

# GoodNewsLetter

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

### **June 5 – Dr. Cathy Zeph**

Dr. Zeph has a master's (George Washington University) and doctoral (University of Georgia) degrees in adult education and a master's in theological studies (Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley). She has served as faculty member and administrator at five different universities across the United States and, in doing so, has lived in all four continental time zones. Her interests include the interrelationship between personal and professional development, continuing professional education, and spirituality. Her family has lived in Dunedin for many years and she recently relocated here to be near her family. She is a member of the Donoghue-Dunedin Toastmasters Club, and is pleased to speak at Unity Community Church.

### **June 12 – August 28 – Summer Series Rev. Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader**

#### **Another Look at "Lessons in Truth"**

By Dr. H. Emilie Cady

Dr. Cady was an American homeopathic physician and author of New Thought spiritual writings. Her 1896 book *Lessons in Truth, a Course of Twelve Lessons in Practical Christianity* is now considered the Core text on Unity's Church Teachings. It is the most widely read book in the movement and has sold over 1.6 million copies since its first publication.

It has been quite some time since we've had a class on "Lessons in Truth" and some of our newer congregants may have never read it. During the summer, we will delve into a chapter each Sunday and explore how to apply the timeless teachings to our present day lives. Along the way, we'll learn how to overcome life's challenges and create a life that works.

(If you are interested in earning Unity SEE credits for this series, please let Elsie know as soon as possible.)



### **With Darlene Gwyn 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month, beginning July 14, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Love Offering Basis.**

Darlene became a member of Unity Community a year ago. She is a graduate of Tampa Medical College and Bennett Stellar University. Currently she is a ministerial student at Unity Urban Ministerial School and one of our Unity Prayer Chaplains. Darlene has been an avid meditator since the mid 1980's. She has taught the practice of meditation in a number of professional arenas as well as to private clients. She guides people in deep and meaningful meditations aimed at physical, emotional and spiritual healing, abundance and deep relaxation. She has created a meditation CD, "Reflections in Healing". She recently led a class, "The Artist Way," here at Unity Community. As attendance increases at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday service, we plan to increase the number of sessions available.



## SUMMER POTLUCK PICNIC Sunday, July 3, after church

Bring a summer dish to share, invite your family and friends and we'll celebrate Independence Day Weekend here at Unity Community. Pat Frantz is chairperson. Please contact Pat (727-389-3500) if you will be able to help.

### CHURCH NEWS

On Mother's Day, we said "goodbye and God Bless" to our beloved **Diane Ramsey**. Diane moved to N.C. where he will be near her sons and grandchildren. We are grateful to Diane for all her loving service here at Unity. She was Secretary to the Board of Directors, a Prayer Chaplain, Coordinator of our U-C Angels Ladies Group. She purchased all the large bottles of water for our water dispenser. Additionally, she initiated the program to record our Sunday services and have them available on our website. She donated all the recording equipment. Whew! This is just part of the list. We celebrate Diane's relocation and will love her always.

**Mimi Coakley**, leader of A Course in Miracles, recently became a grandmother to a baby girl. Congratulations, Grandma!

The Board of Directors elected **Mary Sutherland** to serve on the Board as a replacement for Diane Ramsey. She graciously accepted and will be our Secretary....as well as continuing to be one of our wonderful pianists. Thank you, Miss Mary.

**Joel Bancroft**, son of Diane Ramsey, married **Angela Joyner** on May 21 in North Carolina. Congratulations and Many Blessings.

Restoration of our **Church Parking Lot** should be completed by the time you receive this newsletter. Thank you,

President Marilyn Renner, for taking charge of the proposals and leading us through it. We don't have the final costs yet, but it will be more than \$14,000. Thank you, everyone, who donated extra money for this project.

**Darlene Gwyn** became a Unity Prayer Chaplain, replacing Diane Ramsey. **Helen Quinn** will serve as a Chaplain again, replacing Josie Davenport.

**Dunedin Food Pantry** is located in the back of Faith Lutheran Church, 1620 Pinehurst Road. Our church sends food donations and a tithe to them each month. Thank you for helping with the food drive. Thank you, **Bill Baird**, for delivering our donations to the pantry.

Several members took the **Pilgrimage Healing Training** a few months ago. We hope to get this Healing Ministry going again.

Thank you, **Laura Ronan**, for taking over recording our Sunday lessons. Visit [www.unitydunedin.org](http://www.unitydunedin.org) to listen to a talk if you missed church. If you would like to purchase a Sunday CD, speak to Laura.

Children's Program began in May. **Marta Kellam and Joy Sutherland** will teach the children.

**Rev. Ruth Fatur** married **Warren Hodges** at Unity Community on April 30. Her brother, **Rev. Carl Franklin** officiated. Congratulations!

Please include **Nancy Baird, Maizie Dalby, Terry Gardner** and **Irene Culliton** in your healing prayers.



### FINANCIAL REPORT

April 2016

Total Income \$3,205.47

Total Expenses 3,475.06  
 Difference - \$265.59

We tithed to Southeast Unity Ministries, Suncoast Unity Ministers, Unity Worldwide Ministries, Dunedin Cares and Volunteer of the Month.

Thanks, all who help count and record our donations and prepare the bank deposit on Sundays after church.

### 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 (will be in recess for month of July)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Meditation (beginning July 14)

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

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

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**U-C Angels,** (temporarily discontinued)

**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)

### Lessons in Truth

"Bondage or Liberty – Which?"

- All suffering is the result of our belief that we are in bondage to the flesh.
- We "grow up through various stages" until we attain spiritual understanding that we are one with God, giving us freedom from all suffering and "conscious dominion" over all things.
- "God in us is the fountain out of which springs all our good."
- Every right thought that we think, our every unselfish word or action, is bound

by immutable laws to be fraught with good results.

- Daily meditation alone with God focuses the divine Presence within us and brings it to our consciousness."
- "We must forgive as we would be forgiven...To forgive is *to give for* – to give some actual, definite good in return for evil given."
- "God is in everything that happens to you. There are no 'second causes.' "
- "The ultimate aim of every man should be to come into the consciousness of an indwelling God, and then, in all external matters, to affirm deliverance through and by this Divine One."
- "Victory must be won in the silence of your own being first, and then you need take no part in the outer demonstration of relief from conditions."
- "The Lord (your indwelling Lord) will keep you from all evil."
- Affirmations build up and give strength and courage and power.

*(These statements are from Chapter 1.)*

### PEARLS OF WISDOM by JANE KILLIAN

*(reprinted from Newsletter, 2000)*

Why do we attend church? If God is everywhere, can't we contact God wherever we are? We attend church because there we can learn of God and His nature, how to serve Him and how to become one with Him. Sure we can learn these things on our own but it is much easier when we are with people of "like minds."

We call the church the "house of God." It isn't the architecture of the building, nor is it that

God is more powerfully present there than anywhere else. It is our consciousness, our thoughts, our feelings and actions that make a church "the house of God." If we who attend services, classes and other activities see the church truly as God's house and learn there to feel oneness with Him, and if we help the church to express the love and Truth of God in all of the activities, then it is truly "the house of God." We go not just to give one hour to God, but to learn how to give all our hours to God. If the things we learn in church are not used in our daily activities, then the hour we spend there means little. "God is spirit, and they that worship him, must worship in spirit and truth," said Jesus. This means that we must live the things we learn in church sincerely and wholeheartedly. To "worship in spirit and truth" means that we do our best to apply Jesus Christ's teachings in every situation, home or on the job - everywhere.

The attitude we take to a service determines largely what we will take away. If we go expecting to be bored - it is usually fulfilled. If we go expecting to gain some good - a word of help, an idea, a new outlook, we usually leave the service with this tucked away in our mind. Before you leave for church, take time to pray for understanding. If you have a problem, pray that you may find the answer to it in the inspiration of the service. If there are statements in the sermon that you cannot accept, ignore them. Do not allow what you cannot accept to crowd out or confuse what you can accept. Remember that there will always be something helpful you can accept in every church service. Perhaps it will be a verse in a hymn, a word in a prayer, a message in the solo. Look for it and take it home with you.

In Mark 2:27, we read: "The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath." Sabbath is a time of worship and rest. Would not an ideal observance of the Sabbath be to worship God in church and to worship Him all the rest of the day also by expressing as much good as possible?" God bless each of you. See you in church.

*(Note: Jane Killian has spent most of her life serving in churches. She knows what she's talking about here. Even though she is not physically able to regularly attend church services at this time, she still "walks the walk" and "talks the talk" and "serves" in many meaningful ways.)*

## WINNERS & LOSERS

*A winner is always part of the answer.  
A loser is always part of the problem.*

*A winner always has a program or response.  
A loser always has an excuse or explanation.*

*A winner says, "Let me do it for you."  
A loser says, "That is not my job."*

*A winner sees an answer in every problem.  
A loser sees a problem in every answer.*

*A winner exclaims "It may be difficult, but it is possible."*

*A loser cries out, "It may be possible, but it is too difficult."*

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*"Unity is a link in the great educational movement inaugurated by Jesus Christ; our objective is to discern the truth in Christianity and prove it. The truth that we teach is not new; neither do we claim special revelations or discovery of new religious principles. Our purpose is to help and teach mankind to use and prove the eternal Truth taught by the Master."*

*Charles Fillmore, co-founder of Unity.*

### **EMMA CURTIS HOPKINS (1853-1925)**

#### **"TEACHER OF TEACHERS"**

Emma Curtis Hopkins started her own school and some argue that she was the founder of the New Thought movement. She was a brilliant student and entered college at the age of 15. Because of her genius she was given a place on the faculty as a teacher. Authors, preachers, homemakers - came to her for instruction and she touched them with the quickening power of her illumined soul. She taught in many large cities and had large classes wherever she went. She founded a seminary and ordained many ministers. Among her students were: Charles and Myrtle Fillmore, founders of Unity; H. Emilie Cady, author of "Lessons in Truth"; Malinda Cramer, co-founder of Divine Science; and Ernest Holmes, founder of the Church of Religious Science, and Ella Wheeler Wilcox, New thought poetess, plus many, many others.

These are Emma Curtis Hopkins' words:  
"When the Lord is your confidence, you will  
never find yourself at all deceived by the ways  
and speech of men and women, though they be

very brilliant, if they speak outside of the  
Principle that demonstrates healing and  
goodness and life."