

Christ Church Unity

60th Anniversary Year



July 2007

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

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Assembling date:
July 26, 2007

Dear Circle of Light,

Having passed the Summer Solstice mark, we now enter the second half of the year. It seems the first half has gone quickly! This is a good time to take stock of what you are doing. Do you remember your goals from the beginning of the year? Are you staying on track with your true priorities? Those who attended the **Dale Goldstein workshop** are no doubt sensitive to that question now.

The workshop was successful in several ways, including a large turnout and a high quality experience. I wish to thank the workshop coordinators who worked very hard for several months to bring this about: Sandy Hamilton, Donna Ries and Hallie Sawyers. Their thoroughness and commitment paid off for all concerned. I am also grateful for the financial proceeds to the church realized by this activity, \$1170. We thank Dale Goldstein for facilitating learning and healing in a loving way and for a generous donation of his fee to Christ Church Unity. We are blessed.

This experience of receiving came one week to the day after a great experience of giving – **Circulation Day**. Many volunteers helped during the week before, on the day, or both. Paulie Gajewski organized the set up operation well in advance and coordinated the volunteers and physical layout. All remnants were picked up with amazing speed due to Paulie's planning and with the volunteers' help. I wish to commend all involved for the loving contribution of their time and effort, which benefited many people in our community, and also brought love offerings over \$100 to the church. The names of the volunteers are listed on pg. 4. We thank them and all who donated items to give away.

We are also happy and grateful to have received three **new members** in June: Jean Marie Bianco, Jackie McCullough and Vicki Williams. We welcome you in faith and love!

This month we are anticipating two special events: our presentation from New Horizons on July 22 and our outing to a **Red Wings baseball game on July 24**. Last year's game was great fun for all, and we had absolutely perfect weather. May it be so again! Tickets must be purchased (for \$5) by Sunday, **July 15**, and a date will be announced for when to pick them up. Your friends and family are most welcome to join us. **Thomas Warfield** will be singing at the game again this year. If you have a CCU T-shirt, you might like to wear it.

New Horizons, our strategic planning group, will be making a presentation on Sunday, **July 22**, in which they will show us the results of their research thus far and also ask your input on several questions. I encourage everyone to attend and listen, learn, and offer your creative ideas and heartfelt desires for Unity in Rochester. I am grateful for the time and effort given by this team in support of our church. Let us support them with prayers and with our active participation.

In our **July 1** service we will consider spiritual freedom and pray in a special way for **healing and strength for our country**. On **July 15** I will speak on the Power of the month, **Understanding**.

May you be keenly attuned to the Voice of Spirit within you during these summer days.

With love and faith,
Rev. Eleanor

ROCHESTER AT PEACE



A new meditation and prayer initiative is being taken in Rochester to help reduce violence during this summer, the time of year when crime typically escalates. This is similar to a project undertaken in Washington D.C. in 1993 by followers of Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. It was reported that after their 25 days of meditation, violent crime had been reduced by 23% in that city.

The following is from a flyer we received announcing this project:

"For a forty day period from Monday, June 25th through Friday, August 3rd, 2007, each of us will be engaging in whatever prayer or meditation practices we choose in order to permeate the whole of this fair city with peace. We have chosen the peak of summer because it is primetime for hot tempers and violence, coast to coast. . . .Many of us will be engaging in prayer and/or meditation in the morning and evening hours each day, but any time of the day or night would be an ideal time to add your presence to this 'peace movement.'



"Please consider bringing your unique gifts to this worthy cause and please invite your friends and the members of your various spiritual or social communities to join you in making peace. A Post Office box has been made available if you would like to make suggestions for the mailing list or share your observations. If this 40 day gesture turns out to be something we want to repeat, we will try to come up with a web site and even more peacemakers. . . .Rochester at Peace, P.O. Box 18572, Rochester, NY 14618."

Christ Church Unity is advertising this project on our website because we want as many people as possible to know about it and participate. World healing by prayer is right in the heart of Unity. Those who desire may sign up at the church to let others know you are praying and supporting this special 40 day confluence of energy.



New This Month...



July 7

1 PM Rev. Eleanor's Fire-side Chat

July 21

9 AM—1 PM Spruce Up Day

July 22

1 PM New Horizons Ministry Action Plan Presentation

July 24

Red Wings Baseball Game
Tickets on sale now at CCU

Upcoming Events

September 23

Annual Picnic

September 29

Course in Miracles Workshop with Jon Mundy



Installation of the new curbing around the sign
Photo by Mike Gacek



Prayer

July Affirmations From Silent Unity

Inner Peace

Giving expression to the peace of God within me,
I am peaceful and fulfilled.

Guidance

Through my sacred connection with God,
I act with courage and confidence.

Healing

I am energized by the life force of God,
expressing in me now.

Prosperity

As a child of God, I gratefully accept my
inheritance of God's good.

World Peace

God's harmonizing love encircles our world,
establishing peace and understanding.

Prayer Ministry

The Power of **Understanding** is the ability to see good (God) in all experiences regardless of appearances.

Thomas is the disciple who represents intellectual understanding and reason. He learned about spiritual understanding and truth through his relationship with Jesus. Jesus showed Thomas, through discussions, the truth about the resurrection and spiritual understanding, which is the purpose of creation.

Charles Fillmore believes "that there is in man a knowing capacity transcending intellectual knowledge." It manifests as an intuitive thought or answer to something in life that we never learned. Fillmore calls it the "faint whispering of Spirit in man."

Fillmore encourages us to learn more from God so that we may gain this spiritual understanding. As he wrote in *The Twelve Powers of Man*, "man receives first an intellectual understanding of truth, which he transmits to his heart, where love is awakened." He realizes that love is the greatest of the Twelve Powers and "that head knowledge must decrease as heart understanding increases."

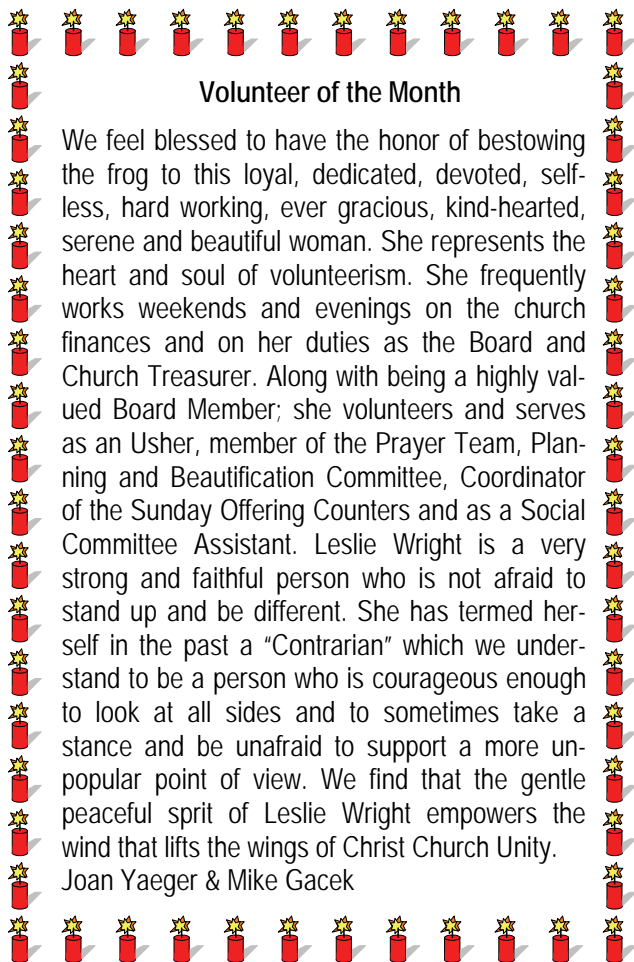
How can we do this? The answer is simple but not easy.

- Listen to your "faint whisperings of Spirit in man."
- Ask God to help you understand these "spiritual things." Do this with earnest and utilize the Law of Attraction.
- Make your mind receptive to higher understanding by meditating and affirming.

Our Prosperity

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

- ◆ Help to mail the newsletter provided by: Peela Hooke, Hallie Sawyers, Donna Ries, Katherine DaCosta, Jackie McCullough, Bernie Bowie, Rev. Eleanor;
- ◆ Office help from Sue Giannavola, Jackie McCullough and Bernie Bowie;
- ◆ Spruce Up day volunteers; Bob Gajewski, Anita Gaiteri, Paula Fletcher, Leslie Wright;
- ◆ 14 first time visitors joined us for Sunday service in June;
- ◆ Our new members: Jean Marie Bianco, Jackie McCullough and Vicki Williams; thank you for your presence!
- ◆ Paulie Gajewski's efforts as the chair of Circulation Day; Paulie worked many hours in the week ahead of this event to get ready for it, in addition to the day itself; All who donated items for Circulation Day;
- ◆ Everyone who helped with Circulation Day: Anita Gaiteri, Dorothea King, Bernie Bowie, Sue Giannavola, Jeanne Gagne, Bev Markham, Johnnie Dawson, Jane Faust, Donna Gainesborough, Jacke McCullogh, Elizabeth Crawford, Jean Mantel, Kat VanMeenan, Jean Marie Bianco, Peela Hooke, Sharon Peters, Tom Hydaahl, Lewis Wong, Bob Gajewski, Dave Mryglod, Donna Ries, Cheri Charboneau, Leslie Wright, Paula Bramwell, John & Else Vella, Joe Anukiwitz, Joan Yeager, Maryanna Mueller, Greg Howard
- ◆ Fred MacLean and Bob Gajewski corrected a problem with the church computer;
- ◆ Marie Hedrick's special efforts to have a new directory edition available June 10, so that it could be given to our new members;
- ◆ Our new garden under the sign was begun with the pouring of the concrete border, thanks to the efforts of Mike Gacek;
- ◆ The bookstore gave a generous \$500 donation to the church;
- ◆ We received \$1170 in proceeds for the June 16 workshop; Dale Goldstein generously donated his honorarium back to the church;
- ◆ Hallie Sawyers, Donna Ries, and Sandy Hamilton put in a great amount of effort to plan for, advertise and support the June 16 workshop;
- ◆ Bernie Bowie assisted with running the sound at the workshop on Sunday June 17;
- ◆ All of our Sunday volunteers highlighting this month our platform assistants: Donna Ries, Paulie Gajewski, Else Vella, Kathy Vidas, Leah Ruekberg and Sandy Hamilton.
- ◆ Stan Marshall and Mike Gacek donated and planted 2 new pear trees on our property to replace the large tree removed last fall;
We acknowledge how much we are blessed and say, thank you, God! And thank you to our loving congregation.



Volunteer of the Month

We feel blessed to have the honor of bestowing the frog to this loyal, dedicated, devoted, selfless, hard working, ever gracious, kind-hearted, serene and beautiful woman. She represents the heart and soul of volunteerism. She frequently works weekends and evenings on the church finances and on her duties as the Board and Church Treasurer. Along with being a highly valued Board Member; she volunteers and serves as an Usher, member of the Prayer Team, Planning and Beautification Committee, Coordinator of the Sunday Offering Counters and as a Social Committee Assistant. Leslie Wright is a very strong and faithful person who is not afraid to stand up and be different. She has termed herself in the past a "Contrarian" which we understand to be a person who is courageous enough to look at all sides and to sometimes take a stance and be unafraid to support a more unpopular point of view. We find that the gentle peaceful sprit of Leslie Wright empowers the wind that lifts the wings of Christ Church Unity.
Joan Yaeger & Mike Gacek



Financial Statement

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...

Two occasions in May provided recent opportunities for reflection.

As the culmination of a lot of hard work and efforts, the banquet commemorating our 60th Anniversary on May 6th served as a fun celebration of the past six decades in the history of Christ Church Unity. Considering the perspective of 60 years, I feel privileged to be a member of this congregation at this time. I also feel a renewed sense of responsibility to do my part in assuring that we are honoring this legacy in what we are doing today as a Unity Church.

For the roles I currently fill—as Board Treasurer and as a member of a few ministries—I often have to concentrate on the “nuts & bolts” details of this Church’s operations. It can be easy at times to be overly focused on areas that need improvement and such concerns as our low income so far this year.

The lesson from history that I hope to

remember more is that Christ Church Unity has sustained itself through a number of seeming obstacles and crises in our past, and we have recovered by God’s grace. While responsibly addressing “small picture” issues, I will try more regularly to look up and see beyond daily concerns, knowing that all things are working for God’s good.

The Saturday after the banquet, the Board of Trustees held a day-long retreat (as we try to do two or three times a year.) We dedicated some of the time to reflecting on our Board processes and functioning. We were productive in identifying ways we could be working better, and as a next step, we will be making efforts to improve on these.

However, beyond meetings that run too long and trustees who generally do too much, our discussion also covered many strengths and accomplishments.

We confirmed by consensus that this Board has positive intentions for Christ Church Unity and that we blend our various perspectives and skills to provide sound leadership (even if we get too bogged down in details at times!)

This overall sense that we’re trying to do our best also helps put small-scale conflicts and difficulties within our congregation into perspective. Again, it’s all working for God’s good. And 60 more years down the line, the spirit of our intentions will be more relevant than any of the details.

Love and Blessings
Leslie Wright, Treasurer



Highlights from the Board

Our updated regular church directory came out on June 10th. Volunteers for our pictorial directory, Jean Mantel, Coby Nichols and Eileen Smith, met on June 20th to begin organizing, the project is scheduled for the fall of this year.

Rev. Eleanor attended the AUC convention in June. Volunteers checked the church phone and e-mail messages and responded accordingly. In late July-early August, our Unity teacher in training, Jane Faust, will be returning to Unity Village to do another

week’s session for the Licensed Unity Teacher’s Program.

Our yearly Circulation Day was held on June 9th and was very successful. There were lots of volunteers to help out and a very good turnout.

Our CPA firm reviewed our QuickBooks financial documents and has concluded that the record keeping appears to be in very good shape, thanks to our very capable treasurer, Leslie Wright.

Bob Gajewski requested and received an

estimate for a cooling system for the Sanctuary from Central Heating & Air Conditioning. It’s under consideration depending on our finances.

We are receiving resumes for a part-time church secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Hedrick



People In Action

Youth Education



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 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.

July's book of the month is Wealth Beyond Reason: Your Complete Handbook for Boundless Living by Bob Doyle. Discussion is on Thursdays at 7 PM beginning July 12.

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.

I uplift and encourage others with my kind words and considerate acts.

Ways to Get Involved

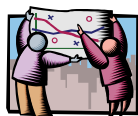


Friday's Angels will meet July 20 at 10:30 AM. The topic will be "Those Who Knew Him."

Promotion Club

The spiritual support group for people seeking new employment will meet July 11 & 25 at 5:30 PM. Please call Rev. Eleanor for more information. New people are welcome.

New Horizons



The July 22, 1 PM presentation to the congregation will focus on "us" the congregation, ministry and building of CCU. New Horizons is formulating a strategic plan for the next 5/10/15 years of CCU and we want/need your input. Come and be a part of the process of planning the future for CCU. Please bring a brown bag lunch.



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 July 21. Come anytime between 9 AM and 1 PM to lend a hand. Please sign up so we know who is coming. Thank you.

Pictorial Directory



Hooray! CCU will develop a pictorial directory to help our congregation become more familiar with each other. It really helps to remember people's names and feel more at home at CCU.

We will be working with Olan Mills to produce this directory. On September 26 & 27, they will be here to take photos. You will be able to sign up for an appointment starting August 30. There is no cost to have your photo taken and you get a choice of a free 8x10 glossy or copy of the directory. You will also have the option of including family members who do not attend CCU and ordering extra photo packages for yourself or to use as gifts.

Living~Giving~Learning

Unity July Birthdays

Stephen Bohn	July 4
Helen Pancoast	July 9
Gabe Rivera Sr.	July 9
Janet Collamer	July 10
Gabriel Michael	July 11
Lisa Ryan	July 11
Kat VanMeenen	July 15
John Roberts	July 18
Marilyn Wise	July 18
Hallie Sawyers	July 19

Joanne Siebert	July 21
Sandy Baker	July 22
Rita Wise	July 23
Dianne Robbins	July 25
Arnie Pegish	July 28
Chuck Golden	July 29
Sandra Weatherup	July 30
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 July 7, 2007.

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 Elise Vella, is in recess. A future start up date will be announced.

If I Had but One Year to Live...

On June 16th, 50 individuals came together at CCU to explore what is really important in their lives with the guidance of Dale Goldstein LCSW, founder of Heartwork Institute. The workshop was a transforming experience for many, an opportunity to let go of distractions and focus on being fully present in the moment and listening to the heart. Based on the many positive responses received, Dale is exploring the possibilities for including future workshops for Rochester in his busy class and retreat schedule. His new book will also be available in our bookstore. Unity is grateful for the healing energy generated by this workshop and for Dale's gracious gift of his honorarium back to the church.

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.

Thank you for making our Sunday Service fragrance-free.



There was something for everyone at this years Circulation Day ☺



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Sunday Celebration – 11:00 AM

Practical Christianity for the 21st Century

*The light of God flows into me, and shines forth
from me, as a brilliant spiritual light of Love. This
spiritual light of Love grows and grows in intensity,
covering the whole world, and filling the hearts of
all people in the Rochester region with thoughts only
of love, peace, order and the truth of oneness in God.*

(adapted from a prayer by Dr. Masaharu Taniguchi)

