

# Unity of Salem Newsletter

July/August 2004

2004: The Year of Wholeness

## Minister's Message

Happy Summer, dear ones!

Summer isn't quite official yet as I write this message to you, but it seems as though the summer activity level has already kicked in for many of us.

Diana Moskal and I spent a week in May at the N.W. Regional Conference that was held at Menuca (north of Portland). That is such a beautiful retreat center that we have reserved it for our co-ed retreat in October of 2005. I have accepted a position on the Regional Board and will be serving the remainder of another person's term. I am also the team leader for the Prosperity Task Team, which gives me a wonderful opportunity to share with the entire region some of the innovative ways we use our prosperity principles here at Unity of Salem.

We also just came back from our Women's retreat at the coast which we have every June. Twenty-three women were in attendance and it was truly a wonderful experience. We elected the first women President and Vice President of the United States of America in a mock ceremony! We utilized Barbara Marx Hubbard's essay entitled THE PRESIDENCY found in an anthology which Marianne Williamson put together entitled IMAGINE; and, a powerful weekend was had by all.

Diana and I offered the Sunday message at the GlenEden Unity church on Sunday, and our entire group of women attended the service. Because our retreat had a SLIGHT political overtone, as I explained the content of the retreat to the congregation, I reminded them of the responsibility we folks in New Thought have to keeping the High Watch for our political scene. It is very easy to get into "bashing" of one party or another, one candidate or another, even one decision or another, and that does nothing more than to add another log



to the already inflamed political scene. Instead, I told them, let us hold the high watch; let us know that we are all Children of God, and that each of us is living out our God-given mission while we are here on planet earth. We may not always think that the decisions of any one leadership are the "right" decision, but in truth that is our opinion. We really don't know what decision we would make in their shoes. Usually we don't

know the whole truth of the matter. I'm sure that many didn't feel that Judas made the right decision, but without his betrayal there couldn't have been a resurrection, and the Christian movement would never have made it off the ground.

We are metaphysicians, and as such let us do what we do well. Let us know with our hearts and minds, and let us support with our words and prayers, the Divine Order which we know is always active in the Universe and in our lives. Let us continue to shine our Light into world affairs, and most of all let us absolutely refuse to "bash" anyone or anything. The political scene is already getting muddy, and as a metaphysician we don't want to muddy our hands (or our consciousness) by getting into throwing mud balls ourselves. We know better! Let us act accordingly!

Blessings,  
Georgie



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## **LICENSED TEACHER**

Diana Moskal  
Ann Armstrong

*Jyoti Light*

## President's Message

This is my first month as your new Board President, and I give thanks for this opportunity to learn and grow as I serve Unity of Salem, my beloved spiritual family, in this new capacity. This church has given me so much in the almost three years I've been here. There is abundant love, support and appreciation, as well as wonderful opportunities to serve. We walk our paths alongside one another, encouraging and praying for one another, offering compassion, understanding and affirmation of our Divinity. We behold the Christ in one another!

I see our church as having many circles, all within one big circle. There are those who come together in healing circles; in classes; in Chi-l-el practice; in Mastermind meetings; to study [A Course in Miracles](#) and Noetic Science; a circle of pathfinders on Sunday mornings to explore the application of spiritual principles; a circle of "Paladins" men who meet once a month for support; a circle of children, youth and their teachers; a circle who lends caring support and aide to those in need; a circle of HOME team members who are helping the church to formulate a conscious and spiritually mindful strategic; a circle of musicians who come together to serve and celebrate through music; a board of trustees who seek to be good stewards of the congregation in order to keep the church healthy and growing; prayer and meditation circles; going to breakfast after church circles; tending the grounds and gardens circles, and more. We are a web of common interests, and as we feed and are fed by our respective circles, we feed and are fed by the Whole. It is said that how we do anything is how we do everything. Unity of Salem is a microcosm; how I show up here is how I show up in the world. Unity of Salem gives me a safe place to explore how I want to show up.

Through Unity of Salem, I have found personally meaningful ways of serving and of being fed. It is my intention that those who come through our doors are able to connect into the smaller circles and thereby into the large circle of love and Oneness that is Unity of Salem. Please don't hesitate to contact me or any other board member - we are here to serve!

Peace,

Jyoti

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## A WISHWEAVERS EXPERIENCE

**Sun. July 11, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, \$49 per person  
CALL UNITY, 503-364-0156, TO REGISTER**

- Let the collective brainstorming and actions of the group dissolve the obstacles to YOUR dreams!!
- Walk in with a dream – walk out with a clear path



This is an inspirational and resource-full event for anyone with a vague or specific dream/goal wanting to come true. You'll be provided additional resources and strategies you hadn't *dreamed* of, to achieve it. I look forward to seeing you there!

**Laura Handke Jones**  
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Six Degrees to Your Dreams...

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*At every crossroad, follow your dream. It is courageous to let your heart lead the way. -*

**Thomas LeLand**

*The highest responsibility is fulfilled not by doing huge amounts of work but by doing the work of your heart in an attitude of joy and creativity. This is the only way that life without struggle becomes possible.*

**-Deepak Chopra**

## SPIRITUAL RENEWAL RETREAT - for men and women!

*At Camp Cascade*

*Oct. 22-24, 2004*

This is the perfect time to renew you Spiritually right before the holidays! Although we know that God is with us wherever we are, we often find ourselves caught up in our busy lives. It is good for our soul to take time out and be with members of our spiritual community for a time of relaxing, renewal, and reconnection with one another and our God.

Camp Cascade is located 40 miles east of Salem off Hwy 22. There are plenty of hiking trails in a beautiful wooded area near the river and the trees are usually turning their beautiful colors in October. It is a great setting for a retreat!

The cost is \$95 (due Oct. 10) that includes 5 prepared meals and 2 nights accommodations. Partial scholarships are available. The retreat starts with dinner on Friday night and finishes about noon on Sunday. RESERVE your place by calling the office or by signing up on the clipboard in the kitchen area. A letter will be sent out around the first of Oct. 1 to everyone who has signed up. There will be music, time for introspection and inspiring activities. Come join us! You will be blessed!

If you have any questions, please call the church office -503-364-0156.



***Dr. Brian Swimme • Rev.  
Sallye Taylor  
Rev. Richard Levy • Charley  
Thweatt • Maya Soleil***

This event incorporates inspirational workshops, music, dance, meditation, and lots of ways to meet like-minded people. A time for personal renewal in a setting of spectacular natural beauty.



The focus will be on discovering our innate powers and learning to use these gifts for the greatest good. This process will serve to enrich us personally, so that we can in turn; do greater good in the world.

Come join the fun! Create friendships and community.

Call: 425-267-9457

E-mail: [registrar@nwunityretreat.org](mailto:registrar@nwunityretreat.org)

Web: [www.nwunityretreat.org](http://www.nwunityretreat.org).

## **BOOKSTORE NEWS**

There are many great books in the Bookstore for your summer reading! Some popular titles are: *ONENESS* by Rasha, *IMAGINE--What America Could Be in the 21st Century: Visions of a Better Future From Leading American Thinkers*, and any books by a well known Unity minister - Eric Butterworth. There is also a card table with books that need a home! They are yours to take and enjoy! If you have Sunday cassette tapes that you are finished with, put them in the basket on the Sharing Unity table in the Bookstore, for others to take and enjoy. Have a fun summer filled with Rest, Renewal and Reading!

Diana Moskal

## **CLASS – BASED ON THE BOOK ONENESS**

Jyoti Light will facilitate a class exploring the book, *Oneness*, by Rasha, on Thursday evenings starting July 22 and going until August 26. We will meet from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. This will be a discussion group format, with certain chapters assigned each week for the following week's exploration. "This book takes us to the outer reaches of our own humanness and to the depths of Divinity within, and puts enlightenment within the reach of everyone. In the process, we realize the significance of the choice each of us has made to be here in these extraordinary times." *Oneness* is a profound guide for living, and can be used as a reference book that helps us to understand our experiences and our relationships to ourselves, others, and the world around us. Please sign up in the kitchen and/or contact Jyoti at 393-0429 so she can get a chapter schedule to you in plenty of time and ensure that there are enough books available through the bookstore.

**I am Alive, Alert, Awake and Enthusiastic. I am Whole. I am Free. Thank You God!**

### GARY SPRINGFIELD IS BACK!

Many years ago I was introduced to the warm magic of Gary Springfield while I was still a congregant at Unity of Beaverton. Gary taught me about Angels and through his intuitive readings gave me insightful guidance.

Years ago he was a regular here at Unity of Salem, and now he is back to visit again. Gary will be offering a workshop on Saturday, July 31st from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$50.00, and some partial scholarships will be available.



Gary will give an evening talk on Wednesday, July 28th so you can get acquainted with him. He will be available for readings on Thursday and Friday before the workshop.

Gary has recently written a book entitled ENLIGHTENU. Gary will teach us simple tools and techniques to clear the emotional and physical body so that the Light of the Soul can live fully in and through us in enlightenment which leads to prosperity, love and joy.

***MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO JOIN US FOR THIS EXCITING TIME.***

### NOTES FROM UNITY FRIENDS

A call to Kelly Ritter at the Salem-Keizer Homeless Program gleaned the latest news about the program our church, through Unity Friends, supports.

Oregon Capitol Inn, where homeless families have been housed for many years, is closing. New resources are being developed but nothing firm has been decided as yet. Our teddy bears will be going somewhere else to find their particular child next Christmas!

Salem-Keizer Homeless Program will be having their annual apple drive for school supplies and we will be helping again with backpacks this year. So during the month of August, please go shopping for backpacks and school supplies suitable for kids of all ages--pencils, notebooks, pens, crayons--all the needed supplies. Bring them to our kitchen collection site at the church and they will be delivered in time for school.

There is constant need for groceries and used clothing and blankets for people in transition and homeless. The S-K Homeless Program send their people to the Salvation Army which is the central location for donation of these items. Please bring your supplies and clean used clothing and blankets to the church and Unity Friends will deliver them or you may take them yourself to Salvation Army Family Services Building, 1977 Front Street in Salem.

Bi-Mart is sponsoring "Craters Community Classroom" a school supply drive for S-K Homeless Program at Volcanoes Stadium, August 26 at 7 PM. Bring supplies when you attend the game that night.

Have a wonderful summer and remember the homeless when you are shopping.

Linda Androes  
Team Leader, Unity Friends

**NEW OFFICERS FOR OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

Many thanks to the following folks who stepped forward to be officers for our Board of Trustees:

President	Jyoti Light
Vice President	Katherine Harper
Treasurer	Carol Wilson
Secretary	Reiny Leskey

**WELCOME, WELCOME TO OUR NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR:**

We welcome Becky Shepard as our new Music Director. Becky comes to us from a Religious Science background. She is a Religious Science Practitioner. She has served as a Music Director, Pianist, Soloist and Choir Director for the Religious Science churches in Lancaster, Ca. and in Anchorage. Also Music and Choir Director for an International Women's Choir.

She also plays violin and has played with the Anchorage Symphony and Anchorage Opera, and acted as String Consultant for a Youth Symphony in Monterey Bay.

Becky not only has a rich musical background to bring to us, she also has a delightful young daughter, Victoria, and a wonderful husband Steve who will be part of our Unity of Salem Spiritual Family.

God is good -- ALL THE TIME. Welcome, Becky, Victoria and Steve!



***Birthdays***

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|-----------------------|-----------------|
| July. 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Ralph Gingerich |
| July. 4 <sup>th</sup> | Ed Lent         |
| July 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Billie Staebler |
| July 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Ron Norwood     |
|                       | Candace Norwood |
| July 18 <sup>th</sup> | Jackie Smith    |
| July 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Judy Evans      |
| July 31 <sup>st</sup> | Don McCaig      |
|                       | Ralph Stevens   |
| Aug. 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Paula Johnson   |
| Aug. 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Victoria Bowen  |
| Aug. 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Marie Adams     |
| Aug. 13 <sup>th</sup> | Cristy Bailey   |
| Aug. 14 <sup>th</sup> | Erika Schutz    |
| Aug. 16 <sup>th</sup> | Joanne Icovino  |
| Aug. 25 <sup>th</sup> | Jim Wallace     |
| Aug. 27 <sup>th</sup> | Dave Munsel     |

**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:** No Course in Miracles during the summer – Happy Summer!

**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.

**Jul. 4th:** Pathfinders 9:00 a.m.; **and** Noetic Science, Y.O.U. room 6:30 p.m.

**Jul. 11th:** Workshop 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. – "A Wishweavers Experience" – facilitated by Laura Handke Jones.

**Jul. 18th:** Pathfinders 9:00 a.m.; **and** Noetic Science, Y.O.U. room 6:30 p.m.

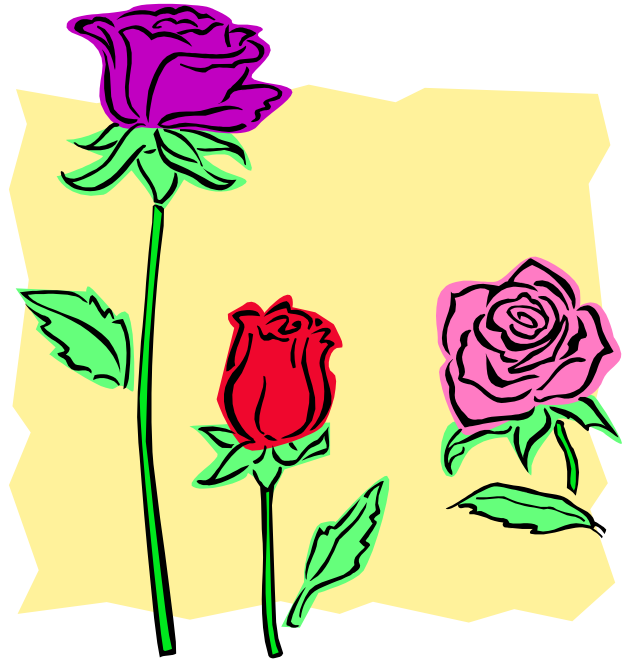
**Jul. 22nd:** Class facilitated by Jyoti Light based on the book Oneness – 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**Jul. 28th:** Free Lecture by Gary Springfield at 7:00 p.m.

**Jul. 31st:** Workshop 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. with Gary Springfield.

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

**Oct. 22-24<sup>th</sup>:** SPIRITUAL RENEWAL RETREAT - for men and women! At Camp Cascade.

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

Sandy Collins who so lovingly prepares our Welcome Packets.

The Silent Angels who appear on Wed. mornings about 7:00 to tend to our grounds and nurture our sacred earth.

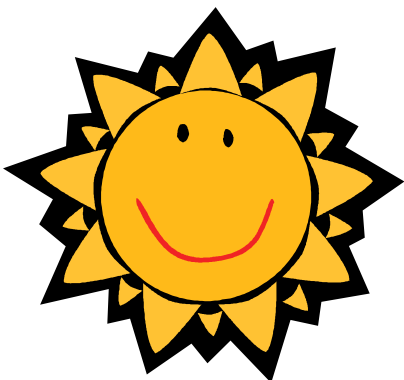
Dave and Kathy Munsel who faithfully step up to the "cake plate" and handle all of the details of our occasional receptions after church.

Ann Armstrong for leading a wonderful journey during her new class.

Jyoti Light for facilitating a class on ONENESS beginning in July.

Christine Shepherd and Ann Armstrong for leading the Master Mind groups.

And Special congratulations to Kirsten Fritz and Sabrina Cundiff who graduated from high school and our YOU program; and, also to Kelsey Fritz who "flew up" from the Uniteens to the YOUers.



# July Church Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
<b>Sunday Service:</b> 10:30 a.m. – Youth Education is available.				<b>1.</b> Noon Meditation/ Brown Bag Lunch	<b>2.</b>	<b>3.</b>
<b>4.</b> 9:00 am: Pathfinders 6:30 pm: Noetic Science <b>Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!</b>	<b>5.</b>	<b>6.</b>	<b>7.</b>	<b>8.</b> Noon Meditation/ Brown Bag Lunch	<b>9.</b>	<b>10.</b>
<b>11.</b> 1:00 pm: Workshop – "Wishweavers" with Laura Handke Jones 6:00 pm: Paladins	<b>12.</b>	<b>13.</b>	<b>14.</b>	<b>15.</b> Noon Meditation/ Brown Bag Lunch	<b>16.</b>	<b>17.</b>
<b>18.</b> 9:00 am: Pathfinders 6:30 pm: Noetic Science	<b>19.</b>	<b>20.</b>	<b>21.</b>	<b>22.</b> Noon Meditation/ Brown Bag Lunch	<b>23.</b>	<b>24.</b>
<b>25.</b>	<b>26.</b> 7:00 pm: Board Meeting	<b>27.</b>	<b>28.</b> 7:00 pm: Lecture by Gary Springfield	<b>29.</b> Noon Meditation/ Brown Bag Lunch	<b>30.</b>	<b>31.</b> 10:00 am: Workshop with Gary Springfield

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