

Unity Church of Peace

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November 2011

Theme: "Gratitude for Unity"

Lesson Titles:

- Nov. 6 "Thank God for the Unity Movement"
- Nov. 13 "Myrtle Fillmore, Mother of Unity"
Guest musician - Trina Brunk
- Nov. 20 "Papa Charley Fillmore"
- Nov. 27 Rev. Sallie hosts Guest Speaker,
Mark Madsen

November Affirmation

*"I give thanks for the Unity principles
that have blessed my life."*

Special Events

Spiritual Movie Night

Friday, November 18th
6:30 p.m.

All Unity Thanksgiving Service

Wed., November 23rd
7:00 p.m.
at Unity Church of Light,
in St. Charles

Sneak Preview

Unity Café Talent Show
December 10th
6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 11th
Music Fundraiser Luncheon



Minister's Message



Dear Unity Friends,

How often have you been asked where you go to church, and when you say, Unity Church of Peace, the person asks, "Oh, is that Unitarian?" or "What's Unity?" I am sure this has probably happened to most of us at some time. The sad fact is that there are simply too many people who still have never heard of Unity, and too many who probably do not really understand what we are all about.

Last month, David and I went with a small group of congregants to Unity Village, in Lee's Summit, MO. There we had a wonderful guided tour of the entire place and learned so many interesting details about its construction and those whose vision inspired it.

We were also able to roam the magnificent grounds and enjoy the gorgeous, fragrant rose gardens, which are flanked by the newly renovated Unity fountains. We were privileged to be able to sit in the quiet of the Silent Unity Chapel, the Fillmore Chapel, and the small Peace Chapel, which houses the very same **PEACE BE STILL** mural, painted by the same artist, Lowell H. Turner, who painted the wall of our own Unity Church of Peace sanctuary. We had plenty of time to stroll freely, too, or walk the labyrinth, as well as to be tempted by the fantastic gifts in the Unity Book Store/Gift Shop (where, to my delight, they also serve Starbucks!)

There are truly not enough words to describe the beauty and deep sense of awe and pride that Unity Village inspires. I certainly felt it, and was fondly reminded of the two years that I was blessed to live there, while attending the Unity Ministerial Program.

On Sunday morning, some of us attended the church service at the very first

Unity church in existence, which is called, Unity Church Universal, located in downtown Kansas City. This experience touched us in such a profound way that we were practically speechless. There is nothing like standing in the very same upper room where the first prayers of Silent Unity were sent forth through the telephone wires by Myrtle Fillmore, "Mother of Unity", or standing on the very pulpit where Charles Fillmore gave his first lessons to a spiritually hungry community.

I could go on and on, but instead, I strongly encourage you to go and experience this wonderful Unity heritage for yourself. Hopefully, we can take another church trip, and maybe the next time, you will be able to join us.

As a result of the inspiration that I felt on that trip, I have decided to devote this month of November to the rediscovery, better understanding, and enhanced appreciation of our amazing Unity Movement. My lessons will highlight our co-founder, Myrtle Fillmore, whose faith and prayers were the true foundation for the Unity Movement, as well as co-founder, "Papa Charley Fillmore", whose dedication and intellectual pursuits made the Unity ideas accessible through the spoken and written word.

We took many wonderful pictures throughout our weekend, and look forward to sharing them with you on the big screen in the sanctuary, along with a couple of very special audio treats!

This is an exciting time in history, when all of us can join together in a powerful Unity consciousness, to help heal and enlighten our world by expressing and sharing the uplifting Unity teachings of oneness and peace. In fact, living the truths that we know is the fifth Unity principle, and is also an important part of our Mission here at Unity Church of Peace.

I sincerely hope you will join us this month in strengthening our understanding of the true meaning of Unity, so that

President's Notes

Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter shortly after experiencing our Sunday service with guest artists Bukeka Shoals and Chaz Wesley. Their message focused on the power of appreciation. Appreciation is more than gratitude. Appreciation, according to Webster's Dictionary is the following:

1. To grasp the nature, worth, quality or significance of, to value or admire highly, to judge with heightened perception or understanding.
2. To increase the value of.

It is difficult to put into words how much I and the other Board members appreciate each person in our church family. I know that everyone who comes through our doors has something to contribute. Some have an abundance of time; some have an abundance of talent or treasure. Some have more limited resources but contribute what they can in time, talent and treasure. I see so much creativity and commitment on the part of so many that I cannot help but be thankful to be part of this community.

Feel appreciated folks! Also know that UCOP needs you to continue to look within and ask yourselves at what level do you want to show appreciation for the spiritual community that we share. Everyone has something to give. During this season of Thanksgiving let us reflect on the many things we appreciate about our Church and what we as individuals are willing to do to show that appreciation. Unity Church of Peace, in order to grow and prosper (to appreciate, to increase in value), needs every one of us and every gift that each one of us brings.

Thank you for all you do and continue to do.

Love and Blessings,
Joan Langer

Tidings from the Treasurer

Hello My Unity Friends and Family,

I am delighted to serve on your Board of Trustees. As an interim Trustee over the past few months I have noticed something that has concerned me some and I would like to share that with all of you.

As you know Rev. Sallie needs to take a Sunday off every few weeks for spiritual renewal. This time off is well deserved as she puts so much of her time in preparing the week's lessons so that they are thorough, inspiring, educational and fulfilling. Many of you may not realize, but she also tends to much of the administrative and other tasks, such as concerns with the building maintenance work that is needed.

Now, I would like to share with all of you my concern. When Rev. Sallie is taking a spiritual renewal day our attendance falls off substantially. Rev. Sallie goes to great lengths in selecting a guest speaker that will deliver a quality lesson in her place. When we do not attend church on those days we are not supporting our church and Reverend. Not only is your presence needed to show your support, but your tithes and offerings are also needed. Remember, when you are not there the expenses still are.

What I am asking you to consider is showing your support by attending services when guest speakers are filling in for our beloved minister and giving of your tithes and offerings. Yes, there will always be those times when you cannot be present, however, if you would consider mailing in your tithe or offering that week it will put everyone's mind at ease, knowing we will be able to meet the monthly expenses. Also, if you know you will be missing a week ahead you can put your tithe or offering in an envelope and mark it for the

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together we can become an even more transformational force for good in our community and our world!

In closing, I would like to share with you the powerful Unity Invocation that Charles Fillmore used to open each prayer service that he led.

Have a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving, and throughout this month, I invite you to affirm with me often, and with enthusiasm, "*I give thanks for the Unity principles that have blessed my life.*" And remember that God is blessing you now and always!

Love and Blessings of Peace,
Reverend Sallie Fox

Unity Invocation

"We are now in the presence of pure being and immersed in the Holy Spirit of life, love and wisdom.

We acknowledge thy presence and Thy power, O Blessed Spirit;

In thy divine wisdom now erase our mortal limitations and from Thy pure substance of love bring into manifestation our world, according to Thy perfect law."

- Charles Fillmore



Page Turner

HAPPY FALL TO YOU ALL,

The Nov./Dec. *Daily Word* Magazines are in, purchase yours now. We also have bargain books on the table next to the desk; check out the special prices, they are on the right corner of the table. Some of the books are new and not marked down, they are however, good reads. They will also make good Holiday gifts.

We also have some very good Unity CDs on the rack with the greeting cards. Our very own Jeanne Hahn has some cards she made for sale also, check them out. Jeanne is a very talented artist.

We continue to seek a volunteer to help out in the **Book Nook**. It is not a difficult job, and you get to meet new people. Please talk to Rev. Sallie, Marty or Carol if you are interested. Randi is now on the board and teaches Sunday School so she does not have the time to help much. Shelley helps when needed but is not a regular, we need a regular person, you only need to do one Sunday a month, THINK ABOUT IT.

Please feel free to browse around this is YOUR BOOK NOOK.

NAMASTE,
Carol Powers, Marty Thurman, Renee Voirol, Shelley Sdun

All Unity Thanksgiving Service

Mark your calendars NOW for the All Unity Thanksgiving service, to be held this year at Unity Church of Light, in St. Charles, on Wednesday, November 23rd, at 7:00 p.m. The service will be followed by fellowship. Rev. Sallie will be participating, so please come to represent our church and share your grateful heart!

Happy Birthday!

Keith Crider	Nov. 1
Roberta Reisinger	Nov. 1
Diana Rinehart	Nov. 6
Nancy Idoux	Nov. 8
Naoma Smith	Nov. 11
Ruth Flinn	Nov. 13
Michele VanHoose	Nov. 14
Larry Milbourn	Nov.16
Helen Richert	Nov. 19
Rachel Crider	Nov. 23
Mary Anne Harmon	Nov. 30
Eleanore Wahby	Nov. 30



We hope you will join us after church for a special birthday celebration on the second Sunday of the month, November 13th, in Fellowship Hall.

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following week, and it will be held until that time. If you would like some pre-addressed envelopes please let me know.

I believe we have a wonderful church as I am sure all of you do too. Let's keep it that way by showing our support in whatever ways possible.

Please continue to pray for our prosperity and growth.

With My Sincerest Blessing to All,
Randi Voirol

Musical Musings

November is a happening month at Unity Church of Peace and the music department is buzzing, dancing, singing and swaying!

Judy Moebeck will be joining us on November 6th! It will be so good to have her back with us!

Trina Brunk will be sharing her fabulous music talents with us again on November 13th.

The Unity Singers will be singing two songs in November. Peter Mayer's "Singing A Song" and the classic song, "Down To The River To Pray", are the songs we will be performing. If you would like to join the Unity Singers, just show up at 9:30 at church and we will get you the music... AND be happy to see you!

Here is just a brief look at December...

Our Unity Café Talent Show will be held December 10th at 6:00 p.m. Please let me (Michele) know ASAP if you would like to perform. We would so love to have you share your talent with us! We would also appreciate any help you can give us. We need food for fellowship, set up, and clean up! The proceeds of this café will go to the Y.O.U. We are using the money from the talent show to help with our general fund.

On December 17th, Kelly VanHoose-Smith will be our musical guest. Kelly is a professional musician who travels the country playing Cher and Shania Twain for "Legends". She will even be going to Australia soon to play Shania. It will be a thrill to have her with us, although she will be appearing as Kelly and not Cher! Ha!

Here is to some great music during our holiday season!

Blessings in Song,
Michele VanHoose



Unity Light Seekers

Well we had a real special meeting in September, thanks to Ann Corrigan who set this meeting up. Our guest speaker was Roy Wunsch, manager of FEED MY PEOPLE (FMP) Thrift Store. We saw a short video describing how FMP got started, and the areas in which they help those in need. Not only do they provide food and have a clothing store where prices are very low, they also help with housing in certain cases, legal counseling, and job counseling. FMP has 355 volunteers and 15 paid staff. They have two locations, the one our church helps support at 171 Kingston Drive, Lemay Mo. 63125, and the High Ridge location at 3295 Ottomeyer Road, High Ridge. The web site is www.feed-my-people.org.

FMP welcomes food and clothing donations as well as monetary donations, AND they can use volunteers if you are so inclined. The phone number at the Lemay location is 314-631-4900.

Roy Wunsch is a very special person. One could just feel the passion he has for his job, and the compassion he has for the people he serves. I would say FMP is blessed to have such a person managing their business. Of course we all know the passion our very own Ann Corrigan also has for FMP.

FMP has several fund raising activities. You can check their web site or ask Ann for information. Mr. Wunsch was very grateful to all the help FMP receives, monetary and otherwise from our small church, which is growing larger all the time.

Our November meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will learn about SPICING UP OUR LIVES. See you then.

Blessings and Love,
Joyce Jackson and Carol Powers

Spiritual Movie Night at Unity Church of Peace

Friday, November 18, 2011
Fellowship begins at 6:30 p.m.

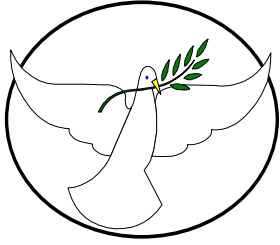
Please feel free to bring snacks or drinks to share. The movie will be shown upstairs beginning at 7:00 p.m. with one intermission.

Suggested Love Offering is \$7/person.
Please feel free to bring your family/friends to share in this fun event.

Our film selection this month is *POWDER* (1 hour 51 minutes). Directed by Victor Salva. Released in theaters in October 1995; on DVD in 1999. This film was highly recommended by Rev. Sallie Fox!

Review (from Rotten Tomato website):

This modern-day fable concerns a super-powered teenager who inspires nothing but hostility in the small-minded folks of his hometown. Sean Patrick Flanery stars as Jeremy Reed, nicknamed "Powder" because he is an albino. Powder has been living his entire 16 years in his grandparents' basement, but they have both passed away. The boy is removed from his home and placed in a school. There, science teacher Ripley (Jeff Goldblum) and psychologist Jessie Caldwell (Mary Steenburgen) discover that in addition to being an albino, their new student is the smartest person who ever lived, with an IQ off the charts, -- and that he is electrically super-charged, which renders him hairless. Powder also has miraculous powers of perception, ESP, and healing. Powder's gentle nature attracts a pretty coed, Lindsey (Missy Crider), but in spite of his Christ-like demeanor, Powder's abnormalities inspire hatred on the part of many bigoted citizens, especially school bully John Box (Bradford Tatum). ~ Karl Williams, Rovi



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