

# Unity Church of Greater Rochester

## A Positive Path for Spiritual Living



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### Our Vision Statement

Humanity awakens and transforms into its Divine Identity. Unity Church of Greater Rochester is a focal point of service to this vision.

### Our Mission Statement:

Unity Church of Greater Rochester is a warm, loving and vibrant spiritual center in the heart of Rochester.

Recognizing our divine nature, we create a nurturing environment of spiritual freedom where all can develop their spiritual potential for lives overflowing with blessings.



Truth Students:  
Happy New Year!

As the new year begins we make resolutions. This is the time for celebration and resolve. A time to surrender all to God the good. As we begin this journey together in 2015 let us surrender the concerns of the day, the moment, the minute to God. Let us be active in surrendering to the consciousness of God. Trusting God's will for our lives, trusting God's will for Unity Church of Greater Rochester is always good and very good. Surrendering is giving up the judgment and resistance. Basking in the love of God and knowing God's will for us is Absolute Good.

As we surrender all our affairs to God's love, order is established in all areas of our lives. We surrender our false and limiting beliefs so God can do his perfect work in and through us. We trust in God's steadfast love and care. By letting our spiritual pipeline to God be open now, we let infinite possibilities and opportunities manifest.

During this new year, the Board of Trustees will continue to stay open and connected to the congregation and make adjustments and changes as needed. We have heard your voice and have made changes. Please keep in mind if there is something on your mind "Tell it to the Board Box" is always available. Talking to a board member is another way to get your comments and concerns heard.

I would like to thank all who have continued to support Unity Church of Greater Rochester to run seamlessly. This is the time for celebration. Let us celebrate the divinity in each person we come in contact with. We look forward to hearing from you.

Rich Blessings,

Rich Blessings,  
Larlene Fyles



# Discover by Sharing

## Our Board of Trustees

Larlene Fyles, President  
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## Senior Minister

### Our Staff

Emily Carpenter, Webmaster  
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### Our Leadership Council

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& Vicki Williams, Co-Facilitators  
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Social Media—Barbara Boyce  
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Welcoming—  
Women of Wisdom—Jeanne Gagnè



## Skills and Talents Requested

Do you know what makes Unity Church of Greater Rochester such a positive hub of spiritual energy? It is the loving, caring, spiritual contributions of people like you. All of the ministries are made up of ordinary people who together do extraordinary work. The events such as World Day of Prayer and Prosperity Projects are chaired by people who raised their hand and took a step forward knowing they would be supported in their efforts.

Please take a moment to look over the ministries and consider getting involved. No contribution is too small or too insignificant; all of the ministries would welcome additional people to contribute to the spiritual growth of UCGR.

To learn more about each ministry you can visit our website at <http://www.unityrochester.org>



## Newsletter Under Construction

UCGR is taking a look at the newsletter and would like to know your opinion. What information would you like to see more of? What would you like to see less of? Is there something missing all together? If you have an idea or suggestion, please drop it in the 'Tell it to the Board' box located in the lobby on the table with the sign-up sheets.



## Information on Service Cancellations

If Christ Church Unity finds it necessary to cancel Sunday activities due to **inclement weather**, the announcement will be made on 13 WHAM-TV, 13 WHAM.com, CW-WHAM (digital 13.2, cable channel 16), Newsradio 1180 WHAM, 100.5 The Drive, 106.7 KISS-FM, 102.3 Sunny-FM, Sports Radio 1280 WHTK, 95.1 The Fox, 107.3 WHTK-FM and YNN Rochester Cable TV, Channel 9. It will also be posted on the church phone line 473-0910 after 8:00 AM Weeknight cancellations will be announced by 5:00 PM on the church voice mail and in the media if possible.

## Discover ~ Every Day



### Save The Date

#### February 1

Potluck Sunday

#### March 1

White Stone Ceremony  
Potluck Sunday

#### February 7 & 8

Minister Candidate work-  
shop & Sunday Service

#### March 15

Sacred Healing

#### February 15

Sacred Healing

#### March 22

Annual Meeting

#### February 27 & 28

Mission & Vision  
Workshop



## Discover in Prayer

### December Affirmations

#### Inner Peace

The peaceful presence of God is within me.

#### Guidance

Spirit is my compass on each step of my journey.

#### Healing

Wholeness is my divine birthright.

#### Prosperity

I give from my heart, and I am richly blessed.

#### World Peace

I honor all expressions of God.

### The Power of Prayer

Prayer Team members will be standing up in the Sunday services to lead the Prayer Intentions part of the service.

The Unity theme for December is Come Home to Unity; for January it is Come Home to A Fresh Start.

Catherine Ponder Prosperity Dial-A-Thought 760-346-3964

Silent Unity's number is 1-800-669-7729 or go to  
[www.silentunity.org](http://www.silentunity.org)

### News From Bookstore

The 2015 Lenten booklet from UNITY Village Publications is available in the bookstore for \$1.00 each. This year's booklet is entitled Learning to Let Go. A great way to prepare for our Holi-est of Days. A wonderful little gift for friends, especially those not able to attend Sunday services. Also new this spring is The Little Book of Affirmative Prayers. This booklet contains classic Unity Prayers, Prayers by Topic and Prayers for Children. They too are \$1.00 each.

We are invited to take part in a **county-wide prayer project** involving many denominations of churches. Please join us in **holding in Light the following places** during these weeks. Rochester City neighborhoods alternate with other towns.

February 1	Neighborhood of the Arts	March 1	Charlotte
February 8	Town of Chili	March 8	Town of Clarkson
February 15	Browncroft & Beechwood	March 15	Corn Hill
February 22	Village of Churchville	March 22	East Rochester
		March 29	Culver-Winton-Main



## Minister Search Team Update

Your Search Team is pleased to report that it is actively reviewing the resumes and CDs of two (2) ministerial candidates.

One candidate, Rev. Ann Frances, was our guest speaker December 7, 2014. Many of you may remember her and her lesson, "Peace That Passes All Understanding". She has applied for the permanent position of Senior Minister. Rev. Ann will be visiting us again the weekend of February 7-8. Save the dates! She will conduct a workshop on Saturday, February 7 (sign-up sheet is on the lobby sign-up table) followed by a potluck lunch of regis-

tered workshop participants. On Sunday, February 8, Rev. Ann will lead our service and be available to meet with you at a Q & A after the service. Your presence is important, as you will be asked to fill out a survey which will give your Search Team the feedback it needs to come to a hiring decision.

You may watch Rev. Ann's CDs, including her December 7, 2014 lesson/meditation, by going to our Unity website, [unityrochester.org](http://unityrochester.org). For those of you who prefer, you may ask one of the Search Team members for a CD copy, available in limited numbers, at the bookstore.

The second candidate has just applied and your Search Team will ex-

plore her candidacy upon receiving more information. Your Search Team will keep you posted.



## Prayer Team

The Prayer Team continues to lead the Prayer Intentions in the Sunday service.

Gratitude is expressed to all those who join us in prayer both in the service and on the team.

Presently there are five active prayer team members (taking part in duties of the team) and seven inactive (only praying for those asking for prayer).

Please contact Jean Marie Bianco or Jeanne Gagne 585-473-0910 with your interest to join our team actively participating in the needs of those in prayer. Thank you.

Jean Marie Bianco  
Prayer Team



## White Stone Ceremony

Dear Friends,

So often we take on labels, names or intentions for ourselves that may have had meaning at one point or another, but no longer serve our highest good. The White Stone Ceremony is a time to give rise to full expression of our spiritual identity. During our meditation we will focus on spiritual qualities that we are embodying for the year. What a wonderful way to connect with God!

We have a divine appointment to be here on March 1<sup>st</sup>. I'm looking forward to it!

Love,  
Rev Sharon

# Discover through Leadership



## Highlights From the Board new boiler/furnace.

As we continue this Divine Adjustment in the life of Unity Church of Greater Rochester, we continue to be grateful for all the prayer and support we are receiving. We see a positive and vibrant time happening in our church community and it is wonderful and perfect!

Thank you to the Leadership of our Ministries for your efforts and patience in this transition time, we couldn't do this without you!

The board has been involved actively in the day to day operation of the church since our minister retired back in July. Many thanks for their tireless efforts! Board meetings, supervising the staff, preparing and hosting the Christmas Eve candle-lighting service, building related maintenance issues, repairs, IT (computer) development, legal contracts, insurance matters, finances, editing of bulletins and newsletters, getting guest speakers. The list goes on ... We are dedicated to keep things running smoothly (with the awesome help of our staff and other volunteers!)

And you will see in the article from the Search Committee ... we have an exciting weekend coming up with Ministerial Candidate Rev. Ann Frances! Some of you may remember her as our guest speaker back in early December.

We have the Vision and Mission workshop coming up at the end of February ... please plan to attend!

A ribbon cutting ceremony for our new Church Sign will be taking place in the near future ... watch for the date! Isn't it beautiful?

We had a special membership meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> to vote on expenditure for boiler updates ... the membership unanimously voted to spend up to \$20,000 for

The date of March 22<sup>nd</sup> has been set for our Annual Meeting. We will have 2 open trustee positions that will be voted on, along with other general business ... watch for your letter in early March.

Please continue to hold us in prayer and provide your support when possible; we are grateful for this opportunity to unite in this effort.

In Love and Service,  
Paula Fletcher  
Interim Board Secretary

*Centered on  
the  
omnipresent  
expression of  
God, I  
manifest  
abundant  
blessings*

**Join Us As We Come Together**  
**February 27 - 28**  
**Friday evening: 6:30 - 9:00**  
**Saturday 9:30 - 2:00**

## **Creating Intentional Spiritual Community: A Mission-Centric Ministry Model**

Mission-Centric ministry occurs when a spiritual community knows their vision (the big and grand picture of what they are up to in service to the world), their mission (what makes them unique as a spiritual community) what they believe in and how they reflect these beliefs and ideals in the world (their core values).

Knowing, however, is not enough! There must also be a defined plan for implementation, with S.M.A.R.T. goals and authentic actions, which guide the ideals into expression within the spiritual community and the world.

In a Mission-Centric environment each member is integral to the whole, has clarity around agreed upon roles and responsibilities and accepts a level of accountability for their specific role. These activities working in harmony support the creation of an intentional spiritual community that holds shared leadership at its core.

Statistics show that ministries thrive when they are clear about who they are, what they are up to in the world, who they serve, and where they are going.

A grass-root community creation of a collective vision, mission, core values, and strategic-spiritual intentions (next bold steps) invites success, as well as ownership, of the previously mentioned and are integral to the creation of a thriving and intentional community mission-centric model.

**Please bring a snack to share**

*We now unfold into the Divine Plan; Christ is our transforming Power.*

# FEBRUARY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 10 AM Sunday Service Potluck	<b>2</b> 7:30 OA 3 PM ACIM	<b>3</b> 7:30 OA	<b>4</b> 3 PM Qi Gong	<b>5</b> 7:30 OA	<b>6</b> 7:30 OA	<b>7</b> <i>Power of Imagination</i> Rev. Ann Francis Workshop
<b>8</b> 10 AM Sunday Service Rev. Ann Francis Minister Candidate	<b>9</b> 7:30 OA	<b>10</b> 7:30 OA	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7:30 OA	<b>13</b> 7:30 OA	<b>14</b> <i>Valentine's Day</i> 10 AM TIOG 
<b>15</b> 10 AM Sunday Service Sacred Healing	<b>16</b> <i>President's Day</i> 7:30 OA	<b>17</b> 7:30 OA	<b>18</b> <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<b>19</b> 7:30 OA	<b>20</b> 7:30 OA	<b>21</b> 10 AM TIOG
<b>22</b> 10 AM Sunday Service Board Meeting	<b>23</b> 7:30 OA	<b>24</b> 7:30 OA	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7:30 OA	<b>27</b> 7:30 OA 6:30 PM Mission Vision Workshop	<b>28</b> 9 AM Mission Vision Workshop 10 AM TIOG

# MARCH 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 10 AM Sunday Service White Stone Ceremony	<b>2</b> 7:30 OA	<b>3</b> 7:30 OA	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:30 OA	<b>6</b> 7:30 OA	<b>7</b> 10 AM TIOG
<b>8</b> <i>Daylight Savings</i> <i>Time Begins</i> 10 AM Sunday Service	<b>9</b> 7:30 OA	<b>10</b> 7:30 OA	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7:30 OA	<b>13</b> 7:30 OA	<b>14</b> 10 AM TIOG
<b>15</b> 10 AM Sunday Service Sacred Healing	<b>16</b> 7:30 OA	<b>17</b> <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> 7:30 OA	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:30 OA	<b>20</b> <i>First Day of Spring</i> 7:30 OA	<b>21</b> 10 AM TIOG
<b>22</b> 10 AM Sunday Service Annual Meeting	<b>23</b> 7:30 OA	<b>24</b> 7:30 OA	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7:30 OA	<b>27</b> 7:30 OA	<b>28</b> 10 AM TIOG
<b>29</b> 10 AM Sunday Service	<b>30</b> 7:30 OA	<b>31</b> 7:30 OA				

# Coming Home to Relationships

## February ~ March Birthdays

Rev. Vernice Warfield	February 2	Lori Goldsmith	March 13
Catherine Smith	February 3	Wendy Low	March 14
Chris Smith	February 5	Norman Dinolfo	March 15
Walter Ries	February 10	Jeanne Gagné	March 16
Audrey Lammel	February 10	Marilyn Hampton	March 16
Helen Lutz	February 16	Karen Nelson	March 16
Vada Good	February 24	Dwight Burnham	March 17
Barbara Boyce	February 25	Kara Waugh	March 19
		Marie Hedrick	March 23
Jodi Dengal	March 1	Om Greg Howard	March 23
David Mercer	March 3	Jackie McCullough	March 24
Harriet Cottrell	March 6	Joanie Trahan	March 25
Paula Bramwell	March 8	Carl Conde	March 26
Leslie Wright	March 9	Emily Carpenter	March 26
Perlis (PJ) Trahan	March 10	Rev. Eleanor Celentani	March 30
Sue Giannavola	March 10	Carole Frank	March 30
Edith Ortiz	March 10		
Nancy Donals	March 10		

## On-Going Events

The "There is Only God" study group meets every Saturday from 10 AM—Noon. Next meeting February 14, 2015. <http://thereisonlygod.com>.

To receive the newsletter or event flyer or both by email, go to our website, [www.unityrochester.org](http://www.unityrochester.org), and click on *Get Unity Updates*.



### Recording of Our Services

Our website has a button on each page to access recordings of our Sunday lessons and meditations. We thank Kathy Dennis-Anderson for help in updating this page.

This is a free service which we give to the world.



### Women of Wisdom

The women of Unity Church of Greater Rochester meet every month sharing and laughing, usually at members' homes. The meetings are an opportunity to get to know each other at a more personal level. Those interested in hosting a meeting, please contact Jeanne Gagne' at 585-473-0910.

Thank you for keeping our Sunday services fragrance free.



Don't forget you can support UCGR every time you search the internet or shop online with [www.GoodSearch.com](http://www.GoodSearch.com) or [www.GoodShop.com](http://www.GoodShop.com)

Type Christ Church Unity-Rochester into the "I support box" and click on verify. Money from advertisers will go to UCGR.

*Happy Birthday to you...  
There is joy in the Universe  
Because you exist!*



### Birthday Cards

Barb Boyce coordinates the mailing of birthday cards for CCU. This is a pleasurable service and open for anyone to share in. We book volunteer service in 1 month

blocks. Cards, stamps and a list of names/addresses are provided so all you do is set up your schedule of mailing at home and send out our cards. If you would like to sign up for a month, please



### UCGR Hours

UCGR will continue with the 10 AM Sunday Service and Sunday School time through January 25, 2015



### Online Donations

We are grateful that our church can receive donations online. Go to any page on our website [www.unityrochester.org](http://www.unityrochester.org) and click on the purple button. Thank you.

### Submission Deadline

For April/May  
Newsletter

April 16, 2015

### Assembly Date

April 25, 2015



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*Irish Blessing*

*May the wings of the butterfly kiss the sun.  
And find your shoulder to light on.  
To bring you luck, happiness and riches.  
Today, tomorrow and beyond.*

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