



Dear Friends!

Happy MAY!!

WOW! Maybe we Will have a spring this year after all!! It just seems that the weather has been up and down so much that it has been hard to tell! But, as I write this in the end of April, it seems that things are beginning to straighten up.

The power for the month of May is POWER! The Unity definition of POWER is “The innate ability that enables us to have authority over our thoughts and feelings.” We are told that we are “the power of God in action”. To us is given “the highest power in the universe, the conscious power of thought.” Charles Fillmore, co-founder of Unity, has written, “In mind, power is increased through exalted ideas. These show us the relation between the world without and the mind within, and we find that they are parallel. Whatever you see in the external, you may be assured has a parallel in mind.”

This is where our statement, “As within, So without” comes from. The Old Testament has it this way, “As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he”. (Proverbs 23:7) What Mr. Fillmore is telling is that as we align our thoughts and feelings with the indwelling Spirit, so will we find the fullness of life that is ours to experience!! Some people call this “taking God as our Partner”. To me, this is the key to finding the Divine Order that we know exists. As we take time to develop our power of POWER, we will find the rich blessings that are ours to experience!!

A good affirmation to work to develop this is:

**THROUGH THE POWER OF THE CHRIST IN ME, I AM AWAKENING TO THE FULLNESS OF LIFE THAT IS MINE TO EXPERIENCE!! THANK YOU, GOD!!”**

In May, we have three GREAT special Sunday activities planned:

- May 1<sup>st</sup> is our CELEBRATE THE EARTH DAY
- May 8<sup>th</sup> is MOTHER’S DAY, And
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> we will have RICH BAUMANN returning!!
- Plus, on May 15, we are holding a Town Hall meeting immediately after service and YOU are invited!! We want to work together to set the future for our church!!

There is an article on each event in this edition of our Newsletter. I just want to say that Rich is a very well-known Folk Singer and this will be his third visit to our church in 3 years!! He travels to mostly Unity centers, schools, nursing homes and child care facilities all over the country. He will do the Sunday lesson and perform many of his music selections, and we will have a Special Potluck after our service. Then, Rich is doing a FREE concert at the Heritage Woods Senior Citizen Residence around the corner on 53<sup>rd</sup> Street at 1 PM and we ALL are invited to join him. He is very close friends with Pete Seeger and has played concerts with him.

Friends, you may have heard it said that “Unity is the best kept secret in town.” I am hoping that you will help us break this tradition. We also have, in my view, of course, the VERY BEST MESSAGE IN TOWN and it would REALLY help all members of our community if we can get this message out! When we have special services like this we are giving YOU an opportunity to invite friends and relatives to “check us out”. This is the very best way to grow a ministry. You are welcome to help us grow!!

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

**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

### UNITY DRUM CIRCLE

**Our DRUM CIRCLE is looking for a leader. We plan to meet 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! Please help pass the word! And join us!**

## **Spiritual Cinema Weekend**

### ***“The Man from Earth”***

***May 20 and 21, 2011***

***6:45 PM***

“The Man from Earth” by Jerome Bixby.  
In this story, John Oldman retires after 10 years as a college history professor. When his colleagues show up at his house to say goodbye as he packs up his belongings, friendly goodbyes soon turn into a prolonged interrogation. Finally John tells a tale that few can swallow. This is a very thought-provoking film that raises questions for all of us. There are several recognizable actors in this independent film.  
Runtime: 87 mins.

### **Volunteer Music Director Wanted...**

Patricia Mooney has resigned as our Music Director effective May first. We will miss her leadership as she has done GREAT in every part of her job. God is Blessing You, Patricia and we thank you for bringing our ministry this far!!

Because of this, we are looking for a volunteer Music Director to work with Rev. Dean to choose our Sunday music, to help lead our music on Sundays and to lead our choir. This position will eventually become a paid position

### **REACH FOR THE CLOUD**

There's a cloud out my window  
Just passing by,  
I bet I could touch it  
If I try;  
My eyes are weary  
And my body is weak;  
Somehow this cloud is the blessing  
I so earnestly seek.

The red and brown leaves  
Only fall to the ground,  
But this cloud is alive  
And turns me around;  
If I could just touch  
It's velvet white mane,  
Then I'd never be weary  
Ever again.

I hear a voice calling,  
Though I can't see a face;  
The cloud beckons onward  
To a more beautiful place;  
Then as I lay watching  
And thinking aloud,  
I find to my wonder--  
I am that cloud.

**By Joel Bjorling**  
Galesburg, Illinois  
Poem from a friend of Unity in Galesburg

# 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:

May 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. 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, May 10. Please see any Board member if you have information to be discussed.
5. Our LUNCH BUNCH is going out to dinner after service on May 15 after our Town Hall Meeting. 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.**

### MARCH PROSPERITY REPORT

In March, the church took in revenue of \$3,555.62 and spent \$6,034.35, for a net loss of \$2,478.73. Year to date, the church has taken in \$11,803.32 and spent \$15,486.11, for a net loss of \$3,682.79. Year to date there have been no capital improvements. Love Offerings totaled \$2,596.51 in March, for a total of \$8,701.71 for the year. Bank account balances, including deposits in transit and outstanding checks, were \$(569.98) at the beginning of March and \$(3,048.71) at the end of the month, a net decrease of \$2,478.73, reflecting the net operating loss mentioned above.

### March Prosperity Report

<b>Income</b>	\$3,555.62
<b>Expenses</b>	\$6,034.35
<b>2011 Income to Date</b>	\$8,701.71
<b>2011 Expenses to Date</b>	\$15,486.11

## Volunteer Opportunities

### MUSIC MINISTRY VISIONING TEAM

Our Music Ministry Visioning Team is re-energizing. If you would like to be a part of the team, please contact Rev. Dean. We will choose a meeting day and time as soon as we hear from you.

### 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 **STEVE REED**. Steve has been serving as our Maintenance Person for nothing for over a year! He was doing it as an employee, but when we got into a financial drain, he agreed to do it for nothing. We ARE getting back financially so we will be able to start paying him soon!  
**MANY MANY THANKS STEVE!!**

## Calendar: May Activities

**May 1st CELEBRATE OUR EARTH DAY!!** WE will celebrate Mother Earth at our 10:30 AM service and have our May Potluck afterward. Please see the separate article. After the Potluck, we will dedicate our labyrinth and open it for the summer!!

**May 3 at 5:30 PM** Our Prayer Team regular monthly meeting. Please contact Pat McLaughlin if you would like to join us.

**May 1, 15 and 28** Inspiration Discussion  
9:45 until 10:15

**May 8 and 22** Meditation before Service  
9:45 until 10:15 AM

**May 8<sup>th</sup> MOTHER'S DAY and BIRTHDAY SUNDAY**  
We will honor all mothers who are present and those who are not present and all persons with April birthdays. You will have an opportunity to honor any female person in your life!!

**May 3, 10, 17 and 24: 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!

**May 10** Board Meeting - 6:30 – 8:00 PM

**May 13** **MAY GAME NIGHT**  
6:30 until 8 PM. Scrabble, Monopoly, etc.

**May 15 - TOWN HALL**  
We are having a TOWN HALL after our service. It will take approximately a half hour. Our Lunch Bunch is going out for dinner after the meeting and YOU are welcome to join us!!

**May 20 and 21 MOVIE NIGHT 6:45 PM**  
"The Man from Earth" by Jerome Bixby. (see article on another page in this newsletter)

**May 22. Rich Baumann is back!!** Please see the separate article.

**May 29 After service, David Dorriss** will do a book-signing on his new book, "LIFE IS TOO SHORT." All are welcome to check out David's new book and have one signed!!

## **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

Bruce Herman                      May 15  
 Norm Nord                        May 6  
 Scott Noll                         May 22

### **PRAYER CHAPLAIN MINISTRY** **IS NOW OPERATIONAL!!**

Dear Friends;

We are proud and excited to bring to our church community the Prayer Chaplain Program. We have just completed our Prayer Chaplain Training for 5 new Prayer Chaplains. These are dedicated, willing individuals who hold a spiritual space, are loving listeners, are excited to pray with you while holding in confidence all that is shared. One of the aspects of our Prayer Chaplain Program is the blessed privilege to offer monthly "wellness calls" to all active members of our church. Every month, each of our active members will receive a wellness call from a Prayer Chaplain.

In the meantime, any active member who desires prayer with a Prayer Chaplain, please feel free to call and leave a message at our telephone, 309-762-1066, and we will have your chaplain call you. In addition, if there is any way that I can be of support to you, please do not hesitate to contact me at the same number above.

Our chaplains for this year are:

TRISH HEPNER  
 PATRICIA MOONEY  
 BLANCHE JACOBS  
 SUE COLLINS  
 PAT McLAUGHLIN

God Bless You!

Blessings,  
 Trish Hepner, Prayer Team Coordinator

## **TOWN HALL MEETING** **AFTER SERVICE** **MAY 15**

We will discuss our future in our present location and ideas for bringing in more people and receive input from You on what we can do better and other things. It may take approximately a half hour. We are going out to lunch as a group after the meeting. We are posting a questionnaire in the website that we would like people to complete before the meeting. Please go to [www.unityqc.org](http://www.unityqc.org) and complete it for us.

## **MAY 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>
Saturday, MAY 7	6:30 until 9:30 PM - FLAT TOP performing at Huckleberry's in Rock Island - GREAT listening!	Sandi Conrad 928-210-5360
Thursday, May 12	6:30 Appetizers & Desserts Performance at 7:30 PM "Rehearsal for murder" at Playcrafter's Barn Theater in Moline - Tickets \$12 at the door. If anybody wishes to do so, we can meet at the church and drive together.	Carol Triebel 764-0198
May 13	6-8 PM Game Night at Unity	Pat McLaughlin 309-721-0444
Sunday, May 15	LUNCH BUNCH	Rev. Dean 309-762-1066
Saturday May 14 or June 11	COMEDY SPORTZ - Rock Island - Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. IF we have more than 15 people, we can get them for \$8. We are picking a Saturday night to go. Please let Rev. Dean know which Saturday you prefer as soon as possible.	Rev. Dean 309-762-1066
Friday, May 27	7:30 until 11:30 PM - The Riveria's 50's & 60's Dance at the Col Ballroom in Davenport Tickets: \$15 available in advance at Griggs Music in Davenport or at HyVee stores.	Sandi Conrad 928-210-5360

## **MOTHER'S DAY!** **MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>**

We will honor all mothers who are present or not present and ALL will have a chance to honor a woman in their lives. Plus this is BIRTHDAY SUNDAY. We will also honor all persons with May birthdays!

## **EARTH DAY CELEBRATION**

**May 1, 2011**

**SUNDAY, MAY FIRST, WILL BE OUR EARTH DAY CELEBRATION!! YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO HEAR AND SEE A SKIT ON TAKING CARE OF MOTHER EARTH, LISTEN TO AND SING SONGS ABOUT OUR ENVIROMENT, PLANT GRASS SEED, BLESS AND PROTECT OUR PART OF THE EARTH AND HELP THE ENTIRE PLANET GET BETTER, DEDICATE OUR GARDEN AND LABYRINTH, WALK THE LABYRINTH AND HAVE A LOT OF FUN WHILE GROWING IN PRESERVATION OF OUR PLANET!!**

**THERE WILL BE NO YOUTH ED CLASSES ON THIS DAY SO THE CHILDREN WILL HAVE A CHANGE TO JOIN US IN HONORING MOTHER EARTH!!**

**FOR OUR POTLUCK, WE ARE SUGGESTING THAT YOU BRING FOODS THAT ARE HEALTHY AND HARMONIOUS TO OUR BODIES.**

## *You're Invited!*

*Because you have shared in our lives  
by your friendship and love, we  
Patricia Elizabeth Hepner*

*and*

*Patricia Nannette McLaughlin  
invite our Unity friends to share  
the beginning of our new life together  
when we exchange marriage vows  
on Saturday, the ninth of July  
two thousand and eleven  
at three o'clock in the afternoon*

*Unity of the Quad Cities*

*5102 47th Avenue*

*Moline, Illinois*

*Cake Reception to follow.*

## **Rich Baumann Returns to Unity of the Quad Cities Sunday, May 22, 2011**



Rich Baumann is a very well known folk singer, musician, songwriter, and recording artist from Madison, Wisconsin. This will be his third visit to Unity of the Quad Cities in three years!! He travels to Unity centers, schools, child care facilities, and nursing homes. He will do the Sunday lesson and perform many musical selections for on Sunday, May 22. A Special Potluck will be provided after our service. Then, Rich is doing a FREE concert at the Heritage Woods Senior

Residence around the corner on 53<sup>rd</sup> Street at 1 PM and we ALL are invited to join him.

Rich started taking music lessons more than fifty one years ago. Before he was six years old he was performing in church. He started violin lessens in the fourth grade. In the last four years he has done over seven hundred shows in 12 states and driven more than 100,000 miles. Rich Baumann has been a professional performing artist for over thirty years. He was the fiddle player in several bands early in his career. He is very close friends with Pete Seeger and has played concerts with him over the years.

Madison singer-songwriter, Rich Baumann, received a Runner Up award in the Song of the Year competition with his new song, Battlefield. The song is about a WWII soldier who proudly goes to war, returns after his tour but never really comes home. The poignant lyrics can be applied to almost any veteran of war, which makes it a timeless classic.

## **UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS THAT WE MIGHT WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN AS A GROUP**

Please look over the list of activities below and let us know if you want to participate in any of them as a member of Unity.

1) **Saturday, May 21**  
**AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION HEART WALK.**

We can walk with the Trinity Hospital Volunteers if we don't have enough interest to get a group from church. Suggested minimum donation is \$25.

2) **Thursday May 26 from 9-3**  
**Senior Expo**

I don't know any more about this. Perhaps someone could check it out for us.

3) **Saturday, June 4 from noon-midnight**  
**PRIDEFEST**

Is there any one who wants to take the leadership in this?

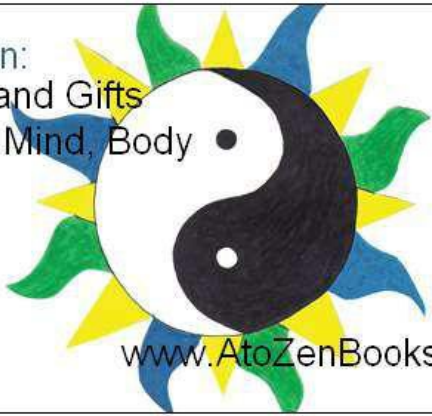
4) **Saturday, June 18 from 8-3**  
**THE RADISH FESTIVAL**

At the Freight House in Davenport, Iowa

We can help Unity of the Quad Cities become better known in our community if we attend these.

I will bring these up at our Town Hall Meeting to see how many people we can get to represent us at these wonderful community events!!

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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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### 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.

## AFRAID OF PUBLIC SPEAKING?

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