

Christ Church Unity

Awakening

September 2009

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Dear Unity members and friends,

Each ending contains within it a new beginning, and we are at that point now as summer is very nearly at an end, and fall will be coming soon.

This has been an active summer at CCU! I am grateful to our Planning and Beautification Committee and other volunteers who have worked at the church this summer as part of our renovation project. The lobby and bookstore have been painted, new ceiling and new lighting have been installed in the lobby and multipurpose room, and our very special stained glass window has been moved to the lobby where everyone can be inspired by it. Soon the new carpeting will be in. This is quite the manifestation of a new consciousness. We also have received a beautiful gift of a new sidewalk, which is attractive and much safer to walk on. I am grateful for all these things.

Unity's annual World Day of Prayer will be Thursday, Sept. 10. I invite you to come to our evening meditation and candlelight prayer service, and to submit names for prayer to Silent Unity. We are also looking forward to our annual church picnic at the end of this month, Sunday, Sept. 27. Please watch for announcements with all the details.

This month I begin **a new class on Edwene Gaines' book, The Four Spiritual Laws of Prosperity**, on Wednesday nights. Please see the enclosed flyer. I hope to have a large turnout of people who want to expand their abundance consciousness! There will also be a showing of a training video on EFT (Emotional Freedom Technique), a topic I introduced during the summer, on Saturday, Sept. 19th.

During the last week in September I and two trustees (David Mercer and Sharon Peters) will be attending the annual fall conference of **the Eastern Region of the Association of Unity Churches in Charlottesville, Virginia. The theme this year is "Generously Listen – Powerfully Live."**

I would like to listen to your ideas at **a Minister's Fireside Chat** on Sept. 20, after the Sunday service, where I will pose the question of how we can be present with our church members who have dire financial needs, and with another group, who do not have family or close ties here, in the event of an emergency or hospitalization. Whom can they call? This question has been brought up at meetings of the **Board and committees for quite some time, and we would like the congregation's input on what we could do, what we think is appropriate to do, etc.** Please watch for more information about this discussion which will take place from 12:45 to 1:30 p.m.

Please see page 3 for even more dates to save for October including a new class on the Option Process and "Introduction to Unity" class for those seeking membership in the church.

When you look at **the Treasurer's Report** on page 4 you will notice a large shortfall in our net income for July and for the year to date. This is due in part to some expenses for the renovation which were charged against normal income, instead of against the bequest funds which were set aside for this purpose. Later in the Fall Sharon will give us a complete report on all the renovation expenses and their funding. The July report includes charges for: a new window installed in the multipurpose room to replace one which had been fogged up for a long time, and a down payment on new chairs for the sanctuary.

I ask you to take this opportunity with me to bless all our updating work and purchases that beautify our church, and to affirm that Divine Substance meets every demand. **We are grateful for Divine Supply coming forth now, in God's own wonderful way! Thank you to all of you who are our tributaries of this Substance. We are grateful for your consistent support.**

Please note that after the newsletter was completed, some changes had to be made in the class schedule due to changes in the timing of renovations. PLEASE CHECK WITH THE CHURCH about starting dates for the October workshop and other new classes.

In expectation of Good, Rev. Eleanor

Awakening to the Truth

Reach In, Reach Out, We Can Change the World

“Reach In, Reach Out, We Can Change the World” is the theme of this year’s observance of Unity’s World Day of Prayer. The idea behind it is that our inner work of prayer and meditation leads to outer expression in the material world as spiritual action. Here is a letter from Charlotte Shelton, President of Unity, who invites us to participate in this world wide event on Sept. 10.

“You and I are spiritual beings having a human experience. On . . . World Day of Prayer, we have the opportunity to share the highest blessing we can with friends and family – we can honor them with our prayers and act on their behalf.

“. . . we have the chance to grow spiritually and contribute to global transformation. How? By going within through prayer, then reaching out to help others. . . . This year’s theme for World Day of Prayer reflects our commitment to both spiritual growth and social advancement.

“Participation is easy. As in the past, you may list the names of family and friends you would like remembered in prayer and then send it to us at Unity. On Sept. 10 a 24-hour prayer vigil will be held in the Silent Unity Prayer Chapel where participants will be praying continuously.

“This year for the first time, names that are submitted online, if the person submitting them chooses, will also be displayed online through a unique Web experience at www.worlddayofprayer.org. People throughout the world will be able to join in prayer for all those whose names have been submitted.

“This year we also invite you to express the peace and compassion you experience by reaching out in some way to help others. You can put “feet under your prayers” by making a difference in someone’s life.

“You might ask, *How can I best be of service to someone?* Your spiritual action can be anything you are guided to do – volunteering in a soup kitchen, sharing an uplifting You-Tube video, starting a clothing drive to help a local battered women’s shelter. Divinely inspired ideas are endless.

“Never doubt that one person can change the life of another. Any action – no matter how great or small – makes a difference.

“Here are some suggestions for how to participate in World Day of Prayer on both the inner and outer level: Reach in through prayer for guidance to determine how you might reach out in the highest way possible to benefit others, whether it’s one person or many.

Share your intention [on spiritual social action cards available at church]. Return it, along with your prayer list, to Unity. The spiritual action plan cards we receive will be displayed as testament to a world undergoing positive transformation.

Before, during and after Sept. 10, visit www.worlddayofprayer.org and dialogue with the world prayer community. **There you can share your plans for social action, how you’re putting them into practice, and real or anticipated results.**

“Please join us in being an instrument of peace and compassion during World Day of Prayer 2009. Together we can change the world, helping to create heaven right here on Earth.

In faith,
Charlotte Shelton, President and CEO”

Visit the WDOP website to view live, streamed events taking place at Unity, including a candlelight service and a walk to Silent Unity Chapel beginning on September 9 at 8 p.m. ET. See the website for a full schedule of events planned.

Awakening In Time



September 10
Unity World Day of Prayer

September 27
CCU Picnic

October 18
Leadership Recognition Event

September 13
Book Sale to benefit CCU
Library

Upcoming Events

September 16
Edwene Gaines' *The Four
Spiritual Laws of Prosperity*
facilitated by Rev. Eleanor
Celentani begins

October 4
Option Dialogue Workshop
facilitated by
Jackie McCullough

October 4
Adult Sunday school begins

September 19
EFT Training Video

October 8 & 15
Membership Class

September 20
Minister's Fireside Chat

October 11
Color Purple



Photo by Mike Gacek



Awakening in Prayer

September/October Affirmations

Inner Peace
I am one with God. I am one with infinite peace.

Guidance
Divine guidance moves me to new heights of
wisdom and success.

Healing
I am a whole and holy being, an expression
of divine perfection.

Prosperity
I accept the abundance of God flowing to me and
through me now.

World Peace
United in divine love, we walk a path of peace.

Thank you for joining in "Rochester Prays."

Communities of Focus—Week of

- September 6—Town of Penfield
- September 13—Maplewood
- September 20—Town of Perinton
- September 27—Southwedge

Prayer Ministry

For prayer requests or other messages to the prayer team call 585-473-0910 and press 4, or write your request and place it in the box in the lobby. Please let us know if you or a family member are ill or hospitalized so that we can pray with you.

Silent Unity: 1-800-669-7729

Awakening to Prosperity

We are grateful for the help and support of many of our congregation in recent weeks. Our thanks to:

- ◆ Those who helped with folding and mailing the July / August newsletter: Rev. Eleanor Celentani, Jeanne Gagne, Linda Grape, Chris Spridy and Bernie Bowie;
- ◆ The following people who have helped with the church renovation: Terry & Kathi Moon, John & Elsé Vella, Marie Hedrick, Janet Collamer, Leslie Wright, Tom Hyldahl, Bob & Paulie Gajewski, Mary Jo & Dick TenEyck, Barbara Boyce, Helen Lutz, Carol Baumeister, Sharon Peters, Jean Marie Bianco, Jackie McCullough, Joe Meyvis, Les Collins and other members of the David Hawkins group;
- ◆ Anita Gaiteri for providing lunch for the renovation workers on August 15;
- ◆ Bob Gajewski for arranging for lighting and ventilation contractors during the renovation;
- ◆ Two members who donated our beautiful new sidewalk;
- ◆ Bernie Bowie, Anne & Fred Lawrence, Stan Marshall, Leah Ruekberg and Mary Jo TenEyck who gave their time to attend workshops on Artwalk II, as representatives of CCU;
- ◆ Those who have anonymously given to our food box;
- ◆ Leslie Wright for organizing work in the multi-purpose room;
- ◆ The Earthkeepers who have maintained our gardens lovingly this summer and provided beauty for all of us;
- ◆ Sasha who has helped in the Sunday school on several occasions;
- ◆ Bev Markham and Bernie Bowie for extra assistance in the office;
- ◆

All who continue to support our church through their financial gifts and volunteer services. Thank you very much!

Volunteer of the Month

The September volunteer of the month has been a member of Unity for about ten years. In his first two years, he took care of the nursery-aged children. For about three years, he and his father took care of the auditorium and handled church parking. He faithfully served as church custodian, arriving early and staying late for church functions. For a long time, he has **set up the goodies and coffee for each Sunday's coffee hour, and has "packed up" everything afterwards. He arrives at church early on Sunday morning to make coffee for early volunteers and other folks who get his "special delivery."** It's always heartwarming to see him ladling punch and replenishing cookie trays during the after-service fellowship time. He takes his position on the Social Committee seriously, and we are rewarded for it. **We thank and congratulate this month's frog recipient, Sam Gaiteri.**



Richard TenEyck

Divine Love richly provides everything now.

Awakening through Leadership



Highlights from the Board

The Board of Trustees met on July 15th & August 12, 2009

The “Oneness Blessing”, a transmission of healing, peaceful energy has been extended at our church. The board feels this will be a positive program to hold at CCU. The next two dates will be September 13th and 27th. October 25th is the only date scheduled so far for that month. Anyone is invited to attend.

David Mercer, one of our Board members **scheduled an “Energy Audit” with** NYSERG, for every part of our building. The company analyzed all the data and sent back the changes we need to make to be more energy efficient. A few of the things that they recommended were; putting a setback thermostat on the boiler; approximate cost \$300. It will save about \$140 plus per year. It was approved by the Board. We will also be able to recover the \$100 paid for the audit as soon as we replace the track lighting with the fluorescent lights, plus get \$35 for each fixture. David will work with Terry Moon, the chairperson of the Planning and Beautification to get the paperwork needed to receive refunds from NYSERTA.

Our Office Assistant has been in training with the Treasurer and will start doing some of the Treasurer Data entry into the system.

On Sunday, October 18th, the Board is honoring leaders of the church for their special leadership contributions, thanking them with a concert by Sharon and Jerry Peters, and to hear their ideas and concerns.

We have decided on a one year trial of publishing our newsletter bi-monthly. Please take this into consideration when planning publicity for your ministry. September 2009 will be the last single month issue for a year.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Hedrick

Message From the Board

FALL: A CHANGE OF SEASON, A CHANGE OF COLOR, A CHANGE OF ACTIVITIES.



September is a time when the summer winds down to fall. It is time to clean up the garden and plan for next spring. Sometimes there is melancholy associated with the beginning of fall. Fall is associated with the possibilities of summer being gone, and the chill of winter is on the horizon. Skies turn gray, and people turn inward, both physically and mentally. The leaves on the trees begin to change to a rich orange and burgundy color and then they begin to fall. The evenings get cooler, sunshine shifts and the days get shorter. This season can be a very sad time for folks in general. It is a time for reflection.

So how does this apply to you? Do you have issues like the leaves that need to fall off the limbs and be given back to God? Do you have some pride within that prevents you from asking for help from others? Would you like that pride to drop from your being like the leaves

do from the tree?

Do your days get shorter with thoughts of not getting involved with outside issues? When the nights get cooler do you find yourself hibernating in front of the TV? This too is a time of reflection. This is a time to consider giving of yourself to others and organizations. You have more time now to do this, as there is no lawn to be mowed or weeds to be picked from the garden. This is really a time to consider looking out for the **welfare of others. It’s an opportunity to serve in soup kitchens. It’s an opportunity** to become more involved in your church by becoming more active in classes, and outside yard work such as raking leaves. It is a time for focusing on your spiritual and personal growth; not by hibernating until next spring wondering what that time frame will bring you. It is a time to grow through serving others whether it is sitting with a cancer patient, raking leaves, painting walls and just generally getting involved with whatever is put in your path. No it is not a time to be sad as you look around at the changes taking place outside of you. It is a time when you can actively bring about change for others by giving of yourself.

Submitted by Paulie Gajewski
Trustee

I am expressing my love for God through acts of kindness toward others.

Awakening through Action

New Volunteer Opportunity



The Board of Trustees is now accepting applications for the newly created volunteer position of purchasing agent for Christ Church Unity. The purchasing agent will be responsible for processing requests and making purchases on behalf of ministries, groups, and individuals for operations at CCU. It is anticipated that the time commitment would be 3-5 hours on a bi-weekly basis.

The establishment of a purchasing agent is the outcome of efforts by our Financial Prosperity Ministry to streamline purchasing activities and limit use of the church debit card. A Position Description and Purchasing Agent Procedures can be found on the church information board. Please pick up an application through the church office. Applications will be accepted by the church office through September 30th.

Awakening: New Publication Schedule

This issue of *Awakening* is the last single month issue of our church newsletter for at least one year. In June, the Board of Trustees voted to change our publication schedule to bi-monthly editions for a one year trial. It is our hope to ease the workload of the minister, office assistant, and newsletter editor, as well as to join many other organizations in efforts to conserve resources. Some of you may have already **noted this same "green" change in *The Daily Word***.

Please plan accordingly to publish information or to discover information in these issues: October-November, December-January, February-March, April-May, June-July, August-September. Your comments and reactions would be appreciated by the Board of Trustees. We will revisit this decision next spring and summer.

Celebrate Unity's World Day of Prayer!



On Thursday, September 10, the Unity movement will once again observe our World Day of Prayer. This leads into the Eleven Days of Global Unity, a time of concentrated prayer and social action for global harmony, co-created by a diverse range of groups all over the world. The Eleven Days culminates in the United Nations World Day of Peace on September 21.

During Unity's World Day of Prayer, Silent Unity workers will read aloud all the names sent to them for prayer during the 24 hour vigil. This year a new dimension is that people who wish may post names online to include in prayer. Go to www.worlddayofprayer.org

Prayer Lists are available at church on the front counter. You may send in your own to Unity Village, or you can drop it in the prayer box by Sept. 2 and we will mail them for you.

All are invited to a prayer service at the church on Sept. 10 at 7:00 p.m. Meditation and prayer for specific needs will be included. Please mark your calendar and plan to participate. Many minds joined together exert a powerful force! Your energy will help to heal the world, and yourself.

New Recording Policy



Christ Church Unity Board of Trustees has amended the recording policy for CCU. The policy is available in the church office and near the recording equipment in the sanctuary. Questions regarding this policy can be directed to any member of the Board.

Submitted by David Mercer, Vice President

New Purchasing Guidelines for CCU

For the last year, the Financial Prosperity Ministry and the Board of Trustees have had a high priority goal to streamline the way we purchase materials, supplies, and other needs for our church ministry. One result is the establishment of the volunteer position of purchasing agent. Please see the related article in this newsletter, New Volunteer Opportunity.

A big change for ministry and committee purchases is a new procedure recently established by the Board of Trustees. All requests for purchases or reimbursement for purchases must now include the signature of the chairperson of the ministry or committee. This will better enable our chairpersons to track spending in their allocated budgets. It will also keep purchasing and reimbursement decisions clear.

Finally, it is our hope to limit use of the church debit card to a purchasing agent, the minister, and the treasurer. Until the position is filled, and in the rare occasions that someone else must use the card, a Debit Card form has been created by Sharon Peters, the treasurer. Please pick up a copy of the form from the church office if you anticipate this need.

We are grateful for your help and cooperation with these changes. Copies of the Purchasing Agent Position Description, and copies of the Purchasing Agent Procedures can be found on the church information wall. Questions may be directed to Board of Trustee members.

Awakening through Living—Giving—Learning

September Birthdays

Mike Sciortino	September 1	Hattie Cottrell	September 19
Rev. Steve D'Annunzio	September 2	Martha Roberts	September 21
Vance O'Donnell	September 6	Susan Higgins	September 24
Victoria Pratt	September 7	Leah Ruekberg	September 25
Reinhardt Brucker	September 10	Danielle Houppert	September 26
Tom Hyl Dahl	September 18	Peela Hooke	September 30

*Happy Birthday to you...
God is blessing you now!
Live Abundantly!*



On-Going Events

The Drumming Circle meets the last Saturday of the month, 1-3 PM. Love offering.

Rev. Eleanor recommends the following two classes for students who already have a background in Unity or metaphysics.

The David Hawkins discussion group meets every Saturday from 10 AM—Noon. The next discussion is September 6, 2009.

A Course in Miracles (ACIM) class led by Dijana Winter, meets on Tuesdays, 7-8:30 PM. For more information, call 585-703-1914. \$13/session; couples \$22/session.

CCU Library



Please return all borrowed materials!

Books are always on sale for \$1 in the library. Thank you.

Thank You Greeters

I would like to thank all the wonderful greeters who have been so dedicated since I took over the committee from Kat. I also want to invite anyone who is interested to join our friendly group as regular greeter or a sub. Our congregation really enjoys being greeted by a smiling face! See you in church!

Love , Jackie McCullough

Online Donations



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

Thank you for keeping our Sunday services fragrance-free.



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



You may listen to recordings of our Sunday lessons and meditations on our website, www.unityrochester.org. Click on *Minister's message*.

Submission Deadline
For *October/November*
Newsletter
September **21**, 2009

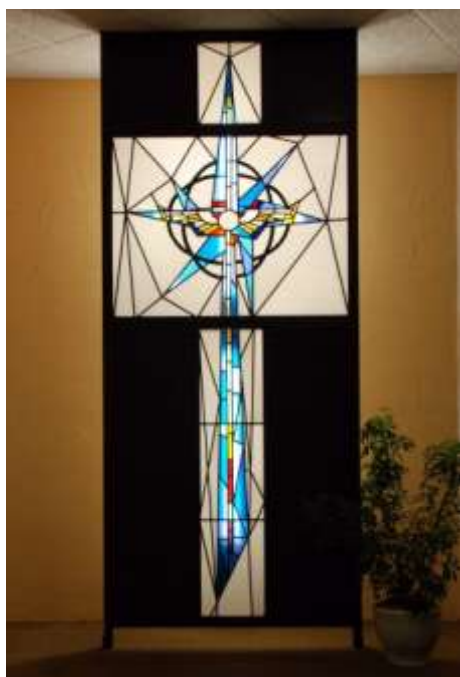
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September **28**, 2009

Awakening through Change

"Behold I AM making all things new."



New Walkway at CCU



Stained glass window in its new location in the lobby

Photos by Mike Gacek

Adult Sunday School



An Adult Sunday School class devoted specifically to transmitting the teachings of Unity will begin October 4th. This is both for new people and for Unity veterans who would like a refresher course on the basic teachings. This class will use a set of 22 lessons on metaphysics and **other Unity topics; each week's lesson will be provided.**

Based on a survey of those interested in this class, the time will be Sunday at 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. In the Unity tradition, class will be given on a love offering basis. Sylvia Barker will facilitate the discussion, and other Unity facilitators will alternate on some dates. Please sign up at the front counter so we know how many people to plan for. Thank you, and welcome!

Oneness Blessing

Christ Church Unity is now hosting the Oneness Blessing twice per month. This experience includes some chanting, self-guided meditation with musical background and then the transmission of spiritual energy by laying on of hands. It originates in India and is given by persons who have been trained and certified to be Blessing Givers. This is non-denominational, and all are welcome. The goal of Oneness Blessing is to spread and strengthen the energy of oneness throughout the earth. The Blessing Givers are Linda Hilliker and Kathy Lewandowski. All are welcome, and a love offering is appreciated. The September dates are 13th and 27th at 5:00 p.m. Rev. Eleanor encourages you to take advantage of this loving and soothing energy.

I set the riches of God before me this day.. ~ Catherine Ponder

September 2009

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		<p>1 7:30 AM OA 7 PM ACIM</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 7:30 AM OA</p>	<p>5 10 AM David Hawkins</p>
<p>6 11 AM Sunday Service Board Meeting</p>	<p>7 Labor Day CCU office closed 7:30 AM OA</p>	<p>8 7:30 AM OA 7 PM ACIM</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Unity World Day of Prayer 7 PM WDOP Service</p>	<p>11 7:30 AM OA</p>	<p>12 10 AM David Hawkins</p>
<p>13 11 AM Sunday Service Book Sale 5 PM Oneness Blessing</p>	<p>14 7:30 AM OA</p>	<p>15 7:30 AM OA 7 PM ACIM</p>	<p>16 6:30 PM Four Spiritual Laws of Prosperity Class</p>	<p>17 6 PM New Horizons</p>	<p>18 7:30 AM OA</p>	<p>19 10 AM David Hawkins 12:45 PM EFT Intro 1 PM EFT Training Video</p>
<p>20 11 AM Sunday Service 12:45 Minister's Fire-side Chat</p>	<p>21 7:30 AM OA</p>	<p>22 7:30 AM OA 7 PM ACIM</p>	<p>23 5:30 FPM 6:30 PM Four Spiritual Laws of Prosperity Class</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 7:30 AM OA</p>	<p>26 10 AM David Hawkins 1 PM Drum Joy</p>
<p>27 11 AM Sunday Service Church Picnic 5 PM Oneness Blessing</p>	<p>28 7:30 AM OA</p>	<p>29 7:30 AM OA 7 PM ACIM</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>OA - Overeaters Anonymous ACIM - A Course in Miracles</p>		

Awakening Through Community

Your Invitation to the Picnic



You are warmly invited to attend our annual picnic on Sunday, Sept. 27, following the service, at Carmen Clark Lodge, Brighton Park, at 777 Westfall Road. The church will provide a main dish of Sloppy Joes and beverages of punch, water and coffee. We are invited to each bring a side dish or dessert and to sign up for that on the sheet which will be provided on the front counter at church. Maps will also be available.

Volunteers to help set up and take down are invited to put their names on the same sign up sheet. To attend, please indicate your name and number in your party on the sign up sheet by the reservation cutoff date of Sunday, Sept. 20th.

We look forward to this good time of pleasant conversation and fellowship. See you there!



Teen Friendship Group

The next meeting of the Teen Friendship Group will be Sunday, September 20, at 11 AM in the Sunday School room. They are accepting new members. Please contact Jackie McCullough for more information.

Fun Club

The Color Purple is coming to the Auditorium Theater this October. If you would like to go with a group from Unity on October 11, please contact Sylvia Barker.



Awakening Through Study

Membership Class

Rev. Eleanor will conduct the class called **"Introduction to Unity" for people who would like to become members of the church** on two Thursdays, October 8 & 15, 2009, from 6:30-8:30 PM. The slightly longer hours are needed to give this class in two sessions instead of the regular three. Those who complete these two sessions will be received as new members in a special ceremony at a Sunday service in October or November.

Topics include: Unity's spirituality, the New Thought movement, history of Unity, and how a local church functions.

People who just want to find out more about Unity are also welcome to attend. Please sign up at the front counter so we know how many people to prepare for. Old-timers who would like a refresher, or people who wish to reinstate their membership in this church, are also invited to participate. All are welcome. Thank you!

EFT Training Video

Rev. Eleanor will offer a showing of an EFT training video from Gary Craig, founder of EFT, on Saturday, September 19, at 1 PM. The video lasts one hour. There will be time for discussion and questions afterwards. Class is given on a love offering basis.

At 12:45 PM Rev. Eleanor will review the tapping points for anyone who missed the classes last month.

Please sign up if you would like to be put on the list to receive announcements for future EFT videos at Unity, approximately once per month.

A Happy Mind

In October & November Jackie McCullough will lead a series of workshops on how to live peacefully and happily no matter what is going on around us; how to take the things we learn in church and make them real in our daily lives; how to love ourselves unconditionally and thus love others unconditionally and without judgment too. This will be hands-on and she will teach specific tools to use to overcome fear, depression, anxiety and other negative feelings. One tool is the *Option Dialogue Process*, which is a tool that we can all use to help ourselves and each other get "unstuck" and present when we get upset or overwhelmed. The dialogue process and other tools can be learned easily and quickly and they bring clarity of thought and personal empowerment, improved relationships, as well as peace of mind and happiness.

There will be an introductory workshop Sunday, October 4 from 1 PM to 4 PM. The classes will be Monday evenings from 7 PM—9 PM, starting October 5 and continue for 9 weeks. There is a fee of \$25 for the introductory class and the weekly classes will be on a love offering basis. (No one will be turned away for lack of funds.)

It is suggested that reading *Happiness is a Choice* and/or *To Love is to Be Happy With*, by Barry Neil Kaufman would enhance your learning of the material. (The bookstore has or can get copies of the books. They cost about \$10.00.)

There will be a sign up sheet on the counter.

"IT WORKS, I'VE DONE IT!!"

~ Jackie McCullough

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



Marian Johnston, a longtime member of Christ Church Unity, made her transition on May 23, 2009, in her 95th year. Marian had been a spiritual seeker all her adult life, and had explored a number of faiths. When she found Unity she felt she had found her spiritual home. She was an avid reader and spiritual student, and loved meditation. She was a devoted caller to Silent Unity, and she was generous in her support of the Unity ministry here. Marian was also well known for her sense of humor, love of fun and spirit of youthfulness. After a few years away from this congregation, she reinstated her membership in a ceremony at the church at the age of 91.

After a successful career at Kodak, she retired and opened an antique shop, specializing in Victorian vintage clothing. She was devoted to her family and was interested and involved in the lives of several generations.

Rev. Eleanor conducted her memorial at All Seasons Chapel at White Haven Memorial Park. With a grateful heart we say, thank you for your love, Marian, and God is blessing you now!



Marilyn Berkowitz, who attended our church for many years, made her transition in Petaluma, California, on August 12, 2009, at age 63 after a brief illness. Marilyn had moved to California six years ago to live near her brother Jerry, and while out there she continued to attend Unity churches, most recently Unity Church of Petaluma. She also seriously pursued her interest in writing. She was a member of the Redwood Writers, a branch of the California Writers Club. Marilyn was also interested in painting and photography. She won awards for her poetry and one of her photographs was published in the Press Democrat of Petaluma. In addition to Jerry, Marilyn is survived by her mother, Ruth Berkowitz, who resides in Rochester.

We bless Marilyn in her ongoing, and thank her for her presence which was often quiet but thoughtful, and at times, humorous. May you experience all the joy and wholeness you deserve as a child of God! God is blessing you now.

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Prosperity Quiz

1. I consistently tithed (10% or greater) to the person, place or institution that feeds me spiritually.
 Yes No
2. I have no fear about money. Yes No
3. I currently am abundantly prosperous in all of the following areas: health, relationships, work and finances.
 Yes No
4. I have forgiven everyone in my life that I have ever held a grudge against. Yes No
5. I have specific, tangible goals, written down with dates by which I wish to achieve them. Yes No.
6. I have a complete understanding about what it is I am here to do on this earth, and I am living in alignment with that knowledge. Yes No

Grading the quiz

If you answered YES to all of these questions, congratulations, you are prosperous! To reinforce your prosperity, come join the class beginning September 16, 2009.

If you answered NO to one of the questions, then you are fantastic! To achieve even more abundance in your life, join the class beginning September 16, 2009.

If you answered NO to two of the questions, then you are a spiritual being working to be in greater harmony with the spiritual laws of prosperity. Don't miss Sunday Services on the 4 Laws of Prosperity for the next four weeks beginning August 30, 2009.

If you answered NO to three or more of the questions, you need to jump-start your prosperity consciousness! Join us on talks on the Four Spiritual Laws of Prosperity. Come to the Wednesday night classes. Follow these principles and prosperity is guaranteed!

The Four Spiritual Laws of Prosperity

Are you as prosperous as you want to be?

If you want to expand your good, you are invited to take part in our study of the book, *The Four Spiritual Laws of Prosperity* by Rev. Edwene Gaines, who is a Unity minister and a well-known prosperity teacher in our movement. Classes will be taught by Rev. Eleanor Celentani and meet on six **Wednesdays, September 16th, 23rd, October 7th, 14th, 28th and November 4th** from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. at Christ Church Unity, 55 Prince St., Rochester. Class is given on a love offering basis.

Sunday lessons on key topics from the book will be given on August 30, Sept. 6, 13 and 20 at our 11:00 a.m. service. Invite a friend!

Edwene Gaines has walked the talk, having gone through financial limitation herself earlier in her life, as well as health challenges and relationship problems. Now she lives abundantly and teaches others to do the same. She is hard-hitting and down to earth! Join us for these stimulating sessions where you will be called to go up higher and live your divine purpose in a prosperous, fulfilling way. You will be shown specific exercises you can do to set your prosperity in motion now, working from the point of power.

Christ Church Unity has joined with over 200 churches in the Unity movement who are part of the Thriving in Unity program. All these congregations are conducting a church-wide study of this book. Our Board of Trustees has already completed a group study of this book, and encourages you to *join with other Unity students who are re-committing to leading a prosperous life, based on sound spiritual principles.*

Rev. Eleanor encourages you to purchase the text and read it; copies are available in our bookstore.

Please sign up at the front counter at church, or register by phone or email to the church office. (585-473-0145; unityroc@frontiernet.net) All are welcome!