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Christ Church Unity is a warm, loving  
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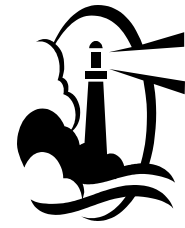
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# Christ Church Unity

# Light Notes



July 2006

Dear Unity Family,

As we approach midyear, we can be grateful for many blessings received. We had a good Annual Meeting, a beautiful Easter, a fun St. Pat's Day Dinner, the initiation of our new video projection equipment, and many flowers in our garden. We have shown metaphysical movies and had dance lessons in our multipurpose room. Our Sunday School continues to have consistent attendance; several congregation members have come through surgeries and serious health challenges to good recovery. We continue to attract new members. We have begun our Little Theater advertising program. For all these blessings and more too numerous to list, I say, thank you, Mother-Father God.

**We are grateful for all the volunteers** who helped with Circulation Day and with our dinner and discussion for new people on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Both events showed love in action, and I appreciate our generous people who give of their time and effort to carry out special projects like these. Thanks also to all of you who donated to Circulation Day! As always, there was an abundance of good to be given away.

A special project I want to undertake for the summer is one which other Unity churches have done – an **Unexpected Income Program**. This is a program of prayer and giving in which those who participate focus on being open to receive unexpected income. I recently received a copy of this program from another Unity church which carried it out last summer. The minister there shared with me that her congregation had fun with this program, enjoyed it, and that both individuals and the church were prospered financially.

Here is a short summary: There are three parts to this voluntary program:

1. You thoughtfully pray the **"Prayer for Unexpected Income"** (see next page) at the beginning and end of each day;
2. You agree to share with Christ Church Unity ten percent off the top of any **unexpected monies** received; that is, you tithe on any money received which is **OVER AND ABOVE** your normal, regular, expected income. What I like about this is that it gives people who are not yet ready to tithe on their whole income, an opportunity to "practice" tithing on unexpected income.
3. Christ Church Unity's **Prayer Ministry** will be praying every day for all those enrolled in the program, for their prosperity consciousness and manifestation.

**To enroll in the program**, please fill out the form at the bottom of page 2 and drop it in the box at church, or mail it in. Extra copies of the complete brochure will be available at the church on the front counter. **Please mark all tithes resulting from this as "Unexpected Income Program," so that we may keep track of our results.** With checks please write on the memo line; place cash in an envelope and mark it. Thank you! **I wish you prosperity, happiness and peace.**

With loving blessings,  
Rev. Eleanor

# Teachings in

## My Prayer for Unexpected Income

I dwell in the midst of Infinite Abundance.

The Abundance of God is my Infinite Source.

The River of Life never stops flowing. It flows through me into lavish expression.

Good comes to me though unexpected avenues.

God works in myriad ways to bless me. I now open my mind to receive my good.

With God as my Source,  
Nothing is too good to be true.

Nothing is too wonderful to happen.  
I give freely and fearlessly into Life  
And Life gives back to me with fabulous increase.

Blessings come in expected and unexpected ways.

God provides for me in wondrous ways. I am grateful.

THANK YOU, GOD!

Say this prayer morning and night from June 25 to September 24, and listen to your spiritual intuition about any action you are guided to perform. To be enrolled, complete and return the coupon below.

I want to be included in affirmative prayer for Unexpected Income and for the general demonstration of increased good in my life. Please enroll me in the Unexpected Income Program at Christ Church Unity, 55 Prince St., Rochester, NY, for the period June 25 to September 24, 2006. I agree to share a gift with Christ Church Unity of ten percent "off the top" of any unexpected income received and to indicate these are my unexpected money tithes. I will say the special prayer for unexpected income every day. Thank you, God!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

# New This Month...



July 13

5 PM Planning Committee

July 29

1 PM Financial Prosperity Committee

July 14 & 28

7-8:30 PM Feng Shui Class

Save the Date

July 19

5 PM Anniversary Committee

August 6

"Awakening Heart" an audio-visual presentation by Mark Tucker at the 11 AM Sunday Service.



July 20

5:30 PM Promotion Club

August 27

Church Picnic

July 25

7:05 PM Red Wings baseball game



## Prayer

### July Affirmations From Silent Unity

#### Inner Peace

I experience indescribable peace through the spirit of God.

#### Guidance

Attuned to God's loving wisdom, I receive divine inspiration.

#### Healing

Every cell in my body is one with God's mighty, healing presence.

#### Prosperity

Abundant blessings flow to me and through me. I welcome my prosperity

### Prayer Ministry

A book of affirmations covering many subjects, including all Twelve Powers, is in a prayer album on the front counter. It is available from Light and Love Ministries for \$28 plus postage and handling (exact price will depend on quantity ordered). If you would like a copy, there is a sign up sheet on the front counter. This is a great opportunity to have encouraging messages at your finger tips. **Orders close July 7.**

#### *Right Home*

*God has made ample provisions for every need in my life, and I trust God to guide me to the home that meets all my needs.*

From Prayer Album by Light and Love Ministries

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

God blesses up with ongoing support and supply:

- ◆ Our June Daily Word readers: Bev Liederbach, David Mercer, Joanie Trahan, Leah Ruekberg.
- ◆ June newsletter help: Elizabeth Crawford, Peela Hooke, Kat VanMeenen, Ann Frost
- ◆ Beautiful flower arrangements from Bev Liederbach, Bill & Eileen Smith, The Ten Eycks .
- ◆ The hands that helped beautify the church grounds: Mike Gacek, Joan Yaeger, Marie Hendrick, Leslie Wright, Carol Cafalone
- ◆ Beautiful new signs for our parking lot produced by Mike Gacek
- ◆ Thank you to all who helped us create a beautiful event on June 14 for our new people: Sylvia Barker, Bernie Bowie, Paula Bramwell, Daryl Brown, Anita Gaiteri, Marie Hedrick, Mary Jo & Dick Ten Eyck, Kat Van Meenen, Jonathan Wolfinger.
- ◆ New classes and teachers enriching us: Sylvia Barker and Lyn Volare.
- ◆ All who donated to Circulation Day.
- ◆ Our Circulation Day Volunteers: Co-chairs -Dorothea King & Paulie Gajewski, Bob Gajewski, Anita Gaiteri, Kat VanMeenen, Paula Bramwell, Carol Cafalone, Tom Hyldahl, Jean Bianco, Bev Markham, Marcel McGregor, Jeanne Gagne, Katy Linn , Dick Ten Eyck, PJ & Joanie Trahan, Josephine Hendricks, Johnnie Dawson, Janet Collamer & Jim, Louis Wong, Daryl Brown, Donna Ries, Elizabeth Crawford, Donna Gainsborough, Jane Faust, Jonathan Wolfinger, Bob Nobles, Greg Howard, Jim Crystie, Bernie Bowie, Eleanor Celentani.



**Volunteer of the Month**

Our **July volunteer of the month** makes his presence felt effectively yet quietly. He serves as an usher, is in the Welcoming Ministry, and helped a great deal with the Christmas Basket project last year. He can be counted on to pitch in whenever the need arises – setting up or taking down chairs and tables, moving furniture, or making last-minute purchases for a church event. In his quiet, kind and respectful manner he works harmoniously with everyone. He attends Unity classes regularly, and is known for his generosity, sense of humor, and positive attitude. He shares new ideas or new ways of doing things based on his experiences with Unity elsewhere. With love and gratitude we say “thank you” to Daryl Brown for his outstanding service to Christ Church Unity. May all your giving return to bless you, multiplied!



## IS IT ODD OR IS IT GOD? IS IT COINCIDENCE OR IS IT DIVINE ORDER?

Have you ever wondered when your day goes haywire with troubles, "where is God?" Have you ever thought 'why me, Lord' when you are facing a crisis? Attending Christ Unity Church has taught me many lessons. First and foremost I have learned that God is in every one of us. He is our conscience, our light and our direction. But how do I know this to be true? Usually I have to get through the pain of the situation taking place and look back at all that happened before I can see the lesson.

Four weeks ago my husband Bob and I were doing some volunteer work downtown answering phones for those who needed help. He experienced an incident where he turned terribly gray-looking and began sweating profusely.

# Board News

I was scared and we called the ambulance which arrived about three minutes later and took Bob to the hospital. I am driving his car behind the ambulance praying, "God, please tell me what the lesson is in this". I no longer go to my will but what is the lesson. My experience tells me as does Unity that we have a mission about which we know nothing. We just ask God for us to understand the lesson. I breathe in God and blow out the fear.

Bob had successful open heart surgery with five bypasses. He is recovering very nicely. I ask myself, "isn't it odd that we are only 3 minutes from the ambulance; isn't it odd that the angiogram was performed by Bob's cardiologist; isn't it odd that one of the best doctors in the country performed the surgery? Or is it God?"

What about the family? Isn't it a coincidence that my son sent my daughter extra money and they were able to rent a car to come see Bob? Is it a coincidence that Bob's youngest son happened to be in town from

South Carolina packing up his mother-in-law to move her back with him? Or was it Divine Order? Is it a coincidence that Bob's oldest son came into town from Chicago and stayed the whole week. He had no work commitments for that particular week which is so unusual for a photographer. Or was it Divine Order?

In fact, I was supposed to leave for South Carolina to see my daughter that week. Had any of the above circumstances happened in any different order, I would not have been here with Bob when he had his heart attack. I am left with the following. Isn't it odd that everything falls into place? Or is it God? Isn't it a coincidence that people show up or are able to appear unexpectedly for support when in a crisis? Or is it Divine Order?

You can't direct the wind, but you can adjust your sails! Next time you are in a crisis, breathe in God, blow out the fear and then ask, "What's the lesson in this Lord"?

Paulie Gajewski

## Highlights from the Board Meeting

This Month the Board welcomed Bob Gajewski to the meeting, amazed at his speedy recovery. Bob thanked everyone for their prayers and support.

The Board allotted the May CCU discretionary tithe to earthquake relief efforts. CCU May 2006 Profit and Loss statement is to the positive again, with income surpassing expenses by \$967. CCU advertising at Little Theater began on May 27, 2006 weekend. The advertising is meant to inform about

Unity and bring more visitors to CCU. If you go to the Little, watch for the CCU slides before the movie! All Board members plan to attend the June 14<sup>th</sup> CCU New Member Celebration for those who began attending CCU in the past 2 years.

Leslie Wright volunteered to attend a Board Training Workshop facilitated by Barbara O'Hearne, AUC's Board specialist. When she returns, Leslie will share her learning with the Board. This will help the Board in areas such as strategic planning, organizing and empowering

committees, board governance responsibilities and transitions in the size of CCU ministry. We are keeping increase in mind!

The Board continued discussion on developing a Strategic Plan for CCU. We discussed the importance of prayer for guidance on what CCU is to be for the Rochester community and including CCU members in the planning process. Barbara and Paula are researching approaches to strategic planning for August Board meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara Daly

## Committees at Christ Church

We think of our church committees as ministries because through them we serve the Divine Plan. New people are always welcome to join, contribute and support the manifestation of our Vision. Please contact the follow-

ing people for more information:

Planning Church Events—Bob Gajewski  
Beautification (building & grounds)—Joan Yaeger

Financial Prosperity (of the church) - Leslie Wright  
60th Anniversary—Rev. Eleanor  
Bookstore—Paulie Gajewski  
Ushers—Marie Hedrick  
Greeters—Kat VanMeenen

# People In Action

## Youth Education



We are always looking for helpers who would like to share their talents with the children; if you are interested, please contact Marna.

## Service Opportunity

We have openings now for people who would like to be an usher or a greeter. To find out more please contact Marie Hedrick for ushers and Kat VanMeenen for greeters. Thank You!

## Suggestion



As you go on vacation, take with you a new book from our bookstore. We often have new titles as well as Unity classics.

**Through the power of God in me, I am successful in what-**

## Ways to Get Involved

### Promotion Club

A spiritual support group for people seeking new employment will meet July 20 from 5:30—6:45 PM. New participants are welcome. Love offerings are gratefully accepted. Please call Rev. Eleanor for more information.

### Help Wanted

We are looking for a qualified person to do grounds maintenance, including mowing, edging, hedges and general upkeep of the grounds. This is part-time, paid position. If interested, please contact Paula Bramwell.

### Fun Club

The Fun Club will have swing dance practice on Thursdays at 7 p.m. If the front door is locked please go around and knock on the sanctuary window. If you are interested in going to the Renaissance Fair in Sterling, NY either July 8-9 or 22-23, please contact Sylvia Barker.



The **One-Winged Angels** support group led by Jane Faust will be taking the summer off. The next meeting will be announced in the fall.

# Liv-

## Unity July Birthdays

Helen Pancoast	July 9
Gabe Rivera Sr.	July 10
Janet Collamer	July 10
Lisa Ryan	July 11
Lisa Hotchkiss	July 13
Kat VanMeenen	July 15
Kelly Verzillo	July 16
Marillyn Wise	July 18
John Roberts	July 18
Hallie Sawyers	July 19

Joanne Siebert	July 21
Charly Carter	July 21
Sandy Baker	July 22
Dianne Robbins	July 25
Arnie Pegish	July 28
Chuck Golden	July 29
Rick Orlando	July 31

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



## On-Going Events

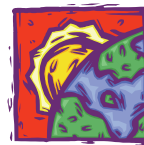
Every Saturday the **David Hawkins Book Discussion** group will meet from 10 AM-Noon. The next discussion is June 3, 2006.

**A Course in Miracles class**, led by Di-jana Winter, meets on Tuesdays, 7- 8:30 PM. For information call 585-703-1914. Love offering.

Food and toiletry items for **Dimitri House** can be placed in the box under the reception desk at any time. Items will

be delivered the first Sunday of the month.

**The Infinite Way** by Joel Goldsmith book discussion group will meet Thursdays 10 AM-Noon. For information, please contact Norm Dinolfo.



### Feng Shui

Friday Nite Feng Shui classes will be continuing this summer on the second and fourth Fridays of the month from 7-8:30 PM. We has a great turnout for our first workshop and by popular demand the topics for the next two classes will be: Clutter—June 23 and Feng Shui for bedrooms...sleep peacefully—July 14. Love offerings are gratefully accepted for these workshops. Please call Lyn Volare at 585-244-1332 or Lyvolare@yahoo.com with questions.

### Take Me Out to the Ballgame...



Join others from CCU as we root for the Rochester Red-wings on July 25. Game time is 7:05 PM. CCU will sit together and be recognized on the big score board. Thomas Warfield will sing God Bless America during the 7th inning stretch. Don't wait to sign up. We must have a minimum of 50, so invite your friends! Tickets will cost \$5—that's a \$1 discount. See you there!

### Office Hours



Our church office is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, but you can leave a message at any time by calling 585-473-0910.

Reminder: the **schedule of activities** for CCU is available by calling the church at 473-0910 and pressing 3 on the voice mail options.

Thank you for making our Sunday Service fragrance-free.

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*Infinite Spirit, Open the way for abundant  
blessings for Christ Church Unity. Fill our minds  
with Your Love and Wisdom,  
fill our actions with Creative Power.*

*Send forth now from all points in the Universe all  
the good we deserve as Children of God.*

*We are open and receptive now  
to Your Divine Ideas of love, prosperity,  
and service.*

*Thank You, God.  
Amen.*