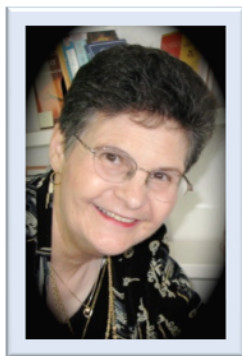


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The Year of Spiritual  
Transformation

# Spiritual focus



*Unity of Salem's Mission Statement: Unity of Salem is an inclusive, joyful and fun-loving spiritual community, empowering people, nurturing oneness with the Divine Source, and inspiring conscious transformation.*

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Our world is more in need of Unity's Spiritual Principles than ever before. There is chaos, breakdown, and pain everywhere we look. It is hard to get away from the weight of the consciousness that continues to proclaim there is lack, limitation and not enough. And yet, we in Unity know that this is an Abundant Universe. We know that it is God's good pleasure to see us thrive and flourish in all manner and ways. More than ever, we must be the voice for Truth. More than ever, we must depend upon our Spiritual Principles to maintain our peace of mind and to bring into our physical manifestation the plenty that our Creator desires for Its creations.

Dr. David Hawkins wrote a powerful book entitled *Power Vs. Force*. Dr. Hawkins has developed a method of Kinesiology (muscle testing) that tests consciousness. He has assigned a numerical value to human consciousness that is eye opening and fascinating. On his scale, the number 500 is the most desirable and powerful for good; it contains willingness, acceptance, love, joy, and peace. While toward the bottom of the scale, the number 200 contains, lack, limitation and not enough.

Dr. Hawkins states that about 15% of the world's population lives in a state of willingness, acceptance, love, joy, and peace. While about 85% exists in a consciousness that is below 200. That might seem very unbalanced and perhaps even evokes a feeling of hopelessness and thinking that the 85% are pulling down the world's consciousness into a tangle of anger, fear, grief, apathy, guilt, and shame.

However, Dr. Hawkins assures us that the collective power of that positive 15% "has the weight to counterbalance the  
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## YEARLY AFFIRMATION

CENTERED IN GOD, WE CO-CREATE A WORLD THAT WORKS FOR ALL.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Jane Minard

### ARE YOU SURE ALL THE DOORS ARE LOCKED?

Just yesterday I stopped at my neighborhood convenience store to pick up something to drink. I grabbed my debit card and into the store I flew. As I was turning around to go to the checkout I made that very familiar and heart sinking discovery...I had locked my keys in the car....AARGH!!!

I went to the counter and told the gentleman with some exasperation, "I locked my keys in the car!" He quietly responded, "Why did you do that?" I retorted, "That is a great question my friend, why did I do that?" I shook my head.

He said to me, "perhaps it is keeping you from something bad happening?" I said with glee, "I absolutely believe that!" "Thank you for reminding me."

And then he said eight magical, mystical words: "Are you sure all the doors are locked?"

Oh my goodness! No they weren't, my hatch does not lock! I ran squealing from the store and I threw open my hatch. The alarm system went off and I was ecstatic. This sweet man then crawled over the two seats of my Escape and opened the driver's side door. What a blessing he was to me!



As I drove away, I pondered "am I sure all the doors are locked?" I knew this was a profound gift, these words...so sweetly and softly offered to me. I look forward to seeing the ways this wisdom will serve me in the days to come.

Let me just offer this...our spiritual community is working on raising our consciousness, opening ourselves individually and collectively to the abundance of the Universe in the areas of health, relationship and plenty. We are making ourselves available to see our own blocks to prosperity so that we may release them and move into our birthright as children of the One Power and Presence!

I honor each of you and myself in this high and holy work. And as my friend so eloquently offered me...when you think you've hit a roadblock in your sacred work, ask yourself this, "Am I sure all the doors are locked?" You may be pleasantly surprised at Spirit's answer.

Honored to be walking beside you all,  
Jane!

#### *Principle Four*

*Prayer is creative thinking that heightens the connection with God-Mind and therefore brings forth wisdom, healing, prosperity and everything good.*

The Five Principles by Ellen Debenport

## BOARD / STAFF AND LICENSED TEACHERS

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# NEWS AND EVENTS

## TAIZE HEALING PRAYER SERVICE

Thursday, September 8  
7:00 p.m.

Matthew 18: 20 affirms, “Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” When worldwide spiritual communities gather for prayer on the same day the shared consciousness encompasses all. This year’s theme for Unity World Day of Prayer is “Together We Shine” with the affirmation: *We are channels through which Spirit illumines the world.* Unity of Salem will have a Taize healing prayer service on Unity World Day of Prayer. Taize provides a meditative sacred atmosphere through interwoven prayer, music, and readings. An opportunity is provided to deepen and strengthen our relationship to God and commune with our own Christ divinity. Attend our Taize service of healing, music, and prayer at 7:00 PM on Sept. 8 in the Sanctuary.

## TAIZE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Unity of Salem will also be hosting a Taize training Friday evening Oct 21 & Saturday Oct. 22. for anyone who would like to learn and be part of the Taize team. Rev. Sherry Lady and Bev Forster will be coming from Unity of Eugene to give a workshop for those who feel called to serve on the Taize team. If you would like more information, please see Barb Vandepas.



## FOURTH WEBINAR

The fourth webinar of year two will be on Thursday, August 25, at 6:30 p.m. This next webinar is *Developing Effective Teams: Transforming Teams into Sacred Circles of Service*, with Rev. Cher Holton. All are invited to attend!

## 5 LOVE LANGUAGES CLASS

Thursdays 7-9 pm  
October 13-November 10  
Presented by Barb Vandepas

We are created to give and receive love. Everyone has a preferred way of expressing love. In his book, *The 5 Love Languages*, Gary Chapman defines five inclinations of how we communicate our love. To deepen relationships with those you love, come and learn about these five love languages. You will understand why you feel loved by those who speak your language and how to speak another’s language. Once you have identified the love languages, you can give your partner, children, parents, and friends love in ways they will receive in their heart.

A suggested Love offering for each class is \$10 and the book is \$8.

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## Minister’s Message (continued from page 1)

negativity of the remaining 85% of the world’s people.” For instance, one individual at the level of 500 (which is unconditional love) counterbalances 10 million individuals below level 200. I’d guess that most of us who embrace Unity and New Thought are somewhere between 300 and 500. If we average that too, we discover that just ONE person at 400 counterbalances 400,000 individuals below 200. “The scale of power advances logarithmically...” He continues by telling us that if it were not for this counterbalance, “mankind would self-destruct out of the sheer mass of its unopposed negativity.”

Thus, my friends, we may be small, but we are mighty! It is up to each of us to maintain a consciousness that is filled with joy, love, light, peace, compassion, and understanding. We must consistently watch our self-talk, acknowledge when we are triggered and do our healing work, be quick to forgive, and always in a consciousness of gratitude. Take the steps you need to take in this now moment to live your life in a state of Grace. Truly, now is the time and we are the ones!

Blessings,  
Georgie

# THOUGHTS TO PONDER

## WEE WORDS FROM THE GREAT PLAINS

From Jaine Niktab



What better to do on a hot, humid Midwestern day than to relax in front of a panoramic view window, oscillating fan blowing forcefully through my hair, ice tea on the table, and a Butterworth in hand (an Eric Butterworth that is), and thoughts of the births, birthdays, retreats and a vacation looming. Prosperity, heck, abundance of all things was dancing in my head.

Then I began thinking, “These blessings?” “This joy?” “But, at what cost?” Try as I might to quiet my limiting thoughts, they continued to pop up to dampen my joy and enthusiasm. At times like this, I soon realized it was time to call for a Master and no one speaks louder to me than Eric Butterworth. I opened up “Spiritual Economics” and settled in.

Immediately I was reminded, “...to get the most from this study, you want to declare your independence from the belief that your personal welfare is completely tied to the economic fluctuations of the world *out there*” (pg 9).

Hmmm... as for myself, I can hear a thing said time and time again,

when suddenly, all things come together and I finally HEAR; my consciousness cracks wide open to the opulence of the words. And so it was I finally grasped the truth that we are all surrounded – everywhere present and swimming in (like fish in water) – this substance of God. Eric wrote, “...not just some of it, but all the substance in the Universe is present at any point of human need” (pg 18).

Even after I finished my tea and read the last page of the book, the shifts in my consciousness was so profound I remained immobilized.

A few days later at Unity Village, there was a table that displayed all the retreats and workshops offered for the year. On one corner of the table sat a box where one entered their name to win a free event from a list of choices. As I dropped my name in the box, I suddenly heard Eric’s words. I looked at the attendant operating the desk and said with a smile, “you’ll be emailing me soon; I’m going to win this.” Two days later, I got the email that I won and I chose Karen Drukker and Lori Sandstrom’s Women’s Retreat as my prize.

On the final evening of the retreat, raffle tickets were passed out before dinner. I shared the story I just told you with the people at my table and again I felt something, “I’m going to win this raffle,” I said.

The first number called was for a CD. My dinner mates all looked at me as the winning number for the next prize - a free return retreat next year (a \$300 value) – was drawn. Yes, indeed, it was mine!

The story of my “prosperity think-

ing” spread and I readily shared this advice with all who asked and I am now sharing with you at home – Grab a beverage, settle in, and read Eric.

Blessings from Jaine



## SUNDAY SERVICE TEAM

You answered the call of Spirit saying “Here I Am, Use Me” as you show up faithfully on Sundays at 9:30 AM to prepare yourself for your avenue of service; usher /greeter, reader, bookstore host, coffee maker, and/or as Chaplain, and you are very much appreciated!

The last Sunday on the current schedule is Sept. 18. Therefore, I will be working on a new schedule Sept. 6. If you are not feeling passion to serve in your current way, please let me know so and I’ll take you off the schedule for some renewal time. Often times, a break will reignite your passion to serve. If this is the case, please let me know before **Sept. 6** by calling the office (503-364-0156) to leave a message for me.

If you would like more information about the teams, please call the office. The time commitment to serve on this team is 4 months. Depending on the number of people on the team, this means you would usher/greet about 3 times. You receive a Sunday Team Directory in case you need to get a sub for the Sunday you are scheduled.

If you have any questions or need further information, please call the church office.

# APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

**We offer deep gratitude to the following people who share of their time, talents, and treasures in a committed and generous way at Unity of Salem.**

♥ To the Hospitality Team – Lee Howell, Judy Forest, Diane Bunn, Jane Gerking, Ed Lent, Bea Sotomayor and Dawn Castro who is a sub. People on this team arrive by 9:15 a.m. to make the coffee and clean up after the service.

There are also special occasions in which cake, fruit, and snacks are served. Jane and Jim Gerking provided the cake for Betty's retirement celebration. Your presence and sacred service is very much appreciated!

♥ To chaplains and everyone who serve on the email Prayer Team! Your loving, sacred service is a gift to our community! Each one of you is a thread in the fabric of powerful prayer energy at Unity of Salem!

♥ To Jane Minard for volunteering to work in the office throughout the summer. Jane is helping us bring our technology to a higher level of efficiency.

♥ To Paul Wilson, Lee and Bob Howell, John Gordon and all the other wonderful people who tend to our sacred nine acres!

♥ To Victoria Halsey for watching over our much-needed bottled water supply and purchasing more as it gets low.

♥ To C.J. for volunteering to turn in all of the bottles and cans brought to the church. All of the funds from this project go to help support our kids attending Regional events. You can also help by bringing by those bottles and cans that have a deposit and placing them in the collection cans under the overhang by the barn. C.J. will take them from there.

### *The Eternal Completion*

*"...let us forget the past and live in the eternal present of God's happy smile. Today is good; tomorrow will be even better, and that vista of tomorrows that stretches down the bright eternities of an endless future will all be good, for the nature of Reality cannot change."*

Science of Mind  
By Ernest Holmes  
Page 471

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



### August

- 3 Jan Duke
- 10 Tonya Jeffries
- 15 Lee Howell
- 18 Ginny King
- 22 Tammy McCammon
- 23 Ila Holmes
- 25 Jim Wallace
- 25 Bob Howell

### September

- 1 Betty Sword
- 5 Margarita Nunez
- 5 Deborah Vedder
- 8 Alan Radspinner
- 10 Kay Lent
- 10 Nancie Anderson
- 15 Rebecca Shepard
- 15 Ruth MacLeod
- 16 Sally Cummins
- 19 Linda Peterson
- 22 Sarah Bent



## SUMMER MEANS CAMP

Or in the case of Unity - Unitreat and Rendezvous

Five Y.O.U. (Youth of Unity - high school age) and three sponsors attended Rendezvous July 22-25 at the Chewelah Peak Learning Center out of Spokane, WA. Jordan Ferry, Zac Callahan, Galen Tanner, Ariel Chambers-Owens, Victoria Shepard, and sponsors Marilee and Allie Corey and Steve Shepard traveled that far distance to be with Y.O.U. members from throughout the Northwest Region. In addition, we were able to send six Uniteens (middle-School age) to Unitreat in June.

Unity of Salem can feel very proud that we can offer these regional experiences to our teens. These are defining times for our youth - memories and experiences they will cherish for a lifetime as they grow and mature into adulthood. Thank you to everyone who supports our fundraisers and offer scholarship money to make all of this possible!

## YOUTH ED WORKSHOP

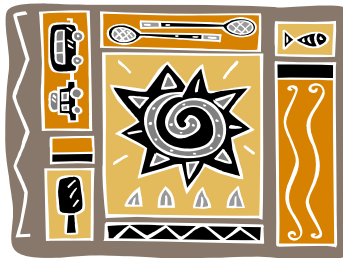
Saturday, August 6, 2011  
9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

All Teachers, Sponsors, parents and everyone who is passionate about Spiritual Youth Education are invited to join us for the day. We plan to spend a Joyful Time in visioning, setting intention, and aligning with spirit as we set our sights on the next year and beyond. We welcome everyone's ideas and support.

## UNITY FRIENDS

Unity of Salem is once again collecting items for the S.T.E.P. (Student in Transition Program) to assist children to start the school year in a positive direction. Our goal is an abundance of backpacks with school supplies. If you want to be a part of this & you are not available to shop, please write a check & mark Unity Friends/ Back packs. We have angels shopping for the children. I appreciate the willingness of our spiritual community to help others in their time of transition.

Blessings,  
The Unity Friends Team of Volunteers



## KIDS PLAY DAY A GREAT SUCCESS

Ten Unity kids and four Teen Helpers joined Sharon Viehdorfer and Ann Armstrong on Wednesday, July 13 for a great summer play day. The Teens, Ariel Chambers-Owen, Victoria Shepard, Galen Tanner and Nathan Schwab planned and led the day's activities. The Theme "I can imagine Heaven on Earth" was carried out in numerous ways as everyone had fun making solar prints and parachutes, playing "Spirit Says" in the labyrinth etc. Highlights included Joy Songs, Hot Dogs for lunch, and a Treasure Hunt, ice cream bars and prizes at the end of the day.



Georgie and Paula are offering this poem in recognition of the new Bernese Mtn. Dog (puppy) that has come to live with them.



(Dani)

## PUPPY POEM

You can't buy loyalty, they say  
I bought it though, the other day;  
You can't buy friendship, tried and true,  
But just the same, I bought that too.

I made my bid, and on the spot  
bought love and faith and a whole  
job lot of happiness, so all in all  
The purchase price was pretty small.

I bought a single trusting heart,  
That gave devotion from the start  
If you think these things are not for sale,  
Buy a brown-eyed puppy with a wagging tail.

Author Unknown



# OTHER NOTABLE HAPPENINGS

## UNITY PEOPLE'S CONVENTION-2011

By Diana Moskal

During the week of June 13, Georgie Richardson and I attended Unity's annual convention at Overland Park in Kansas. Our Consultant, Cindy Henson, was with us as well. The opening reception and ceremony was held at Unity Village, so Georgie and I got on the first bus available from our hotel. It always thrills our hearts to be on that sacred land as we bask in the beauty and remember past visits.



The convention theme was "The Radiating Heart of Unity." The message was that each one of us is a radiating heart of Unity as we allow the transforming power of our love to radiate freely and joyously into the world. Every day was filled with keynote speakers, workshops, wonderful music, and connection.

One of the speakers, Gregg Levoy, who was our second webinar host this year, spoke on *callings*, which is the title of his book. He told us that service is a way of life and service can be simple things like listening to a friend, interaction with your animals, and taking a hot bath. We often think of service to others, but service to ourselves is also important. He said that some-

times we take on too much to the point of destruction and that "vegging out" for a day doing nothing can also be productive. Just ask a conceptualizer about that statement and they will agree that much can be accomplished even when it doesn't look like anything is happening. Gregg reminded us that when we stake a claim to our soul's vitality, then we stake a claim for everyone.



Another speaker was Lynn McTaggart who wrote *The Field* and *The Intention Experiment*, and just completed a book entitled *The Bond*. She feels the world as we know it is going down and that we are looking at the end of a false sense of who we are. She said that we create competition in every aspect of our lives which is leading us to extinction because we were not made to be this competitive. Lynn believes we are a living imprint of Nature and Nature designed us to bond with each other, rather than compete.

Georgie attended a workshop led by Rev. Chris Michael on "The Consciousness of Prosperity." He offered the group seven truths he feels will set us free from the limitations we place on our ourselves and heal the sense of separation we experience. This material will be a Sunday series beginning on Sept. 11.

The next Unity People's Convention is June 11-15, 2012 in Detroit, Michigan. The theme will be "Pulled by a Vision." Perhaps you can be open to the possibility of attending the convention next year!



## A COURSE IN MIRACLES

Monday evening at 7:00, Rev. Mark Spencer facilitates A Course In Miracles in the Bookstore. Everyone is invited to attend. A love offering is received.

## POWER OF SOUL

Roger Givens continues to lead Dr. Sha's Power of Soul group in the Bookstore on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 7:00.

## PATHFINDERS RETURNS ON SEPTEMBER 18

For many years, Kay and Ed Lent have led a group entitled Pathfinders on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month. The group studies a metaphysical book and discusses how our Spiritual teachings apply in everyday life. The group meets at 9:00 in the Bookstore. Everyone is welcome. We offer a big THANK YOU to Kay and Ed for continuing to lead this important group.

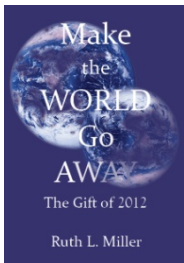
# BOOKSTORE CORNER

## Highlighted Books and CDs Of The Month

**NOTICE:** Unity of Salem is now a full Associate of AMAZON.COM. You can purchase any Amazon.com product through the Unity Associate website and Unity will receive up to 10% of the cost of the item. Just go to [www.UnityofSalem.com](http://www.UnityofSalem.com) or <http://astore.amazon.com/wwwunityofsal-20> and click on the Amazon.com link. You will stay on the Unity page throughout your complete order and then be transferred to Amazon.com for payment.

Did you know that the Bookstore has:

- Free books by Dr. Sha which are donated by Roger Givens?
- Books at reduced prices?
- A round table with books on a donation basis with proceeds going to the Teen retreat fund?
- A wonderful lending library which will soon include the Abraham material?



The newest book in the Bookstore is MAKE THE WORLD GO AWAY – THE GIFT OF 2012 by Ruth Miller. 2012 is by no means the first time humanity has gone into a frenzy about “end times” and apocalyptic visions, but this may be the first time that many scientists agree with indigenous prophets that something big is about to happen. All the forecasts and prophecies point in one direction: the end of a way of life we’ve come to think of as “normal” and the beginning of possibilities most of us haven’t even been able to imagine. What’s really going on here? Dr. Ruth Miller has the breadth of knowledge and experience to bring clarity to this unwieldy subject—and an easy style that makes it all understandable.

Blessings, Diana Moskal

P.S., Please go to [www.unityofsalem.com](http://www.unityofsalem.com) and click on our Amazon associate store link to order the book if Rev. Georgie mentions a book in her Sunday message that is not in the Bookstore. Thank you.

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