

Christ Church Unity

60th Anniversary Year



September 2007

Christ Church Unity
A member of the Association of
Unity Churches International
Affiliated with Unity, publisher of the
Daily Word

Our Vision Statement

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

Our Board of Trustees

Paula Bramwell, President
Bob Gajewski, Vice President
Leslie Wright, Treasurer
Marie Hedrick, Secretary
P.J. Trahan, Trustee
Sue Giannavola, Trustee

Rev. Eleanor Celentani,
Spiritual Leader/Minister

Our Staff

Jane Faust, Accompanist
Anita Gaiteri, Custodian
Samuel Gaiteri, Custodial Aide
Eric Strader, Gardener
Stacey Thomas, Administrative Assistant
Thomas Warfield, Soloist

Our Ministry Team Coordinators

Audio – Chris Spridy & Bob Gajewski
Bookstore – Paulie Gajewski
Circulation Day – Paulie Gajewski
Greeters – Kat VanMeenen
Librarian/Fun Club—Sylvia Barker
New Horizons—
Nominating Comm.—Anita Gaiteri
Photographer – Mike Gacek
Platform Assistants – Donna Ries
Prayer – Jane Faust
Prosperity Projects— Dick TenEyck
Remembrance – Coby Nichols
Social – Anita Gaiteri
Ushers – Marie Hedrick
Youth Education Director and
Lead Teacher – Marna Rossi

Submission deadline for next issue:
September 21, 2007

Assembling date:
September 27, 2007

Dear Unity of Light,

I greet you with anticipation of Good as we enter the second month of our **Unexpected Blessings Program**. The Autumn Equinox is September 23, and soon we will begin to feel, if you haven't already, that change is in the air. Let us affirm and expect that all our changes will be positive ones, filled with love and happy surprises.

This month offers us a variety of learning opportunities. Jon Mundy, Ph.D will share insights from **A Course in Miracles** on Sept. 29 in the workshop, **What is Enlightenment?** The Prosperity Projects group will begin offering a three-week discussion of Catherine Ponder's book, **The Prospering Power of Love**, on Sept. 20. (This is the book where Rev. Ponder explains the famous "angel writing technique.") Everyone is welcome to attend. I will begin teaching the Unity classic, **Lessons in Truth**, by H. Emilie Cady, on Wednesday, Sept. 19, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., after a half hour meditation which begins at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. If you are new, or if you have never studied this book, I highly recommend it. *Generations of Unity students* have studied this book on fundamental New Thought principles since it was first published in 1903. There will also be another showing of the film, **The Secret**, on Saturday, Sept. 15, followed by discussion.

We continue class on **A Course in Miracles**, the **David Hawkins** discussion group, the **Friday's Angels** group, and the **Promotion Club**. I hope that each of you will find at least one thing you can take part in this month to take a step forward in growth.

We will be joining our Unity movement in observing **World Day of Prayer** on Thursday, **Sept. 13**, with a special **evening Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m.** At the church we also have distributed calendars with **30 days of affirmations** on personal and world peace, which Unity is using to prepare for the WDOP. (Call the office if you need one sent to you.) As every year, you are invited to write your **prayer intentions** on the forms which are available on the front counter, and place them in the designated container. If you submit yours by Sept. 2, we will mail all of them to Silent Unity where they will be held in prayer by the Silent Unity workers during the 24 hour prayer vigil.

Our **church picnic is Sunday, Sept. 23 at 1:00 p.m.** at the "old" location, **Brighton Park**, next to the mosque on Westfall Road. We invite you to come and bring a dish; there is a sign-up list at the church. This year we will have musical entertainment by Double Feature (John Culligan of our congregation and his musical partner) along with a game and prizes. Come and enjoy this social time to talk with people and enjoy a pleasant atmosphere with positive energy and wholesome food.

This month we are inviting you to sign up to have yourself immortalized in our **Pictorial Directory!** Pictures will be taken on **Sept. 26 and 27**, but you must make an appointment. Please sign up at the church on Sundays in September, or call the office if you are unable to come in. Please see the article on page 6 in this newsletter for details.
(please go to the next page)

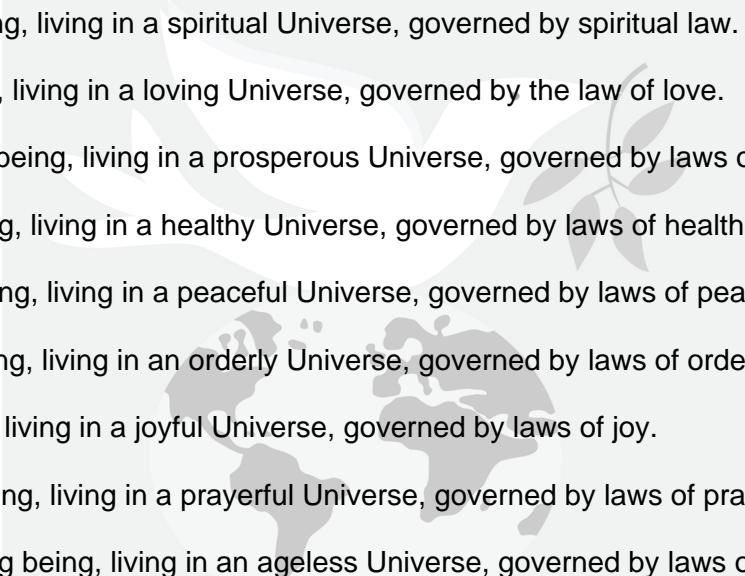
We continue with our **material improvements**. A new automatic watering system with a timer was installed to keep our garden fresh. Plants and flat stones have been added under the church sign to embellish the garden there. Bushes have been trimmed by our gardener. Spruce-Up volunteers have worked inside and out. I am grateful for our continuing progress in beautification.

In mid- August we experimented with sending out **one email** to those in our church directory who have email, with **a consolidated flyer** describing our workshops and classes. This is to serve as a reminder, and as a way that you can **help us with outreach**, by sharing this flyer with friends and who may be interested in these opportunities for growth. We are also taking steps to disseminate this information more widely in the community, so that Unity will become better known in Rochester as a center for personal and spiritual growth. If you did not receive the August or September flyer on email and would like to receive one in the future, please contact us at unityroc@frontiernet.net and give us your email address and we will put you on the list. If you would rather not receive this, please unsubscribe by following the directions at the bottom of the email message. Thank you for your support!

I am looking forward to September as the month Unity focuses on **the Power of Order**, which brings with it so many blessings. I will speak on this power on September 9. **Sept. 21 is the International Day of Peace**, an observance inaugurated by the United Nations in 1982. In 2001 the UN amended its resolution to also call for a global ceasefire and nonviolence on this day. Unity's World Day of Prayer is also centered on peace this year, so with a **synthesis of Order, Prayer and focus on Peace**, we should be able to do powerful healing work this month.

I wish you abundance and a positive, uplifted attitude. See you in church!
Love, Rev. Eleanor

Teachings in Truth

- 
- I AM a spiritual being, living in a spiritual Universe, governed by spiritual law.
 - I AM a loving being, living in a loving Universe, governed by the law of love.
 - I AM a prosperous being, living in a prosperous Universe, governed by laws of prosperity.
 - I AM a healthy being, living in a healthy Universe, governed by laws of health.
 - I AM a peaceful being, living in a peaceful Universe, governed by laws of peace.
 - I AM an orderly being, living in an orderly Universe, governed by laws of order.
 - I AM a joyful being, living in a joyful Universe, governed by laws of joy.
 - I AM a prayerful being, living in a prayerful Universe, governed by laws of prayer.
 - I AM a self-renewing being, living in an ageless Universe, governed by laws of regeneration.

- Rev. Eleanor

New This Month...



September 2

Sign-up begins for Church Pictorial Directory Photos

September 5

No Meditation

September 13

7:00 p.m. Unity World Day of Prayer Service

September 15

1:00 p.m. The Secret - film and discussion

September 16

Picnic reservation deadline

September 19

7:30 p.m. Lessons in Truth Class

September 20

7:00 p.m. Prospering Power of Love class

September 23

1:00 p.m. Annual Picnic at Brighton Park

September 26

7:30 p.m. Lessons in Truth Class

September 26 & 27

Pictorial Directory Photos

September 29

What is Enlightenment Workshop with Jon Mundy

Upcoming Events

October 20

Qigong Workshop



Our stained glass cross
Photo taken by Mike Gacek



Prayer

September Affirmations From Silent Unity

Inner Peace

In the silence, I touch the presence of God within and find perfect peace.

Guidance

I am guided by God to the fulfillment of my dreams.

Healing

One with the mighty healing power of God, I am whole in mind, body and spirit.

Prosperity

I am God's beloved, filled with divine ideas and blessed with abundance.

World Peace

We are peacemakers, one in the love of God. With hearts united, we establish harmony and peace in our lives and in the world.

Prayer Ministry

The prayer power for September is order. Our prayer work can be informed as we recognize and affirm that divine order is the expression of God's plan for our greatest good, individually and collectively. The understanding and desires we, as humans, bring to prayer do not encompass the whole picture

To quote from Proverbs:

"Many are the plans in a [person's] heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." (19:21)

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed. The Lord works out everything for his own ends-" (16:3-4)

So as we are co-creating with God, we use the power of order to guide us in our prayers — seeing both the requests and the outcomes in Light — knowing it's all to The Good.

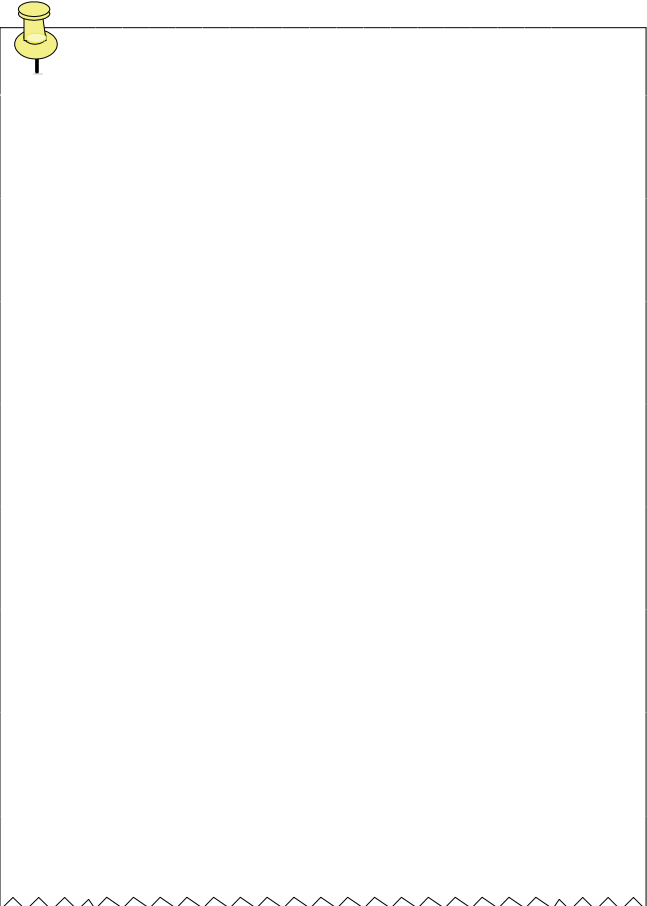
For prayer requests or other messages to the prayer team call 473-0910 and press 4. Please let us know if you or a family member are ill or hospitalized so that we can pray with you.

Our Prosperity

We give thanks for new blessings in the past month:

- ◆ Our church was able to provide a beautiful memorial reception for Arnie Pegish, through the service of Anita Gaiteri, coordinator, with help from: Donna Ries, Chris Spridy, Jeanne Gagne, Bev Markham, Paulie and Bob Gajewski, Bernie Bowie, Kat VanMeenen, Leslie Wright, Paula Bramwell, Joan Yaeger, Joan Trahan, Kathy Vidas, Louis Wong, Dorothea King, Sam Gaiteri, Greg Howard, David and Alicia Mercer, Marillyn Wise, Marie Hedrick;
- ◆ Marie Hedrick and Marillyn Wise assisted with ushering and Kat VanMeenen, Bernie Bowie, Greg Howard and Sandra Weatherup were greeters for the memorial service;
- ◆ Joan Yaeger and Mike Gacek provided planters of flowers for the front doorway;
- ◆ Thomas Warfield contributed his musical gifts for the service;
- ◆ Bob Gajewski ran audio for the service and also provided video transmission for our essential extra seating area in the lobby;
- ◆ Several people requested information about Unity after this service;
- ◆ Our sign garden has been further developed by Mike Gacek, who also installed a new watering system for the church property;
- ◆ Eric Strader donated plants for the sign garden;
- ◆ Stan Marshall did heavy digging for the memorial plantings on our property;
- ◆ Those who helped mail the August newsletter: Katherine DeCosta, Anita Gaiteri, Jean Mantel, Coby Nichols, Chris Spridy, Anne Stewart, and Stacey Thomas;
- ◆ Prayers for Rochester at Peace offered by: John and Else Vella, Peela Hooke, Bernadette Glasgow, Jackie McCullough, Jane Faust, Katherine DaCosta, Sara Gale, Wendy Smith, Saundra Weatherup, Maryanna Mueller, Jean Marie Bianco, Robert Nobles, Helen Lutz;
- ◆ Joanie Trahan led the Sunday School one Sunday in August;
- ◆ Our Spruce Up volunteers: Bob Gajewski, Marie Hedrick, and Dick TenEyck;
- ◆ Two new people volunteered for the Prayer Team and began training: Jean Marie Bianco and Ann Robertson;
- ◆ Dick Ten Eyck has agreed to be the contact person for Prosperity Projects, and he will also be leading discussion of The Prospering Power of Love in September;
- ◆ Coby Nichols has assumed the Chair of the Remembrance Committee;
- ◆ Julie McKown has given much help in designing new communication strategies for the church;
- ◆ Two new people have joined the Financial Prosperity Committee: Maryanna Mueller and Bob Murray.
- ◆ We are grateful for loving service and new blessings coming to us through these people.
- ◆ We bless all our congregation who continue to support us with their tithes, love offerings and participation. Thank you, God.

* * * * *
Volunteer of the Month
 * * * * *
 I pass the FROG on this month to a volunteer
 who maintains a quiet humble presence within
 our church.
 * * * * *
 She has shared her love of gardening in working
 with the Beautification Committee as well as of-
 fering valued ideas for interior beautification.
 * * * * *
 She likewise contributed with the Christmas
 Decorating, preparing new decorations as well
 as assisting in the project.
 * * * * *
 Yet, even more is her consistent contribution of
 floral arrangements to beautify the sanctuary so
 many Sundays.
 * * * * *
 And, when she reads the Daily Word, she reads
 from the heart, sharing the gift it has given her.
 * * * * *
 We offer a warm and loving thank you for this
 month's Volunteer: Bev Liederbach.
 * * * * *
 Donna Ries
 * * * * *



Divine Love richly provides everything now.



Message From the Board...

One Hour of Spirituality = How many hours of preparation?

Have you ever thought about what is involved in order to provide one hour of Spiritual nourishment when we gather at 55 Prince Street on Sundays at 11:00am? There are a multitude of tasks that must happen for that nourishment to take place, requiring many people and many hours of dedicated service.

Recordings of the previous Sunday Service must in place in the book store to be picked up by those who ordered them.

The Sunday Bulletin has to be prepared, proofed, printed and folded. If there is an insert, that also has to be proofed, printed & folded.

Greeters, Platform Assistants and Ushers have to be scheduled. Each of these tasks are completed by different committed individuals.

The youth program has to be prepared and individuals scheduled to administer it.

Someone has to prepare and ensure that visitors packets are available.

Music has to be selected and in some cases requires practice ahead of time.

The sound system checked and prepared for recording of the service. Microphones properly placed and fresh batteries installed in the wireless microphones.

Coffee and finger foods are prepared ahead of time for the social hour after the Service.

The Book Store has to be staffed and available before and after the Service.

The candle in the Sanctuary has to be lit and fresh water in place for the speaker.

A floral arrangement should be in place in the Sanctuary.

Someone from the prayer team has to be available for one on one prayer after the Service.

Recordings made of the Service and duplicated to be available the following Sunday.

Financially, counters have to be scheduled and the deposit prepared and taken to the bank.

These are a few of the tasks that must happen to provide an hour of Spirituality. Keep in mind that this does not include the time involved for the Speaker to prepare the Lesson & Meditation.

Do you know the people that are responsible for making this happen? Perhaps you might ask around and find out who these committed individuals are and what their responsibilities entail. Perhaps even become one of the little-known team members that make it happen.

Submitted by Bob Gajewski – Vice President



Highlights from the Board

Meeting

One of our newest members, Julie McKown, has offered help with a church Communications Plan. Since she has professional experience in that field, her offer is very much appreciated by the church.

Rev. Eleanor has started working with her on some initial steps. After they have a draft of a plan, they will present it to the Board and church committees for input and approval. This will be a step up for us in terms of the professionalism of our internal and external com-

munications. She shared some of her ideas about combining all the events of one month into one flyer to make it easier to share information.

A series of three membership classes on Introduction to Unity will be offered on three Thursdays, beginning on August 16th at 5:45 pm for those interested in becoming new members.

We will observe Unity's **World Day of Prayer** on Thursday, September 13th with a prayer service that evening. We will keep an atmosphere of quiet in the church that day.

Rev. Eleanor will be attending the Eastern Region Conference from September 30th – October 5th in Hampton Beach, New Hampshire. Jane Faust will accompany her to the Conference. This is for her to fulfill a requirement for Licensed Unity Teacher status.



Yin Yang Fund



There is now a special heating and cooling fund in place at Christ Church Unity. The purpose of this special fund is to raise enough money to install air conditioning in the Sanctuary and to set up the existing forced air furnace that is used to heat the Sunday School area into zones. By doing this we will eliminate the need to run the resistance heating systems that are now in place in that area as well as the prayer room, minister's office and inner office, making those areas more energy efficient. The estimated cost to air condition the Sanctuary is \$4500.00 and \$5500.00 is the estimated cost to zone the furnace for the Sunday School area for a total cost of \$10,000.00. If contributing to this goal attracts you, we ask that that you indicate on the check or envelope that it is a contribution to the heating and cooling fund. Envelopes marked as such are provided in the back of the Sanctuary as well as in the reception area. Thank you for your consideration.

Submitted by Bob Gajewski - Vice-President

People In Action

Youth Education



The Sunday School children and teachers would like to thank all those who so generously donated funds and instruments for our music program. In the fall, we plan to invite guest musicians to work with us so that we can create Unity songs. Thank you for helping us with our music.

Marna Rossi has decided to do a Bible curriculum with the children this fall. They will be learning Unity concepts through stories from the Bible and through hands-on Bible activities.

Prosperity Book Club

The Prospering Power of Love by Catherine Ponder will be the focus of discussion for three Book Club Meetings, September 20, 27, and October 4, at 7:00 p.m. The book is divided into three sections, so one section will be discussed at each meeting.

All are welcome to these book club "chats"!

Copies are available for \$9.00 in the Church bookstore.

Prosperity Projects 2007

If anyone is interested in joining the Prosperity Committee, you are welcome to attend the next meeting on Thursday, September 20, at 5:30 p.m.



Look for the spiffy tote bags that the Prosperity Committee will soon be selling. They are a generous size, of natural color, and

feature our church's name, address, and the bird logo. Proceeds from their sale will help fund the troop boxes and local family Christmas boxes.

If anyone knows of servicemen or service-women overseas to whom we might send Christmas boxes, please let Rev. Eleanor know by **October 1st**.

I give freely and fearlessly into Life and Life gives back to me with

Spiritual Leader from the Far North Speaks About the Melting Ice

An informative and transformational workshop featuring teachings and healings from a world-renowned Eskimo-Kalaallit *Angakkuq* (shaman), will be held in Rochester this coming October. **Angaangaq**, or "Uncle," has been in our area before, first in 2004 and again in 2005, but this will be the first time his teachings are offered in individual daytime sessions as well as in an evening introduction. Another first is that Uncle will be working with several groups of Rochester city youth subsequent to the event, thanks to the sponsorship of the program's participants.

For details and to register, pick up a **Melting the Ice in the Heart of Man** brochure located in the church lobby, or contact Elaine Cervantes, or elaine.cervantes@thomson.com to have one or more flyers delivered to you or your organization.

Ways to Get Involved

Spruce Up Day



We really appreciate the help we receive from volunteers once a month. In August, weeding was done in the garden as well as high dusting inside. Our next Spruce-Up day will be September 15th. Please sign up if you can help any time between 9 a.m. and noon. Thank you.

Pictorial Directory



September 26 and 27 are our dates for taking photos for our new pictorial directory. Hours will be 2:00 - 8:30 pm here at church. We would love to have 100% participation. It is a good resource for becoming familiar with the names and faces of others in the congregation. There is no cost to have your photo taken and included in the directory. You will also receive a free 8x10 glossy print and a copy of the directory. After viewing your photos and making your selection, you may also order additional touched up photos in various sizes. They make great gifts. If you would like to be in the directory and it is impossible for you to be here on these dates (military service, college, hospital or nursing home, vacation) please contact Jean Mantel, or Coby Nichols. There is also the option of including other family members in your photo, or a separate photo (and request not being in the directory). Please sign up on September 2, 9, 16, or 23, or call the church during office hours.

Living ~ Giving ~ Learning

~ Unity September Birthdays ~

Dorothea E. King	Sept. 1	Daryl Brown	Sept. 17
Mike Sciortino	Sept. 1	Tom Hyldahl	Sept. 18
Rev. Steve D'Annunzio	Sept. 2	Martha L. Roberts	Sept. 21
Sheila Fleck	Sept. 4	Susan Higgins	Sept. 24
Vance O'Donnell	Sept. 6	Leah Ruekberg	Sept. 25
Victoria Pratt	Sept. 7	Danielle Houppert	Sept. 26
Reinhardt Brucker	Sept. 10	Todd Smith	Sept. 29
Julie McKown	Sept. 10	Peela Hooke	Sept. 30

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



In Memoriam



Arnie Pegish, a very long term member of our church, made his transition on July 26, 2007, two days before his 70th birthday. Arnie had been in Unity since the 1960's, and he credited the Unity teachings and prayer with helping him recover from serious illness more than once in the past. He felt deeply devoted to what Unity teaches and stands for. A quiet personality, he often worked in the background to support our church. We miss his smiling face and warm greetings which he always extended to us on Sunday mornings.

At his memorial service there were so many testimonials from people who shared how much he had helped others. Arnie had varied interests and therefore many ways of connecting with people, which led to his giving of his friendship and material help to individuals of diverse backgrounds. We are grateful for the gift of having known him.

This is an excerpt from a reflection Arnie wrote on the day of his transition: "Joy is eternal. Sorrow is a brief moment. No one should be in sorrow for long, for we are born in God and that is eternal joy. . . .The Good shall prevail. . . .None of us shall shine as much as the truly forgiving, nor shall any of us grow as much as the truly loving. That is the lesson of Jesus. . . .never grieve in death, for death is only another opportunity to begin anew." Arnie, Godspeed on your journey to the next expression.

~ On-Going Events ~

Every Saturday the **David Hawkins Book Discussion** group will meet from 10 AM-Noon. The next discussion is September 1, 2007.

A Course in Miracles (ACIM) class, led by Dijana Winter, meets on Tuesdays, 7- 8:30 PM. For information call 585-473-0910 \$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. **Dimitri House needs volunteers to work in their shelter.** Please call them if you are interested in helping (585) 325-1796.

~ Calendar Change ~

The Rebirthing Workshop with Irene Bojczuk has been postponed to Spring 2008. For information about rebirthing and future training events, please call the church office at 473-0190



Please check in the Sunday bulletin for the **Friday's Angels** meeting date for September.

Thank you for making our Sunday Service fragrance-free.

PICNIC

Come one, come all to the Annual CCU picnic! Sunday, September 23, 1:00PM at Brighton Park, 777 Westfall Rd. A coordinated sign up sheet to bring a side dish to pass, along with maps of the park, will be on the front counter. The deadline for reservations is Sunday, September 16th.

What is Enlightenment?

Jon Mundy, Ph.D., will offer an informative and fun workshop based on A Course in Miracles here at Unity on **September 29th** from 1:00 - 4:30 pm, entitled **What is Enlightenment? & Why aren't we there yet?**

Dr. Mundy is a friend and student of Helen Schucman who was the scribe of the Course.

Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door, with checks payable to CCU. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.

Please mail your check or money order to Dijana Winter, P.O. Box 421, Fairport NY14450. (www.dijanawinter.com)

Christ Church Unity
55 Prince Street
Rochester, NY 14607-1025

Phone: 585-473-0910
Fax: 585-271-1297
Email: unityroc@frontiernet.net
Website: www.unityrochester.org

NON-PROFIT
ORG
US POSTAGE
PAID
ROCHESTER, NY
PERMIT 1636

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Dial – A – Prayer 865-8683 Ext. PRAY (7729)
Two—minute recorded prayer message

If you no longer wish to receive this
newsletter, please check this box and return this
sheet to us.

Sent with love to:

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 for world peace
by Dr. Masaharu Taniguchi)*

