

# Christ Church Unity Discover the Power Within You



2012

August/September 2012

Christ Church Unity, Rochester, New York, a member of Unity Worldwide Ministries/Affiliated with Unity, publisher of Daily Word

Dear Unity community,

We are growing and changing as this year unfolds. Sometimes our growth is linear, sometimes nonlinear, and yet I know that Spirit is working through us to bring us up to our next level of development.

The need for new volunteers has been good, as it forces people to see where we have been "taken care of" for a long time, and now we need to give as we have received. Your president, Paula Fletcher, has written about our current needs from the financial point of view in her fine letter on page 10. Needs for repairs in the building and grounds offer the opportunity to reaffirm that we deserve a beautiful space which is in right order and is taken care of well.

So the principle is illustrated that a vacuum is good because it draws in something new.

Thus our personal problems are also good, because they are vacuums which draw in Divine Love and Wisdom to correct them and bring about a higher level of Good. This can only happen, however, when we provide the right attitude as a context. Catherine Ponder wrote "No place is barren of good." In that particular story it was literally about a family who found a way to make a living in the desert. Symbolically it applies to all of us when we seem to be in any kind of a desert experience, where we feel alone or cut off from our normal avenues of support and supply. We need to remember that God is everywhere present, because, wherever **you** are, **God** is.

Unity is suggesting to us, based on prayer requests to Silent Unity, that we take the **theme of Prosperity in August. They offer the prayer, "God is my source for every need."** Really taking this affirmation deep down into your being would be a most salutary thing. Perhaps there are some needs you can believe God will help you with, but others where you can't or don't make this connection. Let this be your opportunity to expand your concept of the true abundance you have a right to as God's child. The Scripture is, **"God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance."** (2 Corinthians 9:8) God is my source for \_\_\_\_\_. What new blessing can you put here that you have not before?

**In September we are given the theme of Protection.** The Silent Unity calendar has a charming picture of a sheep dog watching over a flock of sheep in a very green meadow.

**The affirmation is, "The power of God protects me."** The Scripture is, **"The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."** (Philippians 4:7)

I thought that coupling prosperity and protection was a very nice synchronicity for our newsletter. These two themes intertwine so much.

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## Discover the Power in Community



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**On Sept. 13 we are celebrating Unity World Day of Prayer** with the rest of the Unity movement worldwide. There will be a special celebration at Silent Unity at Unity World Headquarters (Unity Village), and we will also have our own observance here. Those plans have not been finalized yet, so please watch your announcements and email for further news of special prayer activities in our church.

Whether you come to church or not, I urge you to put this day on your calendar and commit to doing something extra in prayer on that day. The theme chosen by Unity is, “**The Universe is calling.**” The affirmation of the day links this to spiritual understanding, one of our twelve powers: “**As we listen to the Universe, we are lifted to new heights of awareness and understanding.**”

As in past years, there will be **prayer lists** (special sheets of paper) available at the church which you can use to write the names of people you would like prayer for on World Day of Prayer and for 30 days after that. We send these to Unity Village for you, or you can send them yourself. **At the church we will have a box on the counter to collect these, and the deadline to turn yours in is August 19.** We will take all the prayer lists collected by then and send them to Silent Unity for inclusion in the vigil.

Some of the prayer activities will be **broadcast live online**, for those who would like to watch and listen on your computer. The web address is: [www.worlddayofprayer.org](http://www.worlddayofprayer.org)

**The broadcasts are:**

**Wednesday, Sept. 12, 7 p.m. Opening Ceremonies with Rev. Mary Omwake**

**Thursday, Sept. 13, 11 a.m. Silent Unity prayer service, facilitated by ministry students from Unity Institute and Seminary**

**Thursday, Sept. 13, 7 p.m. Evening Celebration with Rev. Kelly Isola.**

Following World Day of Prayer, **our next special event in September is our annual picnic.** Please see the article on **page 10** which gives more information.

On **Sept. 19** we will have a guest speaker here, **Suzanne Giesemann**, on the topic of **Science and Spirituality.** Suzanne is a former Navy officer who has discovered her spiritual gifts and now travels the country speaking about the connection between the heavenly and earthly realms. **Please see the flyer inserted** in your newsletter for more information.

More special times are coming up in **October**, and the plans are still being formulated for the installation of our **new stained glass window, and a reception** to celebrate the blessing of the window and the installation of other new artwork which is coming. We would like to also have a special **Family Open House**, to introduce new families with young children to our church and children's education program.

Please note the **special insert in this newsletter of information about new members** who joined within the past year. We include this so you can get to know them better.

I send you a prayer for your complete wellbeing, and hope to see you soon.

Blessings,  
Rev. Eleanor



# Discover the Power Within You



**August 1 & 8**  
Empowering Yourself class

**August 15**  
Asking the Right Questions class

**August 21**  
Eyes of Discovery class

**August 22 & 29**  
Being at Peace class

**September 12 & 26**  
Your Word is Your Wand class

**September 13**  
World Day of Prayer

**September 16**  
CCU Picnic

**September 19**  
Suzanne Giesemann  
"Where Science and Spirituality Meet."

## Upcoming Events

**November 25**  
Phil Jones  
Didgeridoo Workshop and  
Sunday Service



Photo by Mike Gacek



# Discover the Power in Prayer

## August Affirmations

**Inner Peace**  
Peace is my true nature.

**Guidance**  
God in the midst of me is wisdom and intelligence.

**Healing**  
The healing light and life of God flow through me now.

**Prosperity**  
All good flows from God, and I open to receive it.

**World Peace**  
Drawing from Divine Love within, I am a peacemaker.

## Thank you for joining in "Rochester Prays."

### Communities of Focus—Week of

August 5—Town of Ogden	September 2—Town of Penfield
August 12—Strong Neighborhood	September 9—Historic Maplewood
August 19—Town of Parma	September 16—Town of Perinton
August 26—Swillburg	September 23—South Wedge
	September 30—Town of Pittsford

## Prayer Ministry

Unity is founded on the power of affirmative prayer. We affirm and give thanks for the gifts received. Knowing that they come, just by our asking, is the truth we hold. Prayer aligns us with the Divine Mind and opens our hearts to the Christ within. From this precious space, we experience our full spiritual potential. For the year of 2012 Silent Unity has summarized the 12 most common prayer needs received by them and created a 12 month topic list. We invite you to include these in your daily prayer affirmations:

January	Healing	July	Success
February	Divine Order	August	Prosperity
March	Inner Peace	September	Protection
April	Guidance	October	Justice
May	Employment	November	Spiritual Understanding
June	Harmony	December	Freedom

The Prayer Team at CCU welcomes the opportunity to serve you and hold your special requests in prayer. We respect everyone's privacy and your requests are confidential to the team. Prayer line phone number 585-473-0910 ext 2 or Silent Unity 1-800-669-7729.

Our Mission: Awakening to the Christ within ourselves through prayer, we affirm the Divine identity in others so that they can see it in themselves and receive its blessings.

Barbara Boyce  
Prayer Team Coordinator

# Discover the Power of Gratitude

We gratefully acknowledge the extra gifts of time and service which many of our members have made in the last two months:

- ◆ Those who helped with folding and mailing the June/July newsletter: Peggy Harvey, Katherine DaCosta, Bron Dunning, Janet Collamer, Peela Hooke, Paulie Gajewski, Bernie Bowie, Jeanne Gagne, Rev. Eleanor;
- ◆ Thanks to our congregation members who offered to teach classes this summer to benefit our church: Cydney Pocock, Rev. Sharon Peters, Sylvia Barker, Rev. Maryanna Mueller, Vicki Williams, Helen Lutz, Jackie McCullough, Jean Marie Bianco, Bob Murray, & Linda Waterman;
- ◆ Thanks to the people who hosted the Women of Wisdom Circle: June Fisher in June, Jean Marie Bianco in July;
- ◆ Thank you to the Earthkeepers for taking care of our flower gardens: Marie Hedrick, Donna Gainsborough, Leslie Wright, Mike Gacek, Saundra Weatherup, Greg Howard, Barbara Boyce, Debra Flanagan, Cydney Pocock, Nancy Donals, Joan Yeager, Mary Jo and Dick TenEyck;
- ◆ We are grateful to Anita Gaiteri for creating and providing homemade goodies for our refreshment table each week;
- ◆ Thank you to Sam Gaiteri and Danielle Houppert for making and serving our punch and coffee each week so diligently;
- ◆ With gratitude to our Social Committee for all their work in our past 2 receptions and for their readiness when called upon to help for special events: Larlene Fyles, Johnnie Dawson, Leslie Wright, Bernie Bowie, Linda Grape, Janet Collamer, Danielle Houppert;
- ◆ Thanks to our special bakers who make beautiful birthday cakes for us once a month: Anita Gaiteri, Mary Jo TenEyck, Linda Grape, Marie Hedrick, Leslie Wright
- ◆ Thanks to everyone who helped with Bob & Paulie's Farewell reception: Paula Fletcher, Donna Ries, Jean Marie Bianco, Johnnie Dawson, Jim Knieser, Karen Sparka, Venise Cottrell, Larlene Fyles, Leslie Wright, Bernie Bowie, Elsé & John Vella, Paula Bramwell, Sammy Gaiteri, Jeanne Gagne;
- ◆ Everyone who helped with Circulation Day: Paulie Gajewski, Barbara Boyce, Jackie McCullough, Bob Angell, Carol Baumeister, Janet Collamer, Kathryn DaCosta, Johnnie Dawson, Bron Dunning, Paula Fletcher, Larlene Fyles, Jeanne Gagne, Cydney Pocock, Mary Jo & Dick TenEyck.

## Volunteer of the Month



August's Volunteer of the Month is the quintessential Unity leader who wears many hats. Having joined Unity a few years ago, she is now in the very important position of Church Treasurer and member of the Board of Trustees. In this capacity she oversees the inflow and outflow of our financial resources. Each week she is in the church office, paying our bills and doing other financial work on our behalf. She does all this with a focused attention to accuracy and completeness, as well as being ever mindful of the necessity of having a prosperity consciousness in her handling of our financial affairs. She also supervises the Counters, making out their schedule and overseeing their training. In addition she is also the Chair of the Remembrance Ministry, an usher and a member of our Prayer Team. She is a great example of a Unity student who takes the teachings seriously and seeks to practice them in everyday life. With gratitude we give the Volunteer of the Month award to Marilyn Hampton. Thank you, Marilyn, for all you contribute! May you receive back a hundredfold!

The volunteer of the month for September is someone who has served Christ Church Unity in a variety of ways for several years. She is a past Board member and past President. On Sundays she serves in the lobby, greeting people and also helping anyone who needs something. She is watching over the lobby area so that others can just listen to the service. She is also the Chair of the Bylaws Committee, head of the Welcoming Ministry, and helps in the bookstore. She helps others privately by giving rides when needed and staying in touch by phone and personal visits to those who need support. For exemplifying this kindness and givingness, we present the Volunteer of the Month award to Paula Bramwell. Thank you for your service in Christ Church Unity!

*Divine Love richly provides everything now.*

# Discover the Power in Leadership



## Highlights from the Board

1. The Board approved the installation of new carpeting by the Beautification Ministry. A donation was provided to the church, helping to make this possible.

2. A new version of Quickbooks has been approved and will be installed. Paula Fletcher & Marilyn Hampton with the assistance of our CPA John Heveron will oversee this event. All aspects of security will be addressed by Bruce Benton.

3. Church Soloist performances have been quite successful. Rev. Sharon Peters and Abby Rose Coughlin are also available when needed.

4. Material about UNITY has been placed in the Sunday School. This is to display material about basic UNITY principles in our area most used by outside groups.

5. It is URGENT that church members take on various responsibilities in multiple areas around church operation and activities. Specific information will be put together and the theme will be "A NEW DAWN".

6. Bob & Paulie Gajewski have relocated to North Carolina. A very successful going-away gathering was held Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012; they will be greatly missed. The Gajewskis were responsible for multiple volunteer roles within the church. Assistance will be needed in the area of audio recording church services, CD copying, and bookstore matters, to name a few roles. Church members are being asked to volunteer to fulfill these roles.

7. Mr. Tom Hamilton will be assessing the problem involving the church roof. A report should be available within the next couple of weeks.

8. Troop boxes were blessed by Rev. Eleanor June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Respectfully submitted  
Saundra Weatherup

Here we are in the middle of a hot & fairly dry summer. A lot of changes have been happening in the church, with long-time members Paulie & Bob Gajewski moving away, and some items with the church's building. Some lessons have been learned about becoming overextended as well.

Paulie & Bob will be dearly missed. They put so much tireless energy into many things, from the bookstore, to managing the building, to recording the services, and probably much more that I can't think of right now. It is the recording of the services I wish to address first.

As a trustee, I have taken on responsibility for several areas of the church. These include continuing to manage the social media ministry, utilizing my skills in project management and analyzing business processes, and drawing on my first career in construction to help manage the church's building. Of course those of us who give back to the church want to do everything we can to help. I think most everyone has at one point or another taken on an additional responsibility, with the best of intentions, which may not have been the wisest thing to do. Alas, that was the situation I found myself in with the audio recording of the services. Bob's leaving was going to leave a hole in the audio recording, and I, somehow agreed to take on the responsibility of the audio recording. This was done with the best of intentions, as well as naiveté about everything that is involved in that process. Unfortunately I soon discovered that I was unable to

shoulder that responsibility, and could not fill Bob's shoes in that regard. It was with humility that I confessed to Reverend Eleanor and my fellow trustees that I had made a mistake in taking on the recording, and would have to step away from that. I know there is a spiritual lesson in this somewhere, probably something about having the best of intentions...

But it certainly highlights the need for new people to step up for the various things that are needed to be done around the church. Remember the adage about "many hands make light work"? Well that is true of helping at our church too. Please see Reverend Eleanor to ask in what ways you can help.

On another note, there have been some developments with the church's building. Many of you know a crack developed in the large window by the entry door. That window has been replaced, and we don't know how it cracked, as the outside pane cracked but not the inside one, so that seemed very odd but the glass man said that sometimes large windows just break without any obvious cause.

The other development is that we have noticed a few water leaks coming through the roof, mainly into the church office but also into Reverend Eleanor's office. Given that the roof is flat and covered with rubber sheeting with seams, we had another roofer, and a roofing supply person, take a look at it. We ended up having a local roofing expert, actually a forensic building analyst, do a professional inspection. We are reviewing the report and will be speaking in more detail with the forensic building expert as to what our options are. I wish everyone all the best for the rest of 2012.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Benton.



*"I fairly sizzle with zeal and enthusiasm, and spring forth with a mighty faith to do the things that ought to be done by me." Charles Fillmore*



# Discover the Life Within You



## Sharon Sharing

Today I have been trying to get through to a friend of mine and the land line phone has been busy for over an hour. Isn't it wonderful that with cell phones, when a line is busy you can leave a message? And even better....the person you're calling gets beeped and knows that you called? It makes me think about God. Sometimes with prayer we think that God's line is busy....but the reality is, it never is! And though we may think that God is too busy for our prayer, God isn't! We all have a direct line to God and all we have to do is pray. Pretty cool, in my book!

So just keep in mind that though there may be times when we THINK that God isn't listening - sometimes because we believe our prayers are too small, or inconsequential - the truth is, God hears the beep and always answers our prayers - small or large! Sometimes we have to wait for the results, and sometimes it feels as if we're "on hold" but we're not at all....we just need patience (and gratitude).  
Blessings,  
Sharon



## A Generous Gift

The Beautification Ministry is especially pleased to share with you our heartfelt thanks to Marie Hedrick. Marie generously donated half of the cost of the new carpeting in our church hallways. For many years, Marie has contributed her ideas, time and energy to the upkeep and beautification of Christ Church Unity. This most recent gift is just another way that she has intentionally supported our church vision and mission in a specific way. Please join us in gratitude for this kind and lovely woman in our midst.



## Prosperity Troop Project

The Prosperity Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the Troop Project this year. Thanks to your donations we were able to send 19 boxes to our soldiers this year.

We were blessed with Prosperity this year in Postage donations. We received 90% of the amount needed to mail the boxes. Thank You, God!

A thank you letter was received by the church in early July, which was copied and inserted in the July 15 Sunday bulletin.

With their thanks, the troops also sent their prayers for us.

Thank you to all who contributed in any way to this outflow of giving. As we give, we receive.

Peace & Blessings,  
The Prosperity Committee



## Acrylics with Spirit Class Parts 1 and 2

Join us for an evening of intuitive Joy and Fun as we access our inner connection to Spirit and playfully create color and the elements of art in a vacation-like setting! (Wear clothes that are comfortable and can be exposed to art materials. Bring any photos or images you've been saving to create art with, or that inspire you and water to drink.)

Taught by Rev. Maryanna Mueller.

**Dates:** Class #1: Saturday, Sept. 15 or 29: please indicate on the sign up sheet which day is better for you and one date will be chosen. Class #2: Oct. 6. **Time,** 1 - 3 p.m.

**Fee:** Love Offering to the Church; \$5 materials fee to instructor for class #1. Please bring your own supplies for class #2. Please sign up at the counter or call the church to register.



## Healing Thoughts

"Admire people for who they are; embrace differences; understand that everyone contributes something in their own way, and we are all part of one big intricate system working together. Appreciate the lessons that others may be here to teach us, and realize in turn you are teaching others by example." Sheila Burke, *Booyah! Spirit*

Walk in Peace,  
Vicki Williams



## Christmas Choir

Hello all Songbirds! I just wanted to give you a heads up that we will be having a Christmas Choir and potentially a Thanksgiving Choir!

I am wondering if there would be an interest in having choir rehearsals in the evenings....say on Thursday evening? I will be putting out sign up sheets in September which is a hop skip and a jump away!

On the sign up sheet you can write down your preferences on rehearsals. We can always do a Sunday rehearsal before the 11AM service, but I wanted to give us the option of evenings.

Think about it and look for the sign up sheets....Choir is open to all and is a ministry all of its own! If you feel that song in your heart, come share it with us!

Blessings,  
Sharon

# Discover the Power in Each Other

## August ~ September Birthdays

Stanley Marshal	August 2	Rev. Steve D'Annunzio	September 2
Mary Ellen Lundy	August 2	Reinhart Brucker	September 10
Linda Waterman	August 2	Herbert Street	September 12
Bonnie Jeffe	August 3	Hattie Cottrell	September 19
Michael Bianchi	August 3	Javier Bautista	September 20
Lisa Cashmere	August 4	Christine McKee	September 21
Myrtle Fillmore	August 6	Marty Roberts	September 21
Donna Ries	August 6	Danielle Houppert	September 26
Victoria Simmons	August 9	Cydney Pocock	September 27
Loretta Callahan	August 10	Priscilla (Peela) Hooke	September 30
Marna Rossi	August 11	Todd Smith	September 30
Deborah Houppert Nobles	August 12		
Elizabeth Crawford	August 14		
Larry Fogarty	August 19		
Darrell Lewis	August 21		
Charles Fillmore	August 22		
Robert Nobles	August 28		
Sandy Melloch	August 30		

*Happy Birthday to you...  
God is blessing you now!  
Discover the Power within You!*



## On-Going Events

The **Dr. David Hawkins Study Group** meets alternate Mondays 6:30-8:30 PM. Next meeting is August 13, 2012.

The "**There is Only God**" study group meets every Saturday from 10 AM—Noon. Next meeting August 4, 2012. <http://thereisonlygod.com>

**Women's Wisdom** meets the fourth Saturday of each month and attendees take turns hosting each other in their homes. The hostess decides on the topic of conversation and provides light refreshments (optional). See the calendar for meeting dates. Contact Jeanne Gagne for more information.

**Oneness Blessing**  
Our church hosts the Oneness Blessing on Thursday evenings, 7:00-8:00 PM. This group is open to anyone interested in receiving the energy transmission. Love offering.

To receive the newsletter or event flyer or both by email, go to our website, [www.unityrochester.org](http://www.unityrochester.org) and click on *Get Unity Updates*.



Thank you for keeping our Sunday services fragrance free.



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### Online Donations

We are grateful that our church can receive donations online. Go to any page on our website [www.unityrochester.org](http://www.unityrochester.org) and click on the purple button. Thank you.

### Recording of Our Services

Our website has a button on each page to access recordings of our Sunday lessons and meditations.



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Don't forget you can support CCU every time you search the internet or shop online with [www.GoodSearch.com](http://www.GoodSearch.com) or [www.GoodShop.com](http://www.GoodShop.com)

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### Submission Deadline

For August/September Newsletter

September 17, 2011

### Assembly Date

September 26, 2011

# August 2012

*God is my source for every need.*

*Prosperity*




Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 PM Self Empowerment class	2 7:30 AM OA	3 6 PM OA	4 10 AM There is Only God (TIOG)
5 11 AM Sunday Service	6 7:30 AM OA	7 7:30 AM OA	8 6:30 PM Self Empowerment class	9 7:30 AM OA	10 6 PM OA	11 10 AM TIOG
12 11 AM Sunday Service Board Meeting	13 7:30 AM OA 6:30 PM Hawkins group	14 7:30 AM OA	15 6:30 PM Asking the Right Questions	16 7:30 AM OA	17 6 PM OA	18 10 AM TIOG
19 11 AM Sunday Service	20 7:30 AM OA	21 7:30 AM OA 6:30 PM Eyes of Discovery Class	22 6:30 PM Being at Peace	23 7:30 AM OA	24 6 PM OA	25 10 AM TIOG
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# September 2012

*The power of God protects me.*

*Protection*

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16 11 AM Sunday Service CCU Picnic 	17 Newsletter Deadline 7:30 AM OA	18 7:30 AM OA	19 7 PM Suzanne Giesemann	20 7:30 AM OA	21 U.N. International Day of Peace 6 PM OA	22 First Day of Fall 10 AM TIOG 
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## Discover the Power Within You

### Dear Unity Members & Friends,

This has been a challenging year with many changes. One thing that has not changed, however, is the simple fact that we have a wonderful church to attend. One that is welcoming, comforting, deeply spiritual, and a haven from our worldly concerns. It is also a place where we have fun and laugh, have developed deep friendships and love with many. We want this haven to continue; at least I know I do.

For the past year or so, we have been operating at a significant deficit. Even though our expenses were down in 2011 and down again in 2012, we have not had the inflow of cash to offset all our expenses. We continue to tap into our reserves to keep things running. Eventually, these reserves will not be there.

This brings me to all of you with the request to increase your giving. We all know as students of truth that the more we give, the more we receive. You all have seen our budget (or can at any time if you wish). We are not frivolous spenders. We operate at bare bones. We are asking you to give from the bottom of your heart, to give big to receive big!

You can never out-give God and God wants you to receive much, much more. We at CCU want to continue to bring deep spiritual meaning to your lives whether by attending services, reading our newsletters, visiting our website for the weekly lessons online. Whatever way we serve you, please consider what it might be like to not have this! We only operate on what is donated to the church, we do not have headquarters funding us or paying the salaries, we only have you. And now we need you to trust that God's law is in action through you. Tithe to where you are spiritually fed and if Christ Church Unity is where this happens for you, well, you know the rest.

Many people today bank electronically; you can set up a tithe to regularly

be sent right from your bank account. If you visit our website, there is a "donate here" button. Whatever way you choose, we truly appreciate it and truly want **you** to have much, much more.

In love and light,  
Paula Fletcher  
President, Board of Trustees



### Annual Church Picnic

Our annual picnic **Sunday, September 16**, will be held this year in a new location, **Webster Park on Lake Road**. We have secured a shelter for the afternoon and welcome everyone to attend. The picnic will begin at **1:00 p.m.** This location is **handicapped accessible**, one of the main reasons we picked this spot over others which were still available.

At the request of the Social Committee we came up with an alternative plan for providing food, since the committee found it too difficult to transport everything necessary to set up a meal at an offsite location. Bringing everything to the site and then back to the church is a large task and too much for a few people to do. For a cost quite comparable to past years, we will have a picnic meal provided by a caterer with a main dish of chicken and four side dishes.

**We are asking the congregation to provide desserts and beverages** and there will be a sign up list for this. A love offering will be welcome if anyone would like to contribute to the cost of the picnic. There will be maps provided at church ahead of time.

To attend, please sign up at the church or call the church office by the **deadline of Sunday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>**.

There will be a sign up sheet so we know the count to give the caterer.

**Your cooperation in making advance reservations will ensure harmony for everyone.**

### Your Word Is Your Wand: Bringing the Metaphysical Into the Physical



A Hands-On workshop with words and wands! based on the book *Your Word is Your Wand* by Florence Scovel Shinn (1871-1940). She was

an American artist and book illustrator who in midlife became a highly respected and loved teacher, author and metaphysician. She was a colleague of Emmet Fox. This class will be taught by Rev. Maryanna Mueller, artist and spiritual healer and teacher. Attendees for this workshop may wish to read the book in the weeks before class begins.

We'll spend the first hour of class discussing a portion of this selection and then the last half-hour designing our wands. Bring some 'found objects' from home which have personal meaning such as pieces of old jewelry, buttons, beads, ribbon, lace, leather/suede (real or faux), wire, cloth, yarn, etc.

If participants wish to choose from Rev. Maryanna's personal media basket, a \$3.00 materials fee would be appreciated. Four Wednesdays, Sept. 12 and 26; October 3 and 10, 2012, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Class fee: a love offering to the church. Please sign up at the church or contact the church office to register. Books will be available in the bookstore. Rev. Eleanor has some books to lend, if you are willing to not write in them and return when the class is finished. However, she cautions that you will probably want this book forever, so you may want to buy a copy.

### 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.

### In Memoriam Jeanette Bowman, 1927-2012



**Jeanette Bowman**, a longtime member of our church, made her transition on June 4. Rev. Eleanor conducted her memorial service at Wesley Gardens, the facility where she had lived the past several years.

Jeanette came into Unity in the 1980's here at our church and was a devoted reader of *Daily Word*. She also enjoyed our social events, and often came to our St. Patrick's Day dinners. She was comforted by the visits of Unity friends who came to see her at Wesley Gardens. When Jeanette began her transition, the *Daily Word* reading for that day was on the theme of freedom. It was so appropriate to her being that this reading was given at her memorial service and her family thought it was perfect. The affirmation was, "I am free to spread my wings and soar." The Scripture was: "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." (2 Cor. 3:17)

We give thanks for the loving friendship and cheerfulness which Jeanette shared with many people here during her time with us. We hold her in the Light and know that she is glowing with the life more abundant. Blessings to you, Jeanette.



Photos by Mike Gacek

Many turned out to say a fond farewell to Bob & Paulie Gajewski who will be truly missed at CCU.



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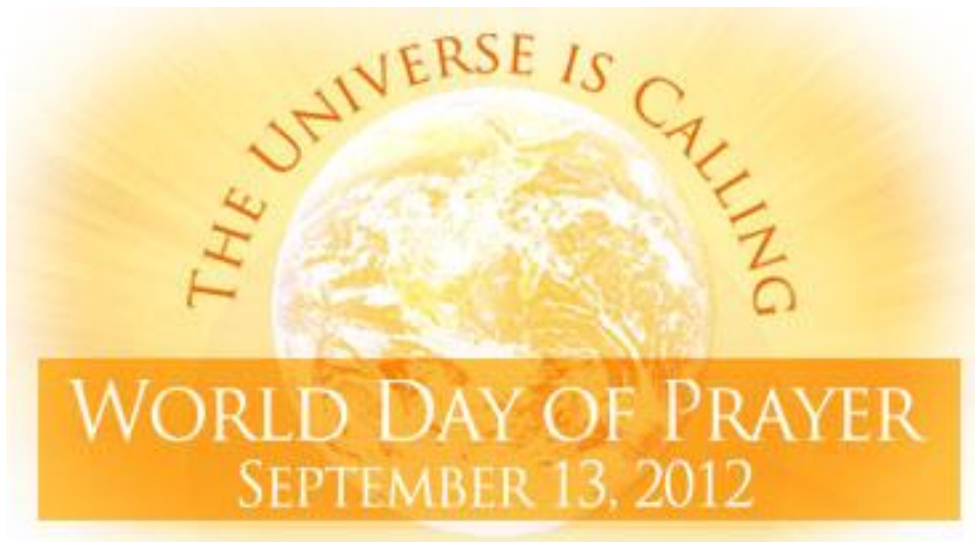
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