

Unity ♥ QC Connections

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**Newsletter
DECEMBER
2011**

Dear Friends!



Wow!!

Here we are coming to December already! One thing that I can say is that we have had a wonderful fall! The leaves, the weather, the sunshine and the entire season have been AMAZING!

And, so, let us set our goals to have December and the winter be wonderful as well!

This is a very good activity for December as this is the month of the power of LIFE! As we say around here, LIFE is much more than living, it is being ALIVE WITH THE LIFE OF CHRIST! This is what our Master Teacher, Jesus Christ meant when he said, "I came that you may have Life and have it more abundantly!!" (John 10:10)

In *The REVEALING WORD*, Charles Fillmore, Co-Founder of Unity, describes Life as "That expression of Being which expresses as animation, activity, vigor". We ALL are alive, to a certain degree, but what Mr. Fillmore and Jesus were saying was that we CAN be REALLY ALIVE! That focusing on the Presence of God within us can help us find the goodness and fullness of life that we are all here to experience!

I mentioned in September that Charles Fillmore gave us the affirmation "I AM ALIVE WITH THE LIFE OF GOD!" in his book, *TALKS ON TRUTH*. He told us to repeat this affirmation as many times daily as possible and this will help us awaken to the fullness of life that we are created to experience!!

It is important to be aware that December is also the month of the celebration of the Birth of Jesus. Historians and bible scholars are not convinced that this was the actual month of His birth, but it IS the month when all of Christianity celebrates this momentous occasion. For Jesus came to bring humanity a new way of living! The Hebrews, especially, were caught up in living by the Ten Commandments and the "hundred or so" commandments that they had made out of the first Ten, which made living very difficult.

To counter this, Jesus brought a teaching that was easy to understand and to practice and this is what Unity is based on. As we make an effort every day to align ourselves with the teachings that He brought, so do we find the happy, healthy, prosperous, successful, joyous lives that we ALL were created to experience.

Because of the wonderful teachings that He brought, we celebrate the birth of Jesus on Dec. 25th with everybody else, but we ALSO recognize and honor the Christ presence that is in each of us as well!

We will be honoring this magnificent activity of Christmas every Sunday of December as well as on Christmas Eve when we will have our Christmas Candlelight Celebration. On December 11, we will have Cathy Robel from Chicago in to do our Special Music and to do a Christmas Concert in the afternoon and we will have our Christmas Potluck in between the service and the potluck.

Our Candlelight Service will be at 6:30 PM on Christmas Eve and everyone will have the opportunity to light one of the 12 Power Candles and to recite the reading that goes with it.

A great affirmation to work with during this fabulous month of December would be:

**I AM AWAKENING TO THE CHRIST PRESENCE IN EVERY THOUGHT,
EVERY WORD AND EVERY ACTION.
THANK YOU, GOD!**

MANY CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS TO ALL!!
Rev. Dean

Get Healthy!

We extend an invitation to healing arts professionals to speak at Unity of the Quad Cities on Sundays after church. If you or someone you know would like to share their specialty, please let us know.

We are also interested in setting up a Healing Arts Symposium to be held at Unity in 2011. To join the planning team or participate in the symposium, contact Holly Johnson at 309-912-8110 or Alice Rice, LUT at 309-762-1066

Sunday Services

Morning Inspiration

9:30 a.m.

Sunday Services 10:30 a.m.

Youth Education 10:30 a.m.

Church Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday,

11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

and 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

UnityQC on the Web:

www.unityqc.org

Visit our Web site for a world of encouragement!

Unity Online Radio: Visit

www.unity.fm and look for a program of interest

OUR VISION STATEMENT

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

OUR 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

Member Support Services

Prayer Requests

You may request prayer support by calling any Prayer Team member or by placing a written, confidential prayer request in the prayer box in the sanctuary.

Prayer Chaplains

Every Unity member is supported by a Prayer Chaplain who makes monthly wellness calls. For personal prayer support, please call the church and leave a confidential request for your Prayer Chaplain.

Spiritual Counseling

Rev. Dean Van Wie is available by appointment for spiritual counseling. Call Rev. Dean at (309) 762-1066 for more information.

Silent Unity Prayer Services

Services are held every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. at the church. All members and friends are welcome to participate.

MOVIE WEEKEND

Friday & Saturday,
December 16 & 17
at 6:45 PM

"THE CHRISTMAS WISH"

starring Mimi Rogers This is a holiday-themed made-for-TV drama, starring Mimi Rogers as Melody, a counter clerk at a large department store who learns an unusual lesson about the real meaning of Christmas. Melody drops a list of the things she'd really like for Christmas in "Santa's Mailbox" at work, and to her surprise she actually gets the things she asks for, but each item has an unexpected string attached. The supporting cast includes Stella Stevens, Bill Switzer, Rob Stewart, and Marla Maples.

Newsletter Information

Editor: Rev. Dean Van Wie

Assistant Editor: Alice Rice, LUT

Advertising: Rev. Dean Van Wie

Next deadline for submissions:

Friday, December 18, 2011

Submission Guidelines: Please e-mail information on or before the specified deadline in MS Word format or e-mail template using Times New Roman, 11-point font and no formatting (bold, uppercase, etc.), to unityqc@aol.com. Articles may be edited for style or space.

Advertising Rates

Contact: Rev. Dean Van Wie

\$10 / month (members)

\$25/month (non-members)

Contact Information

When you call the church, you can now choose from the following options:

Press 0 to leave a message for the church office.

Press 1 to leave a message for Rev. Dean.

Press 2 to leave a confidential prayer request.

Press 3 to leave a confidential message for your Prayer Chaplain or support request personal prayer.

Board Notes

Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Unity Church of
Christianity of Moline, Illinois

OCTOBER TREASURER'S REPORT

In October, the church took in operating revenue of \$3,100.90 and spent \$3,497.95, for net operating deficit of \$397.05. Year to date, the church has taken in \$37,792.43 and spent \$42,179.88, for a net loss of \$4,387.59. Year to date \$2,160.00 has been spent on capital improvements. Love Offerings totaled \$2,688.00 in October, for a total of \$31,124.31 for the year. The checking account balance, including deposits in transit and outstanding checks, was \$(4,096.39) at the beginning of October and \$(4,493.44) at the end of the month, a net decrease of \$397.05, reflecting the net operating deficit mentioned above.

The savings account balance was \$739.93 at the beginning of October and \$1,375.07 at the end of the month, reflecting the \$635.00 of deposits for the Let the Light Shine In fundraising campaign and \$0.14 in interest income.

BOARD REPORT

1. Our pews are listed on Craig's List for \$250 each. We have received no calls.
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 Pat McLaughlin if you have any interest in this.
4. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13. Please see any Board member if you have information to be discussed.

Remember: Members are welcome to contact any of the persons on our Board if you have questions or comments about any part of our activities or services!

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 Officials

Church Staff

Rev. Dean G. Van Wie, Minister
Alice Rice, LUT, Administrative
Assistant

Unity Board of Trustees

Pat McLaughlin, President
Carol Triebel, Secretary
Jeanie Gamer, Treasurer
Holly Johnson, Member at Large
Rev. Dean G. Van Wie, Minister

CHURCH GOALS

We thank God for completion of the following activities:

Income continues to increase

Sunday Service attendance continues to increase weekly

Leaders who are blessed for and by the work they do come forward to develop the Youth Ministry

The music ministry is fully resourced

UNITY OF THE QUAD CITIES GOAL STATEMENT

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

Friends of Unity QC

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>

ION'S OF THE QUAD CITIES

**Meets every second Thursday at 6:30
PM at the Bettendorf Public Library.**

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

Please join us!!



***Wishing you a prosperous, harmonious, and delightful,
Christmas and New Year!***

From: Unity of the Quad Cities Board of Trustees

Unity Volunteers and Opportunities

Church Beautification Ministry

Leader: Holly Johnson

Landscaping Team

Leader: Holly Johnson

This team maintains the cleanliness of the church building and the beauty of its grounds. **Opportunities:** Enjoy gardening and/or mowing? We need the help of a Mister Gardener to assist with landscaping the gardens. Call Holly!

Community Outreach Ministry

Leader: Interested? Please call Rev. Dean at (309) 762-1066.

Outreach Team

Leader: Rev. Dean Van Wie, (309) 762-1066

The Outreach Team works to promote the good works of Unity throughout the Quad Cities. **Opportunities:** Volunteers with marketing expertise are especially welcome.

Finance and Fundraising Ministry

Leader: Interested? Please call Rev. Dean at (309) 762-1066.

Fund-raising Team

Leader: Interested? Please call Rev. Dean at (309) 762-1066.

This team raises money to support special projects.

Opportunities: Speakers are needed to give the bi-monthly updates on the progress of the Annual Fund-raising Campaign.

Membership

Leader: Interested? Please call Rev. Dean at (309) 762-1066.

Social Team

Leader: Sandi Conrad and Fran Tuttle

Our Social Team is responsible for planning fun social activities and keeping Fellowship Hall looking great. They also coordinate food services for special events.

Opportunities: Bakers are needed to make cakes for Birthday Sundays. A Family Café manager is sought to keep our café clean and well stocked.

Music for the Soul Ministry

Leader: Interested? Please call Rev. Dean at (309) 762-1066.

Pastoral Care

Leader: Pat McLaughlin, (309) 721-0444

Prayer Chaplain Team

Leader: Trish Hepner, (309) 781-5890

This team makes monthly Wellness Calls, offers encouragement after Sunday Services, and provides personal prayer support through the Chaplain Line.

Opportunities: Six Chaplains and a Team Leader are needed to continue the program.

Prayer Team

Leader: Pat McLaughlin, (309) 721-0444

The Prayer Team provides daily prayer support for the church, its ministries, and members; our local, state, and federal governments; world nations; and the cosmos. A potluck and prayer circle is also held the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. **Opportunities:** All are welcome to participate.

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Youth Education

Leader: Interested? Please call Rev. Dean at (309) 762-1066 The Youth Ed team coordinates Sunday classes for all ages of youth. They also coordinate special activities.

Volunteer of the Month

BOB FITZGERALD

Our Volunteer of the Month for December is BOB FITZGERALD!! We don't always see a lot of Bob on Sundays, but he is here a lot. During the services, He is often setting up for our potlucks, and during the week, he is our computer guru and fixer up person. Whenever we need something, he always takes the time to come and help us!

MANY THANKS TO BOB FITZGERALD!
WE LOVE, BLESS & APPRECIATE YOU!!
Please take a moment before or after Sunday service this month to thank Jack for everything he does for our church.



December Birthdays

Lisa Martin	December 20
Yolanda De Lap	December 21
Fran Tuttle	December 5
Carol Triebel	December 30



Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar now so you won't miss any of the fabulous events coming to Unity of the Quad Cities.

Sunday Morning Meditation – meets on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month from 9:45 – 10:15 AM. All are welcome.

Sunday Morning Inspiration – meets on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month from 9:45 – 10:15 AM. All are welcome for a half hour of spiritual caring and sharing.

Every Tuesday - Silent Unity Prayer Service is held at 11 AM. Join Rev. Dean for a half hour of affirmative prayer.

Choir Practice – The choir practices every 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday of the month from 9:15 – 10:45 AM. See Elaine Vinzant for more information

Tuesday, Dec 6
Prayer Team Meeting, 5:30 PM

SUNDAY, December 4 DECEMBER POTLUCK after service. Also, after the potluck, we will decorate the church for Christmas. We'll appreciate the help of all who can stay and help for an hour or so!

SUNDAY December 11 CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION. CATHY ROBEL will provide Special Music for our Sunday Service and will do a Christmas Concert at 1 PM. There will be our famous Christmas Potluck between the service and the concert. It's also **BIRTHDAY SUNDAY** and we will honor all persons with December birthdays.

FRIDAY December 9
KAMBIZ NAFICY is offering a FREE 1 hour lecture on the power of Meditation starting at 10 AM.
GAME NIGHT from 6:30 until 8 PM. Scrabble, Monopoly, etc.

Free Open Musician Night from 7 until 10 PM at the Coffee House at the First Lutheran Church, 1600 20th Street in Rock Island. Very good music!! See Sandi Conrad for information. Musicians bring their instruments to play. There also is a sing-a-long. Snacks offered by donation.

Saturday, December 10
COMEDY SPORTZ Rock Island \$10 in advance. Please get your reservation and money to Rev. Dean by next Sunday.

Tuesday, Dec 6
Board Meeting, 6:30 PM

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY December 16 and 17
MOVIE WEEKEND. "THE CHRISTMAS WISH" See article for information.

SATURDAY, December 17th QC Singles Club Christmas Dance. Viking Club in Moline. Musician, "LECTRIC LEROY" One Man Band. Very enjoyable!! 7 until 11 PM. Cost is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Holiday attire is optional. Get advance tickets from Elaine Polton.

SUNDAY, December 18 Our LUNCH BUNCH is going out to lunch after service and YOU are welcome to join us!! Location is to be determined.

SATURDAY, Dec. 24 **CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE.** 6:30 pm. A WONDERFUL way to start Christmas in a spiritual manner. We are looking for 14 people to light candles and read the Twelve Power statements.

SUNDAY, Dec. 25. CHRISTMAS MORNING. We will be singing a lot of carols have Christmas snacks and have a LOT of FUN!! YOU are welcome to bring someone and join us!!

SATURDAY Dec. 31. We will have a Church New Year's Open House from 8 PM until ???, Bring snacks, soft drinks and games and videos This will be a GREAT way to welcome in the New Year!

SUNDAY, January 1 **BURNING BOWL SERVICE.** In this annual special service we are led through a process of letting go of the past and awakening to the New Good that God has for us to experience in 2012!

GROUPS

Prosperity Book Group

This fun and educational group meets every Monday night from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Family Café. The book for November is *The Prospering Power of Prayer*, by Catherine Ponder. For more information, call Pat McLaughlin at (309) 721-0444. Love offering appreciated.

NEW MEMBER CLASS Rev. Dean will host class for new members sometime during the month or in early January. Please see him if you are interested in becoming a formal member of the church.

Merry Christmas to You!

With Musical Artist,

Cathy Robel

Sunday, December 11

at 1:00 PM

A FUN, FAMILY
EVENT!!!

Also includes a program
and treats for children.

*Potluck will be served between the service
and the program.*

