

# GoodNewsLetter

Unity Community Church

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## Sunday Service, 10:00 AM Speakers and Events

March 6 – Rev. Carl Franklin  
"Being a Creator"

March 13 – Tim Hamm and friends  
(Music, Message, Concert)  
"Detox Your Brain"

March 20 – Palm Sunday  
Marta Ellis Kellam – "I Walked Where Jesus Walked"

March 25, 6:00 p.m., Good Friday Service

March 27 – Easter Sunday  
Rev. Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader

Easter Luncheon after church provided by  
U-C Angels - Love Offering

April 3 – Rev. Carl Franklin  
"Merging With Your Soul"

April 10 – Fairie Elaine Silver (music and  
message) "The Only Real Power"

April 17 – Rev. Elsie Huebner, Spiritual  
Leader

April 24 – Rev. Eleanor Bentley

May 1 – Valleri Crabtree

May 8 – Mothers' Day  
Rev. Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader

May 14 – Rev. Phyllis DeBella

May 22 – Rev. Eleanor Bentley

May 29 – Rev. David Florence

**"He Is Not Here."** And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of James, and Salome, had brought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulcher at the rising of the sun. And they said among themselves, who shall roll away the stone from the door of the sepulcher? And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away; for it was very great. And entering into the sepulcher, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here, behold the place where they laid him. But go your way, tell the disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him, as he said unto you. And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulcher; for they trembled and were amazed; neither said they anything to any man; for they were afraid. (*Mark 16: 1-8*)

## Special Events

**Tim Hamm** will be with us again on March 13 and bring along two of his musician friends (Bob Strickland, a bassist and Jeff Browder, a percussionist). In his new inspirational message, "Detox Your Brain," Tim will describe, in layman's language, how the brain works and how to simply and easily relieve stress, overcome mental blocks and unleash creative potential, with an amazing method developed by Dr. Hasai Aliev, Russian professor and psychologist, which is just recently making its way into the western world. The method is described in Dr. Aliev's book, "The Synchromethod." Tim says he has been using the practice on a daily basis and has found it incredibly beneficial in his own life. In addition, Tim will also offer a "Metta" concert where his songs focus on our shared humanity and spiritual connection. At the culmination of the concert he will lead the group in a Metta (loving-kindness) meditation and group singing. It will be a very moving experience. (Concert on a love offering basis.)

### Easter Season Services

On **Palm Sunday**, Marta Ellis Kellam will present the Sunday lesson, sharing with us her experiences when she traveled to the Holy Land last year. Marta attended Stetson University, where she received her degree in Liberal Arts and Education. She has been a Montessori teacher and a High School teacher to special needs students. Marta has been a long time member of Unity Community, where she led the Children's program for years. She has served on the Board of Directors and now she's one of our regular soloists.

#### **On Good Friday, 6:00 p.m.**

This will be a solemn, meditative service where we will come together to remind ourselves of the unchanging and transforming truth that Jesus demonstrated. He modeled the Easter

journey for us and, in so doing, proved that humankind, through faith in their oneness with God and a total dedication to bring their true spiritual nature forth into expression, is not bound by early limitations – even the one we have labeled death.

**Elsie Huebner**, our spiritual leader, will give the lesson on **Easter Sunday**. There will be joyous music, the traditional Easter Flower Ceremony and Easter Lunch provided by the U-C Angels. Invite your friends to be with us as we celebrate this most happy day.

#### **Fairie Elaine Silver – April 10, Message and Music, "The Only Real Power"**

Elaine is a composer, recording artist, and performer, who always delights audiences wherever she goes. She has given concerts at thousands of churches, colleges, festivals and clubs throughout North America and Europe. She has a voice you'll never forget.

In the past few years, Elaine's musical life has evolved into a Metaphysical Musical Ministry. She is ordained and often fills in for ministers.

Elaine has worked with many best-selling authors in her field, including Alan Cohen as musical accompanist for his workshops. Some of the other authors she has worked with include Deepak Chopra, Wayne Dyer, don Miguel Ruiz, Marianne Williamson and Neale Donald Walsch.

#### **Church Women United Presents:**

World Day of Prayer service, Friday, Mar 4, 10:00 a.m. Location: St. Mark Village Chapel, 2655 Nebraska Ave., Palm Harbor 34686.

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Tea, Saturday, March 12, 1:00-3:00 pm at First United Methodist Church, 421 Main St., Dunedin. Cost \$5.00. Reservations: Call Betsy 727-7919-6982.

## CHURCH NEWS

At the Annual Membership Meeting in February, Laura Ronan and Terry Gardner were elected to serve on the Board of Directors. We are grateful to Helen Quinn for her years of loving service as a Director. She was our Treasurer for many years before her term expired in February.

**New Dunedin Food Pantry** had a grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony, on January 20, with music, food, dignitaries and a tour of the facility. It is located in a 600-square room in the back of Faith Lutheran Church, 1620 Pinehurst Road. Our church pledges to send food donations and a tithe to them each month. We appreciate Bill Baird for delivering our donations to the food bank. Thank you for helping with the food drive. Please place your unopened canned or packaged food in the lobby basket or the basket in the fellowship room by the door.

**Christmas Visit.** **Lynotte Cruickshank**, one of the church founders, who lives in Canada, visited at Christmas. She and several of us went to see **Jane Killian** and enjoyed a lunch with her. Jane lives in Sun City Center and isn't able to attend our church any longer, though she remains a dedicated member. It was a blessing being with Jane and Lynotte again.

Sadly, **Jan Sprague and Joanne West** made their transition in December. We had a Celebration of Life service for Jan here at Unity Community. It was a packed house with some folks having to stand. A lovely luncheon was provided by Jan's daughter. Joanne's Memorial Service was at St. Catherine's Catholic Church and several of us attended. We bless these dear ones, Jan and Joanne, on their way to new and exciting chapters of eternal life. We will never forget the many ways they touched our lives with their love and talents.

**Member Joel Bancroft**, son of Diane Ramsey, took a new position at a hospital in North Carolina. He is living close to his brother and nieces and recently became engaged! Congratulations, Joel!

**Diane Starr** joined Donoghue-Dunedin Toastmasters Club a few months ago. In February she competed in the Table Topics Club

contest and won First Place. Diane will advance to compete in the Toastmasters Area Contest. Congratulations, Diane.

**Parking Lot Fund Drive.** We have received one estimate to replace the parking lot. At \$15,000, it's a lot higher than we anticipated. We did receive a disbursement of \$6250, from Bette Petersen's Trust, and \$1518 from donations/sales which will be dedicated to this fund. Please continue to drop your donations in the jar on the sanctuary back table.

Several members are currently taking the **Pilgrimage Healing Training**. With enough healers we will be able to get our Healing Ministry up and running again. Stay tuned!

Please include **Maizie Dalby** and **Irene Culliton** in your prayers for healing.



## FINANCIAL REPORT

### January 2016

Total Income	\$9392.07
Total Expenses	3,455.82
Gain	\$5,936.25

### Calendar Year 2015

Total Income	\$47,952.52
Total Expenses	46,375.46
Gain	\$ 1577.06

Thanks to George Hawkins for all his work preparing our financial reports for the annual meeting and tax statements where required. We are indeed blessed with his friendship.

## Meet our “Musical Mary!”



Mary Sutherland was born and raised in Northern Wisconsin, near Lake Superior. Recently, she learned that her father was part Algonquin Indian and part German, while her mother was a mixture of French and Irish. Mary’s father was a buyer for a frozen food company, while her mother stayed at home, doing all that “Stay-at-Home Moms” do.

Mary had 4 sisters and 2 brothers. They were raised in the country on their 40 acres, which was surrounded by a state park. There were orchards and animals and lots of rivers and small lakes in their backyard! Mary described her childhood as idyllic – there were so many wonderful ways to spend the time.

The whole family was “very musical,” and Mary started playing the piano before she went to school. She taught herself until about Third Grade, when she was able to take lessons. She played clarinet, sax, and flute in the school band. She and her sisters formed a band, called the “Provost Sisters,” and they were very much in demand. They played for 4-H groups, nursing homes, and when she was a senior in high school (1975) they played for a Minnesota Vikings game. The Provost Sisters were invited to audition for the Lawrence Welk Show. However, one of her sisters who was the lead singer, decided to quit so they were not able to accept this invitation. Mary continued playing, this time with a country group – they played in bars before Mary was of age. Mary had always done well in school, but she was shy. However, when some of her classmates found out that she was playing “cool music” in a night spot, she became very popular, and was chosen for Homecoming Queen! Mary also earned the honor of being Valedictorian of her Senior Class!

Her plans were to study music at the local branch of the University of Wisconsin. But she fell in love and married a young man, Mark Mathews, who was studying music at Berkley College of Music in Boston. They moved there together but things were tight financially, so Mary dropped out of school to work. Soon she and Mark moved to Dallas, where he attended graduate school. After this was completed, they moved to LA to pursue their dream of music.

Mark got a job writing musical jingles, and Mary went to work for CBS as a manager of prime time programming. She did this for 8 years. Wanting to get away from the pressure of LA living, they decided to move to Dunedin, where Mark’s family lived. Mary worked with the Great Scott supermarket business. But she really wanted to get back to her music, and eventually realized that in order to do it; she would have to leave her 10-year marriage. This she did.

The Great Scott job led to Mary becoming a CEO of the

grocery chain. She tried to buy the company, but it didn’t work out. Mary longed for some time off. She had a friend who worked for Kelly Girl. Quite by circumstance, Mary agreed to fill in for a temp who didn’t show up for an assignment at HSN. Word of Mary’s competence in that job spread up to the top floor of the building, where the office of Barry Diller, CEO of IAC/Interactive Corp. and Expedia, Inc, was located. Mary accepted the job of Administrative Assistant to Mr. Diller 20years ago and she still works in that position! She is fortunate to be able to work from her home.

Mary’s “Spiritual Path” began with her family being Catholic. In fact, the house they lived in was an old church which her father purchased for \$1,100 and converted into their home. Mary became more “spiritual-minded” after her divorce. She explored other denominations – black Spiritualism, Buddhism, Judaism – she loved them all! Then her friend, Diane Starr, invited her to play the piano at Unity Community of Dunedin. Mary was so impressed with the service - she felt so uplifted and that feeling stayed with her when she left. She decided to honor this feeling, to “make it official.” Mary became a member of our church.

Eventually Mary met Robert Sutherland, another musician. He was singing at the Tarpon Springs Winery, where she’d gone with a friend for the evening. Robert invited Mary out and one evening she played the bongo drums with him. After a December through February courtship they married. Mary still plays bongos and other percussion instruments with Robert at “Currents” in Tarpon Springs. Of course, Mary volunteers her time and talent to provide beautiful music many Sundays at Unity Community in Dunedin.

When asked about what she is most proud of in her life so far, she talked about her involvement with “Heidi’s Legacy,” an animal rescue organization. Mary takes in stray dogs and cats, nurses them back to health, and then helps to find permanent homes for them. Always there are one or two of these animals in Mary and Robert’s home – in addition to two or three of their own!

Mary is also very happy and proud to be a stepmom. Robert has four children, ages 13 – 40. Mary says she is very grateful to their mother for allowing her to co-parent 13-year-old Joy. There are also six grandchildren, ages 1 – 20.

Looking ahead a few years, Mary sees retirement. She and Robert plan to get an RV and travel all over the United States. This will be their chance to focus on their music and art, while enjoying the sights around this beautiful country.

Mary, we thank you for the gift of your beautiful music in our church! We wish you much joy and many more blessings on your life’s journey!

.....*Marilyn Renner*

**Daylight Savings Time starts –March 13.**  
Spring forward! Before you go to bed on March 12, turn your clocks ahead one hour.

## 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)

**Hospitality meeting,** (when scheduled)

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## Happy Special Days

### Birthdays:

**Mar 9 – Catherine McNeil**

**Mar 14- Richard Thomas,**

**Mar 15 – Irene Culliton,**

**Mar 19 – Josie Furey,**

**Mar 28 – Diane Ramsey,**

**Mar 28 – Mary Sutherland,**

**Mar 30 – Glo Wentzel,**

**Mar 30 – Virginia Dimick,**

**April 8 – Carleigh Ravin,**

**April 15 – Beth Gravely Ellis,**

**April 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 Hermann-Rose,**

**May 16 – Norm Sprague,**

**May 25 – Joel Brannen,**

**May 25 – James Minner,**

### Anniversaries:

**Mar 8 - Diane and Herb Starr,**

**Mar 9 – Darlene and Richard Gwyn,**

**April 18 – Glo and Bob Wentzel,**

**May 10 – John and Christine Oberst,**

*Jane Killian, our beloved long-time member, 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. 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.*

