

Good NewsLetter

Unity Community Church
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Sunday Service, 10:00 AM Speakers and Events



- June 1 – Ricky Roberts, III**
- June 8 – Rev. Aldon Samaha**
- June 15 – Revs. Aaron and Mary Moore**
Fathers' Day
- June 22 – Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader**
- June 29 – Linda Carney, Licensed Unity
Teacher**
- July 6 – Elsie Huebner, Licensed Unity
Teacher**
Independence Day Weekend
- July 13 – Revs. Myles and Devorah Shaw**
- July 20 – Rev. Aldon Samaha**
Summer picnic after church!
- July 27 – Linda Carney, Licensed Unity
Teacher**
- Aug 3 – Revs. Frank Drexler and David
Panunzio**
- Aug 10 – Rev. Dave Drew**
- Aug 17 – Rev. Aldon Samaha**
- Aug 24 – Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader**
- Aug 31 – Linda Carney, Licensed Unity
Teacher**

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
(Toastmasters in recess for July)
- 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.
U-C Angels, usually 2nd Saturday of month
Prayer 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)

CHURCH NEWS



Two of our cherished church members, **Bonnie Rice** and **Bette Petersen**, made their transition. Beautiful Celebrations of Life were held in their honor at our church; Bonnie's on March 16; Bette's on May 18. We remembered all their many accomplishments and blessed them on their way to new and even more wonderful life experiences in God's many mansions.

Jesus comforts us with these words about eternal life, "Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." (John 14:1-5)

New Speakers on July 13 Surprise!

Myles and Devorah Shaw serve the Lord together through their ministry, *Ministry of Reconciliation Outreach*. They reach out to the community and offer help to those whom God puts in their path, by offering encouragement in their search for God and guidance as they grow. They minister via phone to those who call for prayer, and offer practical help of transportation and food. They have both ministered in the jails and prisons. Devorah graduated from Christ the King Theological Seminary with a Doctor of Philosophy in Pastoral Psychology. She is an active Christian Counselor. She has counseled in drug-alcohol rehab centers, domestic violence abuse shelters, Juvenile Detention Center, and volunteered her services as a counselor in the public school system. Myles and Devorah are Ordained Reverends and host church in their home: the *Angelic Apostolic Church*.

Unity Community's Mission Statement

Unity Community is a spiritual family of love, guided by the Holy Spirit. We encourage and empower each other to grow in consciousness by teaching, learning and practicing the universal truth principles that Jesus Christ demonstrated.

THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF UNITY

LONG VERSION

Unity is a way of life; a way of approaching and living life. It is an attitude more than a dogmatic religion. It is positive-thinking practical Christianity. As Christians we hold that Jesus Christ is "...the way, the truth, and the life," yet we know that God, as Infinite Love and All Good, loves all people regardless of the many and varied paths they may take to Him/Her. Therefore, we are inclusive of all.

Yet, Unity has some Basic Teachings that give us foundation:

1. There is One Presence and One Power in the Universe, God the good omnipotent. God is "ALL," more than we can humanly imagine.
2. Made in God's image and likeness, man is Divine. God is individual in every person as the

Christ. "Christ in you, the hope of glory." [Col. 1:27] This divinity is fully demonstrated in Jesus the Christ.

3. Our minds are our field of operation. Thoughts are powerful and creative. The "Law of Mind Action" is: "Thoughts held in mind produce after their kind," or "Whatever you give your attention to, prospers," or "You create your reality through your beliefs."

4. Denials and affirmations affect man's mind (not God's). Therefore our thoughts and beliefs provide the "transference of power from error belief to faith in the Truth...."

5. Prayer should be an acknowledgement and affirmation about the Truth of God and our relationship to Him/Her. Prayer and Meditation are ways to open ourselves to insight, intuition and conscious awareness of the greater reality. Forgiveness and love are our primary purpose and primary functions. Every thought, word and action can move us toward the divine perfection that is God's will for us.

The Bible is an inspired source book of Truth; a spiritual map we interpret, mainly metaphysically, to help us find our way to the unfoldment of our spiritual nature.

A SIMPLER VERSION

There is One Presence and One Power in the Universe – God, the Absolute Good Omnipotent.

God is individualized in me and in you as the Christ.

God operates in the universe according to the Law of Mind Action.

The tools we use to work with these Principles are Denials and Affirmations, Prayer and Meditation.

We apply the learning from our prayer and meditation in action and service to the world.

THE REALLY SHORT VERSION

1. God Is. 2. I Am. 3. I create it. 4. I pray.
5. I live it.

FINANCIAL REPORT ...Helen Quinn, Treasurer
March 2014

Income	\$6,357.32
Expenses	3,463.16

We are blessed indeed and very grateful for all the tithes and love offerings given our church. We received a generous gift of \$10,000 and used part of it to paint our building. The next project we hope to undertake is work on the parking lot.

PROSPERITY THOUGHT

Are you having trouble making your income meet your expenses? Here's something to think about that might help. There is a story that Chinese farmers many years ago decided to eat only the bigger, better potatoes and save the smaller ones for seed. It didn't take long before nature taught them a valuable lesson by reducing their potatoes to the size of marbles. The farmers learned the hard way that you can't keep the best things in life for yourself and use the leftovers for seed. The laws of nature and life decree that the harvest will reflect the planting. *"As you give, so shall you receive."*

Meet Our Newest Board Member,

Joel Brannen!

...Marilyn Renner

Joel was born in and grew up in Waycross, Georgia. The son of a postman/radio station mogul and a stay-at-home mom, Joel has a brother, Ted, and a sister named "Skeeter." The family lived in Waycross until Joel was in eighth grade. Then they moved to Panama City, Florida, where Joel graduated from high school.

The Brannen family lived on a few acres of land in Georgia with room for horse stables. Riding horses was something they enjoyed. Joel recalls that his riding experience started with a Shetland pony and he "worked his way up" to riding horses.

Southern Technical Institute in Atlanta is where Joel studied electronics and earned his degree. His first jobs were at radio stations, where he worked as an engineer and disc jockey. The first job was in Fernandina Beach, and then back in Panama City, where Joel worked for Radio

Station WDLP. He then took a job in the New Orleans area, where he greatly enjoyed the Mardi Gras experience! Things were going well!

After several years in New Orleans, Joel felt it was time for a change. His wife had relatives living in the Clearwater/Tampa area and they decided to move here and start his own business. Since he knew the stereo business very well, it was a logical step. The new stereo business was located on Gulf-to-Bay Street. After eight or nine years of operating this business, Joel had an opportunity to buy two radio stations back in the New Orleans area. This he operated by "long distance, only traveling to this area to count his money!"

Joel recalls that although the broadcasting business is typically a "high stress" operation, he and his business partner, Ken, discovered they could set the tone to make their business a peaceful, serene operation. This they did, and they were successful with their two radio stations. They were so successful that Joel was able to retire from the radio business at the age of fifty!

Sadly, at that same time, his wife Diane passed away. But several years later in 2004, Joel met and married his current wife, Peggy. He says they are very happy!

Joel has a daughter, Amy, who lives close by. She works in the Medicare industry. He also has a son, Gary, who lives in California, and works as a salesman. Joel has a grandson, Gregory.

When asked about his spiritual path, Joel shared that he was raised Presbyterian, and attended a Baptist church while in college. He also attended the Church of Religious Science for several years, but left after the minister disappointed the parishioners there.

How did Joel find Unity? A friend initially introduced him to the Unity of Clearwater Center, but his daughter, Amy, attended Unity Community of Dunedin and urged him to attend with her from time to time. Joel found he really enjoyed being around like-minded people – people who are spiritual and positive – and that our church "grew on me." He became a member in early 2014, and was soon elected to our Board of Directors!

Family and friends are of utmost importance to Joel. He wants to be there for them and help them to enjoy their lives more. Making it

possible for his sister and her husband to retire early, and sending his grandson to college are examples of his generous, caring spirit. Joel also is very involved with a local 12-step program. He volunteers at two different locations, one being the county jail, teaching and counseling. He loves to keep in touch with out of state friends in New Orleans and Panama City.

Joel says he is still searching for his "true passion!" One of his goals for the future is to maintain his good health. He says he wants to be "more of a role model" for his family than he's ever been!

Welcome Aboard, Joel!!!! We're very grateful to have you with us!

Spiritual Story... WHY WE SHOUT IN ANGER



A Hindu saint, who was visiting river Ganges to take a bath, found a group of family members on the banks, shouting in anger at each other. He turned to his disciples, smiled and asked. "Why do people in anger shout at each other?"

Disciples thought for a while, one of them said, "Because we lose our calm, we shout."

"But, why should you shout when the other person is just next to you? You can as well tell him what you have to say in a soft manner," asked the saint.

Disciples gave some other answers but none satisfied the other disciples. Finally the saint explained, "When two people are angry at each other, their hearts distance a lot. To cover that distance they must shout to be able to hear each other. The angrier they are, the stronger they will have to shout to hear each other to cover that great distance.

What happens when two people fall in love? They don't shout at each other but talk softly, because their hearts are very close. The distance between them is either nonexistent or very small..."

The saint continued, "When they love each other even more, what happens? They do not speak, only whisper and they get even closer to each other in their love. Finally they even need not whisper, they only look at each other and that's all. That is how close two people are when they love each other."

He looked at his disciples and said.

"So when you argue, do not let your hearts get distant. Do not say words that distance each other more, or else there will come a day when the distance is so great that you will not find the path to return.

IF NOT FOR YOU

If not for you, there would be a place of emptiness in the heart of God. If not for you, all the good that you have done would still need doing. If not for you, the spark of your ideas would not have ignited a fire in others. If not for you, the key role that you have played in life's drama would remain untitled. If not for you, at least one person would not have awakened to his or her dreams. If not for you, your triumphs could not be examples to inspire others. If not for you, someone who needed love would not have received it. If not for you, a life would have been shortened or never existed.

If not for you, the song of life would have missed a beat. If not for you, your gifts would remain ungiven. If not for you, another might have suffered in your place. If not for you, someone would have no path to follow. If not for you, there would be one less smile, one less laugh, an one less hug. If not for you, there would be less mystery. If not for you, an animal might be homeless and a garden left unplanted. If not for you, something would be missing. You have always made a difference. Who you are is important every day. You are the face, the heart, and the soul of God.

.....*Bob Luckin*

One of Unity's finest writers, Imelda Shanklin, says:

"Your mind is your world. Your thoughts are the tools with which you carve your life story on the substance of the universe. When you rule your mind you rule your world. When you choose your thoughts you choose results... Your life is what you think: Think straight, and life will become straight for you.