

Unity of Salem Newsletter

November/December 2006

2006: The Never Ending Story – God Is

Minister's Message

A number of weeks ago Unity of Salem placed a new/old dream into the Universe. Acknowledging our eternal link with the Law of Attraction, we spoke our desire and intent to build a new Sanctuary -- not because we have to, because we can!

I say this is a new/old dream because the dream-seed for a new Sanctuary was planted into the soil of the consciousness of Unity of Salem many years ago when Rev. Betty Owers was the minister. As God times the evolution of our dreams, it would appear that the time wasn't right 25-30 years ago for the manifestation of the dream.

Dream-seeds are planted in our subconscious mind, and in the words of Ernest Holmes: "(our) subconscious accepts this demand (we) make upon it and brings it forth." As long as we focus and hold a positive vibration around the idea of our dream, then the dream must manifest as the Law of Attraction is ALWAYS at work. If we begin to doubt this Truth, if we begin to worry about the "how" of the manifestation, and begin to focus on the challenges and problems, the Law of Attraction answers: "your wish is my command;" and, the manifestation is an increase of problems and challenges. Is this all about faith? Yes, my friend, it is all about faith.

Many years ago Unity School of Christianity was experiencing a financial challenge. A concerned co-worker approached Charles Fillmore, Unity's co-founder, and commented, "We better pray that our money holds out." Charles thought about that for a moment, and then said, "No, we better pray that our faith holds out."

A new dream has a tendency to be a bit fragile at first. There is a tendency to waffle, to be a little unsure, to look ahead to those things (all that money!) that is



required and get a little fearful. Let us remember that while there are things that are ours to do, there are things for the Universe to do. Truly the "how" belongs to the Universe. This is God's dream, and therefore our job is to allow Spirit to do what Spirit does best. Our job is to stay aligned with the joy, love, appreciation and expectancy of good that is beginning to emerge and expand around the dream.

In Jerry and Esther Hicks' book THE LAW OF ATTRACTION we are reminded: "Your emotions are your physical indication of your relationship with your Inner Being. In other words, as you are focused upon a subject and have your specific perspective and opinion about it, your Inner Being is also focused upon it and has a perspective and opinion about it. The emotions that you feel are your indication of the match or mismatch of those opinions." In other words, if something happens and we decide that we aren't big enough to do something, or smart enough, or wealthy enough we begin to feel a lot of negative emotions. There is a definite mismatch with our Inner Being because our Inner Being knows that we are absolutely perfect, we are doing just what is ours to do and we are doing fine. Our Inner Being knows that there is plenty of money, plenty of Divine Ideas, and plenty of wonderful people stepping forward to bring the dream into physical manifestation. You see, our Inner Being, or our Christ Indwelling, always offers a perspective that is to our greatest advantage, and when our perspective matches that, then positive attraction is occurring. The better we feel, the better our "point of attraction", and the better things are turning out for us.

Minister's message continues....

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NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES--by Bonnie Jean Young, President

The last two months have been a very busy time for our Board of Trustees. Here are a few of the highlights.

By-Laws Revision Committee. Ed Lent and the By-Laws Committee have completed their work and will make their recommendations to the Board in November. The recommendations for changes will be presented to the membership for a vote in the Annual Meeting in May, 2007.

Sanctuary Fund. Ever since Rev. Georgie shared her dream about a new Sanctuary, money has been given as designated funds for a new building. So far the angels have provided over \$6,000. Aren't we blessed!

Sanctuary Planning Committee. The Planning Committee will meet soon to establish procedures for helping the dream become a reality.

Readers' Theater. Two performances will round out the year for the Readers' Theater group—one on Nov. 5th and another on Dec. 3rd. They will take place during the Sunday Service.

Christmas Tree Project. Dick Thomas and Reiny Leske will rent the "Big Machine" again to spread the bark chips one more time before the winter rains come. The planting of the trees will be next fall.

Barn Dance/Party. A Barn Dance and Party was held Oct. 28th to celebrate The Harvest Time. A big thank you to Board members Peggy Brown and Carol Wilson who co-chaired the project.

Rose Garden. The Rose Garden has two drip sprinklers now. They are connected to the spigot near the garden when it needs watering. A pre-emergent herbicide such as Caseron will be spread this fall to prevent weeds and grass from getting a foothold in the spring. Tasks in the garden now are to cover the union joint of each rose with mulch so they won't freeze and to cut tall roses to waist high so they won't twist in the wind. Roses are allowed to form the seed pods called rose hips so the plant knows it should go to sleep. See you in the spring, roses!

President's Message Continues...

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NOVEMBER'S CALENDAR:

November 5th and 12th: Silent Auction at Unity of Salem. This is a very exciting event with many wonderful gifts and services being offered through the generous hearts and creative minds of folks. Finger food will be served after church on the 5th and 12th giving you an opportunity to wander around, check out the items and services and make your bid. You'll be notified the week of Nov. 13th if yours was the winning bid.

November 19th: Thanksgiving Sunday. Bring a gift of food for our traditional Thanksgiving Sunday as we come forward to the altar with our food sharing our many blessings with others.

Nov. 23rd: Thanksgiving Day. The church will be closed.

Nov. 26th: Surprise Sunday.

DECEMBER'S CALENDAR:

December 3rd: Christmas Party at 1:00 (after the service) at the Oakie Dokie Corral. Bring a wrapped white elephant gift and join us for a wonderful Christmas dinner. The party is on a love offering basis and all the love offerings are given to the Dorenbecker's Children's Hospital. You must sign up to attend.

December 7th: Join us on this Thursday evening at 7:00 for Remember The Gifts.

If you have lost a loved one, a pet, a job or a home, plan to join us as we share memories and the "gifts" of the relationship that we have lost.

December 9th: Orientation for those wishing to join the church. 10:00-12:30.

Also the Teddy Bears will be going to the Salem Real Estate party for the Salem-Keizer Homeless program.

December 17th: Christmas Anointing

December 24th: As Sunday falls on Christmas Eve this year, our Christmas candle lighting service will be offered at both the 10:30 service and the 7:00 p.m. service.

December 31st: Burning Bowl Sunday. Release what needs to be released and be open to your new Angel for 2007.

TEDDY BEAR TIME:

For the past 13 years Unity of Salem has been collecting Teddy Bears during the months of November and December. Every year, before Christmas, the bears find their way into the loving arms of a child. While they sit in our Sanctuary, they are held and infused with love. Be on the look out for that perfect bear(s) who want to come to church with you.



There is One Presence and One Power in the Universe and in my life -- God, the Good, Omnipotent.

President's Message continues...

Parking Berms. Dick Thomas planted several new Japanese maples (like the one in the Rose Garden.) He also planted several purple nandina in the berm. Later some calundulas will appear and eventually they will provide yellow and orange color all year long. Peggy Brown and Dick Thomas are collaborating on growing some dry tolerant succulents as ground cover. A big "Thanks" to both of them.

New Media Equipment. Steve Shepard, Uniteen Leader, asked the Board to purchase a new TV/VCR/DVD with digital input for the Youth Education Program. The Board agreed. The new machine is a 27" Sylvania.

Spiritual Movie Service. Following the warm reception of "The Secret" and "Conversations with God", the Board is considering subscribing to a spiritual movie service. We will do some investigating and make our decision at the November Board Meeting.

Labyrinth. Board Vice President, Reiny Leske, has researched the costs for constructing a labyrinth. This project will be on hold until the site has been chosen for the new Sanctuary.

Excavation Near Our Driveway. The Board has been viewing with concern the excavation near our entrance driveway. The excavation could cause land erosion to our hill. Nancie Anderson met with the Salem Planning Commission, took some digital pictures, and encouraged us to write to the owner and contractor. We authorized a survey of the property lines that are affected by this excavation. The information we discovered confirms that the contractor and owner have excavated right on the lines that separate our property from theirs, but have not provided for erosion control which by law they are obligated to do. Rev. Georgie and I have signed a certified letter to the owners and contractor to remind them of their legal obligation. A copy of the letter was sent to the Salem Planning Commission to alert them about our concern. Several members have asked us about a "setback rule." This rule applies to buildings but not to the excavation. We are learning a great deal about this --- at times more than we want to know!

Community Gathering. The fourth community gathering for the year will be held on November 13th, Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited.

Special Thanks. As we approach the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, the Board of Trustees extends its gratitude to every one for their willingness to serve as volunteers in so many ways. We give special thanks to the Chaplains who hold us in prayer during our Board meetings. We send our love to all our volunteers.

In love and prayer,

Bonnie Jean, President

Minister's Message continues...

It is through our emotions that we know whether we are in the process of creating something we want or something we don't want, because the Law of Attraction is always at work, and we are always creating. Again, the truth is "my subconscious accepts this demand I make upon it, and brings it forth."

Let us remember that thoughts are things, and that which we focus our attention upon is what we will be manifesting in our lives. With that basic understanding, let us go forth as the powerful Creators we truly are, bringing forth into physical manifestation not only our New Sanctuary, but also all of the glorious dreams that are coming to each one of us from the Mind of God.

One more thought: If you are energizing the New Sanctuary through your prayers, high watch and/or financial gifts, would you please say the following affirmation during your daily prayer time:

UNEXPECTED DOORS FLY OPEN, UNEXPECTED CHANNELS ARE FREE, AND ENDLESS AVALANCHES OF ABUNDANCE ARE Poured OUT UPON UNITY OF SALEM, UNDER GRACE IN PERFECT WAYS.

Peace and Blessings,
Georgie



BOOKSTORE SALE!!!

During the month of December, all books, CD's, cassettes, and Unity note cards will be 20% off as a THANK YOU to everyone patronizing the Bookstore this past year! The Bookstore is alive and well -- thanks to you! This is a good place to do your Christmas shopping! Gift certificates are also available.

May your holidays be filled
with abundant Blessings,
Diana Moskal

The office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 25 and will re-open on Tuesday, Jan. 2 to give staff time to enjoy the holidays! Messages may be left on the church's voice mail.

Birthdays

Nov. 1 st	Marilee Corey
Nov. 6 th	Linda Androes
Nov. 6 th	Stein Agaberg
Nov. 9 th	Bonnie Young
Nov. 9 th	Joyce Little
Nov. 18 th	Rich Bass
Nov. 18 th	Roland Clark
Nov. 20 th	John Meyer
Nov. 24 th	Jim McCreary
Dec. 4 th	Linda Wixon
Dec. 10 th	Diane VanGorder
Dec. 11 th	Bonnie Staebler
Dec. 11 th	Sharon Apple-Durham
Dec. 14 th	Denita Wallace
Dec. 17 th	Carol Blanchette
Dec. 18 th	Candy Preston
Dec. 21 st	Joan Manuel Zawel
Dec. 21 st	Victoria Halsey
Dec. 22 nd	Kathy Munsel
Dec. 26 th	Nancy Snider



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.

First and third Sundays: Pathfinders 9:00 am in the Bookstore..

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

Nov. 5th: Pathfinders at 9:00 a.m. in the Bookstore. Facilitated by Ed and Kay Lent **and:** Noetic Science, Y.O.U. room 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 5th and Nov. 12th: Silent Action.

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Dec. 24th: Christmas Candle Lightning Service both at the 10:30 a.m. and the 7:00 p.m. service.

Dec. 31st: Burning Bowl Sunday

Thank You, Thank You! And Hats Off To:

Nancie Anderson, Steve Shepard and Jim Harris for sealing the rock around our Unity sign.

Nancie Anderson for all of the freshening up of our buildings and grounds.

Peggy Brown, Carol Wilson, Nancie Anderson and Sharon Viehdorfer for the wonderful Halloween barn dance and party. It was great fun!

Diane Van Gorder for her assistance with the Silent Auction; and To EVERYONE who donated gifts, items or services to the auction; and, finally

To ALL OF THE WONDERFUL ANGELS who have given financial gifts to our building fund over and above their usual tithe or offering.



Hats off to all of you who serve so brilliantly and with such commitment and devotion to bring a quality worship service to our congregation. We love you, We bless you, and We deeply appreciate you!

November Church Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m. – Youth Education is available.			1.	2. Noon Meditation/ Brown Bag Lunch	3.	4.
5. 9:00 am: Pathfinders 6:30 pm: Noetic Science Silent Auction	6.	7.	8.	9. Noon Meditation/ Brown Bag Lunch	10.	11.
12. Silent Auction	13.	14. 7:00 pm: Community Gatering	15.	16. Noon Meditation/ Brown Bag Lunch	17.	18.
19. 9:00 am: Pathfinders Thanksgiving Service 6:30 pm: Noetic Science	20.	21.	22.	23. Thanksgiving – Church Closed	24.	25.
26. Surprise Sunday	27. 24 th - 7:00 pm: Board Meeting	28.	29.	30. Noon Meditation/ Brown Bag Lunch		

December Church Calendar

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3. 9:00 am: Pathfinders 1:00 pm: Christmas Party 6:30 pm: Noetic Science	4.	5.	6.	7. Noon Meditation/ Brown Bag Lunch 7:00 pm: Remember the Gifts	8.	9. 10:00 am: Orientation for those wanting to join the church
10.	11.	12.	13.	14. Noon Meditation/ Brown Bag Lunch	15.	16.
17. 9:00 am: Pathfinders Christmas Anointing 6:30 pm: Noetic Science	18.	19.	20.	21. Noon Meditation/ Brown Bag Lunch	22.	23.
24./31 24 – Candle Service at 10:30 am & 7:00 pm 31 – Burning Bowl Sunday	25. Office closed – will reopen Jan. 2nd	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.

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