



Quad-Cities Unity Church of Christianity



**Newsletter
FEBRUARY
2011**



Dear Friends!

As I write this, the NEW YEAR is almost 1/12 over! WOW!! At least I am past writing "1989" on my checks! It won't be a "NEW YEAR" much longer!

We celebrate February, as you know, as the month of LOVE!! Elsewhere in the Newsletter, we have a list of 28 activities that you can perform during the month to bring more LOVE into the world. You may find some of them silly or not applicable to your situation, but replace these with activities that you find appropriate. We will discuss these at our church services as well, but it is simply my intent to give us all the opportunity to focus on UNCONDITIONAL LOVE during every day of the month.

There is an experiment called, THE LOVE AVALANCHE that will have people from all over the world focusing on LOVE at 8 AM CST on February 14, Valentine's Day. We could, for instance, let that be our activity for Feb. 14 but we will have suggestions for every other day of the month as well. Those who want more info on THE LOVE AVALANCHE are invited to contact grace@spiritdancer.us

We also have a suggestion for Feb. 13, the Sunday before Valentine's Day. That is to bring a new stuffed animal to church! After church on this Sunday, we are taking all the animals that we collect to the ARC Nursing Home around the corner on 53rd Street. We would like to have a total of at least 50 as they have 48 residents and we want to give one to each resident. If we have extras, we can give them to the staff members at the home. We will deliver them in person to the home and then our LUNCH BUNCH is going out to Sunday Dinner. That sounds like GREAT fun! And YOU are welcome to join us!!

I came up with a statement for LOVE!! It is:

LETS
OBERVE
VARIETY
EVERYDAY

This is based, friends, on the idea that EVERYONE IS NOT LIKE US! We are all Individualizations of God, but we are unique in this! And we ALL have our own way of expressing our uniqueness!

Therefore, we should NOT withhold our love from anybody who doesn't express their uniqueness differently from us! And, I would even go so far as to say, LET US HONOR THEIR UNIQUENESS!!

If we do this, how would we "honor" Osama Bin Laden or Jared Loughner or Adolph Hitler or other people who have brought hate into our world? Again, friends, these people and all other people in the world are expressions of Divine Love as much as we are! For some reason, they are not aware of this and that as caused them to create the acts that they did. But you and I can see the Divine Love in them, even though it may take a lot of work, and as we do this as individuals and collectively, we can help them, little by little by little, start seeing it in themselves. But, I am also saying that we can express this toward EVERY person in our lives!! It CAN and WILL change our world!

Let us try it together!!

LOVE and Blessings,
Rev. Dean

NEWSLETTER MAILING ALERT!

If you would like to continue receiving a hardcopy of our newsletter by US mail please let Rev. Dean know by calling the office at 309-762-1066 or by e-mail at unityqc@aol.com. Hardcopies will be available for pick-up at the church and you will receive notification of its posting to our website if you give us your e-mail address.

HEALING ARTS DISCUSSION

We are continuing to invite healing arts professionals to speak to the congregation after church on Sundays when time is available. If you or someone you know would like to share their specialty, please let us know.

Sunday Inspiration 9:45 until 10:15 AM on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday. Grab a cup of coffee or your favorite beverage and join us in the Youth Ed room for a lively discussion of the value of Spiritual living. Bring your favorite music, book, poem, sacred text, or prayer to share with the group. Facilitated by Alice Rice, LUT.

Sunday Morning Meditation Our Sunday Meditation program meets throughout the year on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 9:45 until 10:15. No experience in meditation or ongoing commitment is required to participate. Those who wish to lead one or more of the sessions are welcome to contact me. Everyone is welcome! Alice Rice, Coordinator

WEBSITE at www.unityqc.org

Please check it out! We still are making improvements to it, but it is fully operational right now! Let us know of your comments.

BLOOD DRIVE EVENT CANCELLED

Our Blood Drive at Unity that had been set for Wednesday, January 12, 2011 was cancelled. We are looking at a rescheduling in the spring. Please see any Board Member if you have suggestions about this.

CALLING THE CHURCH

AT&T has changed our Voice Mail system so when you call the church, you will have the following options:

No. Item

0... Church General Information

This is where we will provide information about the activities for the week, give directions to the church and provide the times of our various activities.

1... Church Message Line.

If you want someone to call you back, You may choose this option.

2... Church Prayer Request Line

This is where you can leave a prayer request that will be placed in our Prayer box, forwarded to our Prayer Team and sent to Silent Unity.

3... Church 24 hour Inspiration Line.

We post a one or two minute or so long statement for those who are looking for a spiritual "pick me up."

CHAPLAIN TRAINING ORIENTATION MEETING

FEB. 20, 2010

The Second Orientation for the Chaplain Training will be on Sunday, Feb. 20, after the service.

Anybody who is planning on taking the Chaplain Training in March MUST attend the orientation. Please contact Trish Hepner for more information. Trish's telephone no is 309-781-5890

Life of Prayer Class ...Continues

Wednesdays through February 16
from 6:30 – 8:30 PM
and Fridays through February 19
1:00 – 3:00 PM

Join us for a transforming study of Unity's affirmative prayer method.

Facilitated by Alice Rice, LUT
Love Offering Basis

UNITY SOUND CIRCLE

Our SOUND CIRCLE group is meeting each second Saturday of the month at 1 PM. All friends and members of Unity are invited to join us. It is GREAT fun!! You are welcome to bring any musical instrument but we have drums and other percussion instruments for you to use if you don't. Jeanie Gamer is the leader! Our goal is the have the Sound Circle team provide Special Music at the second Sunday service of the month. Please help pass the word! And join us!!

VOLUNTEER BOOK REVIEWER WANTED

We have received a free copy of the new book by Marianne Williamson, "A COURSE IN WEIGHT LOSS, 21 Spiritual Lessons for Surrendering Your Weight Forever". I thought that one of our NL readers might want to write a review of this for our March edition. Anyone who is interested, please contact me. The review would have to be completed by Feb. 15 to be included in the March NL. One page minimum, two pages maximum and we may edit it to fit the space available.

MANY THANKS!!
Rev. Dean

TEDDY BEAR LOVE PROJECT

Each Sunday until February 13, YOU will have the opportunity to bring a new stuffed animal for us to love. We will pass them around during each Sunday service until then to give all a chance to hug them. Then, on Feb. 13, as a group, we will bring all the bears collected to the ARC Home around the corner on 53rd Street for the residents to enjoy. After we deliver them, we will go out to eat for Sunday Dinner. We need a minimum of 48 animals because that is the number of residents in the Nursing Home.

FEBRUARY SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

This is a list of the tentative activities that we plan to Participate in during January. ALL members and Friends of Unity are invited to join us. If any of these Sound worth participating in, you are welcome to contact the person listed.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
February 11	Game Night at Church 6 until 8 PM	Pat McLaughlin 309-721-0444
February 13	LUNCH BUNCH Out to Dinner after Service	Rev. Dean 309-762-1066

PAVE THE WAY FUND RAISING PROJECT October 1 – Dec. 31, 2010

Our Pave the Way Fundraising Campaign is over!!

With YOUR help, we now have \$3,287.97 in our Savings Account!! Thank You, God!!

We are planning to spend the money as follows:

- Clean carpets in the minister's office and in the narthex and hallway \$ 150.00
- New computers for our office staff \$1,000.00
- Replenish our savings \$2,137.97

Please note that every person who donates a minimum of \$100 for our PAVE THE WAY PROJECT will be eligible for an engraved brick for our entrance. If you have already complied with this, please let us know what you want printed on your brick. You may see Rev. Dean or Alice Rice. Please remember that these bricks will go with us if and when we move to a new location. You get up to 29 letters for each brick!

Many Blessings,
YOUR CHURCH BOARD

FEBRUARY MOVIE "WHAT ON EARTH?" Inside the Crop Circle Mystery" February 18 and 19, 2011 6:45 PM each night

Against the backdrop of the crop circle phenomenon, story-teller Suzanne Taylor engages with an array of people who devote much of their lives to it. This fascinating community of visionary artists, scientists, philosophers, mathematicians, educators from around the world, who converge on southern England each summer when the circles are appearing, paint pictures of the creative genius being expressed in farmlands as they try to make sense of why they are being delivered and how the world can ignore such wonders.

The film shows how intelligent the source is—how it runs rings around us, dazzling us with communications that let us see how brainy it is. Also, this movie deals with how the circles make us think about life. What is real? What is art? What is the nature of proof? What are the limitations of science? What is the place of humanity in the cosmos? "These are all big questions and we don't have a forum for big questions today," says John Martineau, the brilliant geometer who showed the world there is a mathematical teaching being delivered in crop formations.

General Information and Business

Newsletter Information

Editor in Chief: Rev. Dean Van Wie-(309) 762-1066

Assistant Editor Alice Rice, LUT

Ad Rates

\$25 / 1 month

\$110 / 6 months

\$200 / 1 year

Next deadline for submissions:

July 15, 2010

Submission Guidelines:

Please e-mail information on or before the deadline to:

UNITYQC@aol.com.

Newsletter Online: <http://www.unityqc.org>

Church Office Hours:

Rev. Dean is available:

Monday –Thursday

11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and 2:30 until 5 p.m.

(309) 762-1066

Spiritual Counseling:

Spiritual counseling with Rev. Dean Van Wie is available by appointment.

Inspiration Line

Our 24 hour Inspiration Line is available any time day or night. Call 309-762-1066 and press “3” when prompted to listen to an inspirational message.

Prayer Requests

You may request prayer support by calling Rev. Dean at the church, a Prayer Team member or by placing a written, confidential prayer request in the prayer box in the sanctuary. Mark the box next to “Let the Prayer Team know right away” for special prayers.

VISION STATEMENT

We are a spiritual beacon, radiating light and awakening the consciousness of joyful living.

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a loving, vibrant, spiritual community with a positive influence on the world: providing opportunities that promote Spiritual awareness and healing for all: expressing joy through generosity, commitment and service: demonstrating Unity principles through faith and prayer: and promoting Oneness with all creation.

CORE VALUES

Our Core Values honor:

Being Christ-focused and Spirit led

Using the power of prayer and meditation

Serving our members and extended community

Expressing abundance consciousness

Nurturing the spiritual evolution of children of all ages and conditions

Maintaining our sacred space

Promoting Truth principles through education and outreach

Recognizing the beauty and Oneness of all life

Affirming the healing and liberating power of Christ consciousness

Acting in integrity in thought, word and deed

Board News

1. We still have our pews listed on Craig's List. No calls yet. We are asking \$250 each.
2. Our Gently Used Daily Word Team is continuing their plan to take old Daily Words around to doctor's offices, nursing homes, laundromats, etc. We started by taking them to Trinity Hospital West in Rock Island. If YOU want to help, please see Jeanie Gamer or any Board Member.
3. We are looking for people to serve on a Kitchen Angel Team to help care for our Unity Café during and after special events. Persons interested should see any Board member. Pam Kaufmann, Holly Johnson, Sue Collins, Blanch Jacobs and several others are doing the work and we LOVE. BLESS and APPRECIATE you all!
4. Byron Gaskins has given up his position as Youth Education Director effective Dec. 31. We also are looking for people to help serve our children as Byron did. Our biggest concept is to Hold the Vision and KNOW that children and teachers are appearing.
5. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8. Please see any Board member if you have information to be discussed.
6. Trish Hepner will conduct a second Orientation for the Chaplain Training on Sunday, Feb. 20 after the service. All persons who want to take the Chaplain training in March must attend either the first or second Orientation. .

Automatic Withdrawal for Tithes, Love Offerings and Contributions Is Available:

We have created an automatic withdrawal system for making contributions to our church. It is very easy to set up. Please see our website, any Board Member, or Rev. Dean if you would like more information.

CHURCH GOALS

We thank God for completion of the following activities.

Income continues to increase

Weekly attendance to Sunday Services continues to increase

Two additional teachers and two helpers in our Youth Ministry who are blessed for and by the work they do

Resources and people are manifest for the music ministry

CHURCH GOAL STATEMENT

WE SEE GOD'S PLAN OF HARMONY, PROSPERITY, AND PEACE APPEARING NOW FOR OUR CHURCH, OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES, OUR MEMBERSHIP AND FOR ALL WHO ENTER OUR DOORS.

FINANCIAL REPORT

In December, the church took in revenue of \$5,729.94 and spent \$4,442.96, for net income of \$1,286.98. Year to date, the church has taken in \$53,295.38 and spent \$59,601.46, for a net loss of \$6,306.08. Year to date there have been no capital improvements. Love Offerings totaled \$4,190.87 in December, for a total of \$45,256.99 for the year. Bank account balances, including deposits in transit and outstanding checks, were \$(632.90) at the beginning of December and \$654.08 at the end of December, a net increase of \$1,286.98, reflecting the net operating income mentioned above.

December Report

Income	\$5,729.94
Expenses	\$4,442.96
2010 Income to Date	\$53,295.38
2010 Expenses to Date	\$59,601.46

Volunteer Opportunities

MUSIC MINISTRY VISIONING TEAM

Patricia Mooney is the leader of this team that has 8 volunteers plus Rev. Dean. If you would like to be a part of the team, please contact Rev. Dean or Patricia.

YOUTH ED MINISTRY VISIONING TEAM

At this point, we have three people who have volunteered to help on this team. Anybody who wishes to join is invited to contact Rev. Dean..

ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM

We have two members on our Green Team: Pam Kaufman, and Holly Johnson. If you would like to be a part of this team please see any of the above.

BIRTHDAY CAKE DONORS WANTED

We are looking for two volunteers per month to share the responsibility of providing birthday cakes for our birthday celebrations each month. Please call the church at 309-762-1066 or place your name on the sign-up sheet in the Unity Café.

DAILY WORD DISTRIBUTION TEAM

Jeanie Gamer is taking over this team that takes older Daily Word magazines and distributes them to Nursing Homes, doctor's offices, bus stations and other locations where they can be reused. There is a box in the narthex for you to drop off your gently used Daily Word magazines. The Team will be taking them out sometime this month. Please contact Rev. Dean or Jeanie if you would like to help.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to be available to help staff our nursery when parents with babies come to our services.

PRAYER TEAM

Prayer Requests: Call the church office at 309-762-1066 or Pat McLaughlin (309) 269-4213 or Alice Rice, LUT (309) 788-1200. We invite you to visit or join our Prayer Team which meets the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 PM at the church.

We have several opportunities for members and friends of Unity to pray with us during the week!

Nooners Prayer Group The Prayer Team prays for Peace for the world at noon every day. We are using "Prayer for Peace," which is located on the back of the Sunday Bulletin or you can obtain a copy by contacting any Prayer Team Member.

The Niners Prayer Group The Prayer Team prays for the church at 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. daily wherever they are at those times. We have a prayer sheet readily available.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ron Blatchley	February 18
Samantha Hansen	February 5
Kent Buckrop	February 15
Karen Glaser	February 17

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

Our Volunteers of the Month are DALE AND AUDREY ROUSE! Audrey sends out our birthday cards and Dale has taken photographs of special activities and they both provide Rev. Dean with a count of the number of people who are present at our services each Sunday. We really appreciate their enthusiasm and the energy that they bring to our services!!

Calendar: February Activities

February 1 5:30 PM. Our Prayer Team regular monthly meeting. Please contact Pat McLaughlin

February 6 February Potluck after our 10:30 AM service

February 6 AND 20... Choir Practice: - 9 AM, Inspiration Discussion from 9:14 until 9:45

February 13 AND 27 Meditation before Service 9:45 until 10:45 AM

February 13 BIRTHDAY SUNDAY We will honor all persons with February birthdays. Also, We will deliver our stuffed animals to the ARC Nursing Home around the corner from the church and our LUNCH BUNCH will go out to dinner after this. Please join us!!

February 1, 8, 15 and 22 t 11 Am and 12:15 PM, Rev. Dean leads a Silent Unity Prayer Service using the monthly Silent Unity Prayer sheets, at the church. You are invited to join Rev. Dean or pray wherever you are!

February 8... Board Meeting - 6:30 – 8:00 PM

February 2-16. Alice Rice's class, "LIFE OF PRAYER" continues. Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM. & Friday afternoons from 1-3 PM.

February 10... THURSDAY MEDITATION GROUP Meets from 3:30 until 4:30 PM; ALL are invited to join us!!

February 11 GAME NIGHT 6:30 until 8 PM. Scrabble, Monopoly, etc.

February 18 AND 19 MOVIE NIGHT 6:45 PM The movie is "WHAT ON EARTH-Inside the Crop Circle Mystery". See the separate article.

February 20. Trish Hepner will conduct the second Orientation for Chaplain Training after the service. All persons who want to take the Chaplain training in March must attend either the first or second orientation.

February 27... Bake Sale

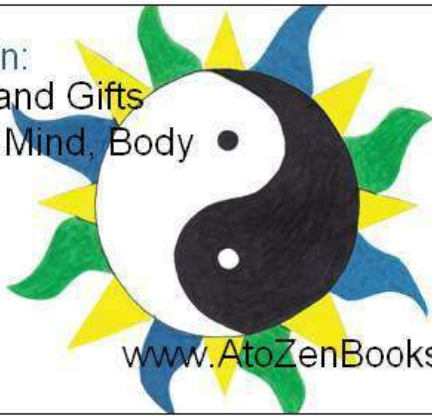
All Unity cooks are invited to bring home-prepared items to sell. All income will be set aside for purchasing audio-visual equipment for the church. Thank You, God!!

LOVE SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY, 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>SUGGESTED ACTIVITY</u>
1	Recite "I live by the Law of Love and Love is now victorious!" 28 times
2	Find ten things about spring to honor on Ground Hog Day. Make a list.
3	Bring a special snack to a neighbor.
4	Write "I LOVE GOD AND GOD LOVES ME!" 100 times.
5	Write "I FORGIVE _____" 100 times (Fill in the blank)
6	Read the Love Chapter: 1 st Corinthians 13 aloud before bed. (to someone if possible)
7	Volunteer to help at church, Celebrate the Valentine's Day Potluck
8	Call a Unity friend and tell him/her, 'GOD LOVES, BLESSES AND APPRECIATES YOU AND SO DO I!'
9	Honor a teacher, past or present, with a card, telephone call, a gift or valentine.
10	Bring a valentine present to a neighbor or friend.
12	Send an anonymous Valentine to someone.
13	Bring a stuffed animal to church. Join the others in bringing them to the nursing home and going to lunch.
14	Participate in the Love Avalanche, show your significant other how much you appreciate him or her.
15	Call some relatives and tell them that you love them.
16	Recite or sing Unity's "Prayer of Faith" ten times. (See Rev. Dean for a copy if needed.)
17	Recite or sing the "Prayer of Faith" to someone but change the words "me" and "mine" to "you" and "your".
18	Wash a friend's or relative's car.
19	Leave a double tip for a waiter or waitress.
20	Bring an anonymous Valentine to someone at church.
21	Celebrate that winter is 2/3rds over by hugging ten people.
22	Make a cherry pie for someone in honor of George Washington's birthday (or buy one).
23	Send a card of appreciation to a politician of your choosing.
24	Recite the statement of the Daily Word message for Feb. 14 ten times aloud.
25	Write, "I bring the love of God to life through my thoughts, words and actions" ten times.
26	Prepare a candlelight dinner for your significant other (or take him/her out.)
27	Bring a Love Affirmation, poem or card to church to read to the congregation
28	Write a love poem for your significant other or a child, parent, friend, etc. and read it to them.

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movies and other events, please
call Sue or Check out the
website:
<http://www.unityclintoniowa.org>

A Course in Miracles

Mary Louise Hamilton,
(563) 355-8135 Mary Louise facilitates
a Course in Miracles class in her
home in Bettendorf every first and
third Sunday of the month at 3:30 p.m.
You are invited to call Mary Louise to
learn about joining the class.

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