

Christ Church Unity

60th Anniversary Year



October 2007

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

Autumn Greetings to all!

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, Minister
Office 585-473-0145

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
Financial Prosperity -
Greeters – Kat VanMeenen
Librarian/Fun Club—Sylvia Barker
New Horizons—
Nominating Comm.—Anita Gaiteri
Photographer – Mike Gacek
Planning/Beautification - Bob Gajewski
Platform Assistants – Donna Ries
Prayer – Jane Faust
Prosperity Projects— Dick TenEyck
Remembrance – Coby Nichols
Sign Ministry - Mike Gacek
Social – Anita Gaiteri
Ushers – Marie Hedrick
Youth Ed. Dir. – Marna Rossi

Submission deadline for next issue:
October 17, 2007
Assembling date:
October 25, 2007

Our Power of the Month for October is **Zeal**. Unity associates this power with the color orange-so appropriate for the fall season. The ardent colors of autumn uplift and inspire us, as does the power of zeal. I will speak about this power on Oct. 14th.

On October 6 and 7, Silent Unity will be celebrating a special occasion: the **100th anniversary of the Telephone Prayer Ministry**. Charlotte Shelton, President and CEO of Unity, recently sent us a letter with the following statistics: in the month of July 2007 alone, Silent Unity received 34,596 prayer request letters; 18,360 prayer request emails; 166,508 prayer request telephone calls. This is in **one month!** I bless Silent Unity for their dedication to healing.

I am continuing my class on **Lessons in Truth** this month. This book by H. Emilie Cady (who was born in Dryden, New York, and who was a relative of Elizabeth Cady Stanton) is a Unity classic, and for decades was used as the foundational Unity textbook for new members in Unity churches throughout the movement. I thought it appropriate in our 60th anniversary year to touch in with this book which has fed people spiritually since the early days of Unity. More than a million and a half copies have been sold, and the book has been translated into Braille and eleven other languages. Class will continue on Wednesday evenings through the end of November, with the exception of no class on Oct. 3. New students may join at any time.

We had a beautiful and satisfying prayer service for peace here on **World Day of Prayer**. I am grateful to the people who came.

We invite you to pray with us for Divine Substance to manifest in **our YinYang fund**, our intent to upgrade our heating system for greater efficiency in the winter, and to air condition the sanctuary. Further details are on page 6. To date we have received \$400; our current goal is \$5,000.

New Unity tote bags with the bird logo are available at the church. Proceeds from the sale will help fund our Christmas project of providing needy families with Christmas cheer. I invite you to consider purchasing one for yourself or as a gift, so that we can add to the prosperity of others.

In August we sent our local tithe to a project at the Rochester City School District, to provide backpacks and school supplies to young children in need. We received a beautiful thank you note from them for this gift.

A **new activity** you will be hearing about soon is the showing of films here at church from a group called **Spiritual Cinema Circle**. These will be full-length films which both entertain and inspire. The first one will be shown on November 10. I am grateful to Stan Marshall for providing a subscription to these films for the church. Stan and Marie Hedrick are working on the schedule of films to be shown.

I would like to express **my sincere thanks** to all the very kind people who sent me messages, cards, food and offers of help in late August, after I fell and injured my knees. I appreciate all the prayers that were offered for me. Continuing prayer is welcome.

Thank you for your love and involvement in our church. May we all be receptive to a life overflowing with blessings.

With love and gratitude, Rev. Eleanor

Teachings in Truth

I would like to share with you some excerpts from **Lessons in Truth**, by H. Emilie Cady, the book we are studying now in our Wednesday evening class. Each quotation is preceded by the name of the chapter it is found in.

Bondage or Liberty, Which?

All joy and strength and good spring up from a fountain within one's own being; and if we only knew this truth we should know that, because God in us is the fountain out of which springs all our good, nothing that anyone does or says, or fails to do or say, can take away our joy and good.

Statement of Being

God is. Man exists (from *ex*, out of, and *sistere*, to stand forth). Man stands forth out of God.

Thinking

God is All-Good – always good, always love. He never changes, no matter what we do or may have done. He is always trying to pour more of Himself through us into visibility so as to make us grander, larger, fuller, freer individuals.

Denials

When we crave more of any good thing, we are in reality craving more of God to come forth into our lives so that we can realize it by the senses. Having more of God does not take out of our lives the good things – it only puts more of them in.

. . . the divine plan is forever to get more good into visibility.

Affirmations

The beautiful Presence all about us and within us is the very substance of every good that we can possibly desire – infinitely more than we are capable of desiring; . . . Nothing but your own ignorance of how to receive, or your willfulness, can hinder your having unlimited supply.

Faith

Before ever you are conscious of any lack, of any desire for more happiness, for fullness of joy, the great Father-Mother heart has desired them for you. It is He in you desiring them that you feel, and [you] think it is only yourself (separate from Him) desiring them. With God, the desire to give, and giving, are one and the same thing.

Finding the Secret Place

. . . know once and forever that you are not seeking God, but God is seeking you.

. . . You need not worry. You need not be anxious. You need not strive.

The Unity Radio Hour may be heard each Wednesday at 3 p.m. Eastern time. Go to www.unity.fm to tune in, and to sign up for an email program guide. The toll-free number to call in during the program is 1-866-472-5795. More extensive programming is coming this fall.

New This Month...



October 4
Prosperity Book Discussion

October 10, 17, 24, 31
Lessons in Truth Class

Oct. 16 and 21
Budget Request workshop

October 20
Qigong Workshop

Upcoming Events

November 10
Spiritual Cinema 1:00 pm

November 18
Thanksgiving Dinner

Prosperity Projects Committee

Great news all around!

As a result of previous boxes sent to our "adopted" troops, Chief Warrant Officer Kenneth W. Austin has sent the church a wonderful letter and US flag which will be presented at an appropriate time.

Donations for this year's troop boxes will be received during October. Look for the big box and list of items inside the front door of the church.

If you know of a man or woman in the service overseas at Christmas, please give Rev. Eleanor the name and address. Tote bags are in! Stop by the table in the lobby. The \$15 donation helps fund prosperity projects.

Christmas is coming! Get excited about the Angel Tree and food boxes.

More information to follow.

The Prosperity Book discussion on The Prospering Power of Love by Catherine Ponder will meet October 4th. Our committee meetings open and close with this affirmation which we hope you will use.

Our prosperity flows from God to us and within us. As Christ Church Unity, we share this prosperity with others. In this way we manifest love.

Unity Tote Bags

\$15.00 donation for the benefit of Christmas Prosperity Giving to overseas troops and Rochester families in need.



Prayer

October Affirmations From Silent Unity

Inner Peace

Resting in the presence of pure peace, I experience serenity within my soul.

Guidance

Spirit within illumines my mind. I move forward with wisdom and clarity.

Healing

As an expression of divine life, I radiate strength and vitality.

Prosperity

With open hands and heart, I give and receive of God's plenty.

World Peace

The spirit of love unites every heart, blessing the planet with peace

Prayer Ministry

As children of God we are given an inner passion, a joy, a zest for life.

2 Chronicles: "All Judah rejoiced about the oath because they had sworn it wholeheartedly; they sought God eagerly, and he was found by them. So the Lord gave them rest on every side."

Zach 7:23: "Whatever the God of heaven has prescribed, let it be done with diligence for the temple of God of heaven."

Psalms 3: "Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples."

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 express our gratitude to God for blessings received in the last month through these individuals:

- Silent Unity, for the inspiring letters we receive from them monthly;
- all who participated in the World Day of Prayer service at our church;
- financial gifts through the Unexpected Income Program;
- Dijana Winter for organizing the Jon Mundy workshop;
- Dick TenEyck for leading the Prosperity Book Club discussions;
- those who come to meditation on Wed. night and hold a spiritual vibration for our church;
- Else and John Vella who presented a special workshop on Positive Communication for our New Horizons group, Trustees and Planning Comm.;
- Paulie and Bob Gajewski for another class on The Secret;
- hearing about Bible heroes from our Sunday School children and Marna;
- fellowship at our church picnic, created by all who came and brought a dish;
- Anita and Dorothea who cooked and organized for the picnic, with help from Bernie Bowie;
- John Culligan and Pete Provenzano who provided free musical entertainment at our picnic, which all enjoyed;
- Jean Mantel, Coby Nichols and Mike Gacek who put in a great deal of work for our pictorial directory;
- Spruce Up Day volunteers Dick TenEyck, Marie Hedrick, Leslie Wright, Bob Gajewski, Kathryn Franz, fed by Anita Gaiteri;
- Kat VanMeenen and Paula Bramwell who oversaw the project of bringing in new shirts with the CCU logo in time for the picnic;
- Anne Stewart who provided a bouquet of white roses which we used in the sanctuary;
- those who worked on plans for improving our lobby space and flyer display: Anita Gaiteri, Sue Giannavola, Marie Hedrick, and Julie McKown;
- a new form for gathering directory information was developed by Marie Hedrick, Julie McKown and Rev. Eleanor;
- recording and duplication of CDs of Fred Johnson's concert provided by Bob Gajewski;
- Fred Johnson donating proceeds from the CDs to the church;
- Loretta Callahan who provided information to Rev. Eleanor to help one of our members;
- our ongoing committees who meet regularly and serve behind the scenes: Planning and Beautification, the Sign Ministry, Financial Prosperity Committee and our trustees;
- all those who help with our Sunday functions, as so well described by Bob Gajewski in the September newsletter!
- our Remembrance Committee members Coby Nichols and Ann Robertson who assist Rev. Eleanor with sending out cards from the church;
- We bless all our congregation who continue to support us with their tithes, love offerings and participation. Thank you, God.

Volunteer of the Month

This lady is a woman of many talents, all of which she generously shares with all of us here at C.C.U. She has served in the past as a member of the board of trustees. She presently serves on the Planning & Beautification Committee where her cogent remarks and pertinent questions help keep everyone on track. She is a faithful attendee at the David Hawkins book club, where she participates readily in the discussions. She can be counted upon to help out in many different ways at church projects and functions. She personally went through the church archives and put together a pictorial record of church history which greatly contributed to its accuracy, and which sparked much interest at the church's anniversary celebration last year. She never draws attention to herself, but in her quiet way bestows her attention on others. She is always friendly, supportive and caring.

Every holiday finds her involved- decorating, coming up with creative ideas, and working to produce results in fun, festivity and food. Oh, the food! She's a master at cooking! Ever since I first came here, she (together with her great friend Anita Gaiteri) has provided us with wonderful feasts: St. Patrick's Day dinners, Thanksgiving dinners, Christmas cookie galas, church picnics, lunches for attendees when there are meetings after church, refreshments for clubs, committees, gatherings- you name it. She is forever delighting our palates with her culinary creations, including her artistic birthday cakes.

Dorothea King, we salute you as volunteer of the month for October, but we appreciate you all year long for being the wonderfully wise, loving woman in whom Christ's Spirit can be seen so clearly.

- Bev Liederbach





Message From the Board...

What is Prayer?

Prayer is dialogue with the Divine, with that great consciousness that bears so many names in this human world and ultimately cannot be named at all. Prayer is dialogue, communication, listening, and naming. Prayer is stillness, being with what is.

Prayer is a bridge between the formless and the form, the absolute and the relative. Almost always throughout human history, prayer has been addressed to a form, and intermediary: Mary, Jesus, gods and goddesses, saints, spirits.

Prayer is affirmation. It affirms the presence of God. Prayer is a particular state of consciousness. It reflects your relationship to the Divine.

Prayer is healing. People ask, how can a prayer possibly heal? More and more scientific studies are demonstrating the

healing power of prayer, and still no one can say exactly how or why it works. No one can define or quantify the healing power of prayer. If we begin with the belief that we all share our existence in a universal energy, then it makes sense.

Prayer is talking to God. Talk with God regularly. As you converse with God, you bring that Presence into your life. As you believe, as many do, that everything around you is a manifestation of God, you discover and feel that Divine Presence more and more.

Submitted by

Sue Giannavola



Highlights from the Board

One of our newer members, Julie McKown, was instrumental in designing a new "all-purpose form", to streamline the process for people who request a name tag, to be on the newsletter mailing list, and/or to be included in the church directory. Instead of using three different forms, now it is all combined in one.

At the Eastern Region Conference, starting at the end of September, Rev. Eleanor will share some of the highlights from our successful Anniversary celebration this year, at the request of

Rev. Mary Masters, President of the Region.

Our parking contract with the Red Cross was renewed for another year.

With the help of an anonymous donor, it was decided to install security cameras on the church building for the safety and security of our church building and the parking area. Possibly, at a later time, we will install additional spotlights for the parking lot.

Our first church pictorial directory is in the final stages of completion. The picture taking of the congregants is scheduled for the end of September.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Hedrick



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 about Bible heroes and through hands-on Bible activities.

Recently we have placed **memorial plantings** at the church to honor two of our members who have transitioned: Arnie Pegish and Bernie Hyman. A lilac bush was planted for Bernie, and we planted sweet cecily seeds from plants in Arnie's garden which he sent to us shortly before his passing. Dedications are planned for next spring when these will both be in bloom.

We received an advertisement at the church about **unitysingles.com**, an online dating website, which is also joined with **lawofattraction.com**. While this site is NOT sponsored by Unity, single people from Unity and other New Thought groups all over the world are using it because of its emphasis on personal and spiritual values. (This notice is for your information only, and does not constitute an endorsement by Christ Church Unity.)

Ways to Get Involved

The Financial Prosperity Ministry is requesting that each committee, ministry and department send a representative to one of our two presentations, which will explain **how to draft your budget request for the 2008 year**. This mini-workshop will last no more than one hour. To make the budget request and allotment procedure as efficient as possible, we strongly urge that each group have at least one person attend. The dates are: Tuesday, Oct. 16th at 6:00 p.m. or Sunday, Oct. 21 at 12:45 p.m. Please fill in your choice in the sign-up list at the church. *Other members of the church who are interested in our budget process are also welcome to attend.*

Spruce Up Day



We really appreciate the help we receive from volunteers once a month. In September, weeding and moving of plants was done in the garden. Our next Spruce-Up day will be October 20th. Please sign up if you can help any time between 9 a.m. and noon. Thank you.



Here at CCU we are continuing our process of upgrading our building, which we have been working on in earnest since January 2005. We have had a new roof installed, the parking lot was repaved and striped, and many minor repairs have been made throughout the building. We have also installed lighting outdoors on our two signs, and had outdoor faucets repaired to facilitate watering of the garden. We had beautiful new lighting fixtures installed in the sanctuary in January 2007.

Now we would like to make our heating system in the front of the building more efficient, to save on energy bills. This involves zoning the heating of the existing forced air furnace which heats the church office, Sunday school, prayer room and minister's office. We will be able to stop using the secondary, resistance heating systems which are expensive to run.

This is the "Yang" (heating) aspect of the **YinYang fund** you have heard about. We want to concentrate on this specific goal now. It is **good stewardship** for us to do this on at least two levels: to reduce costs, and to reduce energy consumption, which helps our planet. We have obtained quotes for this, and expect that the job will cost approximately \$5000. Please pray with us affirmatively, that **Divine Substance is here now to supply this**, and please consider whether you can help materially.

One hundred people contributing fifty dollars would do it; perhaps you could partner with someone to give this much. Fifty people giving one hundred dollars would also meet the need.

As of Sept. 23, six people have contributed \$400 to this fund. *Any gift, in any amount, is welcome and appreciated.* Envelopes for this purpose are available in the back of the sanctuary, or you may just write "heating fund" on your check.

Thank you for all you have given in the past and all you continue to do to support the Unity work here at our church. We bless you and thank you for your support. -Rev. Eleanor

I sow abundantly and reap a harvest of satisfaction, under Grace.

Living ~ Giving ~ Learning

~ Unity October Birthdays ~

Eleanore Braun	October 1	Wendy Smith	October 13	Keith D. Brakenbury	October 31
Cynthia Brone	October 1	Elaine Page Volke	October 14		
Michael Gacek	October 7	Jean McDonough	October 17		
Else Vella	October 8	Karen Sparka	October 18		
Samuel Gaiteri	October 10	Dawn Brucker	October 24		
Brenda Bowles	October 12	Kathryn Franz	October 24		
Donna Frary	October 12	Margie Elmer	October 29		
Maryanna Mueller	October 13	Lyn Bianchi	October 30		

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



~ On-Going Events ~

Every Saturday the **David Hawkins Book Discussion** group will meet from 10 AM-Noon. The next discussion is October 6, 2007.

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

Food and toiletry items for **Dimitri House** can be placed in the box under the reception desk at any time. Items are delivered by Chris Spridy the first Sunday of the month. **Dimitri House needs volunteers to work in their shelter.** Please call them if you are interested in helping (585) 325-1796.



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

We have re-oriented the **calendar page** in the newsletter, because this allows us to make both the boxes and print size larger. We hope this makes your reading easier.

Thank you for making our Sunday Service fragrance-free.

For those who have email, we would like to offer you two things:

1. to receive the **monthly newsletter on email** instead of in the postal mail; and
2. to receive one consolidated **flyer each month** with our classes and workshops for that month.



This can be for your personal use and to send to any friends who might be interested in our teaching.

We will send you an email where you can **opt-in** to receive future email flyers and/or your newsletter by email. Thank you.

We have several CDs left of **Fred Johnson's** concert here in late August. They are 80 minutes long and contain 15 selections, and are available in the bookstore for \$10.

Bon Voyage and Farewell to **Dorothea King**, who is moving to North Carolina this month. We are grateful for all she has contributed here for so many years and we will miss her presence. We wish Dorothea love, health, wealth and perfect self-expression as she begins this new chapter in her life. Many blessings to you!

With Love,
From your Unity family

Elaine Page of our church was married to Jim Volke on September 22. We wish them abundant happiness!

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

Prayer for World Peace

*God's infinite love 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 humanity with thoughts only of love, peace,
order, and the truth of oneness in God.*

Dr. Masaharu Taniguchi

