

Christ Church Unity

60th Anniversary Year



June 2007

Christ Church Unity
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Dear Circle of Light,

Our Vision Statement

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

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June 28, 2007

Our celebration of our 60th Anniversary on April 29 and May 6 was very successful. Many people commented on how they enjoyed the banquet. About 110 people attended, including several Unity members from past decades. It was a pleasure to see these old friends again as well as our present community. We received a beautiful floral arrangement and an anniversary blessing certificate from the Association of Unity Churches International, which added to the special character of this day. The certificate has been framed and you can see it in our lobby. Grace Sparhawk, who was spiritual leader here from 1994 to 1996, made the trip all the way from Colorado to join us, and Rev. Rosenberg's granddaughter, Donna Velez, also attended. Donna gave us her grandmother's original ordination certificate, signed by Charles Fillmore, for the church archives. We received greetings from Reverends Gerry Belanger, Ann Hebert, and Gretchen Pena. At the morning service we enjoyed a fine performance by the Unity choir, directed by Sharon Peters, along with special offerings by Thomas and Jane. We were fortunate to have extra seating in the lobby with a video projection of the service, provided by Bob Gajewski. People are still looking at our history bulletin board, which will be up for awhile, so you can see it if you have not had a chance yet. We had special Unity coffee mugs made as favors for the banquet; the extra mugs we ordered will be available for purchase in the bookstore. I am grateful to all the members of the Anniversary Committee for their diligent work over several months to create this event: Jean Marie Bianco, Bernie Bowie, Paula Bramwell, Anita Gaiteri, Bob Gajewski, Dorothea King, Stan Marshall, and Kat VanMeenen.

Our next big event is **Circulation Day on Saturday, June 9**. Please see the flyer on the back of the calendar which has all the details of this prosperity activity.

On **June 16** we will host a workshop with Dale Goldstein entitled, **"If I Had but One Year to Live."** This workshop is an opportunity to take time to become clear on what your true priorities in life are, and to make concrete plans to achieve them. I feel the beginning of summer is a good time to do this, as the different vibration of summer may invite more reflection. A brochure is enclosed. We hope this workshop will help you make the most of the dreams and gifts you have been given. This is an example of putting our vision statement into practice.

Our **Prosperity Projects** Group is collecting items to be sent to 4 American servicemen stationed in Iraq. We have "adopted" them following our previous contacts. Please see the article elsewhere in this newsletter for more information about what you can give. Our prayers for peace and for a safe return are important too. Thank you.

As summer begins, we wish you health, peace and rest. If you go away on **vacation**, please remember that your church is here continuing to serve as we always do, and we count on your financial support to continue. Thank you for your love and giving.

With good wishes for bright days ahead,

Rev. Eleanor



Teachings in Truth

June should be a prosperous month at Christ Church Unity because there are several activities going on which all demonstrate **the prosperity law of "As you give, you receive."**

First is the focus on our power of Imagination. When you imagine pictures and feelings of good things for yourself and others, you are "giving" these seeds to be planted in the Universal Mind. If you persist and have faith, your seed planting of Imagination will come back to you as your lived experience. Your thoughts and words, as well as your pictures, are the energy that you are giving out to the Universal. Let your Imagination be used for enlightened, prosperous giving, and a good return will come to you. Remember that the Eternal Creator has set up this Law of Mind for you to use. As Scripture tells us, "It is the Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom." From this we realize that it is God's will that we *should* receive good when we work with the Law.

On June 9 we will have Circulation Day, which is an expression of the Law of Giving. You strengthen your prosperity – or enjoyment of wealth - in two ways: first, by giving away what you have, you bring your riches through your consciousness again, making you aware of them, and thus you "feel" all that you "have." Second, by allowing others to enjoy what they receive from you, you create pleasure all around you, and this pleasure returns to you as satisfaction. The emphasis here is on the act of giving itself as prosperity. Volunteers will also be giving their time, smiles, patience, and physical effort. Therefore, all Circulation Day volunteers must receive their blessing in return, according to Law. Let us fill this day with peace, acceptance and gratitude for the flow.

Our Prosperity Projects Group will be collecting items this month, after Circulation Day, to send to soldiers in Iraq whom the group has "adopted" on our behalf. Anything on their list you can give should be given with the thought of healing and expressing God's care. I am sure each item received represents to the recipient the thought that someone remembers them, and this must give them comfort, especially coming from people whom they do not know personally.

Thomas Warfield will celebrate his birthday by giving a concert at our church on June 20, as a benefit for organizations in our community which serve the poor. Your donations in lieu of tickets will prosper you and others. Sylvia Barker will be giving a presentation on June 27 on American Chanting and Meditation at 7:00 p.m. This will be instead of the regular Wednesday night meditation we usually have and will expose people to something they might not be familiar with.

Our workshop on June 16 approaches giving from the point of view of looking at where you are giving your time and attention now, and asking yourself if this is what your true priorities are. You will receive the greatest benefit and prosperity if your giving is in line with your soul's purpose.

I pray that this will be a blessed month of abundance for all. May your giving make you rich in consciousness and manifestation!

In faith, Rev. Eleanor

Chinese Character for Prosperity

New This Month...



June 9
10 AM—3 PM Circulation Day

June 27
American Chanting and Meditation led by Sylvia Barker

June 16
1—3 PM Presentation by Dale Goldstein

Upcoming Events

June 20
Benefit concert presented by Thomas Warfield

July 22
New Horizons Ministry Action Plan Presentation

June 23
9 AM—1 PM Spruce Up Day

July 24
Red Wings Baseball Game
Tickets on sale now at CCU

September 23
Annual Picnic



CCU in the spring
Photo by Mike Gacek



Prayer

June Affirmations From Silent Unity

Inner Peace

Embraced by divine love, I rest in the sacredness of God's peace.

Guidance

My thoughts are attuned to divine wisdom, and I am guided to right action.

Healing

Every cell of my body radiates pure life, energy, and vitality.

Prosperity

With faith-filled enthusiasm, I accept God's good in my life.

World Peace

I am one in love and spirit with all people. Peace prevails in my heart and in the world.

Prayer Ministry

By Jeanne Noce

June is the month when we remember the Power of Imagination. This faculty is located in the spiritual body right under the faith faculty, in the center of the forehead. When we imagine or visualize, and then add faith, we create. This goes along with the season: spring and summer are the time for planting and witnessing new growth. Nathanael is the disciple associated with Imagination. Nathanael means, "Gift of God, rewarded by God, and Grace of God." The color of this month is light blue. So let us activate this power, imagining ourselves in the space we would like to be; add faith; and then accept the gift of God and his grace.

For prayer requests or other messages to the prayer team call 473-0910 and press 4. Please let us know if you or a family member are ill or hospitalized so that we can pray with you.

Our Prosperity

We are grateful for the gifts shared with us in May:

- ◆ Anniversary remembrances from the Association of Unity Churches International;
- ◆ All the people who supported the Anniversary Banquet with your attendance and donations;
- ◆ Sunday School teachers and assistants Ruth Fogarty, Mollie Wolf, Lona Mrygold and Joan Yaeger;
- ◆ John Roberts and Deborah Cooper who brought their dog Pete to the Sunday School class;
- ◆ Help to mail the newsletter provided by: Bill & Eileen Smith, Sue Giannavola, Peela Hooke, Else Vella, Sandy Hamilton, Mike Gacek, Joan Yaeger, Anne Stewart, Hallie Sawyers, Chris Spridy, Bernie Bowie, Rev. Eleanor;
- ◆ Office help from Sue Giannavola, Paulie Gajewski and Bernie Bowie;
- ◆ Spruce Up day volunteers; Joan Yaeger, Mike Gacek, Bob Gajewski, Anita Gaiteri, Marie Hedrick, Gabriel Michael, Joshua McFarland, Dick TenEyck, Stan Marshall
- ◆ An anonymous member gifted the church with \$2500 to commemorate the anniversary;
- ◆ Paulie Gajewski offered another viewing and discussion of "The Secret";
- ◆ Bill & Eileen Smith began the new Prosperity Discussion class;
- ◆ Mike Gacek, Maryanna Mueller and Ann Robertson changed the sign each week;
- ◆ Remembrance Ministry volunteers Coby Nichols and Ann Robertson sent cards;
- ◆ Our trustees gave a whole day to a Board retreat in addition to a regular Board meeting;
- ◆ Our committee and ministry teams gave their time to meetings and project work;
- ◆ All our Sunday volunteers assisted in various roles; highlighting this month our ushers: Kathy Vidas, Mary Jo TenEyck, Marillyn Wise, Coby Nichols, Joseph Langen, Carol Gomborone, Leslie Wright, Marty Roberts;
- ◆ 6 first time visitors joined us for Sunday service the first 3 Sundays in May.

We give thanks to God for our new and continuing blessings of all kinds.



Volunteer of the Month

You see them around the church, sometimes working together, sometimes working individually on projects. She may be working in the Sunday school or helping during the week to plan and prepare the children's lesson. He may be making a repair, changing the lettering on the sign, or setting up to take pictures. You see both helping to clean and beautify the church both inside and out. That's why this month the frog gets passed to Mike Gacek and Joan Yaeger.
Joan Trahan



Financial News

Envelopes are available at CCU for cash love offerings. In order for an accurate record to be kept, givers are being asked to provide complete information—name, date & amount on each envelope. Thank you for your cooperation and your gifts!

Divine Love richly provides everything now.



Message From the Board...

When I was nine years old, I was asked to speak in church on Father's Day. My dad wrote this for me.

"I love my father very much.
I think he is ten feet tall
He walks me to school and back
Then we play some ball.
At bedtime we kneel down to pray
So we can talk with God.
Yes! I love my Father very much
I think he is ten feet tall."

As Father's Day approaches, I look at the man that my dad has become. At 89, he is slowing down with aches, pains and loneliness for his life partner, my mother. He tells us he is ready to go home to his Father.

As a child I was not impressed with who dad worked for or what his business card said or how much money he made. Things he did to impress are: He never swore at or hit anybody. He read us books and played with us. He taught us how to drive a car. He taught us how to work for what we wanted instead of waiting for someone to give it to us. We could be waiting a long time for that to happen. He taught us about the love he had for his country, he taught us about God's love, tithing, and forgiveness and he taught us to share and give of ourselves to others.

"I believe the foundation for my beliefs was laid by my parents during the years of my childhood and youth. My father wanted his children to love the Lord as he did. He did not know that we, as most children, were more impressed by what he did and what we saw." (Charles Fillmore)

Father's Day is a day during which we honor our biological fathers (without whom none of us would be here today). For some of us the memories of our fathers are not all happy ones, and there may not feel like a reason for celebrating Father's Day. However, there is a deeper spiritual meaning, which Jesus used frequently in His ministry: "Father" as a symbol for God. Jesus' image of God was that of a loving, giving father.

"No condition qualifies God's love. Regardless of what kind of earthly father we may have had, we still have a perfect heavenly one." (Science of Mind Magazine, June 1998)

"God is love and He is not standing off judging us. He is running out and saying, 'son - or daughter - come into my arms. All I have is waiting for you.' Thank you, Jesus, that you gave us this great vision of what God truly is - Love." (James Dillet Freeman)

Dad taught me, and I have learned, that you cannot be a passive member of the Church, any church. I learned that association and fellowship with great men are worth whatever price you have to pay to attain them. They are worth enduring heat; they are worth a long trip; they are worth temporary inconvenience. They are the lasting things of life.

My dad will never be perfect and in my mind, he does not even come close to perfection. It is too late to change the past and the future has not yet happened. However you can change the Here and Now. God gives us something to shoot for.

Life is of our own creation. We can choose to think we've been abandoned, or we can choose to forgive what seem like slights and disappointments, and see that ultimately everything is working for our good.

Paula Bramwell, President of the Board of Trustees



Highlights from the Board

Our 60th Anniversary Celebration of the incorporation of Christ Church Unity on May 6th, was a very special day with a moving service at the church followed by a festive banquet. Several former members from out of town attended the celebration.

Another series of three classes for those interested in membership, or just finding out about Unity, started on May 16, continuing on May 30, and June 6, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

Our next updated regular church direc-

tory will come out in early June. Congregants are asked to submit any changes of addresses or any other corrections on the current directory, to the church. The new pictorial directory is in the organizing process and will come out in the fall.

We are actively pursuing hiring a part-time church administrative assistant. We hope to have the position filled soon.

The church has looked into possibly installing a security system at the church.

The Board and Rev. Eleanor scheduled

a retreat day on May 12th to step outside of our normal setting and discuss the business of the church in a different environment.

P.J. Trahan offered to be the Board liaison for the 2008 Nominating Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Hedrick



People In Action

Youth Education



John Roberts and Deborah Cooper will be bringing Pete, who is a Delta Pet Partner Dog, back on June 3. The children will learn more about how to take care of pets like Pete.

Compassionate Communication for Children

On July 15, Elise and John Vella will present a fun program of skits and ideas about how we can better talk and listen to each other. All children are welcome.

Sunday School Wish List

Our Sunday School children are enjoying singing and playing hand instruments. We would like to expand our musical collection so that our budding musicians

can learn more about the joy of God through music. We would like purchase the following through West Music:
Chromatic Glockenspiel
Remo medium festival Djembe Drum
Remo Tubano Drum
Remo Bongo Drum

These instruments will form the foundation for our singing and dancing. Other rhythm or easy to play instruments are also welcome. We are looking for donations to purchase our musical foundation.

We welcome all in our congregation to visit and play music with us. After we have learned about our instruments we will perform for the congregation. If you would like additional information or would like to help, please see or contact Marna Rossi.

Prosperity Projects 2007

We will be collecting items for a mailing to our four "adopted" servicemen from June 10 through July 8. Lists of needed items are on the front counter. Postcards for your words of support are available on the front counter as well.

The Prosperity x 12 bulletins are available on the front counter; please pick up a copy.

June's book of the month is *The Science of Getting Rich*. Discussion is on Thursdays at 7 PM.

Prosperity Projects 2007 is dedicated to providing information to aid in the raising of the Prosperity Consciousness of all. In living in a state of prosperity for ourselves, we are then able to share with others.

My gifts from God are treasures of the heart that I share with others.

Ways to Get Involved



Friday's Angels will meet June 22 at 10:30 AM. They will be finishing up "The Bible Comes Alive."

Promotion Club

The spiritual support group for people seeking new employment will meet June 13 at 5 PM (new time). Please call Rev. Eleanor for more information. New people are welcome.

New Horizons

New Horizons has taken a hiatus for May & June from working on the strategic plan. The presentation to the congregation is rescheduled for July 22, 2007

Circulation Day

Saturday, June 9, 2007, 10 AM—3 PM

Circulation Day is based on the Vacuum Law that in order to make room for the "new good" we must "let go of the old."

Drop off your clean items that are in useable condition on June 4, 5, 7 & 8 between 10 AM-4 PM; on June 6 items can be dropped off between 12-4 PM. For evening drop off please call the church for an appointment. Note large items will not be accepted until Saturday, June 9.

Suggested items: electronics, furniture, home décor, kitchenware, clothing, shoes, boots, jewelry, tools, household goods.

A sign up sheet is on the front counter if you would like to help.

Spruce Up Day



Enthusiastic volunteers made a big difference in our outdoor look on May 19th. We appreciate their efforts, and lunch provided by Anita Gaiteri.

Our next Spruce-Up day will be June 23. Come anytime between 9 AM and 1 PM to lend a hand. Please sign up so we know who is coming. Thank you.

Living~Giving~Learning

Unity June Birthdays

Bernie Bowie	June 1
Dr. William Smith	June 2
Richard TenEyck	June 4
John Vella	June 5
Ellen Fabrowicz	June 6
Paulie Gajewski	June 9
Laurie Houseman	June 9
Jean Mantel	June 12
Sharon Peters	June 14
OJ Vidas	June 14

Donna Gainsborough	June 17
Joan Yaeger	June 20
Robert Murray	June 20
Thomas Warfield	June 20
Andres Young	June 21
Quran Bell	June 22
Eric Strader	June 23
Paula Fletcher	June 24
Bob Gajewski	June 25
Eileen Smith	June 26
Isobel Gillen	June 28
James Iacutone	June 29

We love you.
We bless you.
We behold the Christ in you.
Make a wish!



On-Going Events


The **David Hawkins Book Discussion** group will meet from 10 AM-Noon June 2nd and 30th. *The group will NOT meet June 9th, 16th, or 23rd.*

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

Food and toiletry items for **Dimitri House** can be placed in the box under the reception desk at any time. Items are delivered by Chris Spridy the first Sunday of the month.

Positive Communication, facilitated by Else Vella, is in recess. A future start up date will be announced.

Office Hours

 Our office is being staffed by volunteers on Wednesday 10 AM—Noon. If you call at another time, please leave a message and your call will be returned.

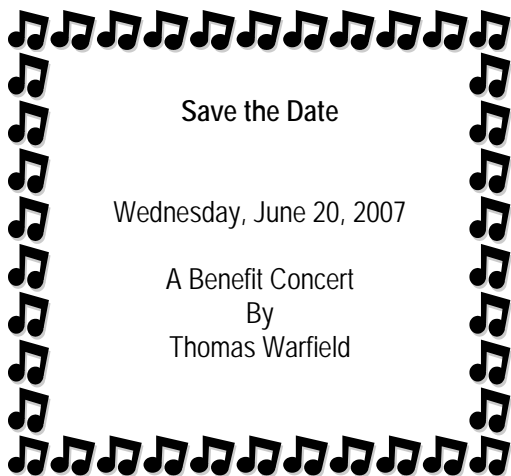
In Memoriam



On June 30th Christ Church Unity will host a memorial service for Betty McKusick who made her transition late last year. For the last several years Betty had made her home in Vermont near her daughter Klaran, but Betty lived in Rochester for many years with her family and was part of the CCU congregation in the 1980's.

Betty was artistic, wrote poetry and was sensitive to the needs of the disenfranchised of society. She supported a number of community organizations which helped the poor and she was involved in social change groups and educational projects. She was keenly interested in reaching out to those in need.

Her free spirit found a home in Unity where spiritual freedom is respected and valued. Her children Klaran, Gordon and Karl have asked Rev. Eleanor to invite those who knew Betty to attend her service at 2:00 p.m. on the 30th and to share memories with the family afterwards. We thank Betty for all the love she gave to people and we behold her as fully healed and whole as she enjoys the happy freedom of Spirit.



Save the Date

Wednesday, June 20, 2007

A Benefit Concert
By
Thomas Warfield

Thank you for making our Sunday Service fragrance-free.

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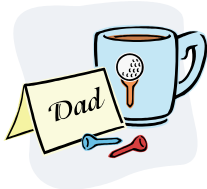
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What Makes a Dad

*God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, he called it... Dad*

Author Unknown