

unity of the Quad Cities

Awakening the Consciousness of Joyful Living

Newsletter
JANUARY
2012

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**Sunday Services**

Meditation & Inspiration 9:15 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.

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Contact Us:

Phone: (309) 762-1066

- 0 – Church Office
- 1 – Rev. Dean
- 2 – Prayer Request Line
- 3 – Chaplain Line

E-Mail: unityqc@aol.com

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**Church Officials**

**Church Staff**

Rev. Dean G. Van Wie, Minister  
Alice Rice, LUT, Admin 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

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■ **January 1 Burning Bowl Service**

Please pick up your poinsettia after the service.

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■ **January 15 after the service... Annual Membership Meeting**

We will highlight board accomplishments for 2011; present new opportunities for 2012; hold a board election for four new members and honor Jeanie Gamer and Carol Triebel for their dedicated service for the past two years. Lunch Bunch will go out to eat after the meeting.

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■ **New for 2012... Every 4th Sunday from 9:45 – 10:15 a.m.**

Kria Yoga Meditation hosted by Jeanie Gamer (See Article)



Dear Friends!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Welcome to 2012!! I have told you before that I can't imagine living this long! When I was in the service, just out of high school, the movie about George Orwell's book, "1984" came out and I remember thinking that that was a LONG way off!! Now, we are 28 years past 1984! And, I am STILL HERE!

This month is the month of FAITH! As you recall, my definition of FAITH is to know that God is with us in any and every activity that we undertake.

When we REALLY understand and live this truth, we find that nothing is impossible to us!! This is what our Master Teacher taught. I like to think of FAITH as building the rock foundation that Jesus talked about in the Sermon on the Mount. As we build our lives on the foundation of rock (FAITH) that He taught us, so we CAN do the seeming impossible!!

To prepare for this, we are holding a BURNING BOWL SERVICE on Sunday, January 1. This will be our opportunity to let go of that which no longer serves us to make room for the new good that God has for us to receive. After that, we will have our first of the month Potluck and after that we will take down our Christmas decorations. All are welcome to stay for the potluck and to help us with the decorations.

Part of the Burning Bowl Service will be to write a letter to God to set out our goals for the coming year. What is it that you intend to experience in 2012? As you align yourself with the Creative Power that made the universe, remember, from above, that ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!! We will have materials available for you to write these out during the service.

January is also the month when we will focus on HEALING. Healing of the body, of course, but also healing of relationships, healing of financial matters, healing of situations at work, etc. Again, these ALL go back to faith! You remember that Jesus told the woman who had incurred a flow of blood for 12 years, after she touched the hem of His garment, "Your faith has made you whole". If there is any healing that you need, or if you know of anyone who needs healing of any situation, we will give all who attend a wonderful understanding of the power of faith and how faith can bring wholeness into every area of our lives. Our affirmation for January, then, is:

AS I FIX MY FAITH FULLY, FIRMLY AND FREELY IN GOD, SO DO I FIND GOD'S MAGNIFICENT ANSWERS FOR EVERY AREA OF MY LIFE!

This is a wonderful statement to use as we start this amazing new year. For, we will build a foundation that will help us acquire God's answers for each of the months to follow. In February, we will build on this with LOVE and March with STRENGTH, etc. all the way to December with LIFE, again. You can probably see that building a "foundation" of faith provides a magnificent base to build our year on.

As you take time, every day of January, to build your awareness of FAITH, so will you develop that foundation that we can use to make 2012 the VERY BEST YEAR ever!!

Blessings to ALL and wishing you A GREAT 2012!!

Rev. Dean

December Board Notes

Unity of the Quad Cities - Moline, Illinois

BOARD REPORT

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!

The following items were approved at the December 8, 2011 board meeting:

1. Prosperity Action Plan for 2012
2. Annual Membership Meeting Agenda
3. Administrative Assistant Job Description for Alice Rice, LUT
4. Contract for Half-Time Minister for Rev. Dean G. Van Wie
5. Board Training in February with Judy Grimes, GLURC Rep
6. Youth Education Workshop with Rev. Diane Venzera
7. August Healthy Relationships Workshop with Martha Creek

November Treasurer's Report

November 2011

Operating revenue:	\$2,962.44
Operating Expenses:	<u>\$2,367.95</u>
Net Operating Income:	\$ 594.49.

Year to Date

Year to date Income:	\$40,754.87
Year to date Expenses:	<u>\$44,547.83</u>
Year to date Net Loss:	(\$ 3,792.96)
Year to date Capital Improvement Expenditure:	\$5,769.58

Love Offerings

November:	\$2,572.86
Year to Date:	\$33,697.17

The Checking Account balance, including deposits in transit and outstanding checks, was \$(4,493.44) at the beginning of November and \$(3,898.95) at the end of the month, a net increase of \$594.49, reflecting the net operating income mentioned above.

The savings account balance was \$1,375.07 at the beginning of November and \$843.32 at the end of the month, reflecting the \$1,468.00 of deposits for the Let the Light Shine In fundraising campaign, \$2,000.00 transfer to checking for payment to Mainstream, and \$0.25 in interest income.

LET THE LIGHT SHINE IN

PROSPERITY UPDATE as of December 31, 2011

Our new windows are almost paid for!! The cost of the windows was \$9,120. For December we received donations of \$2,100. To date we have made total payments of \$6,260 which leaves a balance of only \$2,860. We know contributions will continue to flow and we will quickly have them paid off. We offer gratitude and blessings to all our contributors and the board for an all around successful fundraising campaign. The church has always been warmed by the love and generosity of its congregants and now it is even warmer!!

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 UQC member is supported by a Prayer Chaplain who makes monthly wellness calls. To leave a confidential request for your Prayer Chaplain, call (309) 762-1066 and choose option 3.

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.

WAYS TO DONATE TO UNITYQC

Automatic Withdrawal for Tithes, Love Offerings and Contributions:

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.

Online Donation

When you visit our website at www.unityqc.org, click on the donate button to use PayPal for your donation.

Personal Checks

Personal checks made out to "Unity" can be placed in the offering basket on Sunday morning or mailed to the church at 5102 47th Ave., Moline, IL 61265.



UNITY 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. Jeanie Gamer will host Kria Yoga meditation on the 4th Sunday of the month. 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 Services are held at 11 AM and 12:15 PM. 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, Jan 3

Prayer Team Meeting, 5:30 PM

SUNDAY, January 1 BURNING BOWL SERVICE. JANUARY POTLUCK after service. Also, after the potluck, we will take down the Christmas decorations. We'll appreciate the help of all who can stay and help for an hour or so! Please take home your poinsettia after the service.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY January 6 & 7 FREE concert each night at the Edge room at Jumer's in Rock Island by the Tailfins. 8 until 12 PM. GOOD Rock and Roll Music from the 50's.

SUNDAY January 8 BIRTHDAY SUNDAY We will honor all persons with January birthdays. Lesson Title is "WHERE IS MY FAITH?"

FRIDAY January 13 **GAME NIGHT 6:30 until 8 PM.** Scrabble, Monopoly, etc.

SUNDAY, January 15 ANNUAL MEETING after service. We will elect new Board Members and choose our activities for the coming year. ALL members are invited to join us! Non-Members as well, but they cannot vote. Will take around 45 minutes and then our Lunch Bunch is going out for dinner and YOU are welcome to join us! Location is to be determined.

FRIDAY January 20 Some of us are going to the free Open Musician Night at the Coffee House at the First Lutheran Church 1600 20th Street in Rock Island. 7 until 10 PM. 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.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY January 20 and 21 MOVIE WEEKEND. As Byron Gaskins has moved to Detroit, we need someone (or several people) to host the movies for us. Please see Rev. Dean if you have time and interest to do this. Movie to be determined. Any suggestions?

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5. JOHN MOORE Prosperity Workshop Prosperity Specialist JOHN MOORE will be here to help us get out of debt, to pay off college loans, our mortgages, our auto loans, and any kind of debt that we may be holding onto and will present his plan to help us all become debt-free in 7 years or less!! His workshop will start at 1 PM and will be on a love offering basis!! He will collect the offering at the END of the workshop because he knows that we will get a LOT

out of it! If you know of anybody who is carrying a large (or small) debt, tell them about this workshop because it is GUARANTEED to help them get out from under!!

ANNUAL MEETING ON JAN. 15

As required by our Bylaws, Unity Church of the Quad-Cities will hold its Annual Membership Meeting after service on January 15, 2012. At this meeting, new members of the Board of Trustees will be elected; brief reporting of the accomplishments of the board and various teams will be offered, and we will set forth the goals for accomplishment for the coming year. All members and friends of Unity are invited, although only members will be allowed to vote. We have vowed to keep the length of the meeting to 45 minutes or less. After the meeting, our LUNCH BUNCH will go out for dinner and all are invited to join us!!

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 ***Dare to Prosper***, by Catherine Ponder. For more information, call Pat McLaughlin at (309) 721-0444. Love offering appreciated.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Rev. Dean will host a class for new members after our service on January 8. Anyone interested in joining the church or who simply wants to find out more about Unity is welcome to join us. Those who become members will be able to vote at the Annual Meeting on January 15.

KRIA YOGA MEDITATION

...every 4th Sunday in 2012

Jeanie Gamer will be hosting Kria Yoga meditations based on the work of Kambiz Naficy. In his "Joy of Life" work, Kambiz integrates the ancient science of Kriya Yoga with modern holistic sciences such as NLP (Neuro Linguistic Programming), creative visualization, affirmations, and understanding of the power of the subconscious mind. Kriya yoga is as ancient as creation. It is a method to attain the union of breath and Soul in each inhalation and exhalation; expressed in other words: the union of the individual soul with Spirit. The practice of Kria yoga helps develop an "inward gaze." In this state of inner-focus, we can walk into intense activity, such as entering a busy shopping mall, yet, rest in our cocoon of tranquility, totally focused on whatever we want to concentrate on.

...The Joy of Giving

Unity of the Quad Cities is a loving, vibrant spiritual community because you make it so through your contributions of time, talent, and treasure. If you have expressed a desire to serve, we thank you and will be contacting you soon. If you are considering a volunteer opportunity, we welcome the prospect of speaking with you to see what might fit your schedule and area of interest. Listed below are some ways you can serve your spiritual community and experience the joys of giving that result in blessings beyond measure.

Volunteer Coordinator

UQC thrives because of the vision, efforts, divine ideas, and service hours of every single volunteer. We are grateful for and appreciate every volunteer that has given of their time, talent, and treasure with much love and dedication. We know the right and perfect person is ready to accept the position of Volunteer Coordinator to work with the Administrative Assistant and the Board of Trustees to help identify and bring together leaders and team members for the Church Beautification, Community Outreach, Finance and Fundraising, Music, and Youth Education ministries.

- Bookstore and Lending Library Ministry provides resources and an environment for camaraderie, spiritual exploration and enrichment
- Membership Ministry recognizes God's presence in everyone and connects the UnityQC spiritual community.
- Music Ministry joyfully shares God's spirit through music
- Marketing and Media Ministry promotes UnityQC and our activities
- Love Offering Counter Ministry counts, blesses and safeguards the love offering
- Church Beautification Ministry maintains and improves our building and grounds and demonstrates UnityQC's caring for the earth through stewardship. Exterior Beautification: Landscaping; Exterior Maintenance; Community Garden; Interior Beautification: Cleaning; Decorating; Interior Maintenance
- Pastoral Care Ministries activate and maintain the prayer consciousness through a variety of prayer practices (prayer requests, chaplain services)
- Outreach Ministry builds a bridge between UnityQC and the community while doing good work
- Café Ministry builds community by working together to prepare and serve food
- Youth Education Ministry provides a safe place of love and acceptance where our children and teens explore their oneness with God

For more information about any of our volunteer opportunities, contact Alice Rice, LUT or Pat McLaughlin at (309) 762-1066 or email unityadmn@aol.com.

Volunteer of the Month

PRAYER TEAM

Our Volunteer of the Month is the PRAYER TEAM!! We owe very much to our dedicated Prayer Team members who are doing so much to help our church and its members and friends build a prayer consciousness. Members are: Shari Becker, Pat McLaughlin, Trish Hepner, Denise Berry-Gipe, Sue Collins, Alice Rice, Andrea Vallejo, and Cindy Guinn. **WE LOVE, BLESS, AND APPRECIATE YOU!**

2012 PRAYER CHAPLAIN TRAINING

THE 2012 PRAYER CHAPLAIN TRAINING PROGRAM has been set!! The schedule is below:

Orientation	Wed. January 18 from 6 until 7 PM Sunday, January 22, from noon until 1 PM
Training Retreat	Friday Feb. 17 through Sunday Feb. 19
Class Training (approx. 2-3 hrs)	Friday, March 2 6PM Friday, March 9 6PM Friday, March 16 6PM

Please contact Trish Hepner, 309-781-5890, for more information

Members are assigned a personal Prayer Chaplain who makes Wellness Calls to members once a month. In addition, at least one chaplain is available each Sunday after the service to pray or talk with anyone. Chaplains wear a name tag and stand at the front of the sanctuary after the service. We invite you to experience the love, compassion, and wisdom of this very special group.

Threads of Love - QC Chapter

"Threads of Love" is a volunteer group providing handmade clothing, blankets, and other items for premature and sick infants. We desire to show God's love to the parents and loved ones of these babies in their time of uncertainty. The items are distributed to local hospitals. Threads of Love meet every third Tuesday at UnityQC. Sewing skills are not required as a variety of skills are needed. All are welcome to join the group. Contact Connie Krummel at (309) 732-6806 for more information.

The website is: www.threadsoflove.org

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 2012. 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

...the Gift of Love

For Christmas, we decided on December 11 to do something loving toward someone each day until Christmas and longer if we want to see changes in our lives. This is based, in part, on the book, "29 GIFTS" by Cami Walker. Ms. Walker almost completely overcame a very painful case of MS by giving a gift of something to someone each day for 29 days and she has continued doing so until this day because the process was so successful. (She started in 2008.) Some of us are going to go PAST 29 days to shoot for 365 days because we KNOW what a difference this can make in our lives. We have agreed to print at least one story from our members and friends who are doing this in each edition of our Newsletter to show how it DOES work. Today, our story is from our Friend, Member, Official Greeter and TEG (Terrific Expression of God) Fran Tuttle. Fran's story is below.

"I was waiting for my friend, Joyce, at Miss Mamie's Restaurant in Moline to have lunch. The waitress was going to seat me. Two fellows behind me were waiting for a table. They had to be back to work, so I told the waitress to seat them first, we could wait. When Joyce and I got ready to leave, the waitress told me that the men had already paid for my lunch. I didn't think that I did anything special, but I guess that they did!"

IF YOU have a story of how sharing love has made your life or anyone else's life better. Send it to trthtchr@AOL.com or unityadmn@AOL.com and we will publish it in an upcoming edition!! You may also write it out and bring it to church to give to Rev. Dean or Alice.



Our Unity Community...

If you would like to share something special, such as an anniversary, transition, wedding, or special celebration with our Unity community please call the church or email us at unityadmn@aol.com.

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

A special thank-you to our loving care angels, Dale and Audrey Rowse, for sending cards to everyone on behalf of your Unity friends.

Friends of Unity QC

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!!"*

Unity Center of Clinton

Rev. Sue Peters

(563)243-3561.

Rev. Sue Peters conducts services

Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. Classes

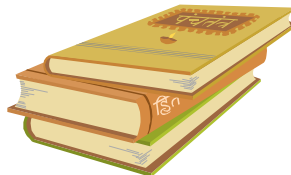
are held on Thursday night at 6:30 p.m.

For movies and other events, please call

Sue or Check out the website:

<http://www.unityclintoniowa.org>

Off the Bookshelf...



You may have noticed the bookstore has gone through a transformation over the past few months. Many have commented on how inviting, cozy and comfortable it is. We will continue to keep it fresh and stocked with inspirational treasures.

We all love music, movies, and audio-books in CD or DVD format and may have some that we are ready to move on to their greater good. Our theme for 2012 is "awakening the consciousness of joyful living." One way to awaken joy is through giving. The bookstore is promoting joy through giving by creating an area in the bookstore for the purpose of sharing gently used music, audio-books and movies. You can always share hard back and soft cover books by donating them to our awesome lending library.

"WE ARE IMPROVING OURSELVES IN 2012!!"



Unity of the Quad Cities welcomes John “mo’ money” Moore The Debt Free Guru

Conscious Prosperity: The Secret to Simple & Lasting Personal Wealth

Unity of the Quad Cities

DATE: Sunday, February 5th, 2013

TIME: 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

LOCATION: Unity of the Quad Cities (see address below)

Admission: Voluntary, Value-Based Tuition

(309) 762-1066

**Are you prepared for your Retirement?
How is your overall financial situation?**

Imagine what your life would be like if you had no mortgage payment...no car payments...no credit card payments...no debts whatsoever. **Wouldn't you be better off?**

Your seminar leader, John “mo’ money” Moore who has been called the "pied piper" of financial independence and the “Debtfree Guru”, has been teaching the system for over 13 years at churches, colleges & universities and corporations; and it has had a profound impact on his life. He is on a crusade to increase the wealth of America. Mr. Moore, as an investment and consulting professional, has led cash management and personal growth workshops throughout the country for more than 25 years.

This program is for everyone, especially those that are paying all of his or her debts each month and still have money leftover for investing.

If you're the typical family that is “paying yourself first” that traditional 10% of your monthly income, you would accumulate about \$500,000 over 30 years, the life of a mortgage.

Following what you will learn in the workshop, using exactly the same money, you would be DEBTFREE in about 8 years and go onto accumulate over \$2,000,000 in assets!

WHICH WOULD YOU PREFER? \$500,000 and all of your debt or \$2,000,000 and being totally debtfree?

And if you can't save money at all, **this will change your life!**

This is not an investment program, debt-consolidation, re-financing or bi-monthly mortgage plan. This workshop is strictly educational in nature. You will leave with a written plan on how to and when you will be out of debt, as well as when you will be able to live off the income from your investments!

- Learn how to pay off all your consumer debt in 1 to 3 years. And, if you have a mortgage, you can pay that off in another 4 to 5 years. Then, take the same money you were using to pay your debts and build true wealth turning every \$1 of debt into \$12.98 of real wealth.
- Bring a calculator, a list of your debts (showing current balance, current payment and minimum payment - principle & interest only). This information is to complete your personal plan, will not be shared in class and is completely confidential.
- Register in advance to ensure that we have adequate materials by calling (309) 762-1066.
- The workshop is offered on a “**Voluntary, Value-Based Tuition**”. Your tuition is based on the value YOU feel you received from the content payable at the end instead of the beginning.
- You will receive a comprehensive, 18-page workbook included in your tuition, and there is an optional Textbook available from the instructor for \$49.95.

More information at www.debtfreeguru.com

Everyone is encouraged to bring a friend, family member or co-worker.
Call Now to Reserve Your Path to Independence!
(309) 762-1066

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Our Vision...

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

We affirm our vision statement at every Sunday service and we have experienced many awakenings in doing so. We are declaring 2012 the year of joyful transformation adding a more intentional focus on our vision. For example, in our decision making process our leaders will be asking: How does this action support our vision? As we do this, our community will take the next step in its spiritual evolution. Our thriving spiritual community will be a spiritual beacon reaching out in joy to serve our community and the world in new and exciting ways. We invite you to hold this vision with UnityQC and see how it overflows into your personal life as well.

We wish you all a VERY JOYFUL, PROSPEROUS, HEALTHY, AND BLESSED NEW YEAR!



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January 2012 Connections Newsletter
Sent with Love & Blessings to:



Check box and mark
“Return to Sender” to no
longer receive this mailing.

Sunday Morning Services - 10:30 AM
Rev. Dean G. Van Wie

JANUARY SUNDAY LESSONS

JANUARY 1 BURNING BOWL SERVICE

JANUARY 8 “GOD IS HEALING ME NOW!!”

JANUARY 15 “LET’S CHANGE THE WORLD!”

JANUARY 22 “WHERE IS MY FAITH?”

JANUARY 29 “HEALING LETTERS”
Alice Rice, LUT

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you and yours!

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