

# Unity ♥ QC Connections

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**Newsletter**

**April**

**2011**



Dear Friends!

Happy April!!

This is a REALLY important month for our church!! In addition to the wonderful Spring flowers that are popping up all over and all the other activities of Spring showing up, We have the following events coming up!

April 3 is HOLISTIC HUMOR DAY!! We will be doing some GREAT things to tie humor with spirituality. One of our in-house clowns, Sandy Ackley will do the Sunday lesson, "THE RAINBOW FISH".

April 10 we are having our friend, Sallee Wade, from Galesburg do the Sunday lesson. After that she will do a Sacred Journal Workshop and a presentation on her recently published book, "THE TWELVE DISCIPLES OF A WILD WOMAN, a Journal Adventure". She will have copies of her book available for sale.

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You are welcome to join us for these activities and bring some friends!!

The Power for the month of April is WISDOM or JUDGEMENT. Charles Fillmore, Co-Founder of Unity has defined WISDOM as "Spiritual intuition, the voice of God within us as our source of understanding". As we develop a greater awareness of the WISDOM that is already within us, so do we find all that we need to accomplish our tasks.

A GREAT affirmation for growing in WISDOM is:

**I AM WISE WITH THE WISDOM OF SPIRIT! THANK YOU, GOD!!**

As with all of our Twelve Powers, the key is to know that we already have all of the wisdom in us that we will ever need. Our mission is to develop it so that we can use it in every task.

Love and Blessings to ALL!!

Rev. Dean

**Our WEBSITE is [www.unityqc.org](http://www.unityqc.org) Please check it out!**

## 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.

**In April, we will be holding an Open Discussion on Unity Principles from 9:45 until 10:15 AM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. You are welcome to join us. Alice Rice is the facilitator.**

**Sunday Morning Meditation** Our Sunday Meditation program will meet in April on the 1st and third 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

### ***DAVID AND DIANE INVITE YOU TO THEIR WEDDING***

**Diane Branner-Wigant and David Townsend are getting married!! The day and time are 6 PM on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 and YOU are invited. The wedding will be at Unity Church in Moline.**

**After the wedding, we are going to Ryan's Steakhouse in Moline for a dinner-celebration and we will go to Diane's apartment house in Silvis for Cake and coffee after that.**

### **UNITY DRUM CIRCLE**

Our DRUM 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 drum or other percussion instruments and join us! Patricia Mooney is the leader! Please help pass the word! And join us! We hope to prepare some music to play for our Earth Day Celebration and other activities.

## **Spiritual Cinema Weekend**

### ***"A Sea Change"***

***April 15 and 16, 2011  
6:45 PM***

Our movie for April is "A SEA CHANGE" Can you imagine a world without fish? It's a frightening, cataclysmic premise, and worst of all, it's happening right now. A Sea Change follows the journey of retired history teacher Sven Huseby on his quest to discover what is happening to the world's oceans. After reading Elizabeth Kolbert's "The Darkening Sea," Sven becomes obsessed with the rising acidity of the oceans and what this "sea change" bodes for mankind. His quest takes him to Alaska, California, Australia, and Norway as he uncovers a worldwide crisis that most people are unaware of. Speaking with oceanographers, marine biologists, climatologists, and artists, Sven eventually discovers that global warming is only half the story of the environmental catastrophe that awaits us. A Sea Change is also a touching portrait of Sven's relationship with his grandchild Elias. As Sven keeps a correspondence with the little boy, he mulls over the world that he is leaving for future generations. A disturbing and essential companion piece to An Inconvenient Truth, A Sea Change brings home the indisputable fact that our lifestyle is changing the earth, despite our rhetoric or wishful thinking.

Year: 2008

Running time: 85 Minutes

### **HOLISTIC HUMOR DAY!!**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2011 WILL BE OUR Holistic Humor Day!! We will have clowns, balloons, songs, gifts, and it will be GREAT FUN!! Sandy Ackley will do the Sunday Lesson, "THE RAINBOW FISH!!" it will be GREAT fun!! Please join us and bring someone!! There will be no Youth Ed. Classes on this day as the children will be with their parents.**

## I Wish There Was a Group ...

We invite our friends and members to give prayerful consideration to using our facility to host groups in line with your interests and in harmony with our mission: "We are a spiritual beacon radiating light and awakening the consciousness of joyful living." Ideas for groups include: Artist Circles (painting, jewelry making, knitting/crocheting, culinary classes, and the like) Writer's Circle; Literary Circle/Book Club; Story Circle; Gardener's Circle; Nature Lover's Circle (hiking, walking trails, cycling, and the like). If you have been thinking it would be wonderful to share your interest in a group setting, Call Rev. Dean at 309-762-1066 or email at [unityqc@aol.com](mailto:unityqc@aol.com).



## Music Notes from Patricia Mooney

**Music Visioning Team Meeting** on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month after service. Please come for a hug and discuss or Ideas, Imaginings and Visions can be submitted by phone or e-mail (see below).

### Jazz Pianist or Other Instrumentalist

Are you a jazz musician at heart? Do you know someone who is? We see a jazz musician from the Quad Cities area coming to play at Unity in the near future. Who is this musician? Your affirmative prayer is needed and if you are led to come forward or put forward a name, please do.

### Easter Musicians

Easter is next month, April 24<sup>th</sup>. We see special music from the congregation or Quad Cities area. A singer or singers, an instrumentalist, a dancer? Who is performing this special music? Your affirmative prayer is needed.

**Patricia, Music for the Soul Facilitator,  
Perfect Child of God,  
Phone: 563-322-1617  
E-mail: [patriciajmooney@netzero.net](mailto:patriciajmooney@netzero.net)**

## A COURSE IN WEIGHT LOSS by Marianne Williamson

We are still in the process of setting up a **Weight Loss Class at Unity** that will be based on the principles in this wonderful book. Course in Miracles students will recognize course principles immediately. Those not familiar with The Course will recognize early on that the principles being taught apply to any desired change in our lives. For example: weight loss, becoming a vegetarian, improving or finding a relationship, changing careers, and more. The 21 lessons are designed to be done one per day for 21 days in order to build a new habit. Some of the exercises included with each lesson may take longer than one day depending on how ingrained the old beliefs and patterns are in your psyche.

Each chapter has a lesson, a practical exercise, and a meditation. Each takes the next small step to remembering who you really are and breaking the old blocks to that awareness.

Here are some of my personal favorite chapters with personal comments:

**Chapter 1. Tearing Down the Wall – Body fat is a physical manifestation of a wall separating me from my divine identity. It is also a form of self-hatred (violence).**

**Chapter 4. Invoke your True Self – I have developed a body of pain and now I will find my body of joy.**

**Chapter 5. Start a Love Affair With Food – I am preparing myself to receive my good.**

**Chapter 8. Surrender to the Divine – I admit I need help.**

**Chapter 14. Allow the Pain – Honor sorrow and release it instead of storing it as fat.**

**Chapter 19. Birthing Who You Really Are – I can visualize my true self with feeling.**

The Course says that we can have error thoughts so ingrained that they become our identity. Letting them go means changing who we believe we are. Feeling and seeing ourselves as "overweight" is a form of violence. I can use this book and The Course to choose peace.

**Patricia Mooney, Perfect Child of God**

Please see Alice Rice or Patricia or Rev. Dean if you would like to join us.

## Musicians Wanted...

Are you an aspiring musician? Do you refer to yourself as "fiddling" with an instrument? Do you wish you had support or more time to practice? We see a group of aspiring musicians meeting at least once per month to encourage each other and play short tunes purely for our own enjoyment. Interested? Contact Patricia Mooney, 563-322-1617, cell 563-209-0500, e-mail: [patriciajmooney@netzero.net](mailto:patriciajmooney@netzero.net)

We see a band of 3-5 musicians playing for our Sunday services. Who are they? Affirmative prayer is needed. Patricia Mooney.

## 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, hospitals, 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, Blanche Jacobs and several others are doing the work and we LOVE. BLESS and APPRECIATE you all!
4. We are inviting members of our congregation to help serve our ministry by helping with the Youth Education Department. Please see Rev. Dean if you have any interest in this.
5. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12. Please see any Board member if you have information to be discussed.
6. Our LUNCH BUNCH is going out to dinner after service on April 17. YOU are invited to join us!!

#### 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.**

#### PROSPERITY REPORT

In February, the church took in revenue of \$4,712.70 and spent \$5,144.78, for a net loss of \$432.08. Year to date there have been no capital improvements. Love Offerings totaled \$3,003.20 in January. Bank account balances, including deposits in transit and outstanding checks, were \$654.08 at the beginning of January and \$202.00 at the end of January, a net decrease of \$432.08, reflecting the net operating loss mentioned above.

#### FEBRUARY Prosperity Report

<b>Income</b>	<b>\$4,712.70</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$5,144.78</b>
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## 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. They meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month, after service.

### YOUTH ED MINISTRY VISIONING TEAM

We are now getting our Youth Education Team re-established. If you want to help, please call or see 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 talk with them.

### 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 in charge 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.

### YOUTH TEACHERS AND 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.

## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Our Volunteer of the Month is PAM KAUFMAN. Pam, also known as FLOWER, is a very important part of our Environmental Team. She has taken charge of our recycling program and is always on the alert to see that we think GREEN to help prolong the life of our planet. MANY MANY THANKS PAM!!

## Calendar: April Activities

- April 3 10:30 AM HOLISTIC HUMOR DAY!!  
April Potluck after the service.  
See separate article.
- April 5 5:30 PM. Our Prayer Team regular monthly meeting. All are Welcome! Please contact Pat McLaughlin if you would like to join us.
- April 10 and 24 Choir Practice: 9 AM,  
Inspiration Discussion from 9:15 until 9:45
- April 3 and 17 Meditation before Service 9:45 until 10:15 AM
- April 10 10:30 AM Special Guest Speaker, Sallee Wade, who will present her new book, THE TWELVE DISCIPLES OF A WILD WOMAN and also do a Journaling Workshop. We will have a potluck between the service and the workshop. Also, it is BIRTHDAY SUNDAY We will honor all persons with April birthdays.
- April 5, 12, 19 and 26: 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 at the church or pray wherever you are!
- April 12 Board Meeting - 6:30 – 8:00 PM
- April 13 David and Diane's wedding at the church. 6 PM. Please see the separate invitation.
- April 8 GAME NIGHT 6:30 until 8 PM. Scrabble, Monopoly, etc.
- April 15 and 16 SPIRITUAL CINEMA MOVIE NIGHT 6:45 PM The movie is "A Sea Change" See the separate article.
- April 17 PALM SUNDAY (see the special activities planned).
- April 24 EASTER SUNDAY  
8:00 AM Sunrise Service  
10:30 AM Easter Service  
(see the special activities planned).

## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Helen Buckley	April 23
Sue Collins	April 25
Bill Cutler	April 21
Mary Louise Hamilton	April 18
JT Harms	April 17
Holly Johnson	April 30
David Peters	April 21
Judy Silvestrone	April 23
Elaine Vinzant	April 16
Carol Wells	April 24

## **APRIL SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

This is a list of the tentative activities during MARCH. ALL members and Friends of Unity are invited to join us. For more information and/or to express interest please contact the person listed.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
April 1	Mystery Dinner Theater	Fran Tuttle 563-391-1681
April 8	6-8 PM Game Night at Unity	Pat McLaughlin 309-721-0444
April 17	LUNCH BUNCH	Rev. Dean 309-762-1066

## **What God is Like**

By James Dillet Freeman

**I did not know what God is like  
Until a friendly word  
Came to me in an hour of need—  
And it was God I heard**

**I did not know what God is like  
Until I heard love's feet  
On errands of God's mercy  
Go up and down life's street.**

**I did not know what God is like  
Until I felt a hand  
Clasp mine and lift me when alone  
I had no strength to stand.**

**I think I know what God is like,  
For I have seen the face  
Of God's son looking at me  
From all the human race.**

## **2011 EASTER ACTIVITIES**

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# The Birth of a BOOK!

It's finally happened! My first book, *THE TWELVE DISCIPLES OF A WILD WOMAN – A Journal Adventure*, is out, loose in the water, and available on AMAZON.com! I have copies available for those who live nearby and would like to have one. They are \$16. S & H is an additional \$3.50 per book. To order your personally signed copy, e-mail me at [salleewade@g-mail.com](mailto:salleewade@g-mail.com)

On April 10, I've been invited to **The Unity Church in Moline**, to give the Sunday message and facilitate an afternoon of book signing and sacred journal workshop. In early May, I plan to be in Georgia to dedicate the book to **The Unity Church of Gainesville**, where it all began. Meanwhile I'll be doing some local book signings in my home town.

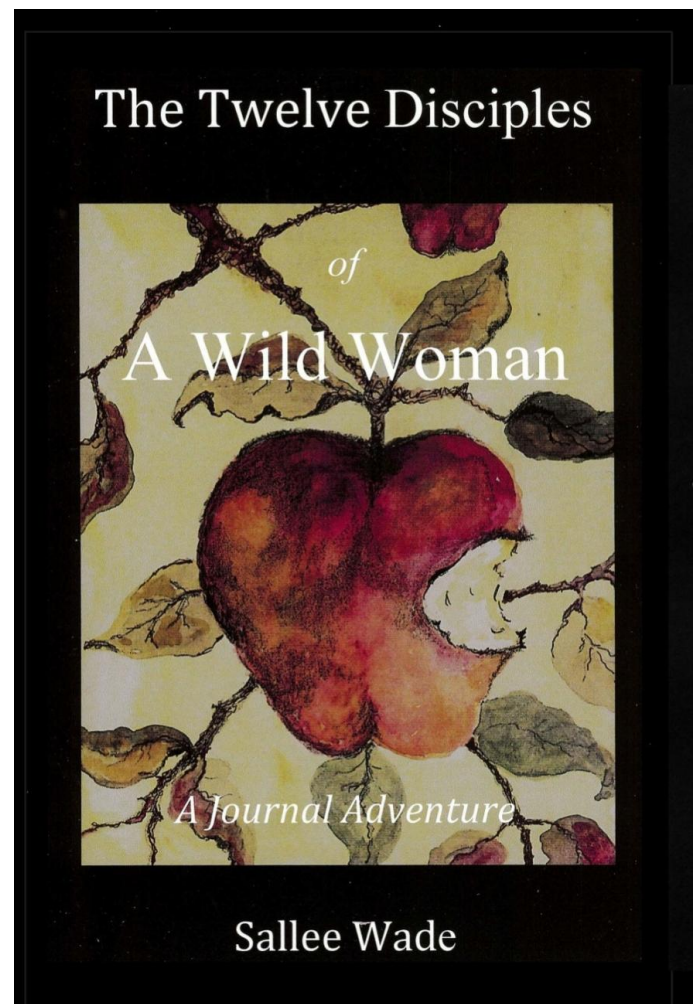
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*Moline, IL*  
**April 10**

## *Description*

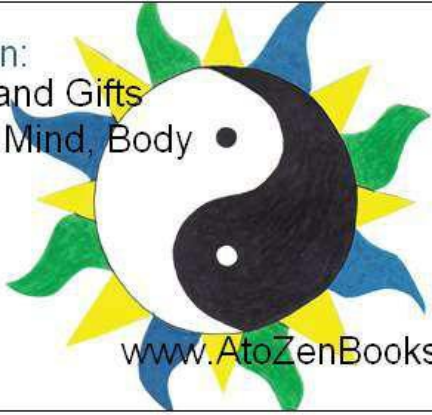
In addition to a lively dose of spiritual autobiography, this uniquely interactive book offers a chance to experience the sacred journal process, by responding to questions at the end of each chapter. It concludes with a collection of inspirational 'food' found along the way, to share with other souls who have trouble fitting - or staying - in the box!

## *From the Back Cover*

In her fifties a woman's soul may give birth to her most creative nature yet. From that flows a way of being in the world that nourishes her from within. *The Twelve Disciples of a Wild Woman – A Journal Adventure* offers a light hearted look into a left-wing woman's wildish relationship with Jesus Christ, which leads her to discover her own twelve disciples. As these 'disciples' come to life on the page they'll touch your life as well. Anyway, some of them probably belong to you already!



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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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Rev. Sue Peters  
(563)243-3561.  
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.

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