

Unity Church of Greater Rochester

A Positive Path for Spiritual Living



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Our Vision Statement

Humanity awakens and transforms into its Divine Identity.

Unity Church of Greater Rochester is a focal point of service to this vision.

Our Mission Statement:

Unity Church of Greater Rochester 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.



Students of Truth:

Today is the day we rejoice and are glad in it. The universe continuously expands physical, mental and emotional states, they do not stay the same. It moves and has its being through each of us. I give thanks for each of you daily.

It has been an exciting several months. I would like to thank all who have supported the church and stepped up to pitch in to make the operations of the Unity Church of Greater Rochester run smoothly. It is an Honor to work with so many talented people and see you unfold. As we go forth to the next step of this process, let us pray together in Love, Wisdom, Understanding and Light as to what is right for Unity Church of Greater Rochester.

Life is easier and more enjoyable when we adjust to change and grow, moving with the newness of life, new joys await us.

"He leads us on the right path for his name's sake." Psalm 23:3

Rich Blessing,
Larlene

Board President



Coming Home by Sharing

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Women of Wisdom—Jeanne Gagnè



Skills and Talents Requested

Do you know what makes Unity Church of Greater Rochester such a positive hub of spiritual energy? It is the loving, caring, spiritual contributions of people like you. All of the ministries are made up of ordinary people who together do extraordinary work. The events such as World Day of Prayer and Prosperity Projects are chaired by people who raised their hand and took a step forward knowing they would be supported in their efforts.

Please take a moment to look over the ministries and consider getting involved. No contribution is too small or too insignificant; all of the ministries would welcome additional people to contribute to the spiritual growth of UCGR.

To learn more about each ministry you can visit our website at <http://www.unityrochester.org>



Potluck Social

Beginning October 5, we will be having a potluck luncheon the first Sunday of every month. No sign—ups...just bring something to share and look for old friends and new to sit and talk with. Enjoy socializing with your spiritual family!

Please make sure - you know which dish is yours to take home and clean up.



Newsletter Under Construction

UCGR is taking a look at the newsletter and would like to know your opinion. What information would you like to see more of? What would you like to see less of? Is there something missing all together? If you have an idea or suggestion, please drop it in the 'Tell it to the Board' box located in the lobby on the table with the sign-up sheets.

Coming Home ~ Every Day



October 5
Potluck

November 2
Potluck

October 19
Sacred Healing

November 16
Sacred Healing

November 23
Thanksgiving Potluck



Coming Home in Prayer

October Affirmations

Inner Peace

At the core of my being, I find peace.

Guidance

God guides my way in every situation.

Healing

I am one with the stream of healing Life.

Prosperity

I give and receive with ease and grace.

World Peace

I am a peacemaker in the world.

The Power of Prayer

Prayer Team members will be standing up in the Sunday services to lead the Prayer Intentions part of the service.

The Unity theme for October is Come Home to Transformation; for November it is Come Home to Gratitude.

Catherine Ponder Prosperity Dial-A-Thought 760-346-3964

Silent Unity's number is 1-800-669-7729 or go to

www.silentunity.org

We are invited to take part in a **county-wide prayer project** involving many denominations of churches. Please join us in **holding in Light the following places** during these weeks. Rochester City neighborhoods alternate with other towns.

October 5 Town of Pittsford
October 12 Lyell-Otis

November 2 Town of Rush
November 9 Upper Monroe &
Cobbs Hill

October 19 Town of Riga

November 16 Village of Scotts-
Ville

October 26 Upper East End

November 23 Wadsworth
Square

November 30 Village of
Spencerport

Coming Home In Gratitude

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

- ◆ Those who helped with folding and mailing the August/September newsletter:
- ◆ Those who signed up to make coffee or bring refreshments for after the Service:
- ◆ The Board of Directors, Minister's Search Committee and everyone who helped or participated in bringing Rev. Kathleen McKenna to UCGR and helping to make her feel welcome;
- ◆ To everyone who contributed to World Day of Prayer with decorating, reading, affirmation cards, performing or contributing music, refreshments, offering healing, setting and cleaning up

To everyone who attends and/or holds UCGR in their consciousness

Volunteer of the Month



With special thought and consideration to bring in more prosperity for Unity Church, Janet Collamer has not missed the mark for fundraising. Janet is very well organized and makes sure she has all her ducks in order when she takes on responsibility of a project. Janet was responsible for fundraising with fresh balsam fir holiday wreaths. She had it well planned with the provider and arranged for picking up the wreaths on her own to have available at the church. Another of Janet's fundraiser idea was the April Showers raffle and Pennies from Heaven providing more money for beautification of our gardens. She is a Platform Assistant and previously has given of her time for ushering, the offering and Social Committee. Janet is very faithful in assisting in the assembly of the newsletter and is a member of the Remembrance Committee. With great pleasure I am honored to have selected Janet Collamer as Volunteer of the month.

Jean Marie Bianco

You don't often see her in the Sanctuary for Sunday Service because she is usually keeping a watchful eye on the lobby. She has been a long standing member of the Social Committee always lending a hand for special events and dinners. She comes in early to help set up and stays late to make sure things are put back in order. Many people have enjoyed her dishes for she always makes sure to cook plenty. She is there to answer the questions or provide guidance to the refreshment and coffee makers. Johnnie Dawson thank you for being a foundation for good for Unity Church of Greater Rochester. It with pleasure that we give you the frog and honor you as Volunteer of the Month.

Coming Home through Leadership



Highlights From the Board

It has been a full couple of months as we participate in this Divine Adjustment in the life of Unity Church of Greater Rochester. We are grateful for all the prayer and support we are receiving as we take each day as it comes and as our Vision Statement says "Humanity awakens and transforms into its Divine Identity. Unity Church of Greater Rochester is a focal point of service to this vision."

Thank you to the Leadership of our Ministries for your efforts and patience in this transition time, we couldn't do this without you!

In August the Board met twice for a regular meetings and twice with the Minister Search Team. September saw another 2 regular meetings and 3 with the search team. Daily and weekly tasks were also accomplished during this time ... it has been busy! Many items relating to the daily administration as well as building repair needs have been happening. We are taking turns closing up the church on Sunday (and all that it involves). The lease with the Red Cross for their parking contract is still in negotiation. With the help of several, the minister's office is repaired and repainted with lovely new furniture. Thank you to all who helped and donated!

We had a Board Leadership training on September 6th with Rev. Pat Bessey (Unity Consultant for the Eastern Region) this was also attended by Unity of Syracuse and Unity of Edinborough PA. It was a very informative and successful workshop.

As part of the search team, we participated in the weekend long hosting of our Ministerial Candidate, Rev. Kathleen McKenna September 12-14.

There have been several building issues

that the board has addressed and are still addressing; the mailbox has been secured in a new location, the air-conditioning was fixed in the classroom, the roof had a leak that was repaired (under warranty!) There are boiler issues that are being addressed with our heating contractor. In short, there are many operational issues that we continue to address.

On September 14th, Trustee Bruce Benton resigned from the Board of Trustees due to personal commitments. Please hold him in your highest thoughts and prayers. Board Trustee candidate, Vada Good, has accepted the interim term as trustee for this vacancy. Thank you Vada.

Please continue to hold us in prayer and provide your support when possible; we are grateful for this opportunity to unite in this effort.

In Love and Service,
Paula Fletcher



Beautification/ Earthkeepers

Under the leadership of Leslie Wright we cleaned and organized, and thanks to June Fisher's attention to detail, there is a marked improvement in the building facility, and of course thanks to many workers, our church inside and out is looking good. The minister's office has had a facelift, and is ready for our new minister. Everything is clean, organized and attractive, and definitely ready for our new minister and new people visiting our church.

Nancy Hicks will continue to co-chair the committee with maintenance and design of the outside gardens, but we are in need of someone with an interest in guiding the beautification projects inside the building. The entry garden will be completed in the spring.

Nancy Hicks
Chair Beautification/Earthkeepers



UCGR Hours

UCGR will continue with the 10 AM Sunday Service and Sunday School time through January 25, 2015



Thanksgiving Potluck


Join us Sunday, November 23 for Thanksgiving fellowship and potluck after the service. A sign up sheet will be in the lobby.

We now unfold into the Divine Plan; Christ is our transforming Power.

OCTOBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
I welcome positive change in my life.			1 2 PM QiGong	2	3	4 10 AM There is Only God (TIOG)
5 10 AM Sunday Service Potluck	6 3 PM A Course in Miracles (ACIM)	7	8 2 PM QiGong	9	10	11 10 AM TIOG
12 10 AM Sunday Service	13 Columbus Day 3 PM ACIM	14	15 2 PM QiGong	16	17	18 10 AM TIOG
19 10 AM Sunday Service Sacred Healing	20 3 PM ACIM	21	22	23	24	25 10 AM TIOG
26 10 AM Sunday Service	27 3 PM ACIM	28	29	30	31 Halloween	

NOVEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
I count my blessings everyday						1 10 AM TIOG
2 Daylight Saving Time ends 10 AM Sunday Service Potluck	3	4	5	6	7	8 10 AM TIOG
9 10 AM Sunday Service	10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13	14 Newsletter Deadline	15 10 AM TIOG
16 10 AM Sunday Service Sacred Healing	17	18	19	20	21	22 10 AM TIOG
23 10 AM Sunday Service Thanksgiving Potluck	24 Newsletter folding	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29 10 AM TIOG
30 First Sunday of Advent 10 AM Sunday Service						

Coming Home to Relationships

October ~ November Birthdays

Carol Thomas	October 2	Patrick Allyn-Welborn	November 1
Michael Gacek	October 7	Debra Flanagan	November 8
Elsè Vella	October 8	Jeffrey Smith	November 9
Samuel Gaiteri	October 10	Coby Nichols	November 9
Maryanna Mueller	October 13	Sylvia Barker	November 22
Wendy Smith	October 13	Jenna Vamvakias	November 24
Cory Tylenda	October 14	Deborah Mizma	November 28
Melissa Kelley	October 15	Mary Meissner	November 30
Joanne Palmer	October 15		
Karen Sparka	October 18		
Linda Allyn-Welborn	October 23		
Dawn Brucker	October 24		
Georgia Hazen	October 29		

*Happy Birthday to you...
There is joy in the Universe
Because you exist!*



On-Going Events

The "There is Only God" study group meets every Saturday from 10 AM—Noon. Next meeting October 4, 2014. <http://thereisonlygod.com>.

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



Women of Wisdom

The women of Unity Church of Greater Rochester meet every month sharing and laughing, usually at members' homes. The meetings are an opportunity to get to know each other at a more personal level. Those interested in hosting a meeting, please contact Jeanne Gagne' at 585-473-0910.



Birthday Cards

Barb Boyce coordinates the mailing of birthday cards for CCU. This is a pleasurable service and open for anyone to share in. We book volunteer service in 1 month blocks. Cards, stamps and a list of names/addresses are provided so all you do is set up your schedule of mailing at home and send out our cards. If you would like to sign up for a month, please see Barb.

Recording of Our Services

Our website has a button on each page to access recordings of our Sunday lessons and meditations. We thank Kathy Dennis-Anderson for help in updating this page.

This is a free service which we give to the world.



Thank you for keeping our Sunday services fragrance free.



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Submission Deadline

For December/January Newsletter

November 14, 2014

Assembly Date

November 24, 2014



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*I am grateful for all that has come and gone, and I give
thanks for new love, new health and new
prosperity unfolding*

When the grass is gone, and new growth appears,...there will be enough.

Proverbs 27: 25, 27

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