



Wings of Truth

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Our Vision and Mission:

Unity Church of Christianity is a welcoming, inclusive, loving spiritual community where we practice and demonstrate a positive metaphysical approach to spirituality through affirmative prayer, healing, inspiration, education, fellowship, and service.

What Are You Expecting? It's On the Way!

It's the season of Advent! During this time, we commemorate the birth of Jesus, but in Unity we also focus on an internal rebirthing process—the process of reawakening to the Christ within. Advent is a season of expectancy. It's a great time to ask yourself, "What am I expecting?" Are you expecting spiritual rebirth-- with hope, peace, love, and joy-- or something else? Think about that for a minute. What are you *really* expecting? Are you holding on to some subtle but limiting expectations, like seasonal flu, a hectic holiday season, or a bad day at work? We all do this at times. But, the great thing is, you can change your thinking!

Transform just one limiting expectation into a positive one, and see what happens. For example, counter any suggestion of contagion, disease, or ill-health by changing your expectation. Consciously and deliberately expect health—then visualize, strategize, and mobilize. See yourself and all others as the very picture of health (visualize), *think* about ways to support your vision (strategize) through plans for healthy meals, rest, exercise and companionship, and then *take action* to bring your vision into reality (mobilize)—go for it! And don't forget the gratitude: "Thank You, God, for this vision that is now coming into manifestation." During the season of Advent and throughout the year ahead, remember the law of mind action: "Thoughts held in mind produce after their kind." Whatever you are expecting, it's on the way!

Please plan to attend our services this month, including Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m. We'll be "expecting" you! I behold the Christ in you now and always! Merry Christmas!

April Kain-Breese, Spiritual Leader

WE BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF PRAYER

Write or call us about any prayer need and we will pray with you.

All prayer requests are treated with reverence and confidentiality.

Or for prayer 24/7, you may also contact Silent Unity at

1-800-669-7729 or go online at www.silentunity.org

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:30 am and 10 am

Sunday School 10 am

Youth of Unity 10 am

OFFICE HOURS

9am—3 pm

Tue-Wed-Thu

Hours subject to change—please phone ahead.

920-739-4823

ADDRESS OR EMAIL CHANGE?

To continue to receive the news, please email us at: unitychurch@unityofappleton.org

Or call us at (920) 739-4823

Birthdays—December

13—Luanne Nelson

29—Laurin Bellg



Happy Birthday!

Upcoming Meetings for Women and Men

- No Women's Gathering in December. Next meeting is in January.
- Men's Group meets at the church Sat. Dec. 19, 8:30 AM

Adopt A Family Angel Tree

We've adopted a family! Thanks to Emily Ilg, who contacted the Salvation Army, we have the opportunity to share our abundance with parents who have three young children, including 3-year-old twin girls and a 1-year-old boy.

Emily has made paper angels and hung them on the "Angel Tree" in the sanctuary. The angels come in pairs. Take the top angel with you. Write your name on the other, and leave it on the tree. Purchase the gift and return it to church *with the angel attached*. Please do NOT wrap. **All gifts are due at the church by Sunday, Dec. 13, to meet the Salvation Army's deadline.** Contact Emily Ilg with any questions. Thank you for brightening our adopted family's Christmas!

Christmas Eve Candle Lighting

Thursday, Dec. 24th at 7:00 PM Gather with friends and family for our annual Christmas Eve candle lighting service. With story, song, and candles, we commemorate the birth of Jesus and welcome the rebirth of the Christ within. If you have out-of-town guests, or friends or neighbors who are alone, please bring them to this beautiful, heart-warming service.

"Deck the Halls" Party Dec. 6

Please join us after the 10 AM service to set up our Christmas tree and "Deck the Halls." We will have hot apple cider and Christmas music. Attend, decorate, enjoy!

Meet and Greet

Our last "meet and greet" between the Sunday services went so well that we will repeat it on January 3, 2010, the first Sunday of the month. We'll start a bit earlier, at 9:20. Join us for New Year's cheer—beverages, treats, and fellowship! Have a song to share? The open mic will be on!

What's Happening?

Membership Affirmation and Annual Meeting

Members will soon receive a membership renewal request by mail. **Please return it ASAP;** you must do this in order to retain voting privileges at the annual meeting. Note, if you have joined in 2009, there's no need to return a card.

The Annual Membership Meeting will be on February 7, 2010, at 11:30 a.m. We will elect new Board members and set our intentions for 2010.

Y.O.U. News

The felted wool mittens were well received, so we made another batch. They are very warm and will make lovely Christmas presents. A congregant has seen them at a local coffee shop priced at \$25 per pair and we are selling them for only \$15 a pair!

We are also preparing to sing a special song at the Dec. 20th service. See you there!

Notes from the Board of Trustees

November 19th Meeting

Track lighting has been installed over the platform. The Board approved a quotation for the front wall of the sanctuary:

“Be still and know... Psalm 46:10”

This will be made with 3-dimensional lettering. The Board thanks the FRED committee for their dedicated creativity and service.

The Board approved the position description for Cindi Cousineau, our church administrative assistant, and also commended Cindi for her dedicated, loving service in the multitude of roles that she fulfills.

Emily Ilg was chosen to serve as the Board representative on the nominating committee.

The Board went into closed session to consider the annual evaluation of our spiritual leader.

Treasurer's report:

October's net income of -\$405.44

Profit and Loss Year to Date: -\$1921.82

Nov. 23rd meeting

The Board held a special meeting to plan for 2010. Topics included the overall theme of “Thriving in Unity,” with sub-themes: pastoral, organizational, financial, marketing, and infrastructure.

Submitted by Linda Nett-Duesterhoeft, Secretary and April Kain-Breese, Spiritual Leader

Nominations for Board Election

Please nominate yourself or someone else to serve on the Board of Trustees. This is a growth opportunity, and one in which you can share your gifts of love, service, and stewardship. Nomination papers will be on the reception table. Members of the nominations committee: Emily Ilg, Hugh Holly, and April Kain-Breese. There are two positions open, each for a three-year term and one position for a two year term. The election will be held at the annual meeting on Feb. 7, 2010.

The Season of Giving

Truly, the “Season of Giving” is all year round. But especially in December, giving is in the air. So, at this giving time of year, please consider a year-end gift to Unity Church. **You are the channel through which God supports this spiritual community.** There is no outside funding source, no “mother church” that contributes funds. It is up to you.

What are your gifts used for? The budget of this church is very simple. With your love offerings, you employ our spiritual leader, administrative assistant, cleaner and pianist; cover the rent, heat, lights, telephone, and miscellaneous operating expenses for our facility; and purchase necessary supplies and equipment. There is no big infrastructure. There are no obscure payments to a church hierarchy. The church simply tithes 10% to the sources from which we are spiritually fed, such as Unity School, the Association of Unity Churches, the Great Lakes Unity Region, and Silent Unity. We also use some of the tithe for charitable giving in the community.

God is your Source, blessing you and prospering you. And God blesses and prospers this church through you. If you choose to make a special year-end gift, it will be acknowledged and is, of course, tax deductible!

Win a Surprise!

Are you enjoying this electronic newsletter? I'd like to know that a) you've read this far, and b) hear from you about how you like this format. Please email me with a quick note at SpiritualLeader@unityofappleton.org. I'll enter you in a drawing to win a surprise gift.

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Every time you make an Amazon.com purchase, a portion of the sale can be donated to our church by using the link to Amazon from our website at www.unityofappleton.org!



Just use this link:

<http://www.unityofappleton.org/unitychurch/shop/default.asp>

DECEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:30-9:30 PM Private Mtg. Mankind Project	3	4	5
6 8:30 & 10 AM "Christmas: The Gift That Keeps On Giving" Y.O.U. Meets 11:30 Mastermind	7	8	9 6:30-9:30 PM Private Mtg. Mankind Project	10	11	12
13 8:30 & 10 AM "Is There Room In Your Heart?" 11:30 Mastermind	14	15	16	17 6 PM Board Meeting	18	19 8:30 AM Men's Group 10:10 AM Prayer Ministry
20 8:30 & 10 AM "Rejoice in All Things" Y.O.U. Meets 11:30 Mastermind	21	22	23	24 7 PM Christmas Eve Service "Welcome Home"	25	26
27 8:30 & 10 AM "Emmanuel"	28	29	30	31		

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Sent with love to:

**CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS
TO YOU!**

DECEMBER AFFIRMATIONS:

Inner Peace: I am grateful for life. I am at peace.
Guidance: Spirit guides and directs me in all my choices.
Healing: I am open and receptive to the divine healing power within me.
Prosperity: I am blessed by the goodness of God.
World Peace: I see God in every face.

FIVE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF UNITY

1. God is good and everywhere present.
2. The spirit of God lives within each person; therefore, all people are inherently good.
3. We create our life experience through our way of thinking.
4. There is power in affirmative prayer, which we believe increases our connection to God.
5. Knowledge of these principles is not enough. We must live them.