

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:

For every season there is a reason. Around this time of the year many students graduate from colleges and universities. It is significant that the ceremony marks the completion of their studies. All that they have worked for and looked forward to completing becomes not an end but a beginning.

Unity Church of Greater Rochester too has come to a conclusion of looking for a minister and is ready to start a new beginning. We have before us infinite possibilities to do greater works of which Jesus spoke. Reverend Ann Frances begins her ministry in Rochester as of June 1, 2015. We begin a new as we see this new chapter unfold. In faith in God within, we know a purpose is being fulfilled through Reverend Ann Frances.

We look forward to welcoming Reverend Ann Frances to Unity Church of Greater Rochester. As we celebrate with love, enthusiasm and excitement. Let this enthusiasm be contagious, a zest for life. Feel the spirit of God move through each of us to do his mighty works as we welcome Reverend Ann Frances to Rochester with open arms.

Rich Blessings,
Larlene President, Board of Trustees

Dear Fellow Journeyers,

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of the heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband...See, I am making things new." (Revelations 21: 1, 2, 5)

New Beginnings

As this letter is written, the house in Virginia is in various stages of packing with the moving van arriving in five days. When you read this letter, the journey to Rochester will be successful and I will be settling into my new home. This has been and still remains quite an adventure. Today I invite each of us to embrace each moment as the true gift it is; it is only in this moment that we can truly experience this new heaven on this new earth.

Change can bring up many different emotions; excitement to fear and everything in between. One of the teachings of Unity is that we choose which thoughts and feelings we want to give our energy. So today I choose to feel the excitement and appreciation of this God given gift of Unity Church of Greater Rochester. It is a Divine Appointment. I look forward to growing in faith and fellowship.

Namaste! I See You!

Reverend Ann



Discover by Sharing

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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.

News From Bookstore

Please watch for some changes in the library to allow for better movement as you exit after the Sunday service. We are also creating a space for children to sit and read. There will be special sales in the upcoming months as we create space for new arrivals. Our little Bookstore has many treasures, browsers are always welcome.

Discover ~ Every Day

July 11
Circulation Day



Save The Date

July 19
UCGR Picnic



August 2
Reverend Ann Frances
Installation Ceremony



Discover in Prayer

June Affirmations

Inner Peace

I am peace within, and I choose peace without.

Guidance

I turn to God for guidance and understanding.

Healing

I am healthy in mind, body, and spirit.

Prosperity

I prosper by seeing and claiming the good.

World Peace

I open to peace and send love to the world.

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

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.

June 7 Marketview Heights
June 14 Village of Hilton
June 21 North Winton Village
June 28 Village of Honeoye Falls

July 5 Park—Meigs
July 12 Town of Irondequoit
July 19 Plymouth—Exchange
July 26 Town of Mendon

Discover

Circulation Day



Unity Church of Greater Rochester will be holding **Circulation Day on July 11, 2015 9 AM-1 PM**

It's time to bring forth the items lurking in the back of closets and gathering dust on shelves. Others will see treasure where we see only clutter. Let's circulate our abundance. Bring all no longer needed clothing, wares, toys and books to church Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 1 PM to 6 PM. Who knows the good that will come flooding back to us?

Please pray for clement weather, lots and lots of people to take home the wares, and a joyous time for all.

Sign up sheets for all tasks will be on the activity table in the lobby.

Needed and appreciated:

- ◇ those with muscles and strong backs to lug tables up from basement Sunday June 28 (yep! that early)
- ◇ ambassadors to welcome and help our guests
- ◇ organizers and sorters Wednesday (July 8) Thursday (July 9) Friday (July 10)
- ◇ prayer warriors to share our literature, sit with donation box, and offer prayer to anyone desiring it
- ◇ publicity task force--hang posters, contact agencies and newspapers
- ◇ snacks for our willing workers
- ◇ clean up committee July 11 (12 noon until done)



Please start spreading the word with family, friends, neighbors and any organization working with people who might be interested.

Pray, sign-up and rejoice. Your energy is needed and appreciated.

Katherine DaCosta



It's Picnic Time!

Save the Date! Rain or Shine: UCGR Church Picnic is scheduled for **Sunday, July 19th** at **Ellison Park** at the **Pavilion Lodge** immediately following our Sunday service. More information to follow.



Spring Cleaning

Carpet Cleaning is scheduled for Thursday, June 4th. Your help is needed on Sunday, May 31st to move the chairs out of the sanctuary and again on **Friday, June 5th** to move the chairs back into the sanctuary. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the lobby. See Marie Hedrick with any questions. Thank you.

Divine Love richly provides everything now.

Discover through Leadership



Highlights From the Board

Following the annual membership meeting on March 22nd, the Board welcomed Helen Lutz as a new board member and congratulated Vada Good on returning to the Board with a new three year term. You may recall that the Board had elected Vada to replace Bruce Benton when he found he was unable to fulfill his Board responsibilities last year. At a special board meeting that day, the Board elected new officers: The results were that Larlene remains as Board President, Marilyn Hampton keeps her role of Treasurer, June Fisher became the Vice President and I took over as Board Secretary. Ministry liaison assignments were then agreed at the first full Board meeting in April and are as follows:

Building and Grounds: June Fisher
Education: Mary Ann Ruganis
Financial Prosperity: Marilyn Hampton
Marketing and Publicity: Vada Good
Ministry: Helen Lutz
Organization: June Fisher

These new roles all play to individual strengths and experience on the Board and will help the Board to continue to be productive in the coming year!

So what has the Board been up to the past two months (besides eagerly anticipating the arrival of Reverend Ann Frances after her wonderful Good Friday and Easter Sunday Services the weekend of April 3rd)?

Here are a few of the key business items that we addressed during the past two months:

- Secured a loan to pay for the new boiler that was installed in February.
- Worked on creating an agreement to rent 12 parking spaces to our Erion Crescent neighbors to bring in additional revenue.
- Secured the services of a new handyman and cleaning services that are expected to improve the ongoing condition of our church.

- Authorized the hiring of “An Eye for Detail” organizational consultant to advise the Building and Grounds team on ways to improve the appearance and work / people flow in our church. We are already seeing some positive changes in the church office as a result of this effort!
- Determined that we were losing money renting space to standing groups and as a result have asked them to find alternative meeting space by June 1st.

On the social front, the Board, with Vada Good taking the lead, planned and hosted a Volunteer Recognition event on April 19th that was a huge success. While we can never do or say enough to express our appreciation for everything that our church members and congregants do for us this was a fun way to show that all our volunteers are loved!

Looking forward, here a few items of note that the Board has planned:

- The Board is pleased that Katherine DeCosta has once again agreed to organize a circulation day for us – it will be July 11th this year.
- A lodge at Ellison Park has been reserved for our church picnic on July 19th. Look for more details about the picnic as the date gets closer.
- The Board and Reverend Ann will have an overnight retreat at the Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua on July 24th and 25th.
- We will be hosting a formal installation event for Reverend Ann on August 2nd. This is sure to be one event you will not want to miss!

In Love and Service,
Mary Ann Ruganis
Board Secretary

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

JUNE 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 1 <i>10 AM Sunday Service</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7 <i>10 AM TIOG</i>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 <i>10 AM Sunday Service</i>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <i>10 AM Sunday Service</i>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 <i>10 AM Sunday Service</i>

JULY 2015

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Discover Relationships

June ~ July Birthdays

Bernie Bowie	June 1	Paula Fletcher	June 24
Laird Smith	June 1	Denise Street	June 24
Vicky Thayer	June 3	Abby Rose Coughlin	June 25
Sande Cooper	June 3	Bob Gajewski	June 25
Richard TenEyck	June 4	Karen Barrow	June 27
John Vella	June 5	June Fisher	June 28
Janice Measday	June 6	Isobel Gillen	June 28
Paulie Gajewski	June 9	Mary Richardson	June 29
Dave Wright	June 9		
Sharon Peters	June 14	Joan Miller	July 2
Ellen Fabrowicz	June 14	Kathy Dennis Anderson	July 6
Donna Gainsborough	June 17	Kimberly Hollingsworth	July 6
Kristina Bianchi	June 20	Helen Pancoast	July 9
Robert Murray	June 20	Gabe Rivera Sr	July 9
Thomas Warfield	June 20	Janet Collamer	July 10
Joan Yeager	June 20	Alex Hazen	July 15
Tameka Johnson	June 21	Lynn Richardson	July 15
Christopher Gold	June 22	John Roberts	July 18

Marilyn Wise	July 18
Margarita Wise	July 23
Stacey Herman	July 27
Scott Mucica	July 28
Chuck Golden	July 29
Sandra Weatherup	July 30
Sue Ann Dunn	July 30

*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 see Barb.



UCGR Hours

UCGR will continue with the 10 AM Sunday Service and Sunday School time.

MAKE A DONATION

Online Donations

We are grateful that our church can receive donations online. Go to any page on our website www.unityrochester.org and click on the purple button. Thank you.

On-Going Events

The "There is Only God" study group meets every Saturday from 10 AM—Noon. Next meeting June 6, 2015. <http://thereisonlygod.com>.

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



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.

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.



Thank you for keeping our Sunday services fragrance free.



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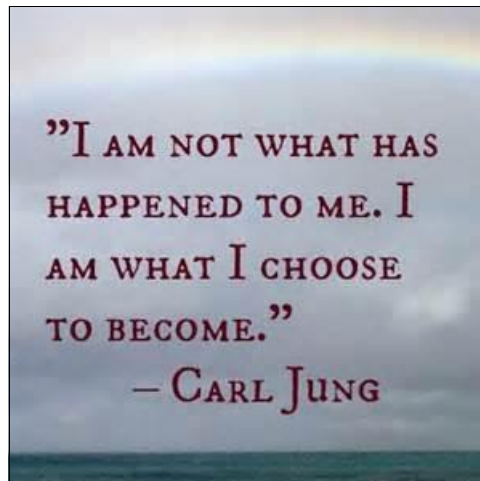
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