

Unity of Salem Newsletter

May/June 2004

2004: The Year of Wholeness

Minister's Message

As I write this message to you it is a rainy, blustery day outside my office window. Just two days ago we celebrated Easter and it was 80 degrees outside! We had all of the doors and windows open in the Sanctuary, and the ceiling fans going. What a different a day makes -- truly this is the great Pacific Northwest.



Even though the weather has done a flip-flop, the beauty of spring and our sacred hilltop still moves my heart. We who call Unity of Salem our Spiritual Home are so blessed my friends. We have nine beautiful acres with flowering trees and shrubs, with a beautiful rose garden, and four buildings on our campus. We have many willing hands that take great pride in keeping our grounds and buildings in good shape upholding a quality of "excellence" which Rev. Becky Clark brought to our church nearly 20 years ago.

This sanctuary of ours is filled with peace and a feeling of love, joy and acceptance new folks tangibly feel when they walk on our grounds and into our church.

I have noticed for myself that I need to remind myself to continually look with "new eyes" upon our grounds and buildings. Just like my own home, I can become complacent and not even see the stain on the carpet, the dirt on the wall, the paint patch on the ceiling, or the leaves and needles in the corners of the porches.

That same complacency can also happen in our consciousness. Those "weeds" of self-doubt, limiting thoughts, fears of lack can creep in and take over if we don't keep a vigilant watch over our thoughts.

As we move into the time of year when we turn to thoughts of vacation, time at the beach, and

personal renewal, I'm going to invite all of us to be more aware of the "dirt" that gathers in the corners of our consciousness, as well as the little things that need attention around our church home. If you see something that needs to be done, why not take a few moments and just do it? If it is bigger than you can handle, take time to inform a Board member or me so WE can do something about it. Continue to look at your

church home with new eyes of love as we work together to maintain the health of our church's physical environment. When you find you have a couple of hours free, come up and pull some weeds, or check with the office and see what else might need to be done. It takes a whole family to keep our church home shining and thriving.

Thank you for caring, and thank you for sharing your energy, your gifts of love and your financial gifts so our church continues to thrive spring, summer, fall and winter.

Blessings, Georgie

ANNUAL MEETING

Unity of Salem will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 16, 2004 directly following the worship service. At that time we will accept new members to our Board of Trustees, vote on a proposed new budget, be informed of the results of the recent survey done by the H.O.M.E team, fill out another survey, and other matters as may come before the congregation. Your attendance at this important meeting is appreciated. Please come and make your voice heard and your vote count. A light lunch will be offered.

Please note the biographical material of the proposed new Board members in another section of this Newsletter.

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Candace Norwood

President's Corner – May 2004 newsletter

As the youngest of five children, I was often at the end of a long pecking order, just ahead of our dog Ichabod and our cat Kitty-Kitty-Meow-Meow. That never really suited me so well.

Several years ago, I intended to learn more about leadership and began a four-year stint on our Board of Trustees. Our bylaws allow members to serve up to two two-year terms, so now I'm preparing to term out. I want to share some of the things I've learned about leadership along the way.

Leadership looks a lot different from within than from without. It's quite a bit about staying on the high road in order to be effective. I've finally figured out who the "they" is in "...if only they..." and it is me. That has made me less inclined to use the word "they" without real thought.

I've learned being in leadership is much more about organizing and cheerleading than anything else.

I've learned that I don't have to do everything myself. Maybe the biggest lesson has been that we're all part of a team and no one person is responsible for moving something. I've been amazed and, frankly, blown away by how our collective energies move things from Point A to Point B and all I have to do is the part I'm called to do.

I've really, really learned not to do things I'm not called to do. Okay, to be honest, I'm still learning that one. I've learned that, with the many things vying for my time, I'm not too likely to do things just because I should and I'm learning not to feel guilty about that. There are too many other things I both should be doing and want to do.

Conversely, I've learned there is a difference between "should" and "Spirit directed." Knowing the difference is a feeling thing and it's clear which is which.

I've learned to use a feather for feedback that stings and a wheel-barrel for praise.

I've learned there are many ways to support the church, including supporting the leadership. I thank Ron for his willingness to do more than his share around the house and for the freedom to come and go as needed.

Prior to serving on the board, members are asked to sign an agreement, pledging to support the church through attendance and tithing. Leaders set the tone because leaders' decisions affect the whole.

And now I'm learning about the transition back to "civilian" life, which is a process in itself. It has truly been a joy and pleasure to serve in this way.

Light and love.

COMING IN JUNE !!
"OUR INCREDIBLE JOURNEY"

A class in Self-Discovery

Facilitated by Ann Armstrong

Thursday Evenings, June 10-July 15, 2004

7:00-9:00 p.m.

We are each on an Incredible Journey. Every experience we have had has brought us to this very moment.

Join us as we contemplate the stages of Spiritual Growth: from Innocence, through Victim, and on to Victor. Along the way we encounter Miracles, sometimes Backslide and can even experience a Dark Night of the Soul. It is part of the Journey as we become a "Vehicle to Serve God" and step into "Being the Masters we were created to Be."

THE LOVE OF MONEY:

A Workshop by June Hadlock

May 23 - 1:00-5:00

At Unity of Salem

Love Offering received.

I know this with every fiber of my being: Every single person gathered here on this Earth is a spiritual millionaire. I can even prove it. This will be a four-hour interactive group workshop to help people discover their relationship with money and how to shift that on an energetic level. This is not about goal setting, what is the best mutual fund to invest in, how to get a great job, or win the lottery! This is about shifting your ideas about money.

What does money have to say to us and are we listening? Is it acceptable to love money?

GOAL: Provide a safe and creative environment to delve into our perceptions about money so we can shift our energy and attract that which we desire about money. This is an interactive group participation forum that can help identify where individuals are in relationship to money.

UNITY VILLAGE RETREATS:

Unity Village is putting a fresh face on its Retreat Department. Rev. Sky St. John is back involved with the Retreat Department and brings a richness to the music and the program. Some of the forthcoming retreats are:

June: Rainbow retreat celebrating the great diversity in Unity. The gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community will be featured, along with others of ethnic and cultural diversity.

August: The first retreat focused on Unity congregants who are in recovery is called "Conscious Contact". Father Leo Booth will be the keynote presenter.

October 16-22: First time in Unity a women's retreat entitled "Women of Power" featuring Edwine Gaines, Rosemary Fillmore and Toni Boehm -- three great women of power!

If you want more information about dates and prices call the office.

THE 24TH ANNUAL NORTHWEST UNITY REGIONAL RETREAT

at CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN, WA

"THE POWER OF THE UNIVERSE"

August 12-15th

Dr. Brian Swimme, Rev. Sallye Taylor, Rev. Richard Levy and Charley Thweatt will be presenting at the 24th annual Northwest Unity Regional Retreat. This is a time for personal renewal and inspiration in this wondrous place of natural beauty. "Miracle Mountain" offers an experience of a peaceful and relaxing setting. This is an opportunity to meet Unity folks from around the Northwest, and to enjoy fantastic music and enlightening speakers.

We will have additional information in the weeks to come, but mark your calendars and plan to go to Miracle Mountain August 12-15th.

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Monday, May 10th

Time: 7:00pm - Doors Open at 6:30pm

Suggested Donations: \$10.00

Where: Unity of Salem, 1777 Fabry road

Directions: 2 blocks South of Wal-Mart, South off Commercial

Note: Children Must be 10 Years Old or Older

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and Cure Electile Dysfunction.*

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Ralph Stevens

I am retired after a very satisfying career as a Vocational Specialist with Vocational Rehabilitation Division of the State of Oregon. I live in Silverton with my beautiful bride, and our two "Westies", "Gabe" and "Crissy." My passions include, my faith walk, my wife, Gardening, Reading, walking the beaches of our beautiful Oregon Coast, and walking the trails of our parks, (did I mention gardening?) and the members of my spiritual family. In addition, my partner, "Gabe," a certified Therapy Dog, spend at least one Saturday per month at the Silverton Library, allowing young readers who have reading challenges, to read to us. We also visit Salem Hospital Regional Rehab Center, Pre-Schools and Medical Centers.

I volunteer in the Rose Garden, I am a member of Grounds Maintenance Team; I am a member of the worship team; I was recently Blessed by being invited to fill in as your alternate on the Board of Trustees. I have attended several classes and workshops that have contributed greatly to my continued spiritual growth.

Jane and I found the Beautiful Unity of Salem Spiritual Community not too long after Georgie began her Ministry. From the first visit it "felt like home"! Although our journey has taken us to different places, Unity of Salem has always been HOME!

If you chose to Bless me with a two year term on the Board of Trustees, I promise to continue to deepen my Spiritual Growth and Awareness, and follow/walk the Unity Principles, and to serve you to the best of my abilities.

Namaste'

Reinholdt Leske

After becoming acquainted with New Thought in Spokane, Washington in 2001, my wife and I moved to Oregon in February of 2002. We promptly set out to find a Unity church and discovered Unity of Salem in March 2001. No question, this is our spiritual home. We have attended regularly since then.

I have attended numerous workshops and/or presentations by Georgie Richardson, Diane Moskal, Katherine Fornall, Daryl Lewis, Dave Hiller, & Neale Walsch. Also participated in two co-ed retreats.

Presently I am a member of the HOME TEAM that is developing a Ministry Action Plan (MAP). I attended the first Unity of Salem preparation for membership classes and have been an official member for almost two years and presently acting as a mentor for one of the next participants.

Since I am retired I have a greater opportunity to participate in Unity of Salem activities and improve my spiritual growth. Therefore I offer my management experience for a position on the Board to serve the members of Unity of Salem.

Denita Wallace

I came to Unity of Salem seven years ago when my husband, Jim and I moved here from San Jose. I had actually lived in Salem once before when I was in elementary and junior high school, so this was really coming home for me. I love the feeling of community in the Unity family and this, too is home for me.

I teach Uniteens most Sundays, so many of you don't see me in the sanctuary. I really love serving Unity of Salem with the Uniteens. They are such wonderful people.

I also own the goats you all have become accustomed to seeing on the Unity property. The goats also have other "jobs" eating brush for people, so they keep me very busy in my spare time.

Something is calling me to do more for Unity of Salem. I feel that serving on the board is a way that I can give some of my talents and skills in communication. I am grateful to finally have the time to be able to participate in this way.

Ruthie MacLeod

Gosh, it's really difficult to articulate my reasons for wanting to serve on the Board of Trustees. Perhaps it is that word "serve" that best describes my feelings at the moment. I have been a member of Unity of Salem since 1994, with a brief hiatus in Colorado Springs.

I have attended many of the classes and am currently a member of the Worship Team. And, don't forget my participation in the 2002 Bistro as a member of the now-legendary trio "Diana and the Supreme Beings". I am willing, if not always able! My church, the lessons, the people and the activities have a special place in my heart. Choosing to serve on the Board is an opportunity to circulate that love I feel here and a chance to serve in a committed way.

ONENESS:

Watch for forthcoming information on a class on "Oneness" facilitated by Jyoti Light in July following Ann's class on the Incredible Journey. You may purchase the book ONENESS in our bookstore as preparation for the class.

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU! AND HATS OFF TO:**

June Hadlock and Kara Driskell for directing traffic for Easter Sunday Service.

21 beautiful, dedicated people who attended the God-Seed Journey every night during Holy Week. It was an incredibly rich experience.

The fantastic Unity Musicians who performed on Easter Sunday morning.

Ralph Stevens for stepping forward to be the coordinator of our rose garden; and, to all of those wonderful folks who volunteered to help Ralph pull weeds, spread bark dust and do the other things necessary to keep our rose garden blooming in splendid beauty.

All 14 folks who showed up for our clean up the church and grounds day on Sat. April 24th, and a special thank you to Linda Androes and Kathy Munsel for providing the delicious lunch.

Birthdays

May 1 st	Bea Sotomayer Tim Buckley
May 2 nd	Mary Tippner
May 4 th	Rose Daggett
May 10 th	Pat Herman
May 13 th	Marcia Timm Rosie Daily
May 17 th	Ellen McCaig
May 21 st	Roger Heusser
May 26 th	Sherri Smith
Jun. 7 th	Sarah Monahan
Jun. 9 th	Sue Karnosh
Jun. 13 th	Inge Burke
Jun. 15 th	Nadine Heusser
Jun. 22 nd	Dorothy Lucas
Jun. 25 th	Jessie Hopkins
Jun. 26 th	Bonnie Beard

COMING ATTRACTIONS...

Daily: Pause for Peace 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.

"Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with God's love in my heart"

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. service and youth education, 10:30 a.m.

First and third Sundays: Pathfinders 9:00 a.m.

Tuesdays: A Course in Miracles, in the modular, 7:00 p.m.

Thursdays: Noon meditation, followed by brown-bag lunch.

First Fridays: The Great Mother's Circle 7-8 p.m. Please call Alexis McKenna at 503 838-1040 if you plan to attend.

May 2nd: Pathfinders 9:00 a.m.; **and** Noetic Science, Y.O.U. room 6:30 p.m.

May 5th: Restorative Justice Day 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Willamette University.

May 9th: Paladins meets at 6:00 p.m.

May 10th: 7:00 p.m.: Swami Beyondananda at Unity

May 16th: Pathfinders 9:00 a.m.; **and** Noetic Science, Y.O.U. room 6:30 p.m.

May 23rd: Workshop 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. – "The Love of Money", facilitated by June Hadlock.

May. 16: Annual Meeting following Worship Service.

June 10th : Class 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – "Our Incredible Journey", facilitated by Ann Armstrong.

Aug. 12-15th: 24th Annual Northwest Unity Regional Retreat at Crystal Mountain, WA – "The Power of the Universe".

**DIANA'S DELIGHTS:**

This month I would like to share some thoughts on prayer that is a very personal and innate ability within all of us. Charles Fillmore wrote: "In prayer...we can consciously make union with God, the one and only Creator." Very often we have to shut the door to the outer world, and become still to create an energy field of affirmative prayer.

Then we can pray "from" that place of peace and complete certainty instead of "for" something. When it is hard to release our concerns and troublesome thoughts, we can call the office to put our name or someone else's name (with their permission) on the prayer chain which consists of several people being willing to receive these names by e-mail.

Those people can then hold the "hi-watch" for the highest and best. We are deeply grateful for the people who serve as "prayers." Another way to submit a prayer request is to fill out a form that is located under the banner in the sanctuary. After it is filled out, put it in the stained glass prayer container also under the banner. Once a month, these requests are sent to Silent Unity where they are held in prayer for 30 days. If you want to hear a selected reading (read by Georgie), you can Dial-A-Prayer by calling 503-364-6057.

The Unity movement was founded on the power of prayer. Many lives, including my own, have been changed and uplifted because of prayer. Through the power of the Christ within you I see you whole and free!

Bless Your Hearts as you develop a powerful life of prayer!



May Church Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m. – Youth Education is available.						1.
2. 9:00 am: Pathfinders 6:30 pm: Noetic Science	3.	4. 7:00 pm: A Course In Miracles	5. 9:30 am: Restorative Justice Day	6. Noon Meditation/ Brown Bag Lunch	7.	8.
9. 6:00 pm: Paladins	10. 7:00 pm: Swami Beyondananda	11. 7:00 pm: A Course In Miracles	12.	13. Noon Meditation/ Brown Bag Lunch	15.	15.
16. 9:00 am: Pathfinders 12:00 noon: Annual Meeting 6:30 pm: Noetic Science	17.	18. 7:00 pm: A Course In Miracles	19.	20. Noon Meditation/ Brown Bag Lunch	21.	22.
23. 1:00 pm: Workshop: "The Love of Money"	24.	25. 7:00 pm: A Course In Miracles 7:00 pm: Board Meeting	26.	27. Noon Meditation/ Brown Bag Lunch	28.	29.
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