

FINANCIAL REPORT

JUNE & JULY 2013



...Helen Quinn, Treasurer

June

Income	\$3,583.99
Expenses	3,015.02

July

Income	\$2,979.50
Expenses	3,489.22

"Summer Time and the Living is Easy..." Many of our folks have been away during the summer. It's always a special time of the year to take a trip or visit friends and relatives and relax a little bit. In the summer, our Board of Directors keeps busy taking care of our church's business and making sure the bills are paid on time. Please remember to send your offerings and tithes to the church we all love.....especially in the summer time.

Blessing of Money

Divine Love, in and through me,
Blesses and multiplies all that I have,
All that I give, and all that I receive.
Thank you, Father-Mother God.

Words of Appreciation

We appreciate Skip Quinn for all the work he did for us, mandated by a recent inspection of the Fire Marshall. Thank you, Skip! Diane Ramsey picks up and delivers our cooler water for the library. Those are very heavy bottles. Thank you, Diane! We appreciate Laura and Barbara for bringing the bottled water for our fellowship room. Again, it's a heavy job. People who take classes or have meetings at church appreciate this. Frank and Dee Kuncz donate most of our paper supplies. Thank you, Frank and Dee. Thank you, everyone who participated in our Peanut Butter Drive for our local food pantry. Over 50 jars were delivered by Bill Baird. So many of you give to our church in so many ways. We love you, we bless you, we appreciate you, and we behold the Christ in you.



MONTHLY MEETINGS

Mondays, 10:00 - 12:00 noon

Spiritual Support. If you would like prayer support or to meet with Elsie, our spiritual leader, feel free to stop by. Please call the church, 734-0635, if you would like to make an appointment at another time.

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 PM

Donoghue-Dunedin Toastmasters meeting

Fridays, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Course in Miracles.

Saturdays, 4:00 - 6:00 PM Debtors Anonymous

Program meeting, 1st Thurs., 10:30 a.m.

Chaplains meeting, normally last Sunday of month, 11:45 am

Board of Director's meeting, 3rd Sunday, 11:45 a.m.

Healers meeting, (when scheduled)



Daylight Savings Time Ends on Sunday,

November 3. Before you go to bed on November 3, be sure to turn your clocks back one hour.

We're on Facebook



Did you know the Church has a Face book Account? Look for Unity Community Church. "Like" us and you will be sent daily spiritual messages along with notices of all up coming events. We appreciate our webmaster, Cheryl Harrison, for gifting us with the cost of setting up the account and for 3 free months of updating.

(Time for a laugh, in memory of Rich Killian)

STOPPING SHOPPING

A husband whose wife loved to shop asked her to take a break from it for a while. He suggested she fight the shopping urge by saying, "Get thee behind me, Satan," whenever she was tempted.

She promised him she would. Then one day she spotted a beautiful dress in a store window, went in, tried it on, and bought it. When her husband saw the dress, he said, "Honey, you said you weren't going to buy any more clothes for a while."

She replied, "I know, but Satan tempted me."

"But you were supposed to say, Get thee behind me, Satan," he reminded her.

She said, "I did, but Satan said it looked even better from behind. It made my butt look smaller."

A Problem with Teeth

The minister just had all of his remaining teeth pulled and new dentures were being made.

On the first Sunday after he got his new dentures, he only preached 10 minutes. Everyone was surprised.

The second Sunday, he preached only 20 minutes. Everyone was glad.

But, on the third Sunday, he preached 1 hour 25 minutes. Everyone was angry.

When asked about this by some of the congregation, he responded this way.

"Well, the first Sunday, my gums were so sore it hurt to talk. The second Sunday, my dentures caused even more pain. The third Sunday, I accidentally grabbed my wife's dentures... and I couldn't stop talking!

One Liners

Don't think of it as getting hot flashes. Think of it as your inner child playing with matches.

You don't stop laughing because you grow old, you grow old because you stop laughing.



....by Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader

"Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."

I think this is one of the most important lines in the Lord's Prayer. According to Emmet Fox (*Sermon on the Mount*, last chapter), Jesus must have thought so, too. Fox says we can't make any progress spiritually...or have our prayers answered...until we have forgiven everyone who has hurt us in any way.

Dr. Fox writes, "*With this definite end in view, Jesus inserted at this critical point (in the Lord's prayer) a carefully prepared statement... which would force us, without any conceivable possibility of escape, evasion, mental reservation, or subterfuge of any kind; to execute the great sacrament of forgiveness in all its fullness and far-reaching power. As we repeat the Great Prayer intelligently, considering and meaning what we say, we are suddenly...caught up off our feet and grasped as though in a vise, so that we must face our problem - and there is no escape. We must positively and definitely extend forgiveness to everyone to whom it is possible that we can owe forgiveness, namely, to anyone we think may have injured us in anyway. Jesus leaves no room for any possible glossing of this fundamental thing. He constructed his Prayer with more skill than any lawyer ever displayed. He has so contrived it that once our attention has been drawn to this matter, we are inevitably obliged either to forgive our enemies in sincerity and truth, or never again repeat the Prayer....Jesus obliges us to declare that we have actually forgiven, and forgiven all, and he makes our claim to our own forgiveness, to depend upon that. ...The forgiveness of others is the vestibule of Heaven, and Jesus knew it, and has led us to the door. You must forgive everyone who has ever hurt*

you if you want to be forgiven yourself. You have to get rid of all resentment and condemnation of others, and, not least, of self-condemnation and remorse. And then you have to accept the forgiveness of God for them, too, or you cannot make any progress. ...If your prayers are not being answered, search your consciousness and see if there is not someone whom you have yet to forgive...or someone you are holding a grudge against. If you cannot forgive at present, you will have to wait for your prayers to be answered until you can. And you will have to postpone finishing your recital of the Lord's Prayer, too. Setting others free means setting yourself free."

Oh my goodness! There's no way to misunderstand this, is it?

Perhaps it's equally important to know how to properly apologize and ask others for forgiveness. According to a report I read recently, it turns out that the words you say when apologizing are less important than the act of apologizing itself. Social psychologist Steven Scher of Eastern Illinois University has identified five main elements of apologies: (1) a simple expression of regret ("I apologize"); (2) an explanation or account of the cause that brought about the violation ("I forgot to call you with the information"); (3) an expression of the speaker's responsibility for the offense ("What I did was wrong"); (4) a promise of forbearance ("I promise nothing like this will happen again"); and (5) an offer of repair ("What can I do to make it up to you?"). Using anyone of these strategies is better than using none. Scher has found that the more components you include in your apology, the better. Perhaps most important; make it genuine: Insincere apologies can be worse than none at all, found psychologist Jeanne Zechmeither and colleagues at Chicago's Loyola University.



Meet Joel Bancroft!

...by Marilyn Renner

Born in Illinois near Chicago, Joel lived there until age five, when he and his family moved to the small farm town of Washburn. Later Joel moved with his mother, father, and younger brother Jonathan to Wellsville, New York.

After graduating from high school, Joel chose to enter the United States Marine Corps. His plan was to make the Marine Corps a lifetime career. During his four years as a Marine, Joel served in varied locations, including 29 Palms in the US, Kuwait, Iraq, and Okinawa, Japan. During these four years Joel discovered the importance of knowing spiritual truth – something he felt lacking in the Marine Corp.

Having left the Marines, Joel became disillusioned about who he was. He became interested in and felt drawn to spiritual things, including studying Shamanism, the spiritual side of Native Americans. These meditative experiences "set the tone for his search for the light of God." Joel's study of David Hawkins' teachings ultimately led him to Unity Community of Dunedin, which he first noticed on the website. He decided to check Unity Community out and was attracted by its welcoming climate. Joel said there had to be a "significant something" to motivate him to come back. Here at Unity Community, he found "a loving welcomeness" which drew him back again and again. Joel credits Unity with leading him on to find "Jesus Christ, the light of the Christ in me."

Joel's career path now is to become a nurse; he will start nursing school in August. Meanwhile he's been working to finance this.

When I asked Joel what he enjoyed doing in his spare time, his first reaction was, "What spare time?!" He then explained that he likes to walk and to study the New Testament. He added that writing is also an

important outlet for him. Joel says it has taken a long time for him to honor the creative writer in him. But he's now ready and working on a book entitled "The Way of Jesus." He's learned he has a need to express his creative energy in writing devotional prayers. Joel describes this as a joyful experience. He describes his book as a modified version of 'the Gospel of Jesus, according to John.' Joel plans to self-publish this book.

I asked Joel what he considers his greatest accomplishment so far – he responded emphatically " my relationship with God!" He quickly added, "It's very real, very simple, very open – no hiding, no guilt!! A huge part of my life – ongoing and perfect!"

Joel, we feel very fortunate that you have chosen Unity Community as a facilitator on your spiritual path! You are loved, appreciated, and wished continued success along the way!

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Prayer – Be With Me Lord

*Hold me close, loving presence,
Be with me through the night hours;
Be with me through the day.
Hold thou my hand;
Guide thou my feet;
Comfort thou my heart.
Fill me a knowing all is well.
I trust myself, my life, my hopes, my
dreams, my future to your care.
Where I am, You are.
In my need, You answer me.
In my joy, You smile upon me.
When I cannot fathom the whys and
wherefores,
Your light shines steadily, beckoning me on
to Truth as yet unknown,
To the depths of understanding as yet
unguessed at.
Be with me Lord.
Hold me close today, tomorrow and in the
days to come.
I am holding Your hand. I shall not fear.
Thank You, Loving Lord*

Author Unknown