

GoodNewsLetter

Unity Community Church

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Sunday Service, 10:00 AM Speakers and Events

Sept 6 – Rev. Laurie Gist

"Myrtle Fillmore – Mother of Unity...How I Found Health, in her words." Salad lunch provided after church service. In the afternoon workshop, Rev. Gist will teach us **"Myrtle's Prayer Treatment Process."** Workshop on a love offering basis (suggested \$20.00)

Myrtle Fillmore's healing and powerful "Prayer Treatment" techniques are what gave birth to the Unity Movement and Silent Unity. The presentation at Sunday service and in the afternoon workshop will give participants a glimpse into the private life and timeless teachings of one of the most powerfully prayer inspired women of all time.

Rev. Gist is a Licensed Unity Teacher, an ordained Unity minister, former Spiritual Leader at Unity of Citrus, and presently serving as President of Suncoast Unity Ministries, Inc.

Sept. 10, (Thursday) 7:00 p.m. Unity World Day of Prayer service. Join us for prayer, music, message, as we join thousands of others celebrating this 125th anniversary of WDOP. This year's theme is **"Pray Up Your Life – Pray Up the World."**

Sept 13 – Linda Carney, Licensed Unity Teacher

Sept 20 – Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader

Sept 27 – Phyllis Debella, Licensed Unity Teacher, Unity Ministerial Student

Oct. 4 – Rev. John McLaughlin

Oct. 11 – Anji Kat (Music and Message)

Oct. 18 – Revs. Frank Drexler and David Panunzio

Oktoberfest luncheon and movie "Tales of Everyday Magic – The Magic Hand of Chance."

Filmed in Vienna, this is a true story of a clumsy magician whose life is turned around when two clowns trick him into thinking he has received the highest honor by a fictitious Magicians Society in America. Because he starts to believe he is great...he ultimately becomes great.

Oct 25 – LAUGHTER SUNDAY

Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader

Wear your Halloween costume or funny clothes. Bring a joke or funny story to share. "Don't Worry – Be Happy"

Nov. 8 – Fairie Elaine Silver – Music and Message (featuring the music of the Beatles). Elaine's musical life has evolved into a Metaphysical Musical Ministry, where she often fills in for ministers at New Thought Centers. She has worked with the best-selling authors in her field, including Deepak Chopra, Wayne Dyer, don Miguel Ruiz, Marianne Williamson and Neale Donald Walsch. She is a song writer, a recording artist and an ordained minister. Her music touches the hearts and minds of her listeners.

Nov. 15 – Rev. Olivia Crystal, Licensed Unity Teacher

Nov. 22 – Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader

Nov. 29 – Steve Brewer, "Happiness if MY Function Here" Steve is a member of our church who spends many months of the year traveling the world. He is a student/teacher of A Course in Miracles, certified trainer for Core Health, and author of "Happiness IS."

JEWELRY SALE - NOVEMBER. Check the selections displayed in the fellowship room at really good prices. All proceeds will be dedicated to our Parking Lot Replacement Fund.

THANKSGIVING DINNER – November 26

You are invited to join friends from our Unity family who will get together for dinner at one of the nice restaurants in our area. (Sign up sheet at church)



CHURCH NEWS

GOOD NEWS! Unity Community Church was recognized June 1 as a full status ministry and member of Unity Worldwide Ministries by Unity Worldwide's Board of Trustees. Rev. Steve Colladay, Ministry Expansion Consultant at Unity Worldwide Ministries, wrote: *"You have created a strong foundation that will assure this ministry will continue to touch lives and carry Unity's message well into the future. We will hold the high watch for Unity Community Church's ongoing success and good works."*

U-C Angels Women's Group - Potluck Luncheon and Party Games, Saturday, September 12, at noon. Bring a dish to share.

Christmas Banquet and Show at the Show Palace in Hudson. (December date to be announced). Tickets must be purchased very early; check with Diane Ramsey (727-789-2999) to see if there's still time for you to make a reservation.

Hospitality Committee. We're trying something new. Volunteers will sign up for a month of "overseeing and planning." They will enlist others to bring refreshments on a particular Sunday of their month. See **Pat Frantz, chair of the Hospitality Committee,** for more information. (727-389-3500)

Jewelry Sale – Coming up in November. We are requesting more donations for the sale. Questions? Call Elsie (727) 791-7732).

Welcome New Members – Gloria Cunningham and Darlene Gwyn, who joined the church in August.

Congratulations to our Young People – Timmy Montez, who moved with his mother to Colorado, graduated early from high school with straight A's. **Emmy Oberst,** who has been

serving as our children's church teacher, graduated with honors from high school and will attend college at University of South Florida.

Lesley Blake, one of our Canadian members, won a "Best in Show" award in the horticultural Society for her yellow tripe plant.

Rest in Peace. Christy Grills reported that her Dad passed away. Our former member and pianist, Patti Starwyck, made her transition May 29. We bless these dear ones on their way to new life, new love, and new beginnings in another of God's many mansions.

Welcome new pianist, Bob Groves. Bob worked in the wholesale steel business in Indiana. He retired in 2010 and lives at On Top of the World. He says his earliest motivation came from listening to his grandmother play so beautifully (for silent movies and for church). Bob says, "Music has always been my sanctuary in life. I've played piano in churches all my life and I'm very happy to be able to work now with Unity." Bob began playing for us when our beloved organist, Joanne West, became ill. Bob and our own member, **Mary Sutherland,** bless us each week with wonderfully inspiring music.

Helen Quinn stepped down as Church Treasurer the end of July, but will continue to serve as a Board Director. We appreciate all the years Helen handled our finances. Marilyn Renner will serve as President/Treasurer for the time being. We are training volunteers to count the love offerings and prepare bank deposits each week. Interested? Let us know.

Dunedin Cares. In August, Barbara Lanier and Elsie Huebner attended a meeting with other local church leaders at the Dunedin Library, to discuss establishing a food pantry in the City of Dunedin. The group has received a non-profit certification and a small donation from the City. The next step is finding a location for the food pantry. Barbara and I volunteered to help once this gets going. Our food donations/tithe then will be given to the new food bank.

Trip to Unity Village. Marilyn, George, Laura and Joel Brannen went on a retreat to Unity Village in July, along with members from several other Unity churches in the area. They brought back rave reviews of spending time at our Unity World Headquarters.

FINANCIAL REPORT

June 2015

Expenses	\$3,164.28
Income	\$3,117.05

July 2015

Expenses	\$4,255.99
Income	\$2,685.61

For the past several months, our expenses have exceeded our income. We are blessed to have reserve funds, but prefer not to use them for everyday maintenance of our church. They have been set aside for the major replacements and repairs, like the roof and air conditioner. The board of directors and I discussed at our August meeting ways we can cut expenses. There aren't many! Costs have gone up for the church, just as they have for individuals, while giving has decreased. I would like to encourage all of us to consider increasing our offerings, even if it's just a little. Please remember that when you are away from church for a week or a month or so, the bills don't stop. We have deep appreciation for all of you who support the church in a regular, consistent manner. We acknowledge that God is the Source of our supply, which is provided to us through our friends and members.

.....*Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader*

A Daily Word for Prosperity

"I am prosperous in all ways."

Spiritual teacher Eric Butterworth describes prosperity as spiritual well-being. He notes that it manifests in many ways.

I claim spiritual well-being as the joyful expression of the Creator I am! Like a child looking at a picture book, I envision good in my life. I see myself healthy, eating nutritious meals, and exercising daily. I see myself loved and loving, safe and protected from harm. I have much to give, and I share my gifts generously.

I am grateful as I acknowledge the great prosperity in my life. Knowing myself as one with the abundance of God, I open to an even greater flow of good.

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

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)

Hospitality meeting, (when scheduled)

ATTENTION IS THE KEY TO LIFE

What you think upon grows. This idea sums up neatly the greatest and most fundamental of all the Laws of Mind. Whatever you allow to occupy your mind, you magnify in your own life. Whether the subject of your thought is good or bad, the law works and the condition grows. Any subject that you keep out of your mind tends to diminish in your life. The more you think about a health challenge, the worse it will become. The more you think about lack, bad times, etc., the worse it will be. The more you think about your grievances or the injustices that you have suffered, the more such trials you will continue to receive. The more you think about prosperity, abundance, health and success, the more of these things will you bring into your life. The more you think of the good fortune you have had, the more good fortune will come to you. This is the basic, fundamental, all-inclusive Law of Mind Action, and actually all psychological and metaphysical teachings is little more than a commentary upon this. What you think upon grows. (Read Philippians 4:8)

"Attention is the key to life. Whatever you really give your attention to, you become. Whatever you really concentrate upon will come into your life. We grow into the thing that fills our thoughts as inevitably as the stream merges into the ocean at last." Emmet Fox.



Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday, but giving thanks is a universal impulse, found in all the world's spiritual traditions. From Christianity to Buddhism, Judaism to Islam, the Vedic traditions of India to American Indian spirituality, the world's great religions all have a common language of gratitude and sharing.

Here, in the spirit of Thanksgiving, is a collection of prayers from many quarters of the religious world, taken from the book *A Grateful Heart, Blessings for the Evening Meal from Buddha to the Beatles* (Conari Press, Berkeley, Calif., copyright 1994 by M.J. Ryan)

BUDDHIST: "Let us live happily, though we call nothing our own. Let us be like God, feeding on love." - *Dhammapada, a Buddhist scripture*

CHRISTIAN: "Great Spirit, who has blessed the Earth that it should be fruitful and bring forth whatsoever is needful for the life of man, and hast commanded us to work with quietness, and eat our own bread; Bless the labors of those who till the fields and grant such seasonable weather that we may gather in the fruits of the earth. - Adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer*

JEWISH: "God of the World, I stand before you and before my neighbors - pardoning, forgiving, struggling to be open to all who have hurt and angered me. Be this hurt of body or soul, of honor or property, whether they were forced to hurt me or did so willingly, whether by accident or intent, whether by word or deed - I forgive them because we are human...I am ready to take

upon myself the commandment, Love your neighbor as yourself." - *Levi Hitchens of Beditschev*

BUDDHIST: "May all beings have happiness and the causes of happiness; this is immeasurable loving kindness. May all beings be liberated from suffering and the causes of suffering; this is immeasurable compassion. May all beings be free of suffering and always stay happy; this is immeasurable joy. May all beings be free of grasping and aversion toward others, and develop faith in the equality of all beings; this is immeasurable equanimity. - *The Four Immeasurable Vows, Tantric Buddhism*

TAOIST: "The highest good is like water. Water gives life to the 10,000 things and does not strive. It flows in places men reject and so is like the Tao (way). Thirty spokes share the wheel's hub; it is the center hole that makes it useful. Shape clay into a vessel; it is the space within that makes it useful. Cut doors and windows for a room; it is the holes which make it useful. Therefore benefit comes from what is there; usefulness from what is not there." - *Tao Te Ching, translated by Gia-fu Feng and Jane English*

NATIVE AMERICAN: "Before me peaceful. Behind me peaceful. Under me peaceful. Over me peaceful. Around me peaceful." - *Navajo prayer*

VEDIC: "This ritual is One. The food is One. We who offer the food are One. The fire of hunger is also One. All action is One. We who understand this are One." - *Hindu blessing*

MUSLIM: "Let the beauty we love be what we do. There are a hundred ways to kneel and kiss the ground." - *Rumi, a 7th century Sufi mystic*

CHILDREN'S PRAYER: "God is great, God is good, let us thank him for this food."

Peace Beyond Understanding

.....*Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader*

I don't know about you, but I am deeply disturbed when I read about the extreme turmoil going on in the world. Every day, it seems, that there is another report of mass beheadings in the Middle East, whole communities being starved to death, or people forced to flee their homelands in fear for their lives. We ask "Why?" But there seems to be no answer that our gentle spirits can comprehend.

It appears that sometimes things happen in our world or in our lives that are beyond our human capacity to understand. No matter how intelligent we are, or even how spiritually minded we are, there are things that just don't make sense. In those times, the deepest comfort comes from God's peace. There's not anything else like it in the world. It is the gift of God's grace that fills our hearts, giving us hope. It is an underlying strength we can trust. And it is the inner voice that calms our heart and helps us to have the courage to go on.



Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. – John 14:27 KJV

Happy Special Days

Birthdays

Sept. 2 – Bill Baird

Sept. 17 – Alicia Stevens

Sept. 20 – Frank Kuncz, Jr.

Sept. 23 – Candace Spathelf

Sept. 24 – Amy Brannen,

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. 4 – Bernice Whitaker

Nov. 20 – Laura Ronan

Nov. 29 – Jill Storelli

Anniversaries

Sept. 8 – Jim and Carol Minner

Oct. 22 – Frank and Dee Kuncz

Jane Killian, who lives in Sun City Center, keeps track of our special days and sends all the greeting cards from the church, as a gift to our church. She has been doing this since 1998! Thank you so much for your love, Jane. If we missed anyone's special day, let Jane or Elsie know.

Please note that personal addresses are not printed in the website newsletter. If you would like addresses for mailing greeting cards, pick up a copy of the newsletter at church.