

# GoodNewsLetter

Unity Community Church

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## Sunday Service, 10:00 AM

### Speakers and Events

**Mar 1 – Bob Sima** – Musical Message  
**POTLUCK** AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE  
CONCERT – 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

**Mar 8** - Rev. Stephen Kosmyrna

**Mar 15** – Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader

**Mar 22** – Rev. Stephen Kosmyrna

**Mar 29 – Palm Sunday**

-Rev. Aldon Samaha

**April 3** – 7:00 p.m. Good Friday service

**April 5 – Easter Sunday**

– Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader

**April 12** – Valleri Crabtree

**April 19** – Revs. Frank Drexler and David Panunzio

**April 26** - Linda Carney, Licensed Unity Teacher

**May 3** – Rev. Ruth Fatur

**May 10 – Mothers' Day**

-Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader

**May 17** - Revs. Frank Drexler and David Panunzio

**May 24** - - Linda Carney, Licensed Unity Teacher

**May 31** – Rev. Olivia Crystal, Licensed Unity Teacher

## Bob Sima in Concert, Sun., Mar 1

Bob Sima is a dynamic singer-songwriter, performer, storyteller, and speaker. Visit [WWW.BOBSIMA.COM](http://WWW.BOBSIMA.COM) and listen to full-length songs by Bob Sima. (Bob will provide a musical message during church service. Then we'll enjoy a potluck lunch, followed by the concert at noon. Concert on love offering basis. Come and bring all your friends for this event).

## Wake Up! Spring Forward



## Daylight Savings Time Begins Mar 8

### EASTER SERVICES

**April 3, 7:00 pm. Good Friday Prayer and Meditation service** (Jesus' Last Words on the Cross)

### April 5 – Easter Sunday

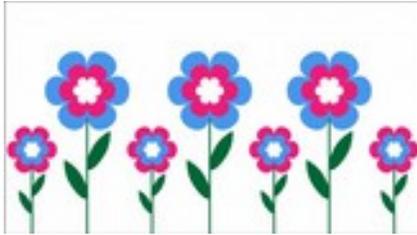
The music, the message, the traditional Unity Circle of Life Flower Ceremony will fill your heart with joy. A bountiful Easter Brunch will follow the service - \$5.00 suggested love offering.

**Jewelry Sale!** This was suggested at our annual membership meeting. These sales are so much fun and earn a nice profit for the church. Please go through your jewelry box and bring those items you are ready to release. After we have enough collected, the sale will be scheduled.

## "Getting to Know You"

.....by Marilyn Renner

### Have you met Darcy Potts?



Born in Flushing, New York, Darcy's family moved to Red Bank, New York, when she was only two. Just before Darcy started sixth grade, they moved again, this time to Easton, Pennsylvania.

Darcy was one of eight children – there were five girls and three boys. She recalls having a "great childhood" with lots of other children in the neighborhood to play with. Darcy describes herself as something of a "Tomboy," enjoying playing everything from mothering Barbie Dolls to "Cowboys & Indians."

She took the family moves in stride. She enjoyed and did well in school, recalling her favorite teacher – her Science teacher. Darcy says he was funny and presented everything in a most interesting way.

The family made another move – to St. Augustine, Florida. This time Darcy was not so happy about the move, because it was just before her Senior year in high school. She had a boyfriend, Russell, who followed the family to Florida – then moved here so he and Darcy could be together. The two of them moved back to Pennsylvania, but eventually parted ways.

Darcy moved to downtown Easton, where she took a job in a jewelry store. Soon she met and married a very charming young man named Mark. The marriage took place in St. Augustine, but later they moved to New Port Richey. Darcy and Mark had four children: Heather, Adam, Rachel, and Shannon. They were happy and had a good life together. Unfortunately, Mark was diabetic and passed away far too early – he was only forty-three. Darcy recalls how helpful her in-laws were during that difficult time. Darcy was forced to sell their home after Mark's death and she moved in with her sister, Mary, who had a home in St. Augustine.

Eventually romance found Darcy again – this time the gentleman was a friend of hers and Mark's, who had lost his mate. John and Darcy

were married for thirteen years, when he became ill with cancer and passed away in 2008.

It was while Darcy was living with her sister that she underwent health challenges. She did not feel well and had lots of trouble getting a diagnosis. Eventually it was determined she was suffering from a disease called *Bartons* Eaton, a form of cancer. She was treated with chemotherapy and extended radiation. It was also during this time that she noticed one of her sisters, Pat, displayed many of the qualities that she wanted for herself. Pat demonstrated so much love, calmness, and generosity. Darcy wanted to do the same. Pat was involved with Unity, and Darcy felt that Pat's excellent qualities must be related to this.

One day Darcy was driving along Bayshore Boulevard and noticed the sign "Unity Community of Dunedin." She pulled up into the parking lot, went into the church and met Elsie and Diane Starr. They chatted awhile, and Darcy made up her mind to attend the next Sunday Service – and – the next – and the next – and in September, 2014, she officially became a member! Darcy says she is so thankful she found us! She enjoys the lessons and the people who attend.

Since 2006 Darcy has been working three days a week as a receptionist at a business which sells hearing aids. She especially enjoys her co-worker, Ann, and since she "loves to talk," meeting and working with customers is a pleasure. Working with stained glass, cooking, and reading mysteries are some of her favorite hobbies.

When I asked Darcy what she considered her greatest accomplishment thus far in her life, her eyes lit up. She immediately responded – "Raising my children! They are successful productive adults." Darcy enjoys all of them, including one grandchild, very much. She added that Adam, her son who is a chef in North Carolina, still calls her for cooking advice!

Goals for the future for Darcy are to lose weight and to learn to save money. She hopes to demonstrate these with help from the "Infinite Possibilities" class currently being taught at Unity Community of Dunedin.

We are so glad to have Darcy as part of our church family, and we bless her on the way to realizing her goals and dreams!

**FINANCIAL REPORT** – Helen Quinn, Treasurer

January 2015

Operating Income	\$6,667.80
Non-Operating Income	20.00
Operating Expense	\$2,866.45
Non-Operating Expense	0
Difference	+ \$3,821.35

January – December 2014

Operating Income	\$44,240.29
Non-Operating Income	2,243.17
Operating Expense	\$43,389.55
Non-Operating Expense	0
Difference	+ \$ 3093.91

Note: We had our biggest expense in February since purchasing our property, a new roof. At the time of this newsletter, we don't have the final bill, but we estimate \$18,000-\$20,000. Also the lighted sign in front of the church needed repair and was expensive. In January, we received a distribution from the Petersen Trust Fund, which is very helpful. We feel so very blessed that we have reserve funds to pay for these projects. Thank you for your generous love offerings. You are deeply appreciated.



**CHURCH NEWS**

At our **annual membership meeting** in February, we elected 3 board directors. Diane Ramsey and Marilyn Renner will serve for a second three-year term. Terry Gardner will finish out the term vacated by Diane Starr, which expires in February 2016.

Also at the meeting, the membership voted to apply for **full-church status** with Unity Worldwide Ministries. One requirement is to have 50 signatures from members, which we are working on. There are many other requirements, which Elsie and the Board will be working on this year. Having full-church status gives us the right to vote on issues concerning Unity churches, as well as eliminating the necessity of sending in reports every three months.

**Welcome new members:** Kenneth David Hoeght, Mary Lou Thomas, Richard Thomas (returning member), William Frantz, Bette Wood, Amy Brannen, William Robinson, Jim Minner. We will welcome our new members on March 22, during Sunday service.

**U-C Angels Women's** Group's met for lunch in February at the Ivory Mandarin Bistro in Dunedin. The March meeting will be a Spring Tea Party. Flyers are at church with all the info. Please notify Diane Ramsey ((727-789-2999) if you plan to attend.

Our long-time friend and guest speaker, **Linda Carney, Licensed Unity Teacher**, had an article published in Unity Magazine in March/April issue of Unity Magazine, titled "Bicycling with Angels." Copies of the article are at church. Linda will refer to the story when she speaks at church in April.

**Church Table Clothes gone.** Someone must have taken half of our burgundy table clothes home to launder and forgot to bring them back. Six are missing. Please check your linen closet. We appreciate **Cathy Daumen** for purchasing new ones, which will be cut to fit our little tables.

**"Infinite Possibilities"** classes, presented by Gregg and Marla Sanderson, are going very well. The 7 sessions have been well attended and we all are learning how to reach goals in our life and be happy doing it.

**New Opportunity to Serve.** We are hoping to set up a Hospitality Committee, which will plan luncheons and special social events. Please let Elsie know if you are interesting in serving in this delightful way (727-791-7732). Our Program Committee is discontinued for the time being.

## 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

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**U-C Angels,** usually 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)



## KEEP A TRUE LENT

"Every follower of Jesus who would keep Lent in the true Christian spirit follows the way of prayer and fasting that He taught His disciples. He revealed that prayer and fasting are the sure way to spiritual power, the way to keep the soul cleansed and purified that it may feel the presence of God. To observe Lent according to the spirit rather than the letter, we must fast from criticism and condemnation and feast on brotherly love, fast from false beliefs in sickness and weakness and feast on the truth of God's omnipresent perfect life, fast from false beliefs in lack and limitation and feast on the truth of God's bountiful good

will. Ideas, such as these, ... help establish permanent spiritual values in heart and mind....When we have truly fasted in the Christ way we have increased our ability to respond to God's good will."

*Georgiana Tree West, forward to **Keep a True Lent** by Charles Fillmore, co-founder of Unity.*

## The Good News

... as taught by Jesus, our Beloved Way Shower : As you go forth and keep your focus on the Christ within you, you triumph over every trial because you are no longer locked in a world of limitation; you are born to new life. It is a life filled with the light and power of God.

## THE FOUR AGREEMENTS

- 1. Be Impeccable with Your Word.** Speak with integrity. Say only what you mean. Avoid using the word to speak against yourself or to gossip about others. Use the power of your word in the direction of truth and love.
- 2. Don't Take Anything Personally.** Nothing others do is because of you. What others say and do is a projection of their reality, their own dream. When you are immune to the opinions and actions of others, you won't be the victim of needless suffering.
- 3. Don't Make Assumptions.** Find the courage to ask questions and to express what you really want. Communicate with others as clearly as you can to avoid misunderstandings, sadness and drams. With just this one agreement, you can completely transform y our life.
- 4. Always Do Your Best.** Your best is going to change from moment to moment; it will be different when you are healthy as opposed to sick. Under any circumstance, simply do your best, and you will avoid self-judgment, self-abuse, and regret.

*(Note from Elsie: These "Four Agreements," based on Toltec Wisdom in the book by Don Miguel Ruiz) are printed here at the request of several people who attended the Sunday lessons I gave on the topics in February. If we keep the agreements, we will surely be Keeping a True Lent, not just during the Easter season, but all through the year.)*

## **SMILE**

Even without TV and special effects, some old-time traveling preachers still managed to be quite theatrical. One of them would hire a young boy to climb into the rafters and hide there with a caged dove. At the climax of his appeal, the preacher would raise his hands, look toward heaven, and call, "Holy Ghost, come down!" The boy would release the dove on cue and it would fly down with great effect.

But one day when the preacher called, "Holy Ghost, come down!" nothing happened. He tried again, a little louder, "Holy Ghost, come down!"

Scuffling sounds were heard from the rafters, followed by a little voice that said, "Preacher, a big yellow cat just ate the Holy Ghost. You want me to throw down the yellow cat?"

## **Happy Special Days**

### **Birthdays**

**Mar 9 – Catherine McNeal**

**Mar 15 – Irene Culliton**

**Mar 19 – Josie Davenport Furey**

**Mar 20 – Anna Smith**

**Mar 28 – Diane Ramsey**

**Mar 28 – Mary Sutherland**

**Mar 30 – Glo Wentzel**

**Mar 30 – Virginia Dimick**

**Apr 8 – Carleigh Ravin**

**April 14 – Richard Thomas**

**Apr 15 – Beth Gravely Ellis**

**Apr 20 – Dorothy Balakas**

**May 1 – Barbara Lanier**

**May 5 – Christy Grills**

**May 9 – Maizie Dalby**

**May 10 – Christine Oberst**

**May 11 – Nancy Smith**

**May 14 – Bonnie Herman-Rose**

**May 16 – Norm Sprague**

**May 25 – Joel Brannen**

### **Anniversaries**

**Mar 8 – Diane and Herb Starr**

**Apr 18 – Glo and Bob Wentzel**

**May 10 – John and Christine Oberst**

*Jane Killian, our long-time cherished member, who lives in Sun City Center, keeps track of our special days and sends all the greeting cards from the church. (Jane does this at her own expense!) Thank you, Jane, for keeping this loving ministry going for so many years. If we missed anyone's special day, let Jane or Elsie know.*