie to plan her memorial service. Nancy wrote her own obituary and chose bible passages, music, readings and flowers. She made all her plans in advance, even choosing the restaurant to provide food for the luncheon after her service. After that meeting she said, "Now I'm ready whenever the Lord calls me home." I guess the Lord didn't want to call her home until 4 more years passed. We do not say, "Goodbye" to our beloved Nancy, but instead we say, "God speed on your way." We miss you and will love you forever.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE
(Please Mark Your Calendars)**

Annual Membership Meeting will be held after church service on Sunday, February 17, in the fellowship room. We will be electing two directors and an alternate director to serve 3 – year terms. If you would like to recommend a candidate, Please let Theresa or Elsie know. We'll also review past year's financial records and reports and vote on a budget for the coming year.

Financial Statement for September 2018

Income	\$7,548.32
Expenses	4,088.93
Monthly Gain	\$3,459.39

We are very appreciative of the many loving gifts received (\$3275.00) from the last three memorial services we held at our church.

A Pray for the World



Let the rain come and wash away
the ancient grudges,
the bitter hatreds
held and nurtured over generations.

Let the rain wash away the memory
of the hurt, the neglect.
Then let the sun come out and
fill the sky with rainbows.

Let the warmth of the sun heal us,
wherever we are broken.
Let it turn away the fog so that
we can see each other clearly,
so that we can see beyond labels,
beyond accents, gender or skin color.

Let the warmth and brightness
of the sun melt our selfishness
so that we can share the joys and
feel the sorrows of our neighbors.

And let the light of the sun
be so strong that we will see all
people as our neighbors.

Let the earth, nourished by rain,
bring forth flowers
to surround us with beauty.

And let the mountains teach our hearts
to reach upward to heaven.

Amen

-----*Rabbi Harold S. Kushner*

Time to Meet Margaret!

Many of you know Margaret Klingman as the Treasurer of our Board of Directors; others just know Margaret as the friendly, sweet lady who frequents Unity Community Church! But there's lots more to her story and some of it follows.

Born and raised in Pittsburgh, Margaret's father worked as an electrical engineer for Westinghouse. (Every appliance in their house was made by Westinghouse!) He loved to take Margaret, her brother, Ed, and their mother on weekend jaunts! They happily visited places like the Carnegie Museum, the zoo, the planetarium, Kennywood Amusement Park, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, the Pittsburgh Symphony, to name a few. Margaret's only lament was that her family was very small. There was just her mom and dad, her brother, one aunt and uncle, and the two sets of grandparents – no cousins! However, there were lots of children to play with in her neighborhood and she remembers a happy childhood. Margaret feels that one of the greatest gifts her parents gave her was they taught her proper etiquette!

After high school Margaret attended Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration. This she put to good use throughout her career, working for non-profit community service agencies, such as Head Start, WIC, etc., as Fiscal Director/ Finance Manager. After college, she lived in several towns in upstate New York, Walton, Oneonta and Albany.

Margaret has two children, Adam and Jennifer, and two grandchildren. Adam and his family live and work in Poughkeepsie, New York. He is an engineer with IBM, and his wife, Kim, is a pediatrician. They have a son, Ellis, who is nine years old. Margaret's daughter, Jennifer, lives and works in Albany, New York. She is Director of Correspondence for the Attorney General's office for New York State, and has a son, Anthony.

When asked about her spiritual path, Margaret said she grew up Methodist and was taught traditional Christian beliefs. Her father was a Deacon in their church and she recalls sitting in the third row there every Sunday morning. However, Margaret said much of what was taught to her there did not make sense to her. Later in her life, following a divorce, Margaret attended a group called "Women in Transition." She became friends with a woman

named Dorothy, who was a Unity Truth student. Dorothy became Margaret's spiritual mentor, sharing ideas and books. Margaret began to attend a Unity church in Albany, which was an hour and a half away, so attendance was sporadic. Soon, however, in a classic case of Divine Order, daughter Jennifer decided to stay in Albany after graduating from college there, so Margaret attended the Unity Church more often while visiting her daughter. Later, Margaret and her second husband moved to Albany where Margaret had a new job. They regularly attended the Albany Unity church until retiring and moving to Florida 14 years ago. Margaret describes herself as being a student of Unity Truth of 30 years! She currently has memberships in 4 Unity churches. Most recently, having attended the Clearwater church for many years, she decided to give Unity Community in Dunedin a try since it is closer to her home. "I quickly found the Dunedin church to be so much warmer, welcoming, and friendlier than the others. I really feel at home here!" Margaret decided to stay!

Margaret's children are perhaps her proudest achievement in her life thus far. She is pleased that they both have grown into being wonderful, loving, productive human beings! Reading is one of Margaret's favorite activities, especially fiction by Amy Tan, Barbara Kingsolver, Lisa See and others. Her leisure time is also filled with attending many types of theater and participating in card groups and game groups.

Now retired for 14 years, Margaret hopes to be able to continue enjoying many more years of good health and happiness. She enjoys serving as our Treasurer. Thank you, Margaret, for your excellent work! We feel blessed to have you as part of our Unity Community family. We love you and look forward to keeping you with us for many years to come!

.....Marilyn Renner



Leaving a Positive Footprint Blessing Space

Physical space acts like a sponge, absorbing the energy of all who pass through it. And, more likely than not, the spaces we move through each day have seen many people come and go. We have no way of knowing whether the energy footprints left behind by those who preceded us will invigorate us or drain us. Yet we can control the energy foot print we leave behind for others. In blessing each space we enter, we orchestrate a subtle energy shift that affects not only our own experiences in that space, but also the experiences of the individuals who will enter the space after us. While we may never see the effects our blessing has had, we can take comfort in the fact that we have provided grace for those that follow after us.

When you bless a room or an entire building, you leave a powerful message of love and light for all those who will come after you. Your blessings thus have myriad effects on the environments through which you pass. Old, stagnant energy is cleared, creating a vacuum into which fresh and invigorating energy can freely flow. The space is thus rendered harmonious and nourishing, and it becomes a hub for which positive feelings are transmitted. Intent is the key component of the blessings you leave in your physical wake. If your intent involves using your own consciousness as a tool for selflessly spreading grace, your blessing will never go away. Whether you feel more comfortable performing a solo blessing or prefer to call upon your spirit guides for assistance, visualize each space you enter becoming free of toxins, chaos, and negativity as you speak your blessing. Then imagine the resultant emptiness being replaced by pure, healing white light and loving energy. Even a quick mindful thought of love can bless a space.

This type of blessing is cumulative and will grow each time you bestow it. Try blessing every home, business and office you visit for an entire week and observing the effects of your goodwill. Your affirmative energy footprint will help brighten your day as you contemplate your blessing's future impact on your siblings in humanity and your environment.

DAILY PRAYER TREATMENT FOR UNITY COMMUNITY CHURCH

There is only One Source, One Mind, One Law, One Principle and this is the Infinite Mind, which is forever expanding and creating the Good.

This Perfect Intelligence manifests *in, as, and through* the Collective Consciousness now known as ***the Unity Community Church, Dunedin, Florida***, of which I know I am an integral part.

The purpose of this Church is to teach all who come here the Truth about their individual divinity and their co-creative ability to demonstrate health, prosperity, and love in every area of their lives, through grace and their understanding of the Law of Infinite Supply.

As this purpose already exists as a wonderful idea in the Mind of God, *no thing and no person* can limit the growth and prosperity of this Church, its spiritual leader, its board of directors or its members.

Only the "right" people, "right" location, "right building" and "right resources required for the good of this Church are here now present...and are attracted to it...because "money is God in action!"

And I am personally blessed, healed and prospered as I participate in...and contribute to...this ***Unity Community Church*** through my tithes, and through this Prayer Treatment.

Because this is so...and is the Truth of my being...I now give thanks for this knowing – ever grateful for the power within the consciousness of this Church, and within me.

Believing...Knowing...and Realizing these Truths...I now release this Prayer-Treatment into Universal Law—expectantly awaiting its demonstration.

To which all the Saints say...AMEN! And So It Is!

(Note: This Prayer Treatment was lovingly written for our church by Dr. R. Donald Papon about ten years ago.)

MATT JONES will make a return visit to our church on Sunday, January 13, as guest speaker. Matt went from being a three-time cancer conqueror, to surviving a bone marrow transplant, to relearning how to walk, to completing 7 marathons on 7 continents.

Wayne Dyer called Matt "his hero" and Dr. Catherine Ponder said, "Matt has a transformational message that is life-changing." Matt is high energy and has an enthusiastic spirit and laugh that is contagious which he has shared with New Thought churches across the country. He is also the author of eleven books.

From his miraculously and amazing story of healing, you will be inspired to create Your Brightest Future.

HAPPY SPECIAL DAYS



Dec 2 – Sharlene Hale, 514 Belleview Blvd., Clearwater 33756

Dec 10 – Darcy Ann Potts, 1632 Peaceful Lane, Apt D, Dunedin 34698

Dec 18 – Pat Gannon, 1051 Elm Street, Apt 23D, West Springfield, Mass 61089

Dec 28 – Marge Gibbons, 960 Starkey Rd. #3101, Largo 33771

Dec 28 – Marta Ellis Kellam, 925 Gulfview Blvd, Dunedin 34698

Dec 31 – J.M. Gibbons, 960 Starkey Rd. #3101, Largo 33771

Dec 25 – Marge Klingman, 970 Virginia St. #107, Dunedin 34698

Jan 7 – Bette Wood, 1239 Fairway Dr. Dunedin 34698

Jan 13 – Steve Brewer, 2275 Gulfview Blvd., Dunedin 34698

Jan 15 – Celia Blum, 4850 Mill Run Dr., New Port Richey 34653

Jan 15 – Dan Stemmler, 614 Woodrow Ave. #47, Largo 33770

Jan 23 – Patricia Rivera, 80 Cedar Elm Dr. Safety Harbor 34695

Jan 31 – Phyllis Grace DeBella, 1923 Northfork Circle, Clearwater 33760

Feb 2 – Pat Crogan, 212 S. Hercules Ave., Clearwater 33764

Feb 3 – Pat Frantz, 2027 Yale Ave., Dunedin 34698

Feb 10 – Brenda Renee George, 314 Overstreet Ct. Palm Harbor, FL 34683

Feb 11 – Bill Robinson, 1239 Fairway Dr., Dunedin 34698

Feb 15 – William Frantz, 2027 Yale Ave., Dunedin 34698

Feb 20 – Dee Kuncz (need new address)

Anniversaries

Jan 1 – Pat and Bill Frantz, 2027 Yale Ave., Dunedin 34698

Mary Lou Thomas is in charge of our Card Ministry. She sends our cards for birthdays, anniversaries, Thinking of You" and Condolence. 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.

A UNITY BLESSING for 2019

May you always know the peace, joy and love of God in all that you do.

May you always find the gift of God in every situation.

May you always know that you are never alone, for God is with you ... at all times...and in all ways.