

# Unity of Salem Newsletter

May/June 2005

2005: The Year of Applied Spirituality

## Minister's Message

Hello Friends,

There is an old chant that came out of the Louise Hay organization a number of years ago regarding change. It says: "Doors Opening, Doors Closing, it's only change. I am safe, it's only change. I am safe." Our Circle of Transition used that chant as our theme song. We also closed our last Circle by blessing the Shields of Transition, which we had created during our four weeks together, with the chant. Transition basically consists of an ending, a time in the wilderness, (or void) and a new beginning. Our Shields symbolically represented these steps of transition with a symbol for the Divine as an intricate part of the Shield.

Our world seems to be in the midst of a transition, don't you think? The death of Pope John Paul II has ushered in still another step in our world wide transition. I personally was moved to tears as I watched the sacred pageantry of his dying hours, the gathering of hundreds of thousands of people who came to mourn the passing of this great man, and his funeral. And now we walk through the void as we wait for a new Pope to be chosen. Let us hold the process of selection of a new Pope in our prayers, friends, for the Catholic Pope is one of the most powerful men on earth.

Although there has been much harm done throughout the years by the "church" and religion, I have a strong feeling that is changing also. Scripture tells us that everything that was hidden will come to light, and we are seeing this happen in the life of the church as well as other areas in our world, i.e. the corporate world. I have written, and spoken, often about the massive changes our world is undergoing, and have told you many times that I have great hope for this process of change.



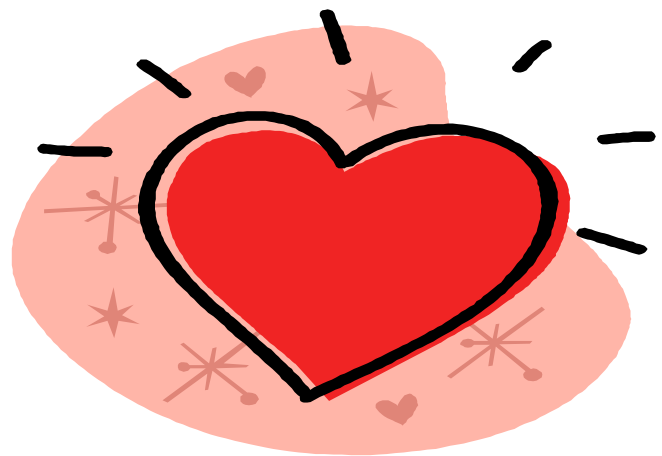
When I realize that two of the most powerful men on earth are the Pope and the Dalai Lama, my hope grows.

While change is happening on the bigger scale, it is also happening in my life and yours on a smaller scale -- our personal "world" is also a process of "doors opening, doors closing." My family and I have experienced personal losses

this year -- doors closing. My natural father died on February 5 of this year and my Mom on March 9th. On the morning of the 10th, Paula and I had to put one of our dear cats to sleep; and, in the midst of all of this loss and change, my family and I have had incredible support from our spiritual community. All of the prayers, hands on support and love has been an incredible sustaining energy for us as we continue to go through our grieving process. In Truth friends: "doors opening, doors closing. It's only change, we are safe!" Let us go forth in faith knowing there is nowhere in the midst of all of this change where God is not -- and we truly are safe.

Peace and Blessings,

Georgie



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**LICENSED TEACHERS**

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***Peggy Brown***

My name is Peggy Brown and I am running for the position of Alternate Board member. I started attending Unity of Salem in 1989 with taking a class and realizing that I had found my spiritual home. Since that time I have been involved with the children in the Angel Place, working with Bonnie Jean and the Uniteens, and for 3 years with the Y.O.U. as a sponsor (attending Rallies, Retreats and taking 5 teens to Unity Village for a 7 day conference).

I also was a board member for 5 years, starting as an alternate board member, secretary, vice-president and then president of the board.

I'm also an usher/greeter, work in the bookstore and am a welcome person on occasions.

I have attended many classes and events over the years and realize the importance of learning more about my spiritual path and building community. I feel that I have a lot to offer and would feel blessed to serve you as an alternate board member here at Unity of Salem.

**Bonnie Jean Young**

Active in Unity for 11 years, I became a member in 1995. I took classes from Rev. Georgie Richardson and Rev. Betty Owers and celebrated my good fortune in finding a church home where people practiced Unity principles.

I became involved-- team leader of the Building Committee (1 yr.), Uniteen Leader (5 yrs.), Sunday School Greeter (1 yr.), Unity Friends (3 yrs.), choir (4 yrs.) and coach of Readers Theatre (1 yr.) I have also taught workshops and presented at conferences.

Active in the Salem community, I have been a board member and officer of one county board and several statewide boards. I am a Master Gardener and speak monthly on KBZY and present at civic events.

My professional background has been teacher, and later-- teacher trainer, grant writer and director, and Assistant Dean of the OSU/WOU School of Education.

I would like to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees because I am appreciative of the spiritual growth I have experienced at Unity of Salem and it's time to give back.

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## New Board Members continues...

### Carol Wilson

Two years ago I came on the board as an alternate. When a board member resigned, I filled out his term.

Unity of Salem has given me so very much. Serving on the board is a small way I can give back.

I am currently treasurer, which fits well with my work schedule. I have flextime during the day to come into the office and sign checks or make trips to the bank.

I am married to Paul Wilson. In addition to our Unity Family, we have one daughter, three grandchildren, 8 llamas and two cats.

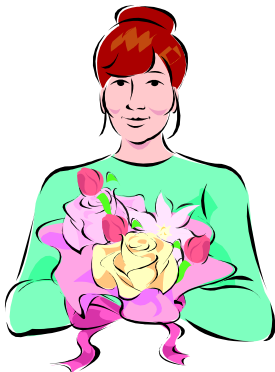
### Ed Lent

I am a semi-retired physicist, semi-working for the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. My wife, Kay, and I began attending Unity in 1997 and have been members since 1998. Unity has become our spiritual home.

Unity has served me well, in many ways. I have served on the board in the past and found it very rewarding. It is a way for me to give back to the church – with your blessing, I would like to again serve as your representative on the board.

## MOTHER'S DAY:

Please join us for a special Mother's day tribute on Sunday, May 8th.



## UPCOMING SERIES:

On Sunday May 15th we will begin a series on the Spiritual Application of Health. The Tuesday Circles will begin May 17-June 7th.

The Tuesday Circle will feature a special training to assist us in developing the latent, God-giving healing capabilities that every one of us has. Rev. Sherry Lady, together with Rev. Inge Tarantola will be offering us their program "God's Healing Gift". As part of the training we will learn about spiritual exercises that enhance our ability to focus our attention in a very concentrated fashion and access our own inner imagery. Rev. Lady and Rev. Tarantola will be drawing from Christian, Jewish, Buddhist and Native American traditions. If you have been interested in developing your healing abilities, you won't want to miss this important Circle. A love offering will be received.

We will begin the Circle of Play on June 26th. Stay tuned for all of the fun things that will happen this summer as part of the Circle of Play.

## YOUTH HONORING SUNDAY:

Every June we dedicate a Sunday service to honoring our children and their spiritual journey. Please join us on Sunday, June 12th for this important service.



**POETRY COLUMN**

During the Chaplaincy training at the beach, Jim Harris wrote a poem that he wanted to share with our spiritual community. If you have a poem that you have written or one that you did not write that is a favorite, please bring it to the office for possible printing in the newsletter - space permitting. Please keep the lines under 21. Thank you, Jim, for the first poem!

**Reflections**

*by Jim Harris*

I am the mist, soft and white  
 I am the sun, dawning bright  
 I am the bird, soaring free  
 I am the fish that swim in the sea.

I am all creatures, great and small  
 I am the trees, straight and tall  
 I am the flowers, bright and new  
 I am the sky of cerulean blue.

I am the water, giver of life  
 I am the stars in the night  
 I am one with all these things  
 Blessed by the wonder this life brings.

**BOOKSTORE NEWS:**

Georgie, Betty and I had a great time recently opening up a box of new books. It is a wonder there were any left for the Bookstore after we made our purchases! I had to order more copies of INSPIRATIONS OF THE HEART by Michael Beckwith with artistic expressions by F. Russouli. Betty Sword said, "this is a lovely book for gift giving (which she did with one copy) or for your personal pleasure." Take a look - it is beautiful! THE LITTLE BOOK OF BLEEPS - Quotations from the movie, "What The Bleep Do We Know?" One quote is "We create the effects of reality all the time," by Dr. Joseph Dispenze.

SETTING A TRAP FOR GOD by Rocco Errico who is an internationally known authority on the Aramaic and Hebrew interpretation of the Bible and the ancient Semitic culture. Dr. Rocco Errico answers questions about prayer through this newly revised and expanded edition of his popular ANCIENT ARAMAIC PRAYER OF JESUS - the Lord's Prayer.

**ANNUAL MEETING:**

Sunday, May 15, 2005 following the worship service, Unity of Salem will conduct its annual meeting. Everyone is invited. Only members can vote. We will be voting on a proposed new budget for the 2005-06 fiscal year, and voting on four members to our Board of Trustees: Carol Wilson, who is currently serving and is Treasurer, Dr. Bonnie Jean Young, Peggy Brown, and Ed Lent. Peggy and Ed have served on the Board in the past, and Bonnie Jean is the Director of our Reader's Theater group. Read about these three candidates in another section of the Newsletter.

**I am One with God. The Spirit of God is in and through all aspects of my Life.  
 Wherever I am, God is!**



The Magic Mountain

### **Soul Reunion**

*Celebrating 25 Years of Unity  
August 18th-21st 2005 At Crystal mountain, WA*

Gary Zukav & Linda Francis, Rev. Richard Levy, Jeanne and Karl Anthony and many other presenters and performers!

We invite you to enjoy a time for personal renewal and inspiration, in this wondrous setting of spectacular natural beauty. This is a magical and miraculous place where you can meet like-minded people. Come, join in the fun and create bonds of friendship and community.

This year our focus will be on bringing the wonder and mystery and hope back into everyday life. We will learn about spiritual leadership in action through authentic power. Gary Zukav describes authentic power as the alignment of your personality with your soul. It is the experience of knowing that you are alive for a reason, and that what you are doing is for that reason. Creating authentic power requires coming to understand and to experience all of the parts of your personality that are frightened, and changing them. That is the journey.

When you are on that journey you are instinctively drawn to others on the same journey, because you are no longer satisfied to spend your life chatting about the office, or the children, or clothing. You want to explore what is real and meaningful, the inner challenges in

your life, your deepest satisfactions and aspirations and how to achieve them. The relationships you form with others who are also creating authentic power - who are on the same journey - are spiritual partnerships.

A spiritual partnership is a relationship between equals for the purpose of spiritual growth. Spiritual partnership is a new dynamic in the human experience. It is designed to meet the evolutionary needs of a new multi-sensory species. Spiritual partnerships have their own processes, their own rules. This workshop is about those processes and this exciting new way of relating.

This year we are celebrating 25 years of NW Unity retreats. For a quarter of a century Miracle Mountain has been home to an extraordinary gathering of people from all over the northwest and the world. A diverse group of people of all ages and lifestyles, come together in this place of beauty and wonder, for a miraculous time of learning, laughter, prayer, play, meditation, healing peace and joyous celebration.

This is a fun fundraiser for the NW Unity Region. The youth program offers creative and fun activities for both children and teens. The adult program offers a variety of dynamic experiential workshops, inspirational teaching, dance, art, and music. There are lots of ways to meet and network with others. Many lasting relationships have been initiated on the mountain.

The program has a depth that is powerful some even call it miraculous! Come celebrate with your Unity community of friends.

***See you on the mountain!***

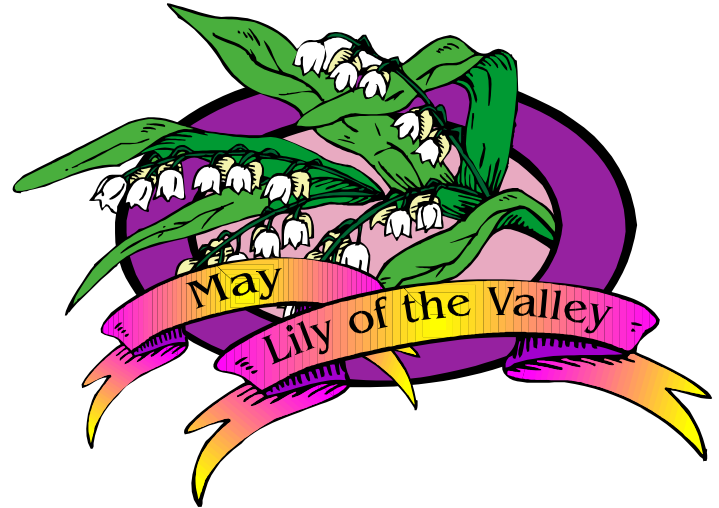
**CHAPLAINCY TEAM**

Diana Moskal attended the Chaplaincy Training last August led by Rev. LeiLanni Burt at Unity in Phoenix, Arizona. Eleven people are taking the training!!! Thank you, God!

The first part of the training was held at the beach on Mar. 4-6 and other sessions have taken place at Unity of Salem. The Chaplains will be dedicated at the Sunday service on May 1. There are various ways that Chaplains can serve and you will be hearing more about this in the future. THANK YOU to the following people who have taken this step on their spiritual journey to serve at Unity of Salem: Ann Armstrong, Jim Harris, Barbara Hill, Joanne Icovino, Estella Leske, Ruth MacLeod, Jane Minard, Renee Shearer, Rebecca Shephard, Sharon Viehdorfer, and Mary Williams. Bless Your Hearts!

**CO-ED RETREAT**

The Co-Ed retreat that has been at Camp Cascade in previous years will be held at Menucha Retreat and Conference Center in Corbett, Oregon overlooking the Columbia Gorge with 100 acres of lawns, woodlands and gardens. It will start with dinner on Friday night, October 7 and finish by noon on Sunday, October 9. This a beautiful place and there is yummy homemade food!!! The Northwest Regional meetings were held at Menucha last year and will be held there again this year. (Georgie, Diana, Ann and Rebecca as Keeper of The Light will be attending these meetings starting the week of May 2.) If you don't know where Menucha is and would like to take a scenic drive there before October, please call the office for directions. Mark your calendars for this retreat as it is going to be FANTASTIC!!! If you have any questions, see Georgie or Diana.



***Birthdays***

|                       |                              |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| May 1 <sup>st</sup>   | Bea Sotomayer<br>Tim Buckley |
| May 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | Mary Tippner                 |
| May 4 <sup>th</sup>   | Rose Daggett                 |
| May 13 <sup>th</sup>  | Marcia Timm<br>Rosie Daily   |
| May 16 <sup>th</sup>  | Steve Shepard                |
| May 17 <sup>th</sup>  | Ellen McCaig                 |
| May 21 <sup>st</sup>  | Roger Heusser                |
| May 26 <sup>th</sup>  | Sherri Smith                 |
| June 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Sharah Monahan               |
| June 13 <sup>th</sup> | Inge Burke                   |
| June 15 <sup>th</sup> | Nadine Heusser               |
| June 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Dorothy Lucas                |
| June 25 <sup>th</sup> | Jessie Hopkins               |
| June 26 <sup>th</sup> | Bonnie Beard<br>Jane Stevens |



**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 Mondays:** Chi Lel.

**First and third Fridays:** Shamanic Journeys.

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

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

**May 1st:** Pathfinders 9:00 a.m.; **and** Noetic Science, Y.O.U. room 6:30 p.m.

**May 1st:** New Chaplains will be dedicated.

**May 8th:** Mother's Day.

**May 15th:** Pathfinders 9:00 a.m.; **and** Annual Meeting after Service; **and** Noetic Science, Y.O.U. room 6:30 p.m.

**May 17th:** Tuesday Circle will begin @ 7:00 p.m.

**Jun. 12th:** Youth Honoring Sunday.

**Jun. 26th:** Circle of Play will begin @ 7:00 p.m.

**Aug. 18th-21st:** Soul Reunion at Crystal Mountain. 25<sup>th</sup> NW Unity Retreat.

**Oct. 7-9th:** Co-Ed Retreat at Camp Cascade.

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

Diana Moskal for her dedication to our new Chaplain training program. Diana you are making a huge difference in the lives of our new Chaplains and in the life of our spiritual community.

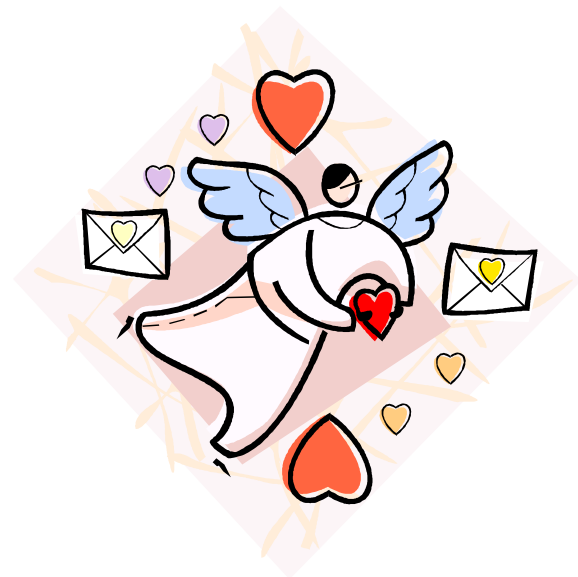
Katherine Harper for facilitating the wonderful Meditation Circles we have experienced throughout April; and, for leading the H.O.M.E. team through the internal audit of the M.A.P. process. Thank you, Katherine.

We also thank Katherine, Jyoti Light and Ruth MacLeod and their time of service on our Board of Trustees. They will be stepping away from this service the end of May.

Sandy Collins for keeping our church tidy and for filling our Welcome Packets.

Jyoti Light for arranging for our Vision Statement - Empower People, Building Community - to be put up in the Sanctuary.

A great BIG THANK YOU to all of the folks who turned out for the spring cleanup in March. The grounds are looking beautiful!



# May Church Calendar

| Sun.  | Mon.                           | Tue.                                 | Wed.       | Thu.   | Fri.       | Sat.       |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|--|------------|------------|
| <b>Sunday Service:</b> 10:30 a.m. – Youth Education is available. |                                |                                      |            |  |            |            |
| <b>1.</b><br>9:00 am: Pathfinders<br>6:30 pm: Noetic Science      | <b>2.</b><br>7:00 pm: Chi Lei  | <b>3.</b>                            | <b>4.</b>  | <b>5.</b><br>Noon Meditation/ Brown Bag Lunch  | <b>6.</b>  | <b>7.</b>  |
| <b>8.</b><br><b>Mother's Day</b><br>6:00 pm: Paladins             | <b>9.</b>                      | <b>10.</b>                           | <b>11.</b> | <b>12.</b><br>Noon Meditation/ Brown Bag Lunch | <b>13.</b> | <b>14.</b> |
| <b>15.</b><br>9:00 am: Pathfinders<br>6:30 pm: Noetic Science     | <b>16.</b><br>7:00 pm: Chi Lei | <b>17.</b>                           | <b>18.</b> | <b>19.</b><br>Noon Meditation/ Brown Bag Lunch | <b>20.</b> | <b>21.</b> |
| <b>22.</b>  | <b>23.</b>                     | <b>24.</b><br>7:00 pm: Board Meeting | <b>25.</b> | <b>26.</b><br>Noon Meditation/ Brown Bag Lunch | <b>27.</b> | <b>28.</b> |
| <b>29.</b>  | <b>30.</b>                     | <b>31.</b>                           |            |  |            |            |