

Unity of Salem Newsletter

September/October 2007

2007: The Year of Appreciation

♠♠♠♠♠♠♠♠ *Minister's Message* ♠♠♠♠♠♠♠♠

I'm going to tell you a story this month. It is a story of the Law of Attraction in action. It is the story of my inter-action with an angel by the name of Angel.

In retrospect, I realize that all of this started on a Wednesday night when I was thinking about my Sunday message on the miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. I was thinking about how Jesus blessed the loaves and fishes, and then broke them. He divided them and then shared them with the crowd. As the Law of Attraction will bring to the thinker more thoughts of like vibration, my mind wandered to my in-laws, Ted and Stella Richardson.

Teddy and Stella have been gone from this physical plane for many years, but while they were here they were the most generous, loving, sharing people I ever met. Teddy never passed up a hitch hiker, and always made sure that that person was fed and had somewhere to sleep.

On Thursday morning, we received a call at church from an organization that Unity of Salem supports. This organization helps families who are currently down on their luck. We were told that two older teenagers had just gotten a job and needed some help with some new clothes. Could we give \$50.00 to each of them for new clothes? We agreed and were told to make out a check to Target and Ross Dress for Less. I questioned how this would work knowing that the recipients would be paying with a second party check. We received assurance it would

I now invite you to pay attention to the "synchronistic" events that fell into place to bring this angelic miracle to its conclusion. (Hint: watch for the italics).

The director of the organization usually comes to the church and picks up the church's check in such a situation, however, *her car was in the shop for repairs*, so she called and let us know that Angel would be coming to pick up the checks. The day moved forward, and no one came to get the checks. About 3:50 p.m. I told Betty to go on home as I would be staying a little longer. *She said she was waiting for Angel who had called and said she was running late, and I volunteered to wait for Angel.*

Five minutes after Betty left, the phone rang and it was Angel. She was mixed up and was calling from the Lutheran church behind our church. She had directions from that church on how to walk to Unity, but it was much easier to cut across behind our church and I gave her directions and went out to meet her in the field so she would know where to go. As we joined in the field, and started to walk toward Unity, *I received a clear message to give her a copy of ASK AND IT IS GIVEN.* I checked to make sure she liked to read, she did, and I told her I had a gift of a book for her that was worth 500,000 times more than the \$50.00 check I gave her. *I then asked her where she was going from our church, and she said Ross Dress for Less. I then*



asked how she was going to get there. She wasn't sure of the bus times, but said that is how she would manage. I offered to drive her to the store, and she accepted my offer. Now, *in my mind I was going to the Ross on Lancaster* as it was the only one of which I was aware. As we drove down Commercial she mentioned that she had gotten a pair of shoes from a consignment shop but they didn't fit, and it was downtown Salem and could she ask me to stop there? At this point, I was very aware that this rendezvous was being orchestrated by a Higher Power, and so I just stayed in the flow and agreed to stop. *Of course, there was a parking place on Ferry Street at 4:30 in the afternoon right in front of the consignment shop.* Angel went in to return the shoes, and I waited, and I waited, and I waited. Finally, Angel came running out to the car all stressed out: *the lady who owns the shop was giving her a bunch of clothes* and wanted her to try them on, and could I just wait a few more minutes, and she was so sorry to keep me waiting.

It is amazing, friends, how our lack of patience disappears when we know we are in the flow; so with a smile and an OK, I waited twenty more minutes.

Finally, Angel came out with a big bag of clothes the lady had given her, and she was all full of joy and appreciation *because the lady at the consignment shop also "taught" her* what looked good on her and what wasn't as appealing for her figure. By the way, did I mention that Angel had just turned 19 the day before this divinely orchestrated meeting, and that her new job was at Nordstroms?

Finally I start driving with a destination of Ross' on Lancaster. *I was within seconds of signaling to turn in a direction* that would take me to Lancaster and North Salem when Angel asked if we could go to the Ross' in Keizer -- she lives in Keizer. I shifted my thinking and we drove to Ross' in Keizer. Angel asked if I could come into the store and help her pick out some

appropriate clothing. I was still bit concerned with the idea of this second party check and so I agreed. She found some nice things, they did take the check but *only because I was there to verify it;* and we left the shopping center.

Hang in here now, I'm almost to the end of this story. It was after 6:00 p.m. and I figured that Angel must be hungry. I offered to stop at the Dairy Queen as we passed and she asked if I would stop at Subway and I agreed. Getting in and out of the shopping center where this Subway in Keizer is located is a little tricky, but I was able to pull in with no trouble. *As Angel was getting her sandwich, I was thinking about which way I would drive to get out of the parking lot.* I made a decision, she came back, and I finally was able to turn left and *ended up behind a red Corvette* waiting for the left turn signal. Angel remarked on the cool car, I agreed and noted it was a Corvette and *then my eyes went to the license plate which read HI RLUV.* *I was trying to figure it out and suddenly said out loud, "Oh my, 'higher love'."* Angel looked at me with a "light bulb" expression. As I had been talking and gently teaching her about the Law of Attraction for two hours, she looked at me and asked, "The Law of Attraction?" Oh, yes, Angel, The Law of Attraction IN ACTION!

Angel told me she had never had an experience like this one that she was having the day after her birthday. I told her to tuck it into her heart and remember it always, because she had had an experience of being in the flow and having a first-hand experience with the Law of Attraction. I also told her that I felt very blessed to have been a part of her experience; and, my friends, I must say it was wonderful to know "in the moment" what was happening so I could savor it to the fullest. The key to the situation was the understanding that the Law of Attraction was at work.

Blessings,
Georgie

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NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
by Dr. Bonnie Jean Young

Thank you...thank you....thank you....to those people who have increased their offering \$5.00 each Sunday through May of 2008. This money is what Rev. Georgie estimated it would take to cover our "faith" budget for the

2007-2008 year. It will take all of us working together to bring in the Faith Budget that we voted in during the Annual Meeting in May.

Board Elects New Officers. Our new Board of Trustees met in July and decided on officers and signed all the bank cards with new signatures and dates. The officers for 2007-2008 are President, Bonnie Jean Young; Vice President, Ed Lent; Secretary, Dick Thomas; and Treasurer, Carol Wilson.

Board Retreat Held August 4th. The new Board of Trustees met from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 4th. Dr. Bonnie Staebler analyzed each person's **communication styles** in normal and stressful situations. The Board is one that values stability and has every style represented: Affiliators, Activators, Analyzers, and Conceptualizers. We looked at changes in our communication styles if we are under stress. She guided us in looking at groupings of the styles among board members and how we might accommodate our needs in certain situations. Everyone agreed the analysis will assist us as we move through this coming year.

Bonnie Young led the group through an "Appreciation Exercise", so that we appreciate each others' gifts more fully.

Rev. Georgie shared some material from the book "The Tipping Point" and applied it to our church community. One of the elements she encouraged us to examine was the "Stickiness Factor" or what makes a person stick with the group and continue their activity in the church. As a result the Board members brainstormed several ideas, one of which was creating a new gathering place. We are doing an experiment. We will serve coffee and tea in covered cups upstairs on the south side of the sanctuary. We invite you to **come at 10 a.m.** and visit.

Board Establishes New Key and Code Procedure. The Board of Trustees has

established a new procedure to follow in issuing keys and releasing the security code. People are being asked to return keys if they no longer have a reason to retain them and to sign the key and security code agreement if they do need to access the buildings.

Sanctuary Core Team Meets With Potential Architects. Special meetings each week have been held with architects who have been identified by the Core Team as having the experience, skill, and attitude to work with us on designing our new sanctuary.

The Board of Trustees looks forward to the final recommendation from the Core Team members. This group under the direction of Jim Harris have put in many hours in this process!

We owe these folks a big THANK YOU!

Core Team Appoints a Subcommittee. Linda Peterson was appointed Team Leader of the Green Team--a team committed to establishing an environmental consciousness for our new sanctuary. Anyone wanting to serve on this team should contact Linda.

Unity of Salem Affirmation

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.

Birthdays

Sept. 1	Betty Sword
Sept 8	Alan Radspinner
Sept 10	Nancie Anderson
Sept 10	Kay Lent
Sept 15	Rebecca Shepard
Sept 15	Ruth MacLeod
Sept. 16	Susan Thomas
Sept 16	Sally Cummins
Sept 19	Linda Peterson
Oct 1	Karen Henderson
Oct. 4	Sharon Viehdorfer
Oct. 5	Alice Sawyer
Oct. 8	Emily Wieczorek
Oct. 15	Diane Bunn
Oct. 19	Kara Driskell
Oct. 20	Sharon Burge
Oct. 28	Paul Wilson
Oct. 29	Peggy Brown
Oct. 29	Lydia Clark



PATHFINDERS

Pathfinders will begin meeting again on Sept. 16th in the Bookstore. Everyone is welcome! The group studies basic Unity principles and how to apply them in life. The group meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Ed and Kay Lent are the co-facilitators.

UNITY OF SALEM CHAPLAINS

A meeting with the focus of "everything you want to know about the Unity Chaplain program--what Chaplains do, cost and dates of upcoming training, etc. will take place on Sunday, Sept. 23 in the modular right after church. If you are interested in knowing more about Chaplains and/or becoming a Chaplain, come to this meeting which will last about an hour.

This could be the next step on your spiritual journey! Prayer is the foundation of Unity. This training deepens your prayer life, opens up possibilities of service and is transformative on many levels. If you have questions, see Diana Moskal--Chaplain trainer or talk to any of our WONDERFUL Chaplains - Ann Armstrong, Caroline Collins, Barb Hill, Joanne Icovino, Jane Minard, Rebecca Shepard, Diane Van Gorder, and Sharon Viehdorfer.

Must be a member of Unity of Salem to take the training.



Are you ready for some major shifts in your life?

Are you tired of hearing the same old self-talk?

Are you ready for a more consistent stream of joy and well-being?

If so, then

This class is for you!

LAW OF ATTRACTION CLASS BEGINS

Rev. Georgie Richardson and Paula Wills will facilitate a new class on the Law of Attraction: The Law of Attraction in Action! The first class will meet on TUESDAY, Sept. 11th; all subsequent classes are on Thursday nights through Nov. 15th. Class will meet from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The class fee, payable on the first night of class, is \$100.00 with an additional \$25.00 for materials. The materials consist of two books and a notebook.

Please sign up in the kitchen, or call the church at 503-364-0156 to save your place.

CHILDREN'S BELL CHOIR BEGINS

An exciting new musical opportunity is beginning at Unity of Salem.. Bonnie Staebler, the song leader for the children, has agreed to help the children experienced the ringing of the bells.

(Children's Bell Choir Begins Cont'd.)

If this is something your child would like to be part of, you'll want to make sure you speak to the director of the Youth Program, Sharon Viehdorfer. The bells are brightly colored and will bring a rich new sound to our Children's Church.

NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR TAIZE TRAINING

Rev. Sherry Lady is coming to Unity of Salem on the last weekend of September 28-30th to train new Taize Team members. Eight congregants have committed to the experience of the class entitled: God's Healing Gift/Taize Training. Rev. Sherry has a wonderful healing energy as she leads us in becoming comfortable and skillful in the prayer and hands-on healing. (continued next page)

Current Taize members are welcome to join at any time during the weekend, and are specifically invited to be part of the Sunday afternoon session so that the experienced and new Taize members will have an opportunity to spend time together.

If you missed the sign-up for the training, and wish to be part of this fantastic weekend, call the office or Ann Armstrong at 503-585-9606 by Sept. 15th for more information.

NEW SUNDAY SERIES BEGINS

On OCT. 7, 2007, Rev. Georgie will begin a new series entitled: "HEALING SECRETS OF JESUS AND OTHERS." The series will last six weeks and will focus on the use of healing principles in our own lives.

Our Creator means for us to be whole of body, mind, emotions and spirit. Join us as we

examine Myrtle Fillmore's Healing, why Jesus said "your faith has made you whole"; and, the healing "laws" for our daily lives.

If one person, like Myrtle Fillmore, can bring her body from a state of near death to vibrant health - we all have the ability to do so.

Prayer Changes Live
Prayer Changes Lives



UNITY WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SCHEDULED

Thursday, September 13, 2007, Unity of Salem will join Unity churches all over the world as they celebrate the power of prayer. The theme this year is World Peace. The affirmation this year is:

**I AM A PEACEMAKER,
ESTABLISHING HARMONY AND PEACE
IN MY LIFE AND IN THE WORLD.**

The two Sundays prior to the World Day of Prayer there will be prayer slips available to list names of persons for whom you would like prayer. Unity of Salem Chaplains will be praying with these lists during the World Day of Prayer.

There will be several activities at Unity of Salem on Sept. 13th. The Sanctuary will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for individual prayer, as well as the regular Thursday noon meditation. At 7:00 p.m. there will be a special Taize Prayer Service presented by the Taize Prayer Team. The Taize music team will be leading beautiful and inspiring music and chants to help deepen the prayer experience. You are encouraged to invite friends and relatives to experience this very moving service.

Thank You, Thank You! And Hats Off To:

Jim Wallace for planting all of the wild flowers amongst the gladiolas.

Jim Harris and Paula Wills for rebuilding the shelf in the sound booth for our new sound board.

Sally Cummins, Bea Sotomeyer for the wonderful work you are doing as our Church Historians.

Everyone who participated in the youth car-wash fund raiser.

Thank you **Ed Lent, Jim Harris,** and **Sharon Viehdorfer** for the beautiful quotes on our Timeless Wisdom wall in the Sanctuary

Betty Sword who has served this church in the office for fifteen years! Thank you very much, Betty, you are truly a blessing to Unity of Salem.

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. in the Bookstore – Everyone Welcome!

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

Sunday, Sept 9th: First day back to Sunday school for our children.

Sunday, Sept. 9th: Chaplains lead the Worship Service.

Tues. Sept. 11th: First class for LAW OF ATTRACTION IN ACTION: 7:00 (remainder of classes are on Thursday evenings.)

Thurs. Sept. 13th: World Day of Prayer 7:00 p.m.

Tues. Sept. 18th: Community Gathering

Thurs. Sept 20-Nov. 15th: LAW OF ATTRACTION class at 7:00 p.m.

Sat. Sept. 22nd: Spaghetti Dinner – Fund raiser for the kids.

Sun. Sept. 22nd: Chaplain Informational Meeting 12:00 p.m.

Fri-Sun. Sept 27-30th: Taize Training

Thurs. Oct 4th-25th: LAW OF ATTRACTION class at 7:00 p.m.

Sat. Oct 13th: Halloween Barn Dance – Fund Raiser for the kids. John Meyer's band will be playing.

Fri.-Sun Oct. 26-28th: Co-Ed Retreat at Menucha

Manifesting the Dream Update

By
Jim Harris
Core Team Leader

Exciting News! For the past several weeks the Core Team has been looking for an architect to partner with us on the next phase of Manifesting Our Dream for a new Sanctuary and Village on the Hill. We sent out four letters inviting architects to interview with us and received three enthusiastic responses from three very qualified local firms. We have just completed the interview process and will be making a recommendation on which of those architects we feel will be the best fit with our team and our community to the Board of Trustees at their next meeting. Once the Board has approved the selection of an architect we will negotiate with that architect to come join with us to begin the information and master planning phase of our project. We will keep you informed as this process continues and a final selection is made.

In anticipation of moving into this next phase of our project the Core Team has decided to form a sub-committee on sustainable design. This sub-committee will be asked to gather information and ideas about what types of sustainable practices and products we would like to have considered for our project. This will not only be applicable to the new and existing buildings on our site but to the site as a whole as well. Things such as rain water harvesting, energy conservation, sustainable materials, solar and wind power generation, solar water heating, low maintenance, drought tolerant plant materials, solar orientations and any other ideas that may come up will be put together and discussed with our architect as we move forward with our project. Linda Peterson has graciously agreed to chair this committee so if you are interested in participating in this work contact Linda or one of the Core Team members

YOUTH EDUCATION NEWS

Welcome all of you Unity Families to a new term of Children's Church, Uniteens and Y.O.U. Our Angel Place teachers of 2007/08 are looking forward to being in spiritual community with your young ones. This year's team is comprised of: Erica Meyer, Team Leader, Ann Armstrong, Valdez Guerrazzi, and Allison Corey, Cherub leader. We are looking forward to great fun as we take our 12 gifts from God to the circus.

Parents/Grandparents/Guardians are encouraged to sit in with us and/or volunteer time, talent, and gifts to the children's program.

Our upcoming Uniteen sponsor's are: Steve Shepard and Sharon Viehdorfer.

The Uniteens write: We the Uniteens thank you for all of your support. We appreciate all of you. Some of our upcoming events are a dinner, a game night in September with all our youth having a lock-in following, then a harvest/Halloween dance October 6 with live music. Thank you again.

Y.O.U. Sponsors this year are: Marilee Corey, Denita Wallace and Allison Corey, Junior Sponsor.

The Y.O.U. Write: This September we will join with the Uniteens in a spaghetti and lasagna feed and game night, followed by a lock-in. In October we will be holding a fall harvest dance and haunted house with the Uniteens. We would like to thank the congregation for all your support in the car wash.

2007/08 is going to be the best year yet!

Blessings,
Sharon Viedorfer, YED Director

September 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.	5. 7:00 – ASK Group open	6. Noon Meditation/ Brown Bag Lunch	7.	8.
9. Chaplains present Worship service	10.	11. 6:45 pm - Law of Attraction Class Begins	12. 7:00 – ASK Group open	13. Noon Meditation/ Brown Bag Lunch World Day of Prayer 7:00 pm - Taize Service	14.	15.
16. 9:00 am - Pathfinders 6:30 pm - Noetic Science	17.	18. 7:00 pm - Community Gathering	19. 7:00 – ASK Group open	20. Noon Meditation/ Brown Bag Lunch 7:00 pm - Law of Attraction class	21.	22. 6:00 - Spaghetti Dinner
23 30. 1:30 – Taize Training	24.	25. Board Meeting.	26. 7:00 – ASK Group open	27. Noon Meditation/ Brown Bag Lunch 7:00 pm - Law of Attraction class	28 7:00 pm --Taize Training	29 9:00 am – Taize Training

October Church Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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28. 10:30 am – Sunday Service Co-Ed Retreat at Menucha	29.	30.	31.			

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