

# Christ Church Unity Awakening



October 2008

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Dear Friends in Unity,

Blessings to you for a beautiful October! We can be grateful for the beauty of the Earth in this special month of harvesting and planting. May you enjoy every day and give beauty back to Life.

We express our thanks to all those who supported our concert with Doug Halper on September 14<sup>th</sup>. People enjoyed the music, and several people said to me he could also be a comedian! The \$790.00 proceeds from this will be used for renovating our lobby, starting with paint and a new ceiling. Thank you for your participation and financial support for Christ Church Unity.

In September we also blessed the eleven boxes of pens and other items which we sent to Afghanistan, to help the children there. I am deeply grateful for your contributions to this cause, and for the good feelings it has aroused in many people. Thank you!

I congratulate the Prayer Team for leading a fine service on September 7. I received positive comments on their efforts. If you **have not received a copy of the three pages of prayers they wrote in response to the congregation's prayer requests, you can** still obtain a copy from the display racks in the lobby. We will also mail one if you request it.

At the Congregational Meeting on September 21 people voted on the values they consider most important for our church. If you were absent you have until October 5 to submit your vote. Ballots are on the front counter.

We look forward to the showing of the Louise Hay film on October 5, based on her book, You Can Heal Your Life. This will be after the Sunday service. Many people are already signed up.

An unusual opportunity presents itself this month on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup>. People from Unity Church of Agape in Ontario, Canada, **will be stopping here on an annual "pilgrimage" they make to view the fall foliage. Please see the article on page 6 with more** details about this special event. Let there be ten hosts and hostesses signing up to meet and greet!

On Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, I am planning to hold another **Minister's Fireside Chat** after the service. The topic has not been decided yet but will most likely be about the Thriving in Unity program. Please check your Sunday bulletin for further information on this.

As we look ahead to the holidays, plans are already being made for a special free concert on December 13<sup>th</sup> with Alan Seale and two of his artist friends. More information will be forthcoming. Also, that is the time of year when we have given food and gifts to those in need in our community to make their holidays brighter. We have several volunteers who would like to work on this project, and we need one or two persons to come forth as the leader/s. Without leadership this Prosperity Project will not go forward. Please consider making a difference in this special way and let me know if you would like to serve.

In October I plan to give three Sunday lessons on the theme of finding and expressing your divine purpose in life. Perhaps you know someone who would be interested in this topic. Invite them to join you on the one or more Sundays this month.

New doors of expression are opening for us now. Thank you, God.

Rev. Eleanor

# Teachings In Truth

As the vibration of earth is being quickened, and our vibrations with it, seemingly opposing processes are taking place. This quickening would have been described by Charles Fillmore as the raising of our consciousness to the level of the Christ Mind. This raising of consciousness affects the entire person, so all aspects of Being slough off the lower vibrations of dense thought.

**The Bible says that “the dead are raised;” the dead do not raise themselves.**

This shows that a force comes from a higher plane which raises up conditions which are dead to Spirit, and gives them a new life and ability to respond to the vibrations of Spirit. This quickening process is often referred to as Ascension in contemporary language.

Ascension of the whole planet is taking place now, and we are each part of it.

One aspect of it is that time is actually being speeded up, as most everyone has experienced. A spiritual aspect of Ascension is that the lower aspects of our nature are being purged, cleansed and released into their higher forms. In the short run this can appear as problems of all sorts becoming worse, and this is the contradictory appearance we must see through. Our problems are actually a healing taking place.

At the present time we may hear of more individuals we know going through serious illness or other challenges.

**Financial problems are occurring in our society on a grander scale. The ideas of “loss” and “lack” are coming up** to be healed and released. This may be in terms of individuals with job loss, bankruptcy, etc., or at the societal level with economic problems affecting thousands of people. The very structures of our economic system may be strained, and possibly break down. This is the darkness before the dawn. The old thought forms have to be brought to Light and broken down for the new to take their place. This happens both individually and collectively.

It is essential that we not give in to fear. We must remember that at the same time that these breakdowns are occurring, there are also new developments which will put positive, life-enhancing structures in place which will serve the planet. For example, new technologies are being developed which will protect our ecosystem and reverse some of the destruction which has taken place. Awareness of our responsibility for taking care of the planet is increasing, and the marketplace has begun to reflect this.

Many changes are taking place now and there will continue to be change. During all this, God remains our spiritual center, **“our rock, our fortress and our deliverer” as the psalm says. This means that “the Spirit in man” has** not left us orphans, but remains within us as an ever-present Power to call upon, learn from, and be nourished by.

Our ultimate calling is to conscious Oneness with this Eternal Spirit, and to experience that Oneness, Ascension must take place so that we can receive and hold the vibrations which come from a higher level of Being. So each **of us is now being called to “come up higher.” Here at Unity we offer prayer, worship and learning opportunities** to help you rise up into the destiny to which you are called. Quoting the Scriptures, Charles Fillmore spoke of this **destiny as “Christ in you, the hope of glory.” As you rise in consciousness, you bring everything in your life with you into this Christ dimension. Florence Scovel Shinn wrote, “The Christ in me is risen; I now fulfill my destiny.”** Let this be your affirmation for yourself and your prayer for others. Now is the acceptable time.

~Rev. Eleanor

# *New This Month...*



October 5  
12:45 Louise Hay Film  
*You Can Heal Your Life*

October 18  
9 AM-12 noon Earthkeepers CCU workday

Unity Church of Agape  
Scarborough, Ontario,  
Canada

October 19  
**12:45 Minister's Fireside Chat**

October 25  
1 PM Drum Circle

October 26  
Spotlight on the Usher Team

Looking Ahead

November 2  
Spiritual Cinema

November 15  
Earthkeepers CCU workday

November 23  
CCU Thanksgiving Dinner

November 30  
Qi Gong Workshop



## *Prayer*

### October Affirmations

Inner Peace  
Giving expression to the peace of God within me,  
I am calm and serene.

Guidance  
**God's loving spirit guides me in making right choices and taking right actions.**

Healing  
At one with the healing presence of God,  
I am whole and well.

Prosperity  
The abundance of God blesses and fulfills me.  
I am prospered.

World Peace  
The love of God in our hearts is establishing harmony in our world.

This year we are joining in an interfaith project called **"Rochester Pray,"** in which we pray for a part of the city or a town in Monroe County each week. We have calendars at the church which list all the municipalities and the week they are the focus of prayer. This is to bring healing to all our local communities. Thank you for joining in.

Communities of Focus—Week of  
October 5-11—Day of Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem  
October 12-18—Town of Perinton  
October 19-25—Lyell-Otis  
October 26-31—Town of Pittsford

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

## Our Prosperity

We are grateful for blessings received recently through the efforts of the following people:

- ◆ Assistance in mailing the September newsletter: Anita Gaiteri, Peela Hooke, Peggy Harvey, Mike Gacek, Donna Gainesborough, Joan Yaeger, Leslie Wright, Jean Marie Bianco, Chris Spridy, Bernie Bowie, Rev. Eleanor.
- ◆ Everyone who attended and everyone who helped make our church picnic a success.
- ◆ All who enjoyed the entertaining concert of Doug Halper.
- ◆ The prayer team who conducted an inspirational service Sunday, September 7.
- ◆ Bernie Bowie, Carol Cafalone, and Jackie McCullough who are helping in the office.
- ◆ Alicia Mercer who helped with packing boxes for Afghanistan.
- ◆ Marie Hedrick who provided us with new directories, assisted by Carol Cafalone.
- ◆ Cassandra who helped in the Sunday School on September 14.
- ◆ All who participated in the World Day of Prayer events.
- ◆ Leslie Wright and Donna Ries who led the meeting on September 21.
- ◆ An anonymous donor who has paid for new outside lights for the parking lot.
- ◆ All in the congregation who support us with their attendance, prayers and tithes. Thank you, God.

*With an attitude of gratitude, I say, "Thank You, God!"*

Volunteer of the Month

October's Volunteer of the Month is someone who serves unobtrusively in a variety of ways. She has served on the New Horizons ministry, the Sign ministry, and Prosperity Projects. Currently she is a member of the Financial Prosperity Ministry and Earthkeepers. She has frequently sold tickets for church events on Sunday mornings. She often brings refreshments to meetings and provides news of community events to share with the congregation here. She was instrumental in setting up and serving the memorial reception for Amy Spence. She always helps with cleanup of social events when she is here. One of her specialties is giving one-to-one help to individuals who have a specific need, whether it be a ride, a meal, or some hard-to-find object. With love and gratitude we pass the frog to Maryanna Mueller with a heartfelt "Namaste, and Thank you for all you do!"



*Divine Love richly provides everything now.*

## *Highlights from the Board*



Rev. Eleanor conducted a four-session class on facilitating small groups. Ten people took part in it. She feels that some of these participants could be called upon to be discussion leaders at congregational meetings.

The New Horizon Group conducted a congregational meeting on September 21, 2008. The Board hopes that the information gleaned from this discussion will further support our participation in the new Thriving in Unity initiatives, while clarifying values that are important to our congregants.

We are beginning the process of selecting a new office assistant. We are very grateful to the volunteers who have stepped forward to help in the office in the interim.

The Board trustees and Rev. Eleanor will participate in a Board Retreat on November 1, 2008.

A new cleaning service owned by Dale DeMinck, was hired on September 4, 2008.

Two 250 watt floodlights were recently installed to make the parking lot safer. The lights are the gift of an anonymous donor. Thank-you!

Respectfully submitted,  
Marie Hedrick

## *Message from the Board*

### Christ Church Unity Recording Policy



I am sometimes asked if we could put the music from our Sunday services on our website the same as the lessons and meditations are made available to listen to 24/7. Most of the music that we enjoy listening to at our Sunday Services is copyrighted and cannot be reproduced and made available to the general public. CCU does pay an annual licensing fee to legally have the music available for our congregation to listen to and enjoy.

Because the copyright laws and licensing are so complex, CCU has adopted the following policy concerning the recording of any events or performances at CCU.

#### Recording Policy:

All recordings of musical or stage productions held in the CCU facilities produced for sale or public dissemination to CCU members and guests or to the general public, shall be performed by a person approved by the CCU Board of Trustees and/or his/her designees. All recordings shall be performed utilizing equipment belonging to or leased by CCU.

The use of private recording equipment within the facilities of CCU for the purpose of producing recordings for public use or dissemination is hereby prohibited. In the event that a member or guest of CCU either unknowingly or deliberately produces a recording using private recording equipment, the sale or public dissemination of such recording by any person whatsoever to CCU members and guests or to the general public is hereby prohibited.

A recording is defined as: A transcription using electronic means such as magnetic tape, Compact disks (CDs), Digital Video Disks (DVDs) or any other recording medium.

Submitted by Bob Gajewski

I have the time, wisdom and energy to do both the ordinary and extraordinary today.

# People in Action

## New Horizons



Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> marked the second congregational gathering hosted by New Horizons. Our focus was on the values we as a congregation see as guiding our strategic ministry action plan. The list of values to select from originated from Unity Village, and the Assn of Unity Churches, as well as value words identified in the early stages of New Horizons. If you were unable to participate in the congregational gathering, you are still able to voice your priorities of values for us to be guided by over the next several years. There are cards on the Lobby counter with the values list. You can mark your top three to five preferences and place in the Values Box. And, before selecting your preferences, please take a moment of silence to connect with the heart. We will collect the cards after the October 5<sup>th</sup> service and report the results on a poster as well as in the next newsletter.

Submitted by Donna Ries

## Youth Education



CCU cares for our children and youth. In order to meet the needs of all of our church family, Marna Rossi would appreciate some volunteer help in planning and coordinating options for our infants, preteens and teens. If interested, please contact Marna Rossi.

Infants: looking for a volunteer coordinator to solicit volunteers and manage a rotating calendar of people willing to be on call for nursery duty.

Preteens and Teens: looking for a volunteer to assist Marna in brainstorming and planning some occasional programming for our older youth.

## The Usher Team



I would like to introduce you to the CCU Usher Team. The responsibilities of our ushers are to make sure the sanctuary is warm and looks welcoming. Most importantly, they welcome congregants as they come into the sanctuary with a warm smile and perhaps a hug as they present them with a bulletin.

The ushers adjust the lights as needed during the meditation. They also take up the offering at the end of the service.

Members of our team are: Marie Hedrick (coordinator), Dory Braun, Harriet Cottrell, Venise Cottrell, Carol Gomborone, Joseph Langen, Helen Lutz, Coby Nichols, Marty Roberts, Mary Jo TenEyck and Marillyn Wise.

The Usher Team will be highlighted at CCU on October 26.

There is always a need for new ushers. If you are drawn to possibly join our Usher Team, we would welcome your participation. Ushers work approximately one Sunday every month to three months. Please contact me and I will be glad to give you guidelines and instructions, if needed.

Submitted by Marie Hedrick

## Friday's Angels



Friday's Angels is on hold until after the Christmas holidays. This is a discussion group and more for women. There will be a sign up sheet in the lobby to determine if there is enough interest to continue the group. Meetings are Fridays, 10:30 AM—Noon. Afterward the group goes out to lunch. The next meeting will determine how often the group will meet. If you have questions, see Jane Faust.

## Welcome Unity Friends to Rochester



We will receive visitors from Unity Church of Agape in Ontario, Canada, on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. They are coming through Rochester on their annual "pilgrimage"

to view fall foliage which they do on a bus ride with about 50 of their congregation. They will have their lunch here, which they bring with them. This group would like to see our church, have a prayer with me, and visit our bookstore. I am looking for about 10 men and women to be here that day with me to greet them (and their minister, Rev. Violet Headley), assist with showing them around the church, serving coffee and generally making them welcome. Here is a chance to "compare notes" with students from another Unity church. Please sign up at the church if you can help extend hospitality that day, sometime between 11:30 AM—3:30 PM. I will also need help to set up tables and chairs beforehand to accommodate this group in the sanctuary, and take them down afterwards.

Several of our veteran volunteers will be working at the Fall cleanup outside that morning, so I ask for some other people to come forward and take the mantle of Unity leadership. All you need is a smile and a willingness to be friendly. Thanks for stepping up! ~ Rev. Eleanor

# *Living—Giving—Learning*

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|------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
| Eleonore Braun   | October 1  | Jean McDonough      | October 17 |
| Cynthia Brone    | October 1  | Karen Sparka        | October 18 |
| Carol Thomas     | October 2  | Linda Allyn-Welborn | October 23 |
| Susan Thomas     | October 3  | Dawn Brucker        | October 24 |
| Michael Gacek    | October 7  | Kathryn Franz       | October 24 |
| Elsé Vella       | October 8  | Margie Elmer        | October 29 |
| Samuel Gaiteri   | October 10 | Keith Brackenbury   | October 31 |
| Brenda Bowles    | October 12 |                     |            |
| Maryanna Mueller | October 13 |                     |            |
| Wendy Smith      | October 13 |                     |            |
| Elaine Page      | October 14 |                     |            |

*We love you.  
We bless you.  
We behold the Christ in you.  
Happy Birthday!*



## *On-Going Events*

The Eckhart Tolle Class meets on Wednesdays at 7 PM, through November 19. Love offering.

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 are already have a background in Unity or metaphysics.

The David Hawkins discussion group meets every Saturday from 10 AM—Noon. The next discussion is October 4, 2008.

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.

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



## **More than just a Directory...**

New copies of our updated church directory are available now—please pick up yours in the lobby at church. We thank our Board Secretary, Marie Hedrick, for keeping us connected with this very valuable tool.

Those who are members of the church **are designated with a letter “M” next to their name.** These individuals are eligible to be considered for leadership positions on the Board of Trustees if they have been active members a minimum of one year at the time elections take place. The next election will be at the Annual Meeting in early 2009.

The back pages of the directory list all the committees and ministries in the church and their current roster of members. Our teachers, group leaders and church staff are also listed. Reviewing these pages will give you a good idea of the many ways to participate in your church community, and whom to go to with questions or suggestions. Our committees and ministries are always open to new people. You do not have to be a member of the church to participate on a committee or ministry, with the exception of the Board.

Recently we have begun highlighting one committee or ministry on a particular Sunday, to make their work better known and understood throughout the church. This month the service of the ushers will be highlighted on October 26. Other groups will be on the schedule soon. Trustee Mary Jo TenEyck is coordinating this schedule.

You may listen to recordings of our Sunday lessons and meditations on our website, [www.unityrochester.org](http://www.unityrochester.org). Click on ***Minister's message***.

Thank you for keeping our Sunday services fragrance free.





# The Inside Scoop

## Sharing Our Committee and Ministry News

The Universe loves this church, serves this church, nourishes this church, and wants this church to succeed!

### EarthKeepers

Saturday, October 18. We will be joining from 9 AM until noon to prepare our gardens and grounds for the Fall. Bring rakes, tools. Donuts and coffee provided. All are welcome.

### Fund Raising

Temporary chairperson needed. The recent Doug Halper concert was a great success. Proceeds were \$790. Thank you!

### Financial Prosperity Ministry

September 4 meeting: In attendance were Bernie Bowie, Rev. Eleanor Celentani, Bob Gajewski, Paulie Gajewski, Bob Murray, Leslie Wright.

The meeting began with a discussion of **Edwene Gaines' Prosperity** of Consciousness and how CCU might create opportunities for members to express their passions through church involvement. The committee reviewed programs for planned giving at other nonprofit organizations. Other items include setting the date of Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> for the completion of a record of CCU assets, examining our current tithing practice, and brainstorming options for exploring tithing with the congregation. Finally FPM outlined a process to establish a recommendation for a long-term investment plan for endowments or other gifts. They hope to have that ready for the Board by January 1<sup>st</sup>. Next meeting date is October 8.

### New Horizons

July 17 meeting: In attendance were Rev. Eleanor, Sylvia Barker, Josephine Hendricks, Leslie Wright, Donna Ries

As the committee exploring a strategic plan for CCU, discussion included the number of upcoming Board openings, the possible relevance of a time/talent survey to our strategic plan, and the identification of a mission and goals for each committee. NH shared concerns about their future, including leadership options. It was established that identification of church values is a priority for planning for our future. Rev. Eleanor shared a possible model for moving ahead. It was decided that Leslie and Donna would plan for the congregational meeting on September 19, and the focus would be on values.

### Planning and Beautification Committee

September 18 Meeting: The October newsletter deadline preceded the meeting date. Agenda items included an update on all of the current projects, as well as an opportunity to discuss the current planning and beautification process. The committee hopes to examine options for improvement and ideas for recruitment. Current members include Paula Bramwell, Reverend Celentani, Mike Gacek, Anita Gaiteri, Bob Gajewski, Paulie Gajewski, Marie Hedrick, Stan Marshall, Kat VanMeenen, Leslie Wright.

### Prosperity

Many people have participated in outreach projects during the past few

years to share holiday gifts and greetings with our servicemen and area families. However, a leader has not yet stepped forth to enable this group to continue during this holiday season. Past plans and ideas, as well as new ideas, are available. If interested in leading an outreach project, please contact Reverend Eleanor or a Board member ASAP.

### Public Relations and Publicity

CCU would like to share our good news with the community and surrounding area. We are looking for a leader or small group who would like to meet this need. Some ideas include contacting area newspapers and radio, creating event flyers for spots in the neighborhood, and creating a presence at city festivals. If interested in public relations, please contact Reverend Eleanor or a Board member ASAP.

Submitted by: Mary Jo TenEyck, Trustee





# October 2008

| SUN  | MON   | TUE  | WED   | THU                             | FRI   | SAT  |
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|  |   |  | <b>1</b><br>7 PM Eckhart Tolle Class                                    | <b>2</b>                        | <b>3</b><br>7:30 AM Overeaters Anonymous  | <b>4</b><br>10 AM David Hawkins  |
| <b>5</b><br>11 AM Sunday Service<br>12:45 Louise Hay Film                        | <b>6</b><br>7:30 AM Overeaters Anonymous                      | <b>7</b><br>7:30 AM Overeaters Anonymous<br><br>7 PM ACIM  | <b>8</b><br>5:30 PM Financial Prosperity<br>7 PM Eckhart Tolle Class    | <b>9</b><br>6:30 PM The Secret  | <b>10</b><br>7:30 AM Overeaters Anonymous   | <b>11</b><br>10 AM David Hawkins   |
| <b>12</b><br>11 AM Sunday Service<br>12:30 Board Meeting                         | <b>13</b> <b>Columbus Day</b><br>7:30 AM Overeaters Anonymous | <b>14</b><br>7:30 AM Overeaters Anonymous<br><br>7 PM ACIM | <b>15</b><br>5:30 Planning & Beautification<br>7 PM Eckhart Tolle Class | <b>16</b><br>6:30 PM The Secret | <b>17</b><br>7:30 AM Overeaters Anonymous   | <b>18</b><br>9-12 Grounds clean up<br>10 AM David Hawkins<br><br>Unity Church of Agape |
| <b>19</b><br>11 AM Sunday Service<br>12:45 PM Minister's Fireside Chat           | <b>20</b><br>7:30 AM Overeaters Anonymous                     | <b>21</b><br>7:30 AM Overeaters Anonymous<br><br>7 PM ACIM | <b>22</b><br>7 PM Eckhart Tolle Class                                   | <b>23</b><br>6:30 PM The Secret | <b>24</b><br>7:30 AM Overeaters Anonymous   | <b>25</b><br>10 AM David Hawkins<br>1 PM Small Group<br>1 PM Drum Joy                  |
| <b>26</b><br>11 AM Sunday Service<br>Guest Speaker<br><br>Usher Team Display     | <b>27</b><br>7:30 AM Overeaters Anonymous                     | <b>28</b><br>7:30 AM Overeaters Anonymous<br><br>7 PM ACIM | <b>29</b><br>7 PM Eckhart Tolle Class                                   | <b>30</b><br>6:30 PM The Secret | <b>31</b> <br>7:30 AM Overeaters Anonymous |  |

# What's New at the CCU Bookstore?

**SALE**

Check out the sale items on the  
50% off shelf

New selections added every week!

New Titles added weekly

Can't find what you're looking for?  
No problem—let us special order it

Check Out Books by these Authors

Sylvia Browne  
Carolyn Myss  
Neville  
Catherine Ponder



## Seeds From the Earthkeepers



**"Look at a tree, a flower, a plant. Let your awareness rest upon it. How still they are, how deeply rooted in Being. Allow nature to teach you stillness."**  
Eckhart Tolle

Rochester is Reducing Our  
Carbon Footprint

The Color Brighton Green Task Force, the Sierra Club's Rochester Regional Group and suburban and city organizations are partnering to create a plan to decrease the amount of greenhouse gases a person emits into the environment when burning fossil fuels for electricity, heating, transportation and other daily activities. Small groups will gather to discuss environmental issues, using the book, *Low Carbon Diet: A 30-Day Program to Lose 5,000 Pounds*, by David Gershon. The hope is that participants will be encouraged and enabled to make everyday changes that will decrease their carbon footprints.

If you are interested in attending a meeting, see the following schedule.

Low Carbon Diet meetings:

Brighton Town Hall, 2300 Elmwood Ave.  
Oct. 6, 6-9 PM Oct. 20 and Nov. 10, 6-8 PM

Greece Community Center, 3 Vince Tofany Blvd.  
Sept. 30, Oct. 14 and 28, 6-8 PM

Irondequoit  
Jack's Place, Durand-Eastman Park.  
Sept. 28, 3-6 PM

Perinton Community Center, 1350 Turk Hill Road.  
Sept. 28, 1-4 PM Oct. 12 and 26, 1-3 PM

Rochester  
Cobbs Hill Park, Lake Riley Lodge, Norris Drive.

Oct. 9, 6-9 PM Oct. 23 and Nov. 6, 7-9 PM  
Maplewood Library, 111 Dewey Ave.  
Oct. 7, 14 and 21, 6-8 PM

Wheatland-Chili High School cafeteria.  
Oct. 5, Oct. 19, Nov. 2. Times to be determined.



### 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.

The Vision and Mission statements above were written by a group of interested Members who came together in 2005-2006 to articulate why we are here and what we are seeking to accomplish together. Those who have chosen to become Members of the church are aligning themselves with this Vision and Mission in a conscious way and are helping to make it available to others.

Membership in the church serves a double purpose. Becoming a Member of Christ Church Unity gives you the satisfaction of formalizing your association with Unity. Spiritually it gives you a deeper feeling of belonging, and also strengthens your part in our church community. For the church, having members also fulfills a legal requirement of the state for not-for-profit organizations.

Membership in Christ Church Unity is open to those who complete a 3-session **Membership class. The first session gives a basic overview of Unity's philosophy and key spiritual teachings.** The second session outlines the history of the movement and explains Unity Village, Silent Unity, The Association of Unity Churches International, and other **components of Unity's ministry. The third session explains how a local ministry functions, the rights and responsibilities of members, and also includes a tour of the church.** Members complete a membership covenant and are received at a special membership ceremony during a Sunday Service.

People who were members in good standing at another Unity church and who have moved to our area may have their membership transferred with proper documentation. Please contact Rev. Eleanor if you are in this situation.

People who were members of our church in the past and became inactive may reinstate membership by following the process outlined in our bylaws. In most cases this would require taking the Membership class again. People who have done so have reported that they enjoyed the review and were glad they came.

**At this time in Unity's evolution the concept of membership is being expanded and deepened.** Interestingly, this is true in other denominations as well. No longer do people just put their name and address on a list. We are being called to awareness of the value of engaging in ongoing spiritual development and study, as well as giving in and to the church in **various ways to make the church really your own. One expression of it is to "give your time, talent and treasure" as your gift to God at this point in your unfoldment. As you give of yourself, you grow and blossom your own potentialities.** The Thriving in Unity program includes reference to this new attitude.

The next series of Membership Classes will begin in early November. Please watch for the notice. You may also contact Rev. Eleanor at [revec@frontiernet.net](mailto:revec@frontiernet.net) or 585-473-0145.

We give thanks for the loving Members we now have, and we are grateful for those new Members whom Spirit is drawing to us now.

### Our Board of Trustees

Paula Bramwell, President  
Leslie Wright, Vice President  
Bob Gajewski, Treasurer  
Marie Hedrick, Secretary  
Mary Jo TenEyck, Trustee  
Mike Gacek, Trustee

Rev. Eleanor Celentani, Minister  
Office 585-473-0145

### Our Staff

Jane Faust, Accompanist  
Anita Gaiteri, Hostess  
Pamela Torrey, Song Leader  
Thomas Warfield, Soloist  
Admin. Asst.

### Our Ministry Team Coordinators

Audio – Chris Spridy & Bob Gajewski  
Bookstore – Paulie Gajewski  
Circulation Day – Paulie Gajewski  
Financial Prosperity - Leslie Wright  
Fundraising -  
Greeters – Jackie McCullough  
Librarian/Fun Club - Sylvia Barker  
New Horizons -  
Newsletter - Bernie Bowie  
Nominating Comm. - PJ Trahan  
Photographer – Mike Gacek  
Planning/Beautification -  
Platform Assistants – Donna Ries  
Prayer – Jane Faust  
Prosperity Projects -  
Remembrance - Coby Nichols  
Sign Ministry - Mike Gacek  
Social – Anita Gaiteri  
Ushers – Marie Hedrick  
Youth Ed. Dir. – Marna Rossi



Submission Deadline  
October 17, 2008

Assembly Date  
October 23, 2008



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