

# Unity of Salem Newsletter

July/August 2007

2007: The Year of Appreciation

## Minister's Message

When we allow fear to sneak under the threshold of the door to our consciousness, it continues to poke at us until it feels like we are running a low grade temperature all of the time.

We feel irritable without quite understanding why, we have a tendency to project our crankiness onto others around us, and generally feel pretty miserable. I was reading an article in June's Science of Mind magazine by Iyanla Vanzant entitled "fear factor" at the same time I was contemplating writing this message for the Newsletter. In the realization of the damage that a seed of fear can do inside of us, I thought perhaps writing about fear would be a good idea. However, upon consulting Spirit, I heard, "Why feed that which you do not want expanding?" Good question! Because I would much rather our faith grow, I'm going to focus this message on the subject of faith. One of the old stories of the early days in Unity goes like this:

Finances were strained, and money was short. At a Board meeting, one of the members spoke up and said, "We need more money!" In answer to that statement, Mrs. Fillmore stood up, put her shoulders back, looked the man in the eye and answered: "We do not need more money, we need more faith!" What an incredibly wise lady Myrtle Fillmore was. It has been said, if fear knocks at the door say a prayer, open the door and faith will walk in. It is that saying a prayer piece that is the crucial element. You see, when we begin to experience fear thoughts, and then some of the emotional/physical symptoms that go along with the thoughts -- heart racing, dry mouth, sweaty palms -- we know that fear is definitely knocking on our door.



If we go to the door and open it without the step of prayer, you can bet it will be fear not faith, that walks in, plops down in your favorite chair and demands that you feed it. However, if we stop for even ten seconds and consciously connect with our Source of Well-Being, when we open that door -- well, faith will be standing there with a smile on its face and its arms open wide to embrace us.

Iyanla calls faith the strongest tool in the human arsenal, and I so believe the truth of that statement.

We find the definition of faith in Hebrews 11:1: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Emilie Cady, in Lessons in Truth, reminds us that faith takes hold of the substance of things desired, and brings into the world of evidence the things that before were not seen.

This is what Jesus meant when He told the Disciples in John 4:35: "Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest." Lift up your eyes -- put your attention on the high place in consciousness where you connect with Spirit and know that God is your Source and all is well.

*Minister's Message Continues.....*



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**NEWS from the Board of Trustees by Dr. Bonnie Jean Young**

The Annual Meeting of the Unity of Salem membership was held May 20, 2007. Revised By-Laws were presented by Ed Lent, chair of the By-Laws Revision Committee. The proposed revisions passed unanimously after discussion. Thank you to committee members: Ed Lent, Alice Sawyer, Michael Sutton, and Bonnie Jean Young for bringing our by-laws up-to-date and in line with the recommendations by the Association of Unity Churches. Jim Harris, chairperson of the Unity Core Team brought the membership news of the progress in planning our new Sanctuary. Members of the team are gathering information about costs of personnel and materials to build various style buildings. They are also pricing enlarging our exit road into a double lane road--in and out. Estimates are also being sought for connecting to the sewer system and city water. Team members are visiting churches and gathering information for comparisons. The Board President gave a report to the members on the 2006-2007 accomplishments of the Board and highlighted the work of some Board Committees. Rev. Georgie Richardson gave a message on the change process that we will go through as we grow and focus on the new Sanctuary. She encouraged us to stay the course and to invite our friends to come learn the Secret--Unity style. The new budget for 2007-2008 was presented by Carol Wilson, Treasurer and Bonnie Jean, President. The budget was passed unanimously after discussion. The election of board members found Ed Lent, Bonnie Jean Young, and Carol Wilson reelected to serve as board members and Rosie Daily to serve as the alternate board member.

The first Board meeting of 2007-2008 was held on the fourth Sunday of June after church. This is a change in time to accommodate new members of the board. Officers were decided. Carol Wilson will be Treasurer; Dick Thomas will be Secretary; Ed Lent will be Vice President; and, Bonnie Jean Young will be President. Much of the meeting was spent reviewing procedures, introducing documents such as the budget and the monthly statement, the policy notebook, and the by-laws. A new proposal was made to purchase sound equipment that will allow us to record directly onto a CD, instead of the tape process that we currently have. The second proposal is to replace the tape duplicator with a CD/DVD duplicator. Both proposals were passed.

The Sunday School Curriculum Review Committee held its first meeting on June 19th. Peggy Brown is the chair of this new committee. Members are Sharon Viehdorfer, Youth Ed Director, Georgie Richardson, Minister, and Bonnie Jean Young, Board President.

The Board is holding a retreat planning time to establish our goals and our short-term objectives. We know it will be a good year.

.....Love to all.....Bonnie Jean

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## Jesus Teaches The Secret Of Prosperity

*A New Sunday Series Beginning July 8*

Join Rev. Georgie in exploring exactly what Jesus taught about financial prosperity as she explores the life and teachings of the Millionaire from Nazareth. This is such a powerful, insightful spin on The Secret that you are going to want to invite your family, friends and neighbors. The series extends through August.

## The Law Of Attraction In Action

*A Ten Week Class Beginning Tuesday September 11, 2007 and after this week, class will meet on Thursdays*

Rev. Georgie and Paula Wills will join together to bring you an exciting ten week class on the Law of Attraction in Action. Using exciting new material by Rev. Michael Beckwith, Bob Procter and Jack Canfield, we'll explore their teachings, examine our own beliefs, answer some profound questions, share in exciting dialogue and steep ourselves in powerful material which will enable you to shift out of old paradigms and embrace new ones which will empower you to engage the Law of Attraction to bring you improved health and relationships, and financial prosperity.

The class is \$100.00 with \$25.00 additional for materials that includes a notebook and two books. If you are in a committed relationship and your partner or spouse wishes to attend also, the price will be \$50.00 for them and \$25.00 for materials. All fees are due by the first night of the class unless otherwise arranged with Rev. Georgie.

If you haven't taken a class recently, you won't want to miss this one. If you have been promising yourself to really get serious about working with the Law of Attraction ideas, this is YOUR class. Sign up today in the kitchen, pick up a registration form, and invite your friends.

## Co-Ed Retreat

Our Co-Ed (men and women) Retreat will be at Menucha Retreat and Conference Center in Corbett, Oregon. It overlooks the Columbia Gorge with 100 acres of lawns, woodlands and gardens. We will start with dinner on Friday night, Oct. 26 and finish by noon on Sunday, Oct. 28.

Georgie Richardson, Rebecca Shepard and Diana Moskal are the facilitators. The cost of the retreat is \$175. If you have already signed up for the retreat, please remember to pay your \$100 deposit by July 15 in order for us to meet our payment deadline with Menucha. You will notice on the clipboard in the kitchen that the retreat is full. However, there is a waiting list and in years past, we have been able to accommodate people on the waiting list.

Any questions, please call the office and /or see Diana Moskial



**I Look for the Good in my Life Experiences. With Faith in an Abundant Universe, I offer Gratitude and Appreciation as I move through my Day.**

### Minister's Message continues...

Do not question whether you have enough faith. The minute you begin to question, you begin to doubt, and the vibration of that doubt (fear) slows down the process of manifestation, and if the fear continues, it eventually turns away the very thing you were wanting in your life. It is through our understanding of the Law of Attraction, and how we draw unto ourselves that which is aligned with our thoughts and feelings, that we move beyond "blind faith" to an understanding faith in the Universal laws and the way material things, events and people are drawn into our lives.

A Course In Miracles teaches us that there is only love and fear. Therefore, my friend, make your choice today for love, and you'll find faith sitting in your favorite arm chair, and with joyful appreciation you will be delighted to serve Faith a beautiful meal of love, peace, joy, gratitude and appreciation; and, when Faith moves in, there is no room for fear to enter and take up residence.

Peace and Blessings,

Georgie

### Building Healthy Relationships

*July 10-August 14  
Tuesday Evenings  
6:30-8:00 PM at Unity of Salem's Bookstore*

"Building Healthy Relationships" is a series of six Tuesday night classes. Individuals and couples will learn basic communication skills, how to manage conflict and how to build closeness and intimacy.

Class is offered on a love Offering basis facilitated by Ray Nunez. More info and to sign up, call Ray at 971 239-9184.

### Birthdays

Jul. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ralph Gingerich
Jul. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Ed Lent
Jul. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Candace Robbecke
Jul. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Sutton
Jul. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Harris
Jul. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Jane Minard
Jul. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Jackie Smith
Jul. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Caroline Collins
Jul. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Elayne Randall
Jul. 31 <sup>st</sup>	Don McCaig
Aug. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Paula Johnson
Aug. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Lois (Midge) Powell
Aug. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Tonya Jeffries
Aug. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Cristy Bailey
Aug. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Carolyn Hakanson
Aug. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Joanne Icovino
Aug. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Ginny King
Aug. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Tammy McCammon
Aug. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Wallace
Aug. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Munsel

### Northwest Region Family Retreat

UNITY FROM THE INSIDE OUT  
*August 16-19, 2007*

Featuring Raphael Cushnir, author of SETTING YOUR HEART ON FIRE AND UNCONDITIONAL BLESS and popular contributor to the Oprah magazine. Keynote speaker is Rev. Lisa Davis and featured musician is Richard Burdick. Unity ministers Rev. Johnb McLean, Rev. Billie Blain, Maureen and Rev. Richard Levy, Dr. Jai Tomlin, and Rev. Phillip Zemke will present a wide variety of workshops.

This retreat will be held at Crystal Mountain which is a spectacular place for hiking, breathing, laughing, learning and healing in an atmosphere of fun and fellowship. Come feel the power of an extended spiritual community focused on awakening and awareness. Registration forms and further information are in the kitchen area.

## 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.

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

**Jul. 1st:** Noetic Science, Y.O.U. room 6:30 p.m.

**Jul. 10th:** Class – "Building Health Relationships" starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Bookstore. Facilitated by Ray Nunez.

**Jul. 14th:** "Go With the Flow" - Float down the Willamette River – meet 8:30 a.m. at the Independence Landing.

**Jul. 15th:** Noetic Science, Y.O.U. room 6:30 p.m.

**Aug. 5th:** Noetic Science, Y.O.U. room 6:30 p.m.

**Aug. 16-19th:** NW Regional Family Retreat at Crystal Mountain.

**Aug. 19th:** Noetic Science, Y.O.U. room 6:30 p.m.

**Sept. 11th:** First of a Ten Week Class starts – "The Law Of Attraction In Action" – Facilitated by Rev. Georgie Richardson and Paula Wills. After this week, class will meet on Thursdays.

**Sept. 13th:** World Day of Prayer – Taize service at 7:00 p.m.

**Oct. 26-28th:** Co-Ed (men and women) Retreat at Menucha Retreat and Conference Center.

**Go With The Flow:**

*Saturday July 14, 2007*

Join a group of folks from Unity of Salem as they float down the Willamette River from independence to Sunset Park in Keizer on Sat. July 14th. Plan to be at the Independence landing by 8:30 as launch time is 9:00 a.m. There is a flyer and sign up sheet in the kitchen, or you may call the office to sign up for this exciting, fun trip.

**Thank You, Thank You! And Hats Off To:**

**Ann Armstrong, Estella Leske, Valdez Guerrazzi, and Sharon Viehdorfer** for leading a powerful, profound and wonderful women's retreat for 23 women.

**Nancie Anderson** for removing all of the "ill" rose bushes in our rose garden and disposing of them; and, for the group of folks who were part of the blessing of the rose bushes before we said good-bye to them.

**Sharon Viehdorfer** and the wonderful Youth Education Team who took part in the Honor the Children Sunday, June 10th.

A special THANK YOU to all of the teachers, volunteers and helpers who worked all year with our children bringing to light for them our Unity teachings.

**Rosie Daily** for joining our Board of Trustees as an Alternate Trustee.

**Diane Van Gorder** for being our faithful "water lady". Diane keeps our supply of bottled water filled and available for you; and, many thanks to those of you who leave a love offering for the water.

Our wonderful hospitality team who set up coffee and goodies for fellowship after the service.

Finally, many thanks to our Multi-media team who serve "behind the scenes" every Sunday to bring us quality Power Point presentations and excellent sound quality. Thank you to: **Paula Wills, Team leader, Paul Wilson, Caroline Collins, Jane Minard, Jim Harris, John Meyer, and our three new members, Dave Ferry, C.J. Jones, and Valdez Guerrazzi.**

**Stein Agaberg** for hours spent on creating our newsletter!

To each of you we say: WE LOVE YOU, WE BLESS YOU AND WE APPRECIATE YOU!

## July Church Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
<b>1.</b> 6:30 pm: Noetic Science	<b>2.</b>	<b>3.</b>	<b>4.</b>	<b>5.</b> Noon Meditation/ Brown Bag Lunch	<b>6.</b>	<b>7.</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>9.</b>	<b>10.</b> 6:30 pm: Class – "Building Healthy Relationships"	<b>11.</b>	<b>12.</b> Noon Meditation/ Brown Bag Lunch	<b>13.</b>	<b>14.</b> Go With the Flow – meets at 8:30 am
<b>15.</b> 6:30 pm: Noetic Science	<b>16.</b>	<b>17.</b> 6:30 pm: Class – "Building Healthy Relationships"	<b>18.</b>	<b>19.</b> Noon Meditation/ Brown Bag Lunch	<b>20.</b> 7:00 pm: Abraham DVD	<b>21.</b>
<b>22.</b>	<b>23.</b>	<b>24.</b> 6:30 pm: Class – "Building Healthy Relationships"	<b>25.</b>	<b>26.</b> Noon Meditation/ Brown Bag Lunch	<b>27.</b> 7:00 pm: Abraham DVD	<b>28.</b>
<b>29.</b>	<b>30.</b>	<b>31.</b> 6:30 pm: Class – "Building Healthy Relationships"	<b>Sunday Service:</b> 10:30 a.m. – Youth Education is available.			

## August Church Calendar

			<b>1.</b>	<b>2.</b> Noon Meditation/ Brown Bag Lunch	<b>3.</b> 7:00 pm: Abraham DVD	<b>4.</b>
<b>5.</b> 6:30 pm: Noetic Science	<b>6.</b>	<b>7.</b> 6:30 pm: Class – "Building Healthy Relationships"	<b>8.</b>	<b>9.</b> Noon Meditation/ Brown Bag Lunch	<b>10.</b> 7:00 pm: Abraham DVD	<b>11.</b>
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