



Dear Friends!

Welcome to August!! It is REALLY hot as I write this letter and I hope that by the time that you receive it that things will be cooled down!

August is the month when all of Unity focuses on the Power of Will and when we have the opportunity to work on becoming open to Divine Guidance!!

As you may recall, Will is the executive Power of the Mind! It is like the captain of our ship which makes all the decisions of our lives! The key activity, I think, is to take personal charge of our will! It may be that our decisions have been made according to what someone else thinks that we should do or what society suggests or what we have been brought up thinking that this is the way to go, etc. But, today, I suggest that you ask yourself, "What is God's plan for my life?" This ties our two study activities together and helps us find our "reason for being".

Our guide for this, of course, is Jesus Christ. In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus was preparing for a fairly traumatic experience. He knew that that the Roman soldiers would soon be arresting him and saw what appeared to be a very human experience in the process of transforming. In His prayer, He asked God to deliver Him from this experience, but, then followed up with, "But nevertheless, not My will but Thine be done!" He made His "transition" and now lives on the "other side" where He is always available to help you and me with whatever we are doing.

It is important to remember that Jesus' Father is your Father and my Father and His plan for us is absolute good! So, this activity of saying, "not my will but Your will be done" can help us climb above the "stuff" that is appearing in our lives and to find the fullness of life that we are here to experience!

Divine Guidance is ALWAYS available to ALL of us and can be found by spending time in the Silence, listening to the Christ of our being!

A good "mantra" to use might be:

**"GOD'S RIGHT AND PERFECT ANSWERS ARE APPEARING IN MY LIFE NOW."**

As we keep repeating this while quieting down our minds, so do we find that we are becoming more and more receptive to God's answers in every part of our lives! Dear friend, as you take time to work with this statement daily, you WILL find the peace, harmony, happiness, joy, prosperity and goodness that you are seeking!

Also, I will be doing a four-part series in August based on the book, "*LAWS OF LOVE*" by noted Unity minister and author, Margaret Pounders. Through Margaret's teachings I will help us all develop a greater understanding of God's love and methods of using it to make our lives better and better.

**GOD IS BLESSING YOU ALL RIGHT NOW AND SO AM !!!**

*Rev. Dean*

**Our WEBSITE is at [www.unityqc.org](http://www.unityqc.org) If you haven't done so yet, Please check it out!**

## **UNITY ONGOING EVENTS**

### **HEALING ARTS**

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.

We are also in the process of setting up a Healing Arts Symposium to be held at our church sometime in the future. Anyone who wishes to help us in the planning for this or to participate is welcome to contact Holly Johnson at 309-912-8110 or Rev. Dean at 309-762-1066.

**Sunday Inspiration: Open Discussion on spiritual topics from 9:45 until 10:15 AM on the First, third and fifth Sundays. You are welcome to join us. Alice Rice is the facilitator.**

**Sunday Morning Meditation** Our Sunday Meditation program will meet in July on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

## **GENERAL INFORMATION & 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:**

**August 15, 2011**

#### **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.

#### **Chaplain and Prayer Request line**

All members and friends are able to leave a message for their chaplain or to leave a prayer request for the prayer team and minister by calling the church telephone line (309-762-1066) and pressing "2" when prompted. For those who are calling their chaplain, a message will be forwarded to the chaplain and the call will be returned as soon as possible.

### **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

### **MUSIC INFORMATION**

**Elaine Vinzant , our Choir Director is always looking for people to join the choir. They practice from 9:15 until 9:45 AM on the first third and fifth Sundays of each month.**

## **MEMBERSHIP** **DIRECTORY IS ALMOST** **COMPLETED**

**Helen Shoulders is completing our Membership Directory. She has sent an e-mail or a regular mail letter to each person on our list to see if they want to be included and to make sure that we have the right information. When you are contacted by Helen, we would appreciate a prompt response.**

**BLESSINGS,  
REV. DEAN**

## **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. If YOU want to help, please see Jeanie Gamer or any Board Member.
3. 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.
4. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9. Please see any Board member if you have information to be discussed.
5. Our LUNCH BUNCH is going out to dinner after service on August 28. 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.**

### **JUNE TREASURER'S REPORT**

In June, the church took in revenue of \$5,271.25 and spent \$3,523.12, for net income of \$1,748.13. Year to date, the church has taken in \$23,621.49 and spent \$28,419.08, for a net loss of \$4,797.59. Year to date there have been no capital improvements. Love Offerings totaled \$4,930.48 in June, for a total of \$19,593.72 for the year. Bank account balances, including deposits in transit and outstanding checks, were \$(5,911.64) at the beginning of June and \$(4,163.51) at the end of the month, a net increase of \$1,748.13, reflecting the net operating income mentioned above.

### **NEW MEMBER'S CLASS**

Rev. Dean will host a class for people who want to join the church or who simply want more information about our teachings on Sunday, August 14, after service. It will run from approximately noon to approximately 1:30 and snacks will be available. Interested persons are invited to see Rev. Dean.

## **August Events**

### **THE VERY BEST AUGUST EVER**

We are embarking on a plan to make this the very best August ever for our church and for our participants. As discussed elsewhere in this newsletter, We will be discussing this on every Sunday as we focus on God's will for us and as we work to develop and follow God's guidance in every activity of our lives.

One more process that has appeared to us in this regard is that of having Prayer Partners!! On Sundays July 31 And August 7, we will sign up to have prayer partners for the entire month of August. All who wish to participate will get the name, telephone no. and e-mail address of a person to pray with. Then, a minimum of twice a day, we will "hold the high watch" for our Prayer Partner. This will occur during the entire month.

All who wish to participate in this are encouraged to come to church on July 31 and/or Aug. 7 to draw the name of a Prayer Partner, and then, every Sunday thereafter to receive suggestions to use in praying for him or her.

We KNOW that we can make this the very best August ever for ALL of us!!

Blessings... Rev. Dean

### **PROSPERITY BANK PROGRAM**

Continuing through December, EVERY last Sunday of the month will be Prosperity Bank Sunday. FREE Prosperity Banks are available at the church. As a prosperity practice, add money to it as an expression of gratitude to God for all the good you already have. Bring them to church the last Sunday of the month as an offering of gratitude. We will bless the banks and those who bring them in a special small ceremony. This is an excellent way to enhance our tithing program your prosperity.

BLESSINGS, Rev. Dean

### **Spiritual Cinema Weekend** **August 19 and 20**

Bruce Lipton on Conscious Parenting:

Our pre- and perinatal experiences form a biological template, which colors subsequent feelings and attitudes about ourselves, our relationships and our connection to Earth and Spirit. Awareness of this important programming mechanism can be used to prevent further harm, as well as heal the places in our hearts and minds where we ourselves have acquired limiting programs.

Total running time: 2 hours. Released, 2002.

### **AUGUST PROSPERITY BOOK STUDY**

Pat McLaughlin will lead a book discussion in August. All members and friends of our church are invited to participate. It will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 until 8 PM starting on August 10. We will be using the book, "THE MILLIONAIRE MOSES" By Catherine Ponder. Please pass the word and plan to join us!! Books are available in the book store and are approximately \$12.00 each. The June discussion group was VERY successful for those who attended!!

## Volunteer Opportunities

### MUSIC MINISTRY VISIONING TEAM

Our Music Ministry Visioning Team is scheduling a meeting for August. We will let you know the date and time. You are ALL welcome to join us!!

### YOUTH ED MINISTRY VISIONING TEAM

Our Youth Education Team will also be meeting in August. We will let you know the date and time. You are all welcome to join us!

### ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM

Our Green Team Leaders, Pam Kaufman, and Holly Johnson, would like to hear from YOU!! If you would like to be a part of this team please talk with them. Especially they would like to have someone to help with the garden.

### 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!

- A. Nooners Prayer Group The Prayer Team prays for Peace for the world at noon every day. We are using "Prayer for Peace." You can obtain a copy by contacting any Prayer Team Member.
- B. The Niners Prayer Group The Prayer Team prays for the church at 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. daily. We have a prayer sheet readily available. Also, all members and friends are welcome to join Rev. Dean at the church on Tuesdays at 11 AM or 12:15 PM to pray with our **Silent Unity Prayer Sheets**.

## PRAYER CHAPLAINS

### AVAILABLE

Our Prayer Chaplain Team is now operational!! They will be making Wellness Calls to each member of the church each month and will have at least one chaplain at each Sunday service to pray with any person who wants to benefit from this after our service. People who want to pray with a chaplain are welcome to come to the front of the sanctuary after the service and look for a person who is wearing a chaplain name tag.

### VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Our Volunteer of the Month for August is Fran Tuttle. Fran has been serving as a volunteer Greeter at our front door for us for approximately 3 years! She is currently on the Leadership Team for our Social activities and has helped our church in many many ways!! We DO love, bless and appreciate you, Fran!!

### QUOTE ON "AGING"

**From Helen Shoulders' Mother**



Oscar Wilde once said, "The soul is born old, but grows young. That is the comedy of life. And the body is born young and grows old. That is life's tragedy." This is one of my favorite quotes because I have found it to be so true. Age is not a privilege, but a gift. Do not look down on it, but treasure it. Take that gift everyday and run with it, not from it, remembering with every stride of the way to grasp the life that is given to you and to follow your dreams now. Make your soul young now and not later because when that last year arrives, no matter how many you were given, it is more than likely that you will be asking for just a little more time.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### **Personality Types Seminar at Unity With Dr. Michael J. McNulty August 7**

On Sunday, August 7, Dr. Michael McNulty will do a seminar on Personality Types after our Potluck. This will be an excellent opportunity for us to find out more about what personality types we are and how we interrelate with those of other types. This two and a half hour seminar on Personality Types consist of:

- Testing participants to categorize their personality types
- Describing the different types in detail
- Teaching you how to interrelate with all personality types
- Giving examples of the various types in the Bible
- Showing videos to see how the types react in real life and make sure you can recognize the varied characteristics

### **MEDITATION MASTER TO SPEAK AT UNITY** Thursday, August 11 at 2 PM

Kambiz Naficy is a poet, meditation master, and spiritual healer who is committed to helping individuals reach their full life potential through inner development and growth. His workshops include introduction to Kriya yoga, as well as life altering talks about personal growth, transformation, and loving relationships. He unlocks secrets to uprooting the self-limiting beliefs that so often hold us back in life. He is the founder of Joy of Life organization, which spreads the message of inner peace and self-development all over the world. We are very pleased to announce his arrival in the Quad Cities, to promote and deliver a life changing workshop.

A free one-hour informational talk given by Kambiz will be at Unity Church on **Thursday, August 11 at 2 PM**. The following workshop will be held August 12-14 at The Institute for Therapeutic Massage in West Davenport.

For more information, you can visit [joyoflifeorg.com](http://joyoflifeorg.com) or check out Kambiz on YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/user/KambizNaficy>.

Contact Lori Monzyk for more information at (563-508-5745) or Cathy Farrell (508-423-0252) to sign up for the workshop.

### **Coming... October 2 Dreaming Bear Returns To Unity of the Quad Cities**



Dreaming Bear, nature's poet laureate is returning to the mainland from Hawaii on tour. He will speak and perform his poetry while playing the hang drum at Unity of the Quad Cities this fall. He has been described as a modern day Rumi. **Don't miss** this opportunity to experience the "Lovevolution!"



### **Performing Sunday, August 21st**

Jonathan will be the featured musician at the 10:30 am service, followed by a potluck and a 1pm Concert \*

### **Unity Church 5102 47th Ave., Moline, Illinois**

*Jonathan C. Ward, an enrolled member of the Lumbee tribe, Native American Flutist, and Live Sound Engineer has released two albums. The first is "A New Beginning" and his second album, "An Epic Ride" was released in February of this year. Ward continues to perform for Native and non-Native events nationally. He has also placed first in the Native American Flute Players competition at both Native Rhythms Festival November 2010 and Musical Echoes Festival, April of 2011. For more information about Ward's future performances or to listen to his music, please contact him*

*at: [www.JonathanCWard.com](http://www.JonathanCWard.com);*

*[Facebook.com/nativeflutin.jw](https://www.facebook.com/nativeflutin.jw) - Profile; and  
[www.facebook.com/jonathancwardmusic](https://www.facebook.com/jonathancwardmusic) FanPage*

***Sponsored by:*** Randy and Shelly Stenzel of Feather Ridge Flutes.

Jonathan's cds, along with Randy and Shelly's Native American style flutes, drums, bags and rattles will be available for purchase.

[www.JonathanCWard.com](http://www.JonathanCWard.com) and [www.featherridgeflutes.com](http://www.featherridgeflutes.com)

**\*\$10 Suggested Love Offering for concert admission**

# AUGUST -- UNITY ACTIVITIES SOCIAL/COMMUNITY EVENTS

1. Monday Night band Concerts. There is a FREE Band Concert every Monday night at the Moline Township Building in downtown Moline every Monday night in August through Aug. 22. They play 50's and 60's music and it is GREAT FUN!! 7 UNTIL 8:30 PM. Food served from 5 until 6:30. WONDERFUL dancing available. Our favorite, Coupe De Ville, is playing on Monday, Aug. 8. Bring lawn chairs. To join us, call or see Sandi Conrad, Social Coordinator, 928-210-5360.
2. Tuesdays August 2, 9, 16 and 23 - 11 AM and 12:15 PM, Rev. Dean leads a Silent Unity Prayer Service using the affirmations in the front of the Daily Word magazines. You are invited to join Rev. Dean at the church or pray wherever you are!
3. Tuesday, August 2 Prayer Team Meeting 5:30 – 7:30 PM. All are welcome to join us for the meeting and prayer circle.
4. Wednesdays, August 10, 17, 24, 31 Book Discussion Group – The Millionaire Moses with Pat McLaughlin 6:30 – 8:00 PM
5. Wednesday, August 4 Coupe De Ville is playing a FREE concert at the Bass Street Landing in Moline from 7 until 8:30. Bring your lawn chairs. Sandi Conrad, Social Coordinator, 928-210-5360.
6. Sunday, August 7 This is Potluck Sunday. The theme for the Potluck is HAWAIIAN LUAU! After our Potluck, local Chiropractor, Dr. Michael J. McNulty, will do a seminar on Personality Types. Love Offering basis. See the separate article.
7. Tuesday, August 9 - 6:30 – 8:00 PM Board Meeting
8. Thursday, August 11 A free one-hour informational talk will be given by Kambiz Naficy. See separate article in this newsletter.
9. FRIDAY August 12 AUGUST GAME NIGHT 6:30 until 8 PM. Scrabble, Monopoly, etc.
10. Saturday, August 13. We are going on the Captain's Dinner and Dance Cruise on the Celebration Belle. It cruises from 6:30 until 9 PM. Cost is \$46.95 including taxes and gratuities. Please call Rev. Dean by Sunday, Aug. 7 to make a reservation.
11. Sunday, August 14 BIRTHDAY SUNDAY We will honor all persons with August birthdays. After cake, we will have a NEW MEMBER'S CLASS for all who want to learn more about Unity. IT will last

approximately 1 ½ hours. Snacks will be available. Those who want to join the church will be inducted on Sunday, August 28. Please see Rev. Dean if you have interest or questions.

12. Friday, August 19 and Saturday, August 20 MOVIE WEEKEND. Bruce Lipton on Conscious Parenting See separate article.
13. Sunday, August 21 We are hosting Native American Flute Player, Jonathan C. Ward, to do special Music for our Sunday Service and a concert after the service. We will have a potluck between the service and the concert. There will be a \$10 suggested love offering for the concert. See the separate article.
14. Sunday, Aug. 28 Our LUNCH BUNCH is going out to lunch after service and YOU are welcome to join us!! Location is to be determined. Please see Fran Tuttle, or Sandi Conrad if you would like to join us!!
15. VISIONING TEAMS Both our Visioning Teams for our Music and our Youth Education Departments will be meeting in early August. Please watch for details!!

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Christianna Crosby	August 10
Linda Erhart	August 10
Bill Hamilton	August 9
Alisha LeBlanc	August 17
Arlene McClimon	August 26
Sue Peters	August 11
Rochel Rittgers	August 3
Janet Wisely	August 9

## SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

### Four-Part Series From “THE TWELVE POWERS” by Rev. Dean Van Wie

AUGUST 7	THE POWER OF WILL
AUGUST 14	FOLLOWING OUR INNER GUIDE
AUGUST 21	YES, LORD, I AM WILLING
AUGUST 28	GOD'S GOOD IS APPEARING IN MY LIFE NOW!!

NOTE: This will be a four-part series based on the Power of Will as in Charles Fillmore's book, "THE TWELVE POWERS OF MAN". As we follow Mr. Fillmore's suggestions we can ALL find the fullness of Life that we are created to experience. You are invited to bring someone who could use better awareness of God's plan for his or her life!!

## Friends of Unity QC

### ION'S OF THE QUAD CITIES

Meets every second Thursday at  
the Bettendorf Public Library.

*"Bridging the gap between  
spirituality and science!!*

*Please join us!!*

**6:30 PM**

#### **Unity Center of Clinton**

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.

WANTED- ROOM TO RENT in the  
Quad Cities

Please call Yolanda DeLap

563-210-8209

### MISSISSIPPI RIVER CRUISE!! August 13



Our Social Team is taking a dinner cruise on the  
Celebration Belle on Saturday, August 13 and  
YOU are invited to join us!! This is the Captain's  
Dinner & Dance from 6:30 until 9 PM and it is  
GREAT fun!!

Please show up to "board" by 6:15 PM.  
It will be a chance to enjoy a beautiful sunset, a  
relaxing atmosphere and a fabulous dinner while  
cruising on the Mississippi River! Plus, the food is  
fantastic! The cost is \$46.95 per person which  
includes tax and gratuity. Please get your  
payment to Rev. Dean on or before August 7 to  
insure that we get all our reservations in. You  
may call Dean at 309-762-1066 if you have any  
questions or comments.



If you are tired of the negative programming on  
cable and the radio, check out [www.unity.fm](http://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

#### **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.