



NEWSLETTER FOR UNITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS July/August 2011



Upcoming Events

Unity's Licensed Teachers
Special Sunday Speakers

July 3-August 21

- July 3 Cindy Luton
- July 10 Karen Kelly
- July 17 Pat Meeter
- July 24 Pat Meeter
- July 31 Karen Kelly
- August 7 Veronica Denzer
- August 14 Veronica Denzer
- August 21 Cindy Luton

Monday Classes
with Sandra McKenna

- Inner Vision
July 11-August 1, 7 p.m.
- Unlock Your Intuition
August 8-29
- Creating Compassion
September 12-October 3

Closure with Clay
with Deb Nickelson Smith
Saturday, July 23. 10:30 - 4 p.m.

Backyard Work Day at Unity
Sunday, July 31, 11:30 a.m.

Life of Prayer
with Rev. Leslie Bradshaw
Tuesdays, August 23, 7 p.m.

The Artist's Way
with Pat Meeter
Wednesdays, August 31-November 16, 7 p.m.

Life As Art

Night Sky Dreaming, by Pastor Leslie

*Fireflies and summer flowers, kites and children laughing
Woodland walks, shoreline strolls, night sky dreaming*

*Swimming parties and BBQs, friends and family gathering
All are treasures of the summer, free – for our accepting.*

You remember the joys of carefree summer months? Do you still recognize and accept these joys, whatever your age? I know that I sometimes get caught up in "To Do" lists, complaining that "It's too hot," or about whatever insect happens to threaten my sense of peace. And yet, when we take the time to contemplate the beautiful elements of each day, we can be touched and reawakened with overwhelming gratitude. Consider the words of James Dillet Freeman in his poem, Divine Dexterity:

Divine Dexterity, by James Dillet Freeman

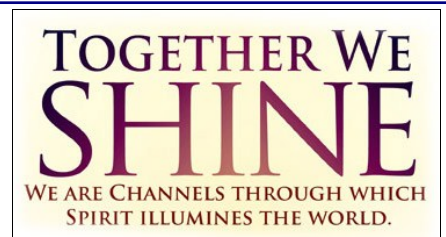
*Oh, You, who made the stars and sun
And also little flowers,
Whether to last forever
Or hardly a handful of hours,
With such divine dexterity
And patient care and love,
You brought them to the perfection
You had forevision of.
Oh, You, who made both great and small,
Lord of Infinity,
I'm glad with all your other works
One of them was me!*

The writings of James Dillet Freeman express both wisdom and childish wonder. His life included pain, which may have helped him walk the precipice of an artist's perspective with delicate wisdom and awe.

You are an artist, you know. When you allow both the beauty and the pain of life to lift you to a place where you see wonder in all of creation, and yet somehow sense the misty fog of what you cannot quite see, you are living life as art.

Wondrous summer blessings,

Unity's World
Day of Prayer
Thursday, September 8, 6 p.m.



The Artist's Way I



with Pat Meeter

Wednesdays, August 31-November 16, 7 p.m.

What is trying to be born through you? Are you listening?

Creativity is the natural order of life. When you open yourself to exploring your creativity, you find yourself opening to God. Your creative dreams and yearnings come from a Divine Source. As you move towards those dreams, you move towards your divinity.

The Artist's Way is a long and winding road. We travel it best in the company of others. We learn that creativity is like medicine and that practicing our creativity is healing. We learn that "artists" are people who are in the act of listening, carefully and well, to what is trying to be born through them.

You will need the book, *The Artist's Way*, by Julia Cameron, a notebook, and a pen or pencil. Facilitated by Pat Meeter. To register please call Unity of Springfield at 523-5897 or unityofspringfield@sbcglobal.net.

Closure with Clay

with Deb Nickelson Smith



Saturday, July 23. 10:30 - 4 p.m. (brown bag lunch)

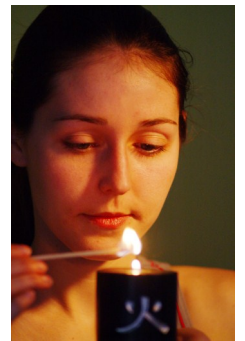
An exploration of seeking closure through clay artifact, ornament or vessel creation. Please come and enjoy this wonderful day of creative journaling, guided mediation and claywork with Deb Smith. Suggested love offering is \$20, but all are welcome and no one will be turned away. Pre-registration is preferred but not required.

Life of Prayer

with Rev. Leslie Bradshaw

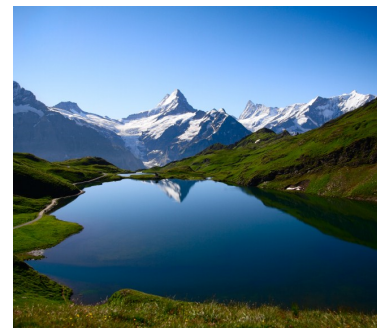
Tuesdays, August 23-September 20, 7 p.m..

Pray in the manner of Silent Unity using affirmative prayer so powerfully demonstrated by Silent Unity for over 100 years. Rev. Bradshaw draws on her two years experience working in Silent Unity during ministerial school where she experienced on a daily basis the incredible impact of positive prayer in our lives.



Classes with

Sandra McKenna



PROSPERITY POWERHOUSE

Living a Spirit centered life that brings health, abundance and joy

Become a Prosperity Powerhouse Second Sundays beginning July 10, 12 - 1 p.m.

These Prosperity Powerhouse sessions are designed to offer participants the opportunity to share their prosperity success stories and to discuss one key prosperity principle so that we may all grow in awareness and prosperous living!

Inner Vision -- Mondays July 11th - August 1st, 7 - 9 p.m. in the Youth Ed Room

This class offers a unique blend of meditation techniques in combination with writing exercises to explore solutions for life challenges and to use as a vehicle for spiritual understanding and growth. Bring a notebook and watch the transformation begin!

Unlock Your Intuition Mondays August 8th - August 29th, 7 - 9 p.m. in Youth Ed Room

This class is designed to help participants gain greater levels of intuitive insights using group discussion and a series of exercises to unblock intuitive messages and abilities. Here is your chance to fully develop your gifts! Bring a notebook!

Church Family Birthdays

JULY

- 1 Scott Baldwin
- 1 Betty Russell
- 3 Sandra McKenna
- 5 Jack Hrabak
- 7 Gaye Kick
- 7 Wilma Hulen
- 10 Bridget Searcy
- 10 Hilda Pillers
- 10 Ron Kuethe
- 11 Dave Clodfelter
- 13 Christopher Smith
- 14 Natalie Beam
- 15 Sunny Clark
- 15 Victoria Johnson
- 16 Angie Edgin
- 16 Will George
- 17 Gaye Kick
- 19 Diane McClellan
- 19 Zem Mitchell
- 21 Vicki Dowell
- 25 Rachel Hasenyeager
- 26 Amy Garwood
- 29 Mary Disseler
- 30 Mary Camp
- 31 Marge Frantzreb



AUGUST

- 1 Judy Umunna
- 11 Sara Knobloch
- 12 David Boward
- 17 Naomi Ramage
- 20 Kathy Woods
- 21 Kay Bell
- 23 Tim Harmon
- 23 Traci Jostes
- 24 Roy Thompson
- 26 Brian Johnson
- 26 Jeff Burgess
- 28 Debra Nickelson Smith

Unity Backyard
Work Day
Sunday, July 31
11:30 a.m.



If your birthday is in July or August and we have not recorded it, let us know so we can include it in the newsletter next year. If there is an illness or special occasion, please call Margaret Forth at 523-4118 or the church office at 523-5897.



Ongoing Activities

Serving a Diverse Community

Bible Study
9 a.m.

Children's Church
10 a.m.

Sunday Service
10 a.m.

Nursery Care 0-3 years
10 a.m.

*fellowship & refreshments
following Sunday service*

Rev. Leslie Bradshaw
and our licensed teachers are available by appointment for spiritual counseling, weddings, memorials, christenings, and other special services.

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Rev. Leslie Bradshaw

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Veronica Denzer

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Peggy Tell & Dwight Denzer

Youth Ed Coordinators

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Housekeeper

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Spiritual Explorations with Cindy Luton

Currently on summer break and will resume in the fall on **Wednesdays** at 1:30 p.m.

A Course in Miracles

The book, *A Course in Miracles*, offers the chance to discover the inner peace. The group meets at 5:30 p.m. each **Wednesday** in the Meditation room.

Reiki Treatments

Offered the **third Sunday** of each month following the Sunday morning service. Members of our Pastoral Team are trained Reiki practitioners who will be available in our Meditation Room from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Yoga with Janelle Bartletti

Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.

\$8 for walk-ins.

The Encouraging Word

217-523-5722



Inspirational Messages
24 hours a day

12 Step/Support

OA	Mondays	5:15 p.m.
	Thursdays	5:30 p.m.
AA	Tuesdays	7:30 p.m.
Open 12 Step	Saturdays	9:00 a.m.



Silent Meditation

Fridays, 5:30 p.m.

This meditation will focus on the light and sounds of God that emanate from within.

Twin Hearts Meditation

with Michaleen MacDonald.

Second Mondays, 6 p.m.

Joyous Meditation

Second Thursdays, 11 a.m.

with Teri Freesmeyer

Healing Tones of Crystal Bowls

Feel the power of vibration through crystal healing bowls with Peggy Patty on every

first Thursday at 6 p.m. in Cain Hall.

Centering Prayer

It is the opening of mind and heart to God, beyond thoughts, words and emotions.

Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.

Morning Prayer Service

Join us for prayer every Tuesday from 11-11:30 a.m. We invite you to submit your prayer requests by calling the office (523-5897), completing a prayer request form, or calling a person on the phone tree. We will pray with you for thirty days. All prayer requests are confidential and are passed on to Silent Unity for continuing prayer.

Prayer Phone Tree

Bernice Catron	528-3517
Margaret Forth	523-4118
Muriel Lucas	753-2046
Bill Sheppard	498-8738
Peggy Tell	483-4072
Marie Wheeler	626-1088
Chris Zelle	546-8869

In addition, Silent Unity is available to listen to and pray with you 24 hours a day, 365 days a year at 816-969-2000. If you would like to call toll free, the number is 800-669-7729, or go to www.unityonline.org.

Unity's Prosperity Principles in Action



—ENDOWMENT FUND PROGRAM BEGINS—

The Board of Trustees is very pleased to announce the establishment of an Endowment Fund Program thus ensuring long term financial security for Unity Church.

Deb & Chris Smith, with their gift, have provided the seed money -- giving the Church the opportunity to establish this program. Thank you Chris & Deb for your vision & support.

The Board has approved the resolution document thereby, establishing an Endowment Fund administered by the Permanent Endowment Fund committee & the Board. Our goal is to establish a base of \$50,000 before any of the accrued interest is withdrawn.

Gifts to the Endowment Fund are for long term support and not meant to replace congregants' regular and on-going giving which supports the church's daily operations.

This is such an exciting new opportunity for Unity Church!
Again, we are so very grateful to Chris & Deb for their gift. Thank you

Becky

Chair, Ad Hoc Committee

More Wish List Items Achieved



It has been just a few months since we published our wish list at the Unity's Annual Meeting and again people have come forward with a generous heart to gift us with two hand dryers, two new faucets and a beautiful new banner for our entry way. We also are grateful for the generosity in plants and labor donated for our Unity grounds and Youth Ed gardens. A special thanks to Tim Burgess for sharing his skills *and* time in digging the gardens and installing hand dryers. The hand dryers are LEED certified and will bring the church savings in paper towel purchases and allow for richer forest growth because the denser and older the trees, the greater the carbon absorption. Our church can be very proud to be a part of this world wide effort. The report indicated that the size of trees in a forest—rather than just the area covered—needed to be taken into account in protecting and planting forest growth. Higher density means world forests are capturing more carbon.” according to the online journal PLoS One. (Reuters, Yahoo News June 6, 2011)

Prosperity Summary

Current Fund Account Balances and Income Statement for the period 01/01/11 to 05/31/11

Thank you for sharing your gifts and tithes with our church. You are blessed with God's rich outpouring of endless good.

FUND ACCOUNT BALANCES

<u>Undesignated Fund Balances</u>	
General Fund	\$1,878.21
Rental Fund	\$1,191.57
Savings /Opportunity Fund	\$6,460.61
Total Cash Balances	\$9,530.39
Investment-Fund-FMV	\$17,727.05
Total Undesignated Funds	\$27,257.44
<u>Designated Fund Balances</u>	
Church Expansion	
Capital improvement	\$913.67
Scholarship	\$6,349.26
Music Fund	\$902.45
Total Designated Funds	\$8,165.38
All Cash & Investment Fund Balances	\$35,422.82
Restricted Endowment Fund	\$17,500.00
Total Cash & Investment Fund Balances	\$52,922.82
INCOME STATEMENT MONTH ENDING 05/31/2011	
Current month-Income all Funds	\$11,156.69
Current month-Expenses all Funds	11,888.54
Current month-Net Income/(Loss)	(\$731.85)
CUMULATIVE YEARLY INCOME STATEMENT	
For the period 01/01-05/31/2011	(\$5,986.96)
Net Income difference from last year: 05/10 vs 05/11	(\$8,361.75)

Unless otherwise indicated, all classes are taught on a love offering basis.

Contact Information and Office Hours

Office and Bookstore:

9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sundays

Phone: 217-523-5897

Website and Calendar:

www.unityofspringfield.com

Address: 417 Cordelia, Springfield, IL

July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Cindy Lutton Special Speaker	4 5:15 p.m. OA	5 11 a.m. Prayer Group 1 p.m. Metaphysics I 5:30 p.m. Choir 7 p.m. Metaphysics II 7:30 p.m. AA	6 5:30 p.m. A Course in Miracles 7 p.m. Artist's Way II	7 5:30 p.m. OA 5:30 p.m. Centering Prayer 6 p.m. Healing Crystal Bowls 6 p.m. Toastmasters 7 p.m. Counting to 10	8 5:30 p.m. Meditation on the Inner Light and Sound of God Within	9 9 a.m. Open 12 Step 9:30 a.m. Yoga
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17 9 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Pat Meeter Special Speaker 11 a.m. Reiki	18 5:15 p.m. OA 5:30 p.m. Spring Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m. Inner Vision	19 11 a.m. Prayer Group 1 p.m. Metaphysics I 5:30 p.m. Choir 7 p.m. Metaphysics II 7:30 p.m. AA	20 5:30 p.m. A Course in Miracles 7 p.m. Artist's Way II	21 5:30 p.m. OA 5:30 p.m. Centering Prayer 6 p.m. Toastmasters	22 5:30 p.m. Meditation on the Inner Light and Sound of God Within	23 9 a.m. Open 12 Step 9 a.m. Yoga-begins and ends early today 10:30 a.m. Closure with Clay
24 9 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Pat Meeter Special Speaker	25 5:15 p.m. OA 7 p.m. Inner Vision	26 11 a.m. Prayer Group 1 p.m. Metaphysics I 5:30 p.m. Choir 7 p.m. Metaphysics II 7:30 p.m. AA	27 5:30 p.m. A Course in Miracles 7 p.m. Artist's Way 4 The Group	28 5:30 p.m. OA 5:30 p.m. Centering Prayer 6 p.m. Toastmasters	29 5:30 p.m. Meditation on the Inner Light and Sound of God Within 7 p.m. Movie Night	30 9 a.m. Open 12 Step 9:30 a.m. Yoga
31 9 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Karen Kelly Special Speaker Spring Choir Performs						

August 2011

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Roots and Branches



Coffee House
An evening at Unity
with Barry Cloyd

Saturday, September 10, 7 p.m.

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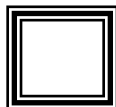
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