



Quad-Cities Unity Church of Christianity

**Newsletter
JANUARY
2011**



Dear Friends!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

I BELIEVE that 2011 can be The VERY BEST year that we have ever had, no matter what our age, or employment status or what relationships we have or don't have, etc. Because the condition of our year is a matter of our consciousness and our consciousness is the degree to which we accept God as a factor in our lives! The way that we say this in Unity is: 'THOUGHTS HELD IN MIND PRODUCE AFTER THEIR KIND!!' The degree to which we find peace and health and happiness and love and wholeness and joy and whatever else we may be seeking to manage the conditions of our life by is the degree to which we accept God's presence within us and all around us! As we focus on this Truth, so do we find that the right and perfect answers appear!

There is a poem that I ALWAYS bring out at this time of year, written by one of my favorite Unity ministers and authors, Russell Kemp. It has been put to music and is in our hymnals. It is titled, "THIS IS THE YEAR" and starts, "Wonderful, Wonderful, Fortunate You, This Is The Year That Your Dreams Come True!" This is a very worthwhile poem put to music that we will sing on Jan. 2 and perhaps other days of the fabulous new month as well, to get us in tune for recognizing the amazing, wonderful, magnificent expressions of God that we ALL were created to be! ALL OF US! Some of you might be thinking, "That may apply to you, but it doesn't apply to me because I stole some bubble gum when I was in 2nd grade or because my 4th grade teacher hated me or because and,,,,,". Dear Friends, I am here to remind you that NONE of that "stuff" from the past has any matter! The only thing that matters is in Genesis 1:26 and says, "...let us create man(kind) in our image and our likeness..." You and I were created in the image and likeness of God and it is our nature to be happy, to be healthy, to be prosperous and successful because of that, so, I am hoping that you will not give any energy to the "stuff: but will focus on the TRUTH of your nature!! WHO and WHAT you REALLY ARE!!

In addition to our 12 POWERS, that will be celebrated each of our 12 months, Unity has created 2011 to be the YEAR OF ABUNDANCE! Each month, we will focus on one of the 12 aspects of the Year of Abundance, and this month, they have set the goal to LIVE YOUR DREAMS!! We will be discussing goals and dreams throughout the month, but it doesn't hurt to start thinking about these right now! The power for January is FAITH, and as you all know, one of my favorite affirmations about faith is. "MY FAITH IS FREELY, FIRMLY AND FULLY FIXED IN GOD!!" Now, if we couple our faith with our dreams and goals, we CAN find the perfection that we were created to experience!!

The key, here, is to develop dreams and goals so we will have something to accomplish!! My understanding of this is simply that there are NO pre-conceptions, except one and that God's plan for each of our lives is ABSOLUTE GOOD! The path that we take to achieve that Absolute Good is up to us! I think that it also is important that we take God as our partner in achieving that which we choose to accomplish. As we do that we CANNOT fail! We CANNOT!

So, let us take this as our affirmation for this wonderful first month of 2011:

**AS I KNOW THAT MY FAITH IS FULLY, FREELY AND FIRMLY FIXED IN GOD,
I FIND THAT MY GOALS ARE ACCOMPLISHED EASILY AND EFFORTLESSLY!
THANK YOU, GOD!!**

As you take time to work with this, I KNOW that this will be the very best month and the very best year that you have every experienced!!

**MANY BLESSINGS INTO THE NEW YEAR!!
Rev. Dean**

UNITY NEWS & EVENTS

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 Morning Cinema will be on hiatus during January. Instead we will be holding a Discussion Session with the Unity Advent booklet on January 2 and an Open Discussion on January 16 from 9:45 until 10:15 AM. You are welcome to join us. For January 2, please bring your Advent booklets or we will have some extras available.

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

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

CALLING THE CHURCH

AT&T has changed our Voice Mail system. From now on, when you call the church, you will have the options for the following items.

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."

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 to have the Sound Circle team provide Special Music at the second Sunday service of the month. Please help pass the word! And join us!!

New Class: Life of Prayer
Instructor: Alice Rice, LUT
Wednesday Evenings 6:30-8:30 PM
January 19 - February 16



Prayer works! In this SEE Credit Class we will explore the many practical and uplifting ways that positive prayer can work in your life. If you are interested in

having a stronger connection to God in your every day life; discovering and living your spiritual purpose and potential, or living a healthier, more prosperous and meaningful life prayer is the way. We will look at what prayer is and learn Unity's traditional definition and way of affirmative prayer. This class provides an opportunity to explore your personal prayer life and attitude and create or improve your prayer discipline. Some of the topics to be discussed are:

- Unity's 5 Basic Principles
- Affirmative Prayer
- Centering Prayer
- Denials and Affirmations
- Forgiveness and Prayer
- Visualization and Forgiveness
- Power of the Spoken Word
- Role of Faith in the prayer process
- Prayer and Prosperity
- Prayer and Healing

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 if you give us your e-mail address, we will send you an e-mail message when it is posted to our website.

BURNING BOWL SERVICE

On Sunday, January 2, 2011, we will have a Traditional Unity Bowl Burning Service. This will be an opportunity for all who attend to let go of erroneous thoughts, beliefs, feelings and attitudes which no longer serve us and to prepare for the wonderful new good that Spirit has planned for us to experience in the coming year!! We will also have the opportunity to write letters to God to outline the goals and plans that we would like to experience.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Sunday, Jan. 9, After the Service

Rev. Dean will host a class for all people who might be interested in joining the church or who want to learn more about Unity. It will last approximately 1 1/2 hours. New members will then be inducted at the Sunday Service on Jan. 16.

Membership is important in Unity because it gives one a sense of belonging, only members are allowed to vote at the Annual and Special Membership Meetings and it only members are allowed to serve on the Board of Trustees. If you are interested in joining the church please contact Rev. Dean at 309-762-1066 or e-mail www.unityqc.org.

SPIRITUAL CINEMA

January, 21 & 22

6:45 PM

"Tuck Everlasting"

"Tuck Everlasting" is the story of a girl named Winnie and a family who she meets, the Tucks. The Tucks have a secret, they're immortal. They drank water from a spring that was actually a fountain of youth. Till the end of time, they will stay that way. Winnie falls in love with one of the Tucks, Jesse, a "17" year old boy who shares the same feelings for her. Scared of death, Winnie must choose between being immortal and being with Jesse or following the circle of life and dying someday. The Tucks try to teach her how she shouldn't fear death, how they would give anything to die. It teaches the importance and understanding of life and death. It shows that you should not fear death, but to fear an unlived life."

CHAPLAIN TRAINING

ORIENTATION MEETING

JAN. 23, 2010 after the service

Orientation for the Chaplain Training

Anyone who is planning to take Chaplain Training in March MUST attend the orientation. Please contact Trish Hepner for more information. If you cannot be present, she can make revisions.

Trish's telephone no is 309-781-5890

ANNUAL MEETING

JAN. 16, 2011

Our All-Church Annual meeting is to be held on Sunday, Jan. 16 after the service. ALL members are invited to join us for this as this is the day when we will be selecting new Board Members and setting goals for the activities of the church for the coming year.

We will hold a Potluck after the meeting.

THIS IS THE YEAR!

**By Unity Minister and Author, Russell Kemp
(Modified by Dean Van Wie)**

**Wonderful, wonderful, fortunate me.
This is the year that my dreams come true.
This is the year that my ships come in,
This is the year I find Christ within.
This is the year I will be glad to live,
this is the year I have much to give,
this is the year when I know the Truth,
this is the year when I find new youth.
This is the year that will bring happiness,
This is the year I will live to bless.
Wonderful, wonderful fortunate me,
this is the year that my dreams come true!**

BLOOD DRIVE EVENT COMING UP SOON!!

**Our Blood Drive at Unity has been set for
Wednesday, January 12, 2011 from 3:30 to 6:00 PM.**

The plans are to serve snacks during and after the event and to follow this by a workshop on Self-Hypnosis by JT Harms. JT will also be present during the event to help people who have an aversion to needles or other reasons to shy away from giving blood. A sign-up sheet is available. The Drive is open to all members of the community. You are welcome to inform your friends, neighbors and co-workers.

You are also welcome to help us advertise this to our church neighborhood.

Please call Carole Treibel to register at 309-373-1250.

SELF-HYPNOSIS WORKSHOP

JT Harms, C.Ht.

On Wednesday, Jan 12, after our Blood Drive Event, JT Harms, C.Ht. will conduct a workshop on Self-Hypnosis. He will also be there before the drive to help fearful donors let go of the discomfort of the needle-stick and/or worries from giving blood. This will be accomplished easily and peacefully in the donor's unconscious minds.

Those who meditate have a good understanding of the process. As we meditate, we are achieving a state of relaxation. Hypnosis takes that relaxation much deeper. Those who learn this technique will be able to take themselves into a trance-like state on their own. This will lead to less stress, more peace and happier and more harmonious lives because self-hypnosis provides a stress-management technique.

JT will want all who attend to have a wonderful, relaxing location in advance that they will think of in their minds during the workshop.

A sign-up sheet will be available after the date is set. There is no requirement that people who attend the seminar must give blood. It is open to all members of the community on a free-will love offering basis.

We are also looking for people to help advertise this to our neighborhood. We will get more information out as it is received.

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

We had a goal is to raise \$7,500 by Dec. 31 to help us maintain our current facility and to provide for operation and maintenance needs. The money would be spent as follows:

Clean carpets in the minister's office and in the narthex and hallway	\$ 150.00
Purchase new computers for our office staff	\$1,000.00
Replenish our savings	<u>\$6,000.00</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$7,500.00</u>

As our deadline is past, our project is over, and we have already raised approximately \$2,394. We are still giving you this ONE last chance to contribute. Please mark your check or envelope for the FOR THE PAVE THE WAY FUNDING PROJECT”.

Please remember that every cent that you donate to Unity is tax exempt, so please give this some prayerful examination.

Also, every person who donates a minimum of \$100 for our PAVE THE WAY PROJECT will be eligible for an engraved brick for our entrance. We know that several of you have already complied with this. Please remember that these bricks will go with us when we move to a new location. You get up to 29 letters for each brick!

Many Blessings,

YOUR CHURCH BOARD

The Year of Abundant Living

Unity is proud to designate 2011 as The Year of Abundant Living. Each month this online resource center will offer new feature articles, podcasts, videos, music and other resources around a specific theme—all designed to help you create and live a meaningful and abundant life.

Check it out at: www.unity.org/abundant

Calendar: January Activities

January 2... Our BOWL BURNING Service. 10:30 AM

January 4 5:30 PM... Our Prayer Team regular monthly meeting. Please contact Pat McLaughlin

January 2 AND 16... Choir Practice: - 9 AM This is also Potluck Sunday-- Theme: HAPPY New Year WE will have a concert by Cathy Robel after the Potluck, MOVIE MAGIC!! 1 pm.

January 9 AND 23... Meditation before Service 9:45 until 10:45 AM

January 9... NEW MEMBER CLASS after the service. BIRTHDAY SUNDAY - We will honor all persons with January birthdays. Please join us!!

January 4, 11, 18 and 25... 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!

January 11... Board Meeting - 6:30 – 8:00 PM

January 12... BLOOD BANK DONATION DAY. 3:30 until 6 PM Please see the separate article. J T harms will do a workshop on Self-Hypnosis after the blood donations.

January 13... THURSDAY MEDITATION GROUP Meets from 3:30 until 4:30 PM; ALL are invited to join us!!

January 14... JANUARY GAME NIGHT 6:30 until 8 PM. Scrabble, Monopoly, etc.

January 15... MARTIN LUTHER KING NIGHT at Augustana College. 6:00 PM Lets Carpool!!

January 16... ANNUAL MEETING AFTER SERVICE. Potluck after meeting. We will elect new Board Members and set goals to be accomplished in the coming year.

January 19 and 26... Class: Life of Prayer 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

January 21 and 22... Spiritual Cinema Weekend 6:45 PM "Tuck Everlasting"

January 23... Trish Hepner will conduct an Orientation for the Chaplain Training on Sunday, Jan. 23 after the service. All persons who want to take the Chaplain training in March must attend this.

January 30... Lunch Bunch will go out to eat after the service. Please Join us. Also it is our Bake Sale Sunday. 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!!

General Information and Business

Newsletter Information

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

Assistant Editor Alice Rice, LUT

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Next deadline for submissions:

February 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 Blood Drive has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 12, 2011! Please pass the word!!
3. Our Gently Used Daily Word Team has started 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 any Board Member.
4. 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 and several others are doing the work and we LOVE. BLESS and APPRECIATE you all!
5. Byron Gaskins has given up his position as Youth Education Director effective Dec. 31. We will honor Byron for his years of dedication to this church on Sunday, Jan. 2. 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.
6. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13. Please see any Board member if you have information to be discussed.
7. Our Annual Meeting is on January 16 after service. All members and friends are invited to join us.
8. Trish Hepner will conduct an Orientation for the Chaplain Training on Sunday, Jan. 23 after the service. All persons who want to take the Chaplain training in March must attend this.

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.

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 or Byron Gaskins, Y E. Director.

ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM

We have three members on our Green Team: Pam Kaufman, Gina Howell 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 the coordinator of 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 help staff our nursery when parents with babies come to our services.

KITCHEN ANGEL TEAM

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.

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.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Our Volunteer of the Month is **ROBERT FITZGERALD!** Bob has been very helpful with our various construction projects and he brings **VERY TASTY** food to our potlucks! **MANY THANKS, BOB!!**

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Evelyn Blatchley	January 6
Jerri Crabtree	January 10
Brenda Garrett	January 24
Alex Hansen	January 21
Steve Lotz	January 10
Pat McLaughlin	January 8
Sylvia Posateri	January 11
Catlin Powers	January 24

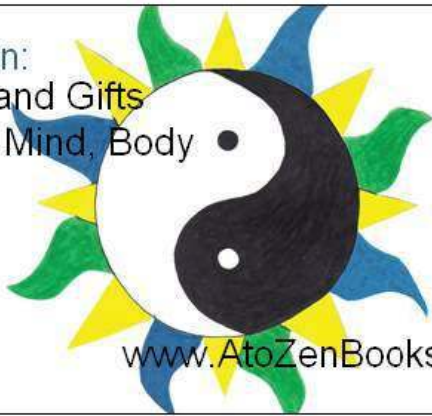
JANUARY SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

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 name of the person listed.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
January 2	<i>GTO Concert at Isle of Capri</i>	Sandi Conrad (928)210-5360
January 14	Game Night at Church	Pat McLaughlin 309-721-0444
January 30	LUNCH BUNCH Out to Dinner after Service	Rev. Dean 309-762-1066

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Non-Unity Materials and Activities

The primary focus of Unity and the Association of Unity Churches remains and will remain the teaching, living and advancing of Unity's philosophy, which is practical Christianity as understood by Charles and Myrtle Fillmore, cofounders of Unity. Unity Church of Christianity allows a variety of non-Unity books, courses and philosophies to be taught in our facility and we allow non-Unity groups to use our facility. Unity looks for the good in all philosophies and each person is encouraged to study what he/she chooses, according to his/her highest understanding of truth. However, Unity's open-mindedness should not be understood as an endorsement or as a Unity teaching. Unity Church of Christianity is committed to promoting Unity's principles first.



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Unity Center of Clinton

Rev. Sue Peters
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Rev. Sue Peters conducts
services Sunday mornings at
10:45 a.m. Classes are held on
Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. For
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.

COMMERCIAL SPACE AVAILABLE DOWNTOWN DAVENPORT

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Contact Ron Bellomy
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If you are tired of the negative programming on cable and the radio, check out www.unity.fm on your computer. You will find a wide variety of programs to feed your soul and learn practical ways to use metaphysical teachings. Some of my favorites are: MetaRomp with Rev. Dr. Paul Hasselbeck; PosiPalooza music that matters with Richard Mekdeci. The website also offers programs on topics such as: Spiritual Parenting, using spirituality in business, book discussions, Biblical Power for your Life, and The Leading Edge with Mindy Audlin featuring interviews with today's premier spiritual guides. Alice Rice, LUT