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Voices in Unity May / June 2011

We are an accepting spiritual community, learning and teaching Universal truths, and affirming God in each individual.

About Us

Ordained Unity Minister
Rev. Sandra McKinney

Sunday Service: 10:00am
Sunday School 10:00am
(September-May)
Sunday Evening Service: 6:00pm

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24-hour prayer vigil
1-800-NOW-PRAY
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Association of Unity Churches

Unity Village, MO
www.unity.org
www.unity.fm/
(online Unity radio)



Giving Pain A Purpose

I thought this article worth sharing from Ode Magazine:

“The expression ‘everything happens for a reason’ has always rubbed me the wrong way. Even though I sensed the seed of truth, its hard shell seemed impenetrable. What reason? It seemed like just another ‘G-O-D is on the outside’ statement that turned a human being into a passive recipient of their life, as opposed to an active, creative participant. Everything happens for a reason. Really? Everything? Child abuse? Genocide?

After many years trying to crack this hard nut, I’ve come to my own understanding. Things happen for the reason that we give them. Things happen and then we choose to give them meaning, or not. Suffering, tragedy, catastrophe just happens. What we do with that suffering is our choice. [This truly fits with Unity’s Basic Principle “We are co-creators with God, creating reality through thoughts held in mind.” Sjm]

The same tragedy can happen to two different people. One person will use that experience as leverage for personal transformation and perhaps commit their lives to helping others deal with the same stuff. The junkie turned counselor. The neglected child turned foster parent. The victim turned victorious. They choose to give their pain a purpose.

Another person, experiencing the same hardship, will sink deeper into the darkness, become a victim, learn nothing from it and die with anger in their hearts having never helped another soul. Their experience then, had no reason, no purpose, no meaning.

When I look upon the staggering catastrophe unfolding in Japan today, I see the damage, the loss and the pain but I also see the reason. The seeds of transformation and purpose are waiting to break open, even now in the shadow of fear from leaky reactors.

I see a generation of young people growing up with a burning, unstoppable desire to create new energy technology that will lead the world into a cleaner, safer, more abundant future. I see a country rebuilt on the commitment to get it right this time.

While much of the world will keep sleepwalking down the nuclear path mumbling ‘it can’t happen to us,’ the people of Japan just might be able to forge reason from the wreckage. Those coastlines, now lying in ruin, could become living monuments to human ingenuity and vision.”

Thanks to Mary Jackelen for sharing the article reprinted from Ode Magazine (no author credit given): www.odemagazine.com

Rev. Sandy

Unity Classes, Small Groups & Events

****PLEASE NOTE: GROUP FACILITATORS, There is a closing checklist posted in the kitchen.**

*All events take a love offering unless otherwise noted.
Group/class rooms can change--watch for notices.*

MONDAY

9:30-10:45am Yoga \$5
6:00-7:30pm A Course in Miracles (1st & 3rd Mon.)

TUESDAY

9:30-10:45am Yoga \$5

WEDNESDAY

9:30-10:45am Yoga \$5
6:00-7:30pm Book Group "Mindfulness"
w/the Dalai Lama
7:30-8:30pm Intuitive Drumming (1st & 3rd Wed.)

THURSDAY

10:30-11:45am Yoga \$5
4:30-5:45pm Yoga \$5
5:30pm CoDA (open)
7:00pm A.A. Big Book (closed)

FRIDAY

6:30-8:30pm Book Group

SUNDAY

10:00am Sunday Service/Sunday School
6:00-7:00pm Sunday Evening Worship

MAY FEATURES

5/3 4-9pm Red Tent Womens Gathering
(see ad)
5/6-5/7 Jonah Leadership Training (see ad)
5/10 5:30-9:00pm Integrating Powers of Chakras
(7-week class, see ad)
5/11 7-9pm Ecstatic Dance (see ad)
5/15 11:30am Unity Basics Class w/Rev. Sandoz
Requirement for membership.
5/22 10:00am Joint Choirs: Forever Young &
Unity Choirs
11:30am Unity Basics
5/24 7-8am Jonah Sustainer Breakfast (see ad)

JUNE FEATURES

6/5 11:30am Potluck
12:30-2:30pm Workshop w/Dawn Morningstar
"Bridges of Love" (see ad)
6/12 10:00am New Member Sunday
Unity Serves Community Table
6/18 8:30-4:00pm Garden Stroll
6/26 1-5pm 4 Lenses Workshop (see ad)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

7/10 11:30am Dr. Thomas Roberts returns
Potluck/Workshop "Mindfulness"
8/26-8/27 Second Annual Unity Thrift Sale
in Black River Falls - (see ad)
10/22-11/20 Doris Kassera Quilt Show -
donations taken for Habitat for
Humanity - look for more information
in future newsletter

Board of Trustees Report

Happy Spring! I trust most of us will greet this transition of seasons with enthusiasm and possibly some relief. Change is a constant. At UCCEC we often hear messages of seeing the divine order in change even though sometimes uncertain. In my experience on the board at UCCEC, decisions are not taken lightly, and there are often moments of pause when prayer is suggested to help guide our actions. One change that has occurred at UCCEC is the presence of a familiar face in a new role. We have "stepped out in faith," knowing that our community is supporting the presence of a new staff member in our office. We welcome Patti Knez in her new role as administrative assistant, knowing that she will serve as an anchor for the many activities that take place at Unity. Please see Patti for scheduling of events at Unity.

There are an amazing number of activities to be involved in at UCCEC. Please keep an eye on the sign-ups and news on the back table in the sanctuary, the newsletter, and regular emails sent out weekly. One upcoming event I hope you'll consider is the leadership training with Martha Creek, held in the Twin Cities area in

May. The board will attend a training Friday, May 20th. The all-day training on Saturday, May 21st is open to anyone interested. With about a half dozen Unity churches represented, it is a great way to meet other Unity folks and learn about their communities. See the ad in this newsletter for more information.

Since becoming a board member, and more recently the President of the Board, there is a concept that I am holding in consciousness for all operations of the board: TRANSPARENCY. We are here to serve all members of UCCEC and welcome questions, feedback, concerns, or suggestions. Anyone is welcome to attend our monthly meetings.

Lastly, I would like to take a moment to recognize and thank those wonderful individuals who offer their time, talent, and treasures to make the garden and grounds at UCCEC such a beautiful and inviting place to be. The gardeners are always looking for extra hands to keep up on the grounds.

A blessed spring to you all; you are a beautiful expression of God so let your prosperity, joy, and wholeness blossom today.

In loving service

Matt Anderson, Board President

Sunday Talk Titles

- 5/1 Rev. Sandra McKinney, "Healing Power"
5/8 Rev. Sandra McKinney, "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle"
5/15 Rev. Sandra McKinney, "Be...Loved"
5/22 Rev. Sandra McKinney, "The Protecting Presence"
Joint Forever Young & Unity Choirs
5/29 Sandi Anderson, "Peaceful Is As Peaceful Does...
It's That Simple"
6/5 Dawn Morningstar, "Bridges of Love"
Potluck/Workshop
6/12 Rev. Sandra McKinney, "Being Fertile Ground"
6/19 Rev. Sandra McKinney, "Dr. Suess & Fatherhood"
6/26 Rev. Sandra McKinney, "Seeing God in Everything"

Summer Music

- 6/5 Shane Sivertson (trumpet)
6/12 Jim Radloff (jazz piano)
6/19 Yata (singer/guitar)
6/26 Matt Wahl (singer/guitar)
7/3 Therese Schutte (singer/performer)
7/10 Kathy Johns (keyboard)
7/17 Mariah Rangel (singer)
7/24 After Dark Barbershop Quartet
7/31 Stoop Singers (mountain music)
8/7 Andrea Gustafson (Instrumental)
8/21 Lima Polka Choir

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May Birthdays

- 5/10 Gaye Pueschner
5/12 John Krueger
5/13 Greg Raleigh
5/15 Linda Tougas
5/23 Diane Freiboth
5/26 Barb Thomas
5/31 Karen Welch



June Birthdays

- 6/1 Leslie Mueller-Johnson
6/1 John Thompson
6/3 Pat DesJardin
6/4 Ezra Quint
6/5 JoEllyn Matthes
6/11 Julie Geigle
6/12 Jennifer Sperry
6/16 Dennis Eikenberry
6/16 Samar Quint
6/18 Mary Jackelen
6/19 Patti Knez
6/22 Kjersten Erickson
6/24 Jane Wolf
6/27 Mike Whitacre

REMEMBER TO CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE CALENDAR BY GOING THROUGH OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.UNITYEAUCLAIRE.ORG

Bookworm Corner & other insundry things



Did you know....available for sale in the bookstore?

- *Scumptious grape jelly ala Texas DeLayne
- *Inspiration Dolls by Darcy
- *Unity Jewelry
- *Buddha Bliss Jewelry by Annette (custom jewelry and jewelry repair also available)
- *Daily Word in regular and large print
- *Unity Magazine
- *Cookbooks

~We welcome book reports for the newsletter.

~Are there books you'd like us to order? Leave a note in the bookstore with your name, phone number & book request.

~Our bookstore is self serve. Please place your payment, name and name of item purchased in an envelope in the rack on the wall.

Sunday June 5, 2011
12:30 to 2:30 PM
\$18

Newly-inspired material!

Your Time of Awakening & Transcendence

Bridges of Love An Experiential

Join with others on the path to living joyful, meaningful and loving lives!
This experiential promises to open your eyes to some new insights about daily living that will inspire you, motivate you, and bless you.



Dawn Morningstar
MCLCP

Dawn is a Master Certified Life Coach, author, and inspirational speaker committed to expansion of the high and best in humanity.



We will experience:

- Keys to Living Moment to Moment Peace
- A Loving & Safe Space to Examine & Update your Spiritual Practices
- A Personalized Plan for Your Spiritual Practice
- Fun & joy!

Community Events

In regards to all building rentals listed on the Community Page, we encourage you to call the number in the listing for further information and/or to register for these events. Events below are taking place at Unity Christ Center unless otherwise noted. You may also look for additional information and sign-up sheets on back table of sanctuary at church.



JONAH

An intentionally obtrusive presence in Unity's sanctuary over the past month has been the rustic COOL AID stand for Social & Eco Justice. It evokes the cartoon booth that the Peanuts character Lucy used to dispense "psychiatric help" for 5 cents. Our stand again plays on Lucy by saying "The doctor is IN volved."

Within Unity Christ Center our focus is identifying our own, grassroots issues of social and eco justice and find ways to effectively act on them, including making alliances with JONAH and our larger community. Our goal is to have the power to manifest our values in this world.

Unity's Core Team for Social Justice invites your participation. It meets every 2nd Tuesday at 4pm for one hour pursuing projects for our faith community. We encourage all of our congregation, member and friends, to take part in upcoming JONAH events that will be hosted at Unity to increase self-awareness and listening skills and learn how to use these skills to be a more effective agent for positive social change.

Upcoming events:

~May 6 & 7th WISDOM Regional Leadership Training at Unity
Friday 5-9pm & Saturday 9-3:30pm

All welcome, \$15 includes meals, registration required

Volunteers needed for meal/clean-up

~Tuesday May 24, 7-8am, Sustainer Breakfast

Volunteer to be a Table Captain

Volunteers needed to help serve & clean-up

Mark Ruddy, Core Team



Ecstatic Dance Eau Claire

Expressive, Therapeutic, Intuitive Dance

- **Dance Your Joy & Set Yourself Free**
- **Allow Your Inner Knowing & the Music to Move You**
- **Restore Your Vital Flow of Life Force**
- **Weave Together the Bonds of Community**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2011, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

LOCATION: UNITY CHRIST CENTER

1808 Folsom St., Eau Claire

FEE: \$10 per person

For more information, contact Jean: (805) 909-9674 or email: colorsofjoy@msn.com

****** Share with your friends.....Join us for an evening of FUN!!!!**



Feature Artists - Jean Kowalski, Jason Stabenow, Mari Jackson

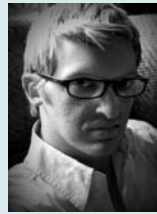
The Mandalas up over Easter and into May are by Jean Kowalski. Mid-May through June look for photographs by Jason Stabenow. After June Mari Jackson's paintings will return. We thank these artists for allowing us to display their wonderful art. Feel free to contact us regarding purchasing any of their work.



MANDALA'S

The mandala is a sacred circle representing the totality of all existing things - both the microcosm and macrocosm. It is often used in meditative processes to help overcome human suffering and promote personal and planetary healing.

The Unity Art Showing will consist of various mandala's; shapes, sizes, colors and meanings. They have been created by Jean Kowalski of Colors of Joy - mandala painting instructor, along with the students that have begun their journey into the mandala!



PHOTOGRAPHY

The act of photographing subjects in an artful way has captured my attention over the years. My goal is to share with people the beauty, detail, and simplicity of day to day objects that are often easily overlooked. Inspiration is found in the world around us with strong attention given to textures, patterns, and shadows predominantly in macro and black and white images. Beyond photography, I find great enjoyment in my position as a local Eau Claire Floral Designer. I also have an education in Horticulture and Landscape Design which has been a life-long passion. Please take time to visit my website at www.wix.com/jstabenowphotography/art.

-JASON STABENOW

COMMUNITY TABLE FOR 2011

One way we serve our wider Eau Claire community here at Unity is to volunteer our time and our financial contributions to the Community Table program. This is also a fun and rewarding experience for our volunteers. Contact Howie Nelson at 833-9729 nelsenh@charter.net if you can help with one of the dates below.



June 12
August 27
November 12

Second Annual Unity Thrift Sale

Black River Falls
Friday/Saturday, August 26/27

Plan now and drop off items
in advance at Rev. Sandy's garage -
715-858-3341

ROADTRIP TO AFRICA: Unity in Global Community 2012!

Join Rev Sandy & Barbara Joye on a mission trip to the village of Uru in Tanzania at the base of Mt Kilimanjaro.

Needed:

- ~Climbers raising dollars to support the clear water project
- ~Village Support: Teaching women/girls of the village basic sewing skills to create fair trade items.
- ~Financial: Tithe tax deductible dollars to the water project and/or to support someone going & climbing
- ~Prayer: Our continued prayer support for those in this village

~**SEPTEMBER 2011: Alphonso & Eva from Uru will be our guests at Unity to help us celebrate the 15th anniversary of our building. Watch for further details.**



Watercolor Painter Class

with MARI JACKSON
SUNDAY MAY 1st 11:30-3pm



We'll let our Creative juices flow right out on the paper! Learn some techniques and have some one on one help with what you would like to create. If it is nice out we may paint outside.

\$10 for materials-or bring your own
Love Offering for the class and use of the space
Call Mari 875-4859 or sign up at Unity.

Integrating Powers of Chakras

with **Sandi Anderson**
7-week class, 5:30-9:00pm
Tuesdays, May 10-June 28 (no class June 17)



See sign-up sheet at Unity or phone Sandi for more details at 715-726-2392.

4 Lenses Personality Assessment Workshop with **Matt & Cynthia Wahl** Sunday, June 26, 1-5pm

Ever wonder why you are the way you are or why someone is the way they are? Or why you might behave one way and your spouse, friend, co-worker, etc. approaches the same event or situation from a completely different perspective?

The 4 Lenses is a powerful personality assessment tool that helps you better understand your temperament and the temperament of others.

"All of us think we see the world as it is, when in reality, we see the world as we are." -Stephen R. Covey

By better understanding how we see the world and how others may see it differently, we open the door to better relationships, better communication and a deeper understanding of the viewpoints and behaviors of others.



Awakened, Empowered, Energized and Engaged Boards & Congregations

Saturday, May 21, 2011
Coffee & Social 9:00-9:30 AM
Workshop 9:30 AM—4:00 PM

All ministry leaders, board members, team leaders and congregants are invited to this practical, experiential workshop. The journey we are called to take is the journey within. What would you give/do for a peaceful life and mind? This workshop is designed for a time of rapid changes, and it involves a new way of thinking about both relationships and our individual evolution.

The workshop is offered on a love-offering basis at Unity Christ Church, Golden Valley, MN. Box lunch available for \$8 each; please reserve your choice of turkey, ham, or vegetarian at 715-836-0010.

RED TENT WOMEN'S GATHERING

Wednesday, May 3, 2011, 4:30-9pm
Unity Christ Center, 1808 Folsom St, Eau Claire. WI
at 4:00 to help set up--outside, weather permitting
Love offering requested.

Celebrate your Divine Feminine !! Deb will facilitate in helping us to define blockages in our life that are still "holding on to us." We'll engage in discussion and self-reflect a short inner journey work (no experience necessary- you all are able to access your inner self already!) After this journey we will take our "power-grabbers" to the fire for transformation.

Suggested reading prior to attending: The Red Tent by Anita Diamant. Visit the website www.alisastarkweather.com. Alisa is one of the founders of the Red Tent Temple Movement and her website is chocked full of juiciness that describes what Red Tent is and what it is not.

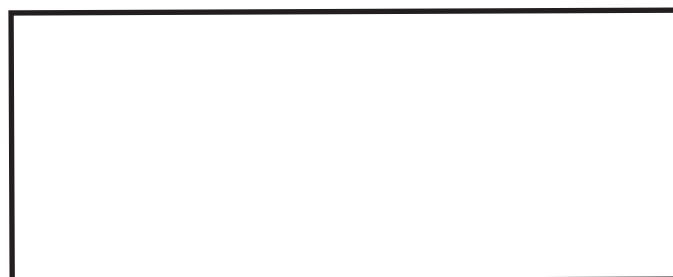
Wear weather appropriate clothing, bring a lawn chair, a piece of wood for the fire, a drum or rattle if you have one, and a WILLINGNESS to begin the SELF- TRANSFORMATIONAL WORK.

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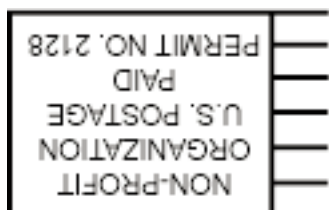


~It's wedding time. Our Peace Garden is an excellent place for a wedding and other events -- SPREAD THE WORD!

~The 2011 Garden Stroll (Chippewa Valley Symphony fundraiser), will start at Unity, Saturday, June 18, 8:30-4:00.



to someone special...



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

