

Christ Church Unity

Awakening



May 2009

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Dear Unity Community,

I hope you are enjoying the Spring as it appears in your neighborhood. Here at Unity we are truly blessed with tulips, grape hyacinths, and daffodils, so far. The Lenten rose also bloomed a few weeks ago, and still does. I give thanks for **these "lovely thoughts of God" which come back each year to lift us up.**

Our ushers counted 122 people at our Easter Sunday service. It was fun to have the church nearly filled, and we **enjoyed our choir's performance very much. All the musicians gave of themselves to help create a beautiful worship experience.**

On April 19th twenty-six people stayed for our community meeting to discuss our Ministry Action Plan. The group affirmed the five goal areas that New Horizons has chosen for focus, and they also offered suggestions for refinements or clarifications of the goals, and additional action steps. If you were absent but would like to see the plans, please take a set of goal sheets from the front counter, as well as a response form. Response forms may be turned in at the front counter, and the New Horizons group will read your comments as we go forward. I am grateful to those who gave their time and energy to this important meeting which has significant import for our ministry action plan and **therefore, our church's future.**

As we look ahead to May, the first Sunday, May 3, brings us Dr. Jon Mundy who will speak at our morning service on the topic of Healing with Humor. Then in the afternoon he will give a workshop from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on the topic of his recent book, What is Mysticism? **Jon's book states that a Gallup poll shows that 33 % of Americans report having had a mystical experience.** He also has an interesting list of the top 21 events which are the most often-reported catalysts for mystical experiences. His book will be for sale, and the afternoon concludes with an appearance by Dr. Baba Jon Mundane, a comedian and philosopher. Having received a copy of the book, I am impressed with the amount of historical information it contains about more than 200 mystics from all over the world during the last 2000 years. The book **also describes the author's five near-death experiences.** I am looking forward to attending this session myself and opening my mind to further growth. Will I see you there?

Be on the lookout for an updated church directory sometime in the next two months. And when you are here, please check your entry in the directory for accuracy; an inspection copy is on the front counter for you to make any corrections needed before we print.

In this month when we honor mothers, remember to honor the Feminine Principle within yourself. You have that in you which is responsive to the Thought of God and clothes that thought in Substance. You and God are co-creators of this world.

With loving blessings, Rev. Eleanor

Awakening In Prayer

Each month after our prayer team has held an intention for thirty days, our prayer requests are sent to Silent Unity where they are held in prayer for another thirty days. Silent Unity holds our prayer intentions in their prayer work and writes to us each month with an encouraging message. Here is the text of the letter from Silent Unity which our church received on April 9 of this year:

Dear Beloved of God,

You are deeply appreciated by your friends here at Unity! We honor all you do to bless your community and this work. And we give thanks for your presence in our lives.

In this spirit of gratitude, we unite in prayer with you each day. As you pray, you more fully realize the infinite power and peace of God within. One with you in this power and presence of peace, we confidently join you in affirming divine order, guidance, good health, harmony and prosperity for you and everyone you hold in prayer.

Throughout the days ahead, we will envision you centered in God and abundantly blessed in all you do. May you always know what a blessing you are to the world.

In faith,

Silent Unity

We are fortunate to have the prayer consciousness of Silent Unity as the bedrock of our tradition. I invite you to reflect upon whether you have developed your prayer consciousness to the degree that you would like. Spring is a wonderful time to bring out the mystic within you – that person who can temporarily suspend the hypnotism of daily routines in the material, and go within to the beautiful shining place where God's love abides and where your heart and soul are loved and filled. Beholding the beauty of awakening Nature can be a joyful springboard to this.

As Silent Unity wrote to us above, the infinite power and peace of God are within you. What is infinite cannot be exhausted, and will be able to meet any and every condition, forever. This is our true richness, strength and abundance: the Source within. Our inner Source is so rich that it can meet not only our needs but the needs of anyone else coming into our world – whether it be family, friend, co-worker, or new person at church. God is always enough! Let us dwell more on the idea of being a channel of the infinite, rather than a storehouse. Think of how you can pray for others, and give to others, so that God enriches them through your open hand and your open heart. **“Love in the open hand, nothing but that.” (e.e.cummings)**

Peace,
Rev. Eleanor

Awakening In Time



- May 1-2
Thriving in Unity Workshop
Buffalo, NY
- May 3
Jon Mundy Ph.D. What is
Mysticism? Workshop
- May 17
Jason & deMarco sing at
Sunday Service
- May 17
Teen Friendship Group

Upcoming Events

- June 7
Special Service presented
By Prayer Chaplains
Jane Faust & Sharon Peters
- June 20
Circulation Day
- July 9
Lecture on Eckhart Tolle



Photo by Mike Gacek



Awakening in Prayer

May Affirmations

Inner Peace
With unwavering faith, I release all to God.
Peace fills my soul.

Guidance
I act with divine wisdom and rise to new heights
of understanding.

Healing
As a child of God, I am healthy and whole.
I live a complete and balanced life.

Prosperity
Divine love is my source of abundance.
My life overflows with good.

World Peace
With loving thoughts and actions, we open
new avenues of peace.

This year we are continuing in an interfaith project called **"Rochester Prays,"** in which we pray for a part of the city or a town in Monroe County each week. This is to bring healing to all our local communities. Thank you for joining in.

Communities of Focus—Week of
May 3—Town of Greece
May 10—Ellwanger Barry
May 17—Town of Hamlin
May 24—Grove Place
May 31—Town of Henrietta

Prayer Ministry

For prayer requests or other messages to the prayer team call 585-473-0910 and press 4, or write your request and place it in the box in the lobby. Please let us know if you or a family member are ill or hospitalized so that we can pray with you.
Silent Unity: 1-800-669-7729

Awakening to Prosperity

We express our love and thanks to those who have brightly shared their light with us in the following ways in recent weeks:

- ◆ Those who helped with folding and mailing the April newsletter: Mary Adams, Rev. Eleanor Celentani, Katherine DaCosta, Mike Gacek, Jeanne Gagne, Anita Gaiteri, Peggy Harvey, Bev Markham, Stan Marshall, Else Vella, Joan Yaeger, Vicki Williams, Chris Spridy and Bernie Bowie.
- ◆ Mike Gacek, Leslie Wright, Dick & Mary Jo Ten Eyck, Donna Gainsborough and Marie Hedrick who cleared our grounds for Easter;
- ◆ All who participated in the choir, and Sharon Peters, director and Jerry Peters, accompanist;
- ◆ Marie Hedrick who made a special cake for Easter Sunday;
- ◆ All who donated flowers for the sanctuary for Easter;
- ◆ The Remembrance Ministry members who visited our homebound members and took them Easter flowers: Coby Nichols, Peela Hooke, Ann Robertson and Jeanne Gagne;
- ◆ Our prayer chaplains Jane Faust and Sharon Peters who made a nursing home visit to one of our members;
- ◆ Leslie Wright who has donated and prepared lunch for the Board of Trustee meetings;
- ◆ The New Horizons Ministry for many hours of work to prepare the draft of the Ministry Action Plan, and for preparing and leading the congregational meeting on April 19: Donna Ries, Leslie Wright, Sylvia Barker, Rev. Eleanor;
- ◆ Loretta Callahan and Leah Ruekberg for facilitating a successful class of Loving What Is, helping us to fulfill one of our Benchmarks for Thriving in Unity;
- ◆ Bev Markham and Carol Cafalone for weekly help in the office;
- ◆ Paula Bramwell for help in the Bookstore;
- ◆ **Our volunteers who recently did a "walk-through" of the Church for Thriving in Unity: Jackie McCullough, Louis Wong.**
- ◆ Our congregation who attend and participate in our services, classes, events and ministries; we thank you for your love and support.

All of you who make Unity a part of your life, and contribute to making it available to others through your volunteer service, prayers, tithes and donations. We thank you.

Volunteer of the Month

The volunteer for the month of May is someone whose face is familiar to all of us. It seems like any time the church is open she is here, and often when it is not (she has her own keys!).

She is the Board secretary and as such is in charge of minutes of Board meetings, minutes of the annual meeting, and keeping track of membership information. She writes a column for each newsletter with highlights of the board meetings, and provides a list of birthdays for the month. She has charge of the membership directory, making name tags for new people, and assists with keeping the church database up to date and correct. She is head usher, making sure ushers are assigned each week, and filling in when necessary if someone cannot keep their commitment. She also looks in on the Sunday school on Sunday mornings, to see if additional adult help is needed. She is a member of the Planning and Beautification Committee, and always helps with Spruce Up Days. She also volunteers on the Music and Worship Committee. She comes early on Sunday mornings to make sure all is in readiness for the Sunday service. And last, but not at all least, she sang in the Easter choir and her face just glowed out the love she was feeling inside, so we could feel it inside ourselves too.

I am delighted to announce the volunteer of the month award goes to Marie Hedrick.

Jackie McCullough



Divine Love richly provides everything now.

Awakening through Leadership



Highlights from the Board

Donna Ries, chairperson, and Leslie Wright from the New Horizons Ministry

came to the Board meeting to discuss with the trustees the plans for the April 19th Congregational New Horizons (NH) meeting. **NH will unveil a draft of the “Ministry Action Plan” (MAP). The five primary goals:** Prayer and Healing; Leadership; Community Building; Teaching; and Environmental Stewardship will be introduced. They will solicit input from the congregation. A member of the Board or a NH leader will sit at each table. The Thriving in Unity benchmarks will also be addressed in how they relate to the Ministry Action Plan.

On May 28th, and continuing on for four Thursday evenings, the new Board is planning to start implementing Benchmark #10, **“The Practice of Thriving Program,” a leadership book study on Edwene Gaines’ book “The Four Spiritual Laws of Prosperity.”**

On Saturday, May 2nd, Harriette Royer will hold a labyrinth walk in the church Sanctuary. The focus of this particular group will be **“Peace.” The Theme of World Labyrinth Day is “Walk as One at One.”**

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Hedrick

Message From the Board

Mother, Mom, Mommy, Ma, Mama, Mère, Madre, Mãe, Mütter, Mum, Amma, Muti, Haha, Ima and many more, I'm sure.

It's the month of May and we all think of Mother's Day. We all were brought into this world by our mother. Some were raised by them, some not. But in my years of pondering my relationship with my own mother, it seems to be the relationship that has made the biggest impact or at least the relationship that I have given the most thought to.

Biologically, a mother is a parent of the **offspring. But the title “mother” is often** given to the woman who fulfills the socialization of the child. This could be in the form of biological parent, adoptive parent, step-parent, etc.

I was raised by my biological mother and I had other maternal influences in my life along the way, both as a young child and beyond. These were the relationships that most helped form my identity, my sense of self and also the ones that let me go out and be who I became. Yes, there had been criticism, and as a younger me I rebelled and walked away. But as I aged and matured, I saw the flip side of that criticism as acceptance, love and caring. Sometimes we get caught up in the ego part of that and can't let go of the real or imagined hurts, can't move beyond how we felt when we were 10 or 15 or 25. Sometimes.

I became a mother at the age of 20 and then again at 25. I was a different person each time. And I'm sure both of my children remember me differently as their mother. I love them both more than anything, but not the same. They are different people and I am a different person to each of them, but the depth of

my love is the same ... endless. This doesn't mean I was the perfect parent or my children had no hurts. It just means that I love them and I did the best I could possibly do at the time and I recreate myself all the time, just as they do, hoping to be the best I can.

This also leaves me to ponder Mother God and how She feels as a parent to all of us. We are each different, yet we are each Her child ... lovable, accepted, cared about. So, for those who had a less than idyllic childhood, recreate in your mind what it was like **by “remembering” Mother God was** there as loving, patient and kind. We just have to be the best we can and **“know” our Mother was always there.**

Mother Earth ... also loving, abundant, forgiving.

“One lamp – thy mother's love – amid the stars shall lift its pure flame changeless, and before the throne of God, burn through eternity – Holy - as it was lit and lent thee here.”

-Nataniel Parker Willis

“The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which you will always find forgiveness.” - Honoré de Balzac

Blessings to all mothers everywhere,
Paula Fletcher



The Divine Mother has given me Life forevermore.

Awakening through Action

We need your advice!



In reviewing our income and expenses from 1st quarter, our Church finished 1st quarter \$5,918 short of expenses. Based on average attendance, this works out to \$7.59 per person per week for the quarter.

The Financial Prosperity Ministry is open to your advice for closing that shortfall. Please submit your suggestions by May 21st, 2009. Feel free to email the church (unityroc@frontiernet.net, subject line: **"income advice"**) or place a suggestion in the box on the front counter.

We look forward to receiving your Divine ideas.

The Financial Prosperity Ministry: Bernie Bowie, Paula Bramwell, Rev. Eleanor Celenani, Paulie Gajewski, Bob Gajewski, Bob Murray, Sharon Peters (Treasurer), Leslie Wright (Chair).

Sunday School News

Wendy Smith will be teaching the children and teens a Buddhist QiGong exercise on Sunday, May 3, 2009. The exercise will help everyone to be calm, healthy and energetic. All children and teens are welcome to join us in the Sunday School room for this wonderful exercise.

Blessings, Marna
Youth Education Director



Thriving in
Unity

Our welcoming practice is perhaps one of the most important focuses of the Thriving in Unity program. Are we recognizing Who is walking through our doors? Are we providing our guests with an experience that makes them feel genuinely welcome and inspired to return? How can we help our members and newcomers find a small group with which to make friends and be involved in a ministry or class that is meaningful and nourishing?

The Welcoming materials encourage us to take a look at a story about Abraham found in Genesis 18. It begins:

"And the Lord revealed himself to him by the oak of Mamre, as he was sitting at the door of the tent in the heat of the day;"

As Abraham lifted his eyes, he saw three men standing at a distance. He ran to them and bowed to the ground, saying, **"Oh lord, if now I have found mercy in thy sight, do not pass away from thy servant;"**

He begged the visitors to allow him to give them bread and sustain their hearts before continuing on their way. When they accepted, Abraham instructed Sarah to make fine flour cakes. He had his servants prepare a fat calf. Finally, under the shade of a tree, Abraham served the visitors a fine meal complete with butter and milk.

It was after this gracious welcome,

that the visitors revealed to Abraham and Sarah that Sarah was to bear a child and **that Abraham would "become a great and mighty nation and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed through him."**

The story reminds me that God is always arriving at our door. God is always revealing Holiness to us. The invitation to graciously and joyfully welcome the visitor is the constant invitation to recognize and receive God. How blessed we are by every single person who arrives!

I am reminded of another Bible story. When the young Mary discovered she was pregnant, she went to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who was also with child. **"And when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit."** Luke 1: 41. I like to imagine that in us all, the Spirit leaps in joy as it recognizes Itself in each person we encounter.

If you would like to help Christ Church Unity greet our visitors with a gracious and joyful welcome, please let me know of your interest. Our welcoming team is currently forming and developing ideas to help us recognize, nourish, and receive our guests.

All Thriving in Unity information can be viewed at www.thrivinginunity.org.

Mary Jo TenEyck
Thriving in Unity Champion

Awakening through Living—Giving—Learning

May Birthdays

Beverly Markham	May 4	Mary Jo TenEyck	May 19
John Walsh	May 5	Michelle Benton	May 20
Sandy Holly	May 6	Jeanette Bowman	May 21
Deborah Cooper	May 9	Debra Culligan	May 26
Chris Spridy	May 9	Anna Mary Chase	May 28
Dennis Lutz	May 12	Kathy Golden	May 28
DeAnna Kayan	May 15		
Mary Adams	May 17		
Peter Gagliano	May 17		
Sharon Van Niel	May 18		

*We love you.
We bless you.
We behold the Christ in you.
Happy Birthday!*



On-Going Events

The Drumming Circle meets the last Saturday of the month, 1-3 PM. Love offering.

Rev. Eleanor recommends the following two classes for students who already have a background in Unity or metaphysics.

The David Hawkins discussion group meets every Saturday from 10 AM—Noon. The next discussion is May 2, 2009.

A Course in Miracles (ACIM) class led by Dijana Winter, meets on Tuesdays, 7-8:30 PM. For more information, call 585-703-1914. \$13/session; couples \$22/session.

To receive the newsletter or event flyer or both by email, go to our website, www.unityrochester.org and click on *Get Unity Updates*.



You may listen to recordings of our Sunday lessons and meditations on our website, www.unityrochester.org. Click on *Minister's message*.

Peace Walk

Christ Church Unity is pleased to serve as a host site for a labyrinth walk on Saturday, May 2, World Labyrinth Day. Harriette Royer, labyrinth steward, will work with Hallie Sawyers of our church to make this opportunity available from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

The theme of the day's event is "Walk as One at One," with a focal point of this particular walk as "peace."

The labyrinth is an ancient tool for centering and meditation, and there is a large outdoor labyrinth at Unity Village, which has also hosted national labyrinth events.

All who attend our church are invited to take advantage of this special opportunity, and the public is also welcome. Love offerings are appreciated. If anyone would like to help with set up or take down of the labyrinth, please contact Hallie Sawyers. Thank you!

Online Donations



Christ Church Unity is pleased to announce that our church can now receive donations online. Go to any page on our website www.unityrochester.org and click on the purple button. Thank you.

Thank you for keeping our Sunday services fragrance-free.



Submission Deadline
For May Newsletter
May 21, 2009

Assembly Date
May 28, 2009



Awakening through Communication

The Inside Scoop

Sharing Our Committee and Ministry News

The Universe loves this church, serves this church, nourishes this church, and wants this church to succeed!

Planning & Beautification Committee

Our group met on March 25th and April 8th. Terry Moon stepped forward as new chair, and new Board Vice President David Mercer has joined as a member. The committee reviewed short- and long-term goals. At the Annual Meeting on 3/1, expenditure was approved for the long-planned lobby renovations, so planning to make that happen in the next few months became the priority, with specific tasks assignments. The committee also planned to connect with the group working on the Green Churches benchmark for Thriving in Unity. Our next meeting is April 22nd.

Financial Prosperity Ministry

Our ministry met on March 19th & April 15th. We welcome new Treasurer Sharon Peters! Following passage of the 2009 budget at the Annual Meeting on March 1st, **FPM reviewed this year's** budget process and focused on income projections, in light of budget vs. actual figures for 1st quarter. Following

the tithing decision at the Annual Meeting, FPM prepared a recommendation to the Board for regular distribution of our tithes. FPM revised our priorities for completing selected action items by this **summer. FPM's next meeting is on May 13th.**

EarthKeepers

Chairperson: Mike Gacek. On Saturday, April 11th, the committee had its first spring clean-up day. Mike Gacek, Donna Gainsborough, Marie Hedrick, Dick and Mary Jo TenEyck, and Leslie Wright helped to pick up trash, rake, sweep, and weed the grounds just in time for Easter. Please contact Mike if you would like to adopt one of the gardens or areas of the church as caretaker.

Nominations

Chairperson: Perlis Trahan. Committee is currently conducting exit interviews with outgoing Board members and will report their content to the new Board this Spring.

Prayer Chaplains

Jane Faust and Sharon Peters continue to make personal visits with those in our church family who cannot easily get out and request prayer or visitations.

Prayer Team

Chairperson: Jane Faust. The committee would like to remind the congregation of their presence in the prayer room each week. Please accept this invitation for one-on-one prayer, following the Sunday service, with a member of the prayer team.

Remembrance Committee

Chairperson: Coby Nichols. On April 8th, this committee made visits to many of those in our congregation who are currently unable to attend Sunday services. They brought cards and Easter plants. **To be a part of this important "reach-out" ministry, please contact Coby Nichols.**

Sunday School

Youth Education Director: Marna Rossi. To best enable CCU to meet the needs of all our children we are developing a calendar of volunteers to assist Marna in the Sunday School room. On any particular Sunday, the volunteer will check with Marna to see if Nursery care, one-on-one care or general assistance is needed. The calendar will be hanging near the Sunday School room door. Please speak with Marna if you are interested in signing up for one Sunday a month, or an occasional Sunday.

Spotlight on our Youth Ministry



Our children are fun-loving, friendly, and curious. We have children ranging in ages from about two to twelve. They have many ideas and abilities that we seek to bring out through our program. The purpose of our Sunday School is to provide a loving nurturing and caring environment for all of our children. We teach Unity principles through fun, creative activities. We are now using the Celebrating My Godself books as a base. These are a Bible-based curriculum created by AUC for elementary school chil-

dren. We also use the 12 Gifts from God Mind Power program to teach the mind power of the month. We teach in many ways so that each child can learn in his or her own way. Our activities are varied, including storytelling, skits, puppetry, singing, signing, drumming, and crafts. We pray and we talk together. We also have guest teachers. Matt Matrione conducted a drumming workshop for us and Wendy Smith visits us to teach Chi Gong. Ruth Fogarty is our wonderful lead teacher who lovingly shares her artistry and music with the children each month. We have added new teachers recently. We thank our Board liaison, Mary Jo TenEyke for her inspired help as well as

Jean Marie Bianco, Mary Richardson, Marie Hedrick and others who have volunteered to assist. I want to thank all who have been coming in to help us with the children.

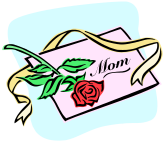

A few months ago we added a teen program. We are grateful to Jackie McCullough for facilitating our group through the Option Process. The teens are getting to know each other and learning that it is our thinking, not events or people that truly shapes us. We welcome all children and all adults who would like to come and learn and play and laugh with us.

Submitted by
Marna Rossi

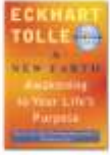
With loving thoughts and actions, we open new avenues of peace.

May 2009

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 Thriving in Unity Buffalo Workshop	2 10—Noon Hawkins Group 1–2 PM Labyrinth Walk Thriving in Unity Buffalo Workshop
3 11 AM Sunday Service Guest speaker Jon Mundy 1 PM What is Mysticism? Workshop	4 7:30 AM OA	5 7:30 AM OA 7 PM ACIM	6 5:30 PM New Horizons 7 PM A New Earth	7 6:30 PM The Secret	8 7:30 AM OA	9 10—Noon Hawkins Group
10 Mother's Day 11 AM Sunday Service	11 7:30 AM OA	12 7:30 AM OA 7 PM ACIM	13 5:30 FPM 7 PM A New Earth	14 6:30 PM The Secret	15 7:30 AM OA	16 10—Noon Hawkins Group
17 11 AM Sunday Service Jason & deMarco sing 11 AM Teen Friendship Group	18 7:30 AM OA	19 7:30 AM OA 7 PM ACIM	20 7 PM A New Earth	21 Ascension Day Newsletter Deadline 6:30 PM The Secret	22 7:30 AM OA	23 10—Noon Hawkins Group
24 11 AM Sunday Service	25 Memorial Day 7:30 AM OA 	26 7:30 AM OA 7 PM ACIM	27	28 1:00 PM Assemble Newsletter	29 7:30 AM OA	30 10—Noon Hawkins Group 1 PM Drum Joy
31 11 AM Sunday Service						

Awakening Through Study and Dialogue



A New Earth
Tolle describes how our current ego-based mind-set functions. He points to our false over-identification with

the ego, excessive thought-stream, and preoccupation with past and future time as the root cause and source of general dysfunction and human suffering.

He states that transcending these inappropriately conditioned attachments is not only essential to our personal happiness but also the key to ending conflict and pain for all of humanity. Tolle gently and in very practical terms helps us out of our old established patterns and leads us into the Now-State of awakened consciousness. Functioning from this elevated level of existence a more peaceful mind and increasingly wholesome relationships with self and others will naturally follow.

A NEW EARTH is a powerful spiritual manifesto for a better way of life for all of us who are ready to hear the call.

Please join us on Wednesdays, May 6, 13 & 20 at 7PM at Christ Church Unity, 55 Prince St., Rochester, NY for the Book Study based on Eckhart Tolle's inspiring work. These classes are recommended by the Association of Unity Churches as part of the "Thriving in Unity" ministry.

Wishes for peace and joy of life,

Else` Vella.
Class Facilitator



The Secret" series continues on Thursdays at 6:30 PM through May 21st at CCU. Without exception, every human being has the ability to transform any weakness or suffering into strength, power, perfect peace, health, and abundance. Find out how to make this happen by attending. Paulie and Bob Gajewski will lead the experiential exercises, class discussion, viewing of parts of The Secret each week, and discussion of homework and suggested readings. Cost is a love offering. Please bring a notebook and pen.

Teen Friendship Group



The next meeting of the Teen Friendship Group will be Sunday, May 17 at 11 AM in the Sunday School room. They are accepting new members. Please contact Jackie McCullough for more information.



"Changing the World Through Music"

A Benefit Concert for PeaceArt International

With Thomas Warfield

Jason and deMarco

Special appearance by the Rochester Gay

Men's Chorus

Sunday, May 17, 2009

School of the Arts—Ensemble Theatre

45 Prince St, Rochester, NY 14607

7:30 PM

Advance tickets \$25 / \$35 at the door

Available:

Parkleigh—215 Park Avenue

Equal=Grounds—750 South Avenue

Outlandish—274 Goodman (Village Gate) or

RJN Music 614-456-0515 or 888-RJN-MUSIC

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Our Vision Statement
 Humanity awakens and transforms into its Divine Identity. Christ Church Unity is a focal point of service to this vision.

Our Mission Statement:
 Christ Church Unity 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.



Christ Church Unity
 ~ presents ~
Jon Mundy, Ph.D.

Author of: *What is Mysticism?*
Missouri Mystic
Awaken to Your Own Call
The Ten Laws of Happiness &
Listening to Your Inner Guide

11 am, Sunday, May 3, 2009 - Morning Message -
Remembering to Laugh: On The Healing Power of Humor
 followed by a Workshop from 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm on
What Is Mysticism?

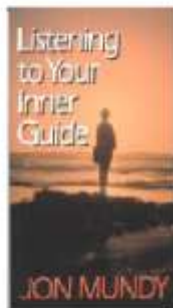
Comparing the Insights of the Mystics with A Course in Miracles
 & Standup Philosophy as Dr. Baba Jon Mundane

Have you ever had a mystical experience? One out of three Americans say that they have.
 What is a Mystical Experience? What is a Miracle? What is Metaphysics?

For the past several years Jon has been teaching college courses on *The History of Mysticism*
 Join us as Jon explores the correlation between the teachings of the mystics and
A Course In Miracles.



\$25.00



\$18.95



\$20.00

Experience the
 Crazy Wisdom of the
 Merry Medicine Man
 Dr. Baba Jon
 Mundane



Jon Mundy Ph.D. is an author, lecturer and, as Dr. Baba Jon Mundane, a standup philosopher comedian. He's been teaching university courses in Philosophy and Religion since 1967. He is the publisher of *Miracles* magazine, the author of eight books and senior minister emeritus of Interfaith Fellowship with services in Cuni Hall across from Carnegie Hall in New York City. He met Dr. Helen Schucman the scribe of *A Course in Miracles* in 1973. Helen served as Jon's mentor till she became ill in 1980.

\$20 in Advance or \$25 at the door - No one turned away that cannot pay-

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