

# GoodNewsLetter

Unity Community Church

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## Sunday Service, 10:00 AM

Mar 5 – Rev. David Florence

Mar 12 – **Daylight Savings Time Begins. Spring forward!**

Mar 12 - **Membership Appreciation Sunday.**  
Eddie Watkins, Jr.

Mar 19 – Rev. Eleanor Bentley

Mar. 26 – Spiritual Leader, Elsie Huebner

April 2 – Rev. Eleanor Bentley

April 9 – **Palm Sunday.** Licensed Unity Teacher and Ministerial student, Phyllis Grace Debella

April 14 – **Good Friday** service, 7:00 p.m.

April 16 – **Easter Sunday** – Spiritual Leader, Elsie Huebner

April 23 – Rev. David Florence

April 30 – Licensed Unity Teacher, Linda Carney

May 7 – Rev. Eleanor Bentley

May 14 – **Mothers Day** - Spiritual Leader, Elsie Huebner

May 21 – Rev. David Florence

May 28 - **Memorial Day Weekend** – Diane Starr

## Volunteer Appreciation Day – Mar. 12

To show appreciation for our volunteers, we have planned a special way to thank you. Eddie Watkins, Jr. will present "Soul Music with Soul" at the 10:00 service. Then we will provide a free catered lunch for all. At noon, Eddie will bless us with a concert.

Eddie Watkins Jr. has been creating new thought music since he began attending the Spiritual Life Center in Las Vegas in 2007 where he held the position of music coordinator. Eddie has an amazing voice and powerful delivery, which is spellbinding, whether delivering a funky Motown beat or a quiet meditative song. Eddie has played with many of the great music legends (see flyer). Although he has enjoyed success in his professional musical career, the sharing of spiritual music is the highlight of his life. He says, "I finally know exactly what I am supposed to be doing, sharing this music." Go to [www.eddiawatkinsjr.com](http://www.eddiawatkinsjr.com) to hear one of his songs, "I Am the Place Where God Shows UP."

## Easter Services



**Mar 1, 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Meditation.** Each attendee will receive a special blessing and anointment with holy water from Lourdes, France.

**April 14, 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Prayer and Meditation Service** (Jesus' Last Words on the Cross)

**April 16 – Easter Service, 10:00 a.m.** The music, the message, the traditional Unity Circle of Life Flower ceremony will fill your heart with love. A bountiful Easter Brunch will follow service. \$5.00 suggested love offering.

## **New Dates for Meditation Services**

Beginning in March, every first and third Wednesday, Rev. Phyllis Grace Debella, will present our prayer and meditation services at 7:00 p.m... (Love Offering Basis)

**Prayer Chaplain Training** will begin in March. If you are considering taking the training, please talk to Elsie as soon as possible. There are information flyers at church on the back table.

**U-C Angels (Women's Group)** are planning some wonderful get-togethers. Please talk to Helen Quinn about upcoming events.

**New Unity Class, "Game of Life"** will be taught by Phyllis Grace Debella soon. There is a signup sheet at church. Dates of classes have not been determined yet. (See Grace's book review in this newsletter).

**Annual Membership Meeting** was held on Sunday, Feb 5, 2017. Directors elected were Helen Quinn and Joel Brannen (serving a second term). Terms are for 3 years.

**Terms of Membership** (Section 3.03) of By-Laws. *"A Member shall retain status as an active member through participation in prayer, service, classes, and/or giving during a fiscal year. The list of active members ...is reviewed annually...and any change(s) to active status will be recorded."* Note: We never remove members from active status without first sending them a letter of explanation and giving them the opportunity to re-affirm their desire to retain active membership status. However, it is incumbent on an "active" member to show support for the church in some way during the year.

Membership Report: As of February, 3 people have been moved from "active" to "inactive" status, 2 members withdrew membership, 2 members made their transition, and 13 new members joined our church. We have 68 active members.

## **CHURCH NEWS**

**Welcome New Members:** Lana Davis and Kathy Smith!

### **In Memoriam .....**

**Jane Killian** made her transition on February 3 at her home. Her niece, Janice, presented Jane with a fabulous dinner just a few days before, on January 29, to celebrate her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday. Elsie and Diane Starr attended the birthday party. **A Memorial Service** will be held at Unity Community for Jane on Saturday, March 18, 1:00 p.m.

**Richard Thomas** passed away on February 7, after being in the hospital for two weeks. It's amazing that Richard had attended every church Sunday service right up to the time he was admitted to the hospital. It meant a lot for him to be with us; it meant a lot for us, too. **A Memorial Service** will be held for Richard at Unity Community on Friday, Mar 3, 6:00 p.m.

**Stamp Project.** Please cut the stamps off envelopes you receive in the mail and bring to church. There is a basket to receive them on the back table in the sanctuary. They will be sent to Alliance Stamp Ministry in Ft. Myers. The income from selling the stamps goes to prepare, publish and distribute Spanish language Sunday school programs in Latin America for 40 different denominations in 19 countries. The Alliance Stamp Ministry raises over \$35,000 yearly, from selling the stamps. Thank you, Toni Cina, for heading up this project. Toni says to cut the stamps off the mail, leaving a ¼ to 1/3 inch border.

**Toni Cina**, who is new to our church, but has been a Unity Truth Student for many years, was appointed to the Board of Directors to finish out the term of Mary Sutherland. Thank you, Cina, for stepping up to the plate in so many ways. We appreciate you.

## Annual Financial Report

### January – December 2016

Income	\$71,184.16
Expenses	\$58,952.25

Income for 2016 included a substantial bequest disbursement from Bette Petersen's estate. The budget for 2017 is \$51,995. This is 11.8% less than we spent in 2016, when we had the large expense of a new parking lot. We sincerely appreciate your loving gifts and tithes given to maintain our beloved church. Your extra Christmas gifts were greatly appreciated.



### GRACE NOTES

... by P. Grace DeBella; LUT, Ministerial Candidate

#### **"The Game of Life and How to Play It" by Florence Scovel Shinn**

*"The game of life is a game of boomerangs. Our thoughts, deeds and words return to us sooner or later with astounding accuracy" says the author.*

Have you ever felt that you wanted the "rule book" for living a happy, prosperous life? Do you want to live a life based on the "law of attraction" but don't understand how to do it? The book, by Unity author Florence Scovel Shinn (1871-1940), *The Game of Life and How to Play It*, answers those questions and more. Ms. Shinn—metaphysician, author, playwright, and artist—published her book in 1925, but it remains at the top of the list in the law of attraction and prosperity genre.

Ms. Shinn can teach you how to change your attitude of seeing life as a battle or struggle into an attitude of seeing life as a joyous journey! Life is about the choices we make. Here's the secret: life is simple and flows in the beauty of divine order. The book states in chapter one

that life is a game to be lived with enjoyment and fun—yes FUN! *"It (life) is a game, however, which cannot be played successfully without the knowledge of spiritual law; and the Old and the New Testaments give the rules of the game with wonderful clearness. Jesus Christ taught that it was a great game of Giving and Receiving."*

Are you ready to get your game on? Ready to worry less about outcomes? Ready to live by faith instead of fear? If your answer is YES, you are ready to read, or reread, *The Game of Life and How to Play It*. You can get your copy as a free eBook, borrow a copy from the library, or purchase it for Kindle or Nook. This is one of my favorite Unity classic books I keep in paperback, reread and highlight (it's now a rainbow of highlighted colors!). It never ceases to remind me I have all the tools within to keep my game of life aligned in Christ-consciousness. We can all understand our spiritual nature and our Oneness with God AND have a fulfilling lifetime of happiness, prosperity, and peace in discovering more about: The Law of Prosperity, The Power of the Word, The Law of Karma, The Law of Forgiveness, Perfect Self-Expression (Divine Design) and Denials and Affirmations. Stand confidently, straighten your crown, and live the Truth of your inner divinity!

*Grace Note:* I honestly believe this book is one of the first Unity books to change my thinking; hence, change my life. I highly recommend you begin or re-start your life of joy today by reading *The Game of Life and How to Play it*. A class based upon this book will be offered at Unity Community in the near future. I hope to see you there!

Quotes from Ms. Shinn's book to encourage you on your journey:

- *"There is an old saying that man only dares use his words for three purposes, to 'heal, bless, or prosper.' What man says of others will be said of him, and what he wishes for another, he is wishing for himself."*
- *"Make an affirmation immediately upon waking. For example: 'Thy will be done this day! Today is a day of completion, I give thanks for this perfect day, miracle shall follow miracle and wonders shall never cease.' Make this a habit, and one will see wonders and miracles come into his life."*

## 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

### **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.**

Meditation Service with Grace Debella

**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.

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## HAPPY SPECIAL DAYS



### **Birthdays**

**Mar 9 – Catherine McNeal,**

**Mar 15 – Irene Culliton**

**Mar 19 – Josie Davenport Furey**

**Mar 20 – Anna Smith,**

**Mar 27 – Barbara Burns**

**Mar 28 – Diane Ramsey**

**Mar 30 – Glo Wentzel**

**Mar 30 – Virginia Dimick**

**Apr 8 – Carleigh Ravin**

**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**

*Thank you, Mary Lou Thomas, for taking over our Card Ministry after Jane Killian made her transition. Jane had maintained this ministry for over 20 years. If we missed anyone's special day, let Mary Lou or Elsie know.*