

# GoodNewsLetter

Unity Community Church

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*We wish you a very  
Merry Christmas and  
a Happy New Year.*



Dear Beloved Friends,

This newsletter comes to you enveloped by the spirit of the coming season. May the Christ, which is the true head of our ministry, express through you this holy month with greater power than ever before. We joyously invite you and your loved ones to join our spiritual family for all our special holiday activities.

This Christmas and every day throughout the year, the Board of Directors and I join in wishing you love, peace, joy, health and prosperity in God's ceaseless abundance. We appreciate your loving prayers and financial support all year and especially thank you in advance for holiday gifts, which will be carefully dedicated to our ministry of God's work.

In joyous appreciation, we bless you and pray that your fondest wish will be granted in Divine Order...and soon!

In His Love and Light,

Elsie Huebner, Spiritual Leader

## Sunday Service, 10:00 AM

Dec 4 – Fairie Elaine Silver, message and music

Dec 8 – Meditation Service, 2:00 and 7:00 pm

Dec 11 – Valleri Crabtree

Dec 18 – Linda Carney, Licensed Unity Teacher

Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Service, 7:00 pm –  
Elsie Huebner

Dec 25 – Christmas Day service, 10:00 a.m.

Jan 1 – 2017 – Armand & Angelina, music and  
message and concert after lunch

Jan 8 – Burning Bowl Service – Elsie Huebner  
Music by Josie & Jack

Jan 12 – Meditation at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Jan 14, 12:00 noon, U-C Angels luncheon

Jan 15 – Rev. Carl Franklin

Jan 18 – "How I Used Truth" class begins with  
Grace Debella, 7:00 pm

Jan 22 – "12 Powers" with Elsie Huebner. Unity  
12 Powers Movie after lunch. \$10 for movie.

Jan 29 – Phyllis Grace Debella, Licensed Unity  
Teacher

Feb 5 – Elsie Huebner  
Annual meeting follows service

Feb 9 - Meditation at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Feb 12 – Rev. Lauren McLaughlin  
After lunch, 1 hour "Salon" with Rev. John  
McLaughlin

Feb 19 – Tim Hamm, music and message.  
Concert follows lunch.

Feb 26 – Rev. Carl Franklin

**Sunday, January 1, 2017, 10:00 a.m.  
Armand & Angelina**

Start the New Year with love and joy! Armand and Angelina will present their special musical Sunday service. We'll have a potluck luncheon afterwards, followed by a concert. Concert is presented on a responsible love offering basis.

**Burning Bowl and Letter to God  
Service, Sunday, Jan. 8, 10:00 a.m.  
Music by Josie & Jack**

After a quiet time of contemplation, you will be guided how to release the past and lay hold of your good in the future. We will write down all the things we want to release from our life. Then the paper we wrote on is set afire in the Burning Bowl, symbolizing the cleansing fire of the Holy Spirit. We will then write a letter to God, expressing the good things we want to manifest during the coming year. The sealed, self-addressed envelopes will be held in prayer here at Unity Community or sent to Silent Unity for six months of blessings. In June, they will be mailed back to your home address unopened. It's very exciting to receive your own letter in the middle of the year to see which of your prayers have been answered. For many of us, this is an important ritual to help us on our spiritual path.

**THE UC ANGELS RISE AGAIN!**

On **Saturday, January 14**, at 12:00 noon, the UC Angels will meet in the Fellowship room at Unity Community Church. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to attend, please sign the form at the back of the church as soon as possible.

Let's get together and share ideas that would be interesting and fun for all. There are many places here that we could enjoy: restaurants, movies, trips and a large number of theatres. Bring your lunch and a small wrapped gift to exchange. It's time for the Angels to start moving.

.....Helen Quinn

**UNITY CLASS  
Wednesdays, Jan. 18 – Feb. 22**

*"Truth is that which is so and it can never change."* Dr. H. Emilie Cady, *How I Used Truth*

Please join us on Wednesday evenings, January 18-February 22, 7:00-8:30 pm, for a new class based on the text, *How I Used Truth*, from beloved Unity author Dr. H. Emilie Cady. The text is an excellent resource in learning HOW to live Truth in daily living. Licensed Unity Teacher, Grace DeBella, is the instructor. Continuing Education Credits are available upon completion of class. Please join us for an interactive, insightful book study that is a guide for living Unity Truth Principles. A love offering will be appreciated. (Please register for the class on the sign-up sheet in the sanctuary.)

**Twelve Powers Movie Celebration** – January 22. This movie, created for Unity, is directed by James Twyman. It's based on Charles Fillmore's book that is as important today as it was when he wrote it nearly 100 years ago. The movie will be shown at most Unity centers in January. Cost \$10 (half of which stays with Unity Community). Learn more by visiting the website:  
<http://jimmytwyman.wixsite.com/12powers>

**NOTICE**

**Annual Membership Meeting** will be held after church service on Sunday, Feb 5, 2017. Year-end financial report, proposed budget, spiritual leader's report and election of directors will take place at the meeting. If you will need an absentee ballot, please let us know before the meeting by calling Elsie (727-791-7732) or emailing [UnityDunedin@aol.com](mailto:UnityDunedin@aol.com)

**Call for Nominations:** If you would like to run for a seat on the Board of Directors or nominate another member, please let Elsie or Marilyn Renner know.

Happy  
Holidays!

## CHURCH NEWS

**Welcome New Members:** With open arms and loving hearts, we welcome eight new members to our spiritual family: Pat Crogan, Phyllis Grace DeBella, Sharlene Hale, Catherine Zeph, Theresa McComber, Kimberly Plazewski, Toni Rae Cina and Barbara Burns.

**Phyllis Grace DeBella**, Licensed Unity Teacher and 3d year Ministerial student, was our guest speaker several times before deciding to join our church as a member. She will be teaching a Unity class beginning in January.

**Huguette Valois**, made her transition in August after a lengthy illness. We learned she had moved to be near her family during her illness. We bless her on her eternal journey in another one of God's many mansions.

**Jim Minner** was hospitalized for heart surgery in September and recovered very well in rehab. We're grateful that he's back with us again, looking very fit.

**Diane Starr's husband, Herb**, suffered a serious illness and was in the ICU for 10 days before being transferred to a rehab center in Largo. Herb continues to heal, getting stronger every day.

**Our world travelers, Steve Brewer and Dorothy** recently returned from another whirlwind trip to distant places. This time they were gone for five months.

**Dunedin Cares Food Pantry** located in the back of Faith Lutheran Church, 1620 Pinehurst Road, is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, from 10:00 to noon. (Phone number is 727-559-2112). Thank you, Bill Baird, for delivering our food donations to the pantry.

**Toys for Tots.** Partnering with Revs. Frank Drexler and David Panunzio, we are collecting new toys to donate to this project. It looks like we will have lots of toys to donate again.

**Southeast Unity Ministries Conference** was held at the Sirata Beach Resort in St. Petersburg in October. Representatives from Unity headquarters gave presentations about all the changes ongoing in Unity, including the exciting news about educational programs being offered online. The keynote speaker, Michael Singer, held everyone spellbound. He is the author of two books, including "The Untethered Soul." Elsie Huebner attended the conference.

**Financial Report** will not be available until after the **Board of Directors** meeting later in November. But there is some very good news to report. Since our last newsletter, the executor of Bette Petersen's estate delivered a check to our church for over \$15,000, our share from one of the properties that Bette owned, which recently sold. We're so very blessed and grateful.

**Our Property Value.** Elsie was looking through some old files recently and came upon the contract to purchase our property, executed on December 1, 1998. The purchase price was \$140,000. Our generous and wise very early church members gave a down payment of \$40,000 and secured a mortgage of \$100,000 from the seller. The contract was written and executed by Bette Petersen and Fred Huebner. The assessment from Pinellas County in 2016 shows a market value for our church property of \$304,117. Wow!

**Meditation Services with Darlene Gwyn** are held in the sanctuary every second Thursday of the month; one at 2:00 p.m. and one at 7:00 p.m. Come experience a peaceful, loving hour, especially helpful during the busy holiday season. Love offering basis.

**Thank you, Rev. Lauren McLaughlin**, for the generous gift of 50 "Go To Elf" books. Our congregation is purchasing them at a greatly reduced price for Christmas presents.



**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.

## **About our Ms. Maizie.....**

Maizie Dalby was born in LaBoca, Panama, one of five siblings. Her father worked to help build the Panama Canal. Maizie recalls fond childhood memories, one being the old, large frame house with high ceilings which they lived in. It was one of just a few homes back then which had a radio, which made it very special.

Maizie always knew that she wanted to be independent and she realized the importance of a good education. She did very well in school, graduating from the Pan American Institute (the equivalent of high school.) In fact she did so well that she was hired as bookkeeper of the school when she graduated! She worked at this job at night while attending the University of Panama, where she earned her degree in Accounting.

When she was 21, Maizie married Robert, who was in the United States Military. They had two daughters, Brenda Renee and Celia Yvette, who now reside in Palm Harbor, Florida, and Dallas, Texas. Maizie also has three adoptive daughters, who in turn provide her with five adoptive grandchildren – 4 grandsons and 1 granddaughter! After 21 years of marriage, with her daughters away at college, Maizie decided it was time to go on alone. She took a job with the U.S. Navy in the Human Resources Department and was assigned to Puerto Rico. There she worked with technology translating data into a (then giant) computer! During another assignment, Maizie served on an Inspector General Team, traveling all over the United States and South America. Later she moved to Corpus Christi, Texas, where she spent five years working as a Labor Relations Specialist in the Human Resources Department of the U.S. Navy. It was during this time that many military bases were being shut down; Maizie worked on writing closures, including the one in Corpus Christi.

After relocating to Pensacola, Florida, and retiring from the military in 1991, Maizie and a friend opened a restaurant. "Ceviche" featured Caribbean cuisine and was a small restaurant with only 12 tables. Maizie and Jenny worked long, hard hours. Although they loved it, after 3 years they decided it was time to close the doors and find other sources of income. For seven years, Maizie worked at Pensacola Junior College, teaching Conversational and Advanced Spanish, which she enjoyed very much. Eventually Maizie decided to leave Pensacola and settle in Dunedin to be closer to her

daughter Brenda.

Maizie feels that much of her spiritual growth started in 1991 when she became involved with the "Inner Peace Movement," led by Francisco Coll. This philosophy stresses self-leadership using your own spiritual gifts and personal guides. So how did she find Unity? Maizie was raised Catholic; indeed one of her best friends was a nun. However, after going through her divorce, a Catholic Archbishop, her nun-friend knew, was set to annul Maizie and Robert's marriage. Somehow, this just "didn't smell right" to Maizie! She had been introduced to Unity while visiting friends in Albuquerque. She had also attended a Unity church in Pensacola a few times. Maizie was drawn to Unity's teaching that our thoughts create our reality, that we are responsible for our lives. This meshed nicely with the concepts she'd adopted from the "Inner Peace Movement." Perhaps by Divine Order, our own Jane Killian's husband was a patient of Maizie's daughter, Brenda! Of course Jane pointed Maizie in the direction of Unity Community of Dunedin!

Many of you may remember hearing Maizie speak at Unity Community in 2015 about a group of "Grandmothers." She credits this group as being an important part of her spiritual growth. It confers the honorary title of "Grandmother" on women who are 50+ years old, in recognition of the strength and wisdom possessed by older women, but not always recognized in our culture. Maizie says she has learned much about herself and other women through her participation in this group.

The fact that both of her daughters have developed into loving, independent young women is one source of pride and accomplishment for Maizie. This is exactly what she was aiming for while she raised them, allowing them to be their own persons. Another accomplishment Maizie treasures is her worldwide travel. Among her hopes and goals for the future are proving she can survive cancer without the toxic treatments often used in traditional medicine. Maizie realizes this requires lots of discipline and changing habits, but she intends to "keep on keepin' on!" When she has won the fight, Maizie plans to again indulge her love of travel!

We are blessed by your presence and participation in our church, Maizie! You inspire us and we hold you in the highest light and love. Be well!

.....Marilyn Renner

# I ♥ 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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday,** 2:00 pm and 8:00 p.m.  
Meditation Service with Darlene Gwyn

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

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

**U-C Angels,** (when announced)

**Prayer Chaplains meeting,** normally last  
Sunday of month, 11:45 am

**Board of Director's meeting,** 3rd Sunday,  
11:45 a.m.



## **HAPPY SPECIAL DAYS**

### **Birthdays**

**Dec 2 – Sharlene Hale**

**Dec 10 – Darcy Ann Potts**

**Dec 18 – Pat Gannon**

**Dec 25 – Jesus Christ,** in your heart

**Jan 7 – Bette Wood**

**Jan 13 – Steve Brewer**

**Jan 15 – Celia Blum**

**Jan 18 – Nancy Baird**

**Jan 23 – Patricia Riviera**

**Jan 29 – Jane Killian**

**Jan 31 – Phyllis Grace DeBella**

**Feb 2 – Pat Crogan**

**Feb 3 – Pat Frantz**

**Feb 11 – William Robinson**

**Feb 15 – William Frantz**

**Feb 20 – Dee Kuncz**

### **Anniversaries**

**Jan 1 – Pat and Bill Frantz**

**Feb 22 – Mary and Robert Sutherland**

*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. If we missed anyone's special day, let Jane or Elsie know.*