



The Unity East Chimes

September/October 2011



Insights from the Minister...

The Call to Pray

As a tribute to Unity's World Day of Prayer, I chose to focus on prayer. By sharing my own personal story, I have attempted to demonstrate not only the efficacy of prayer but, hopefully, to inspire in each of you the wonderful reality of a simple truth. Prayer works! My many years with Silent Unity gave me the most precious gift of knowing at a deep level that prayer works; this knowing is beyond belief; it is at a cellular level.

The following article that I wrote was published in Unity's 2003 quarterly magazine.

Crisp air and sparkling sunlight enticed me to prepare one of my favorite autumn treats---baked apples. I placed some apples in a glass baking dish, put them in the oven to bake, and left my apartment to get a massage, knowing they would be there to greet me when I returned. My therapist does such wonderful work to help me relax, and under normal circumstances, after my massage I go right home where I continue to allow myself a few moments of rest.

For some reason, this time after my massage, I felt drawn to the Peace Chapel at Unity Village; I felt compelled to pray. I heeded this call and spent 45 minutes in meditation and prayer. Then, I returned to my apartment nearby and to my breadbox size kitchen. The aroma of baked apples greeted me as I walked through the door. I removed the dish from the oven and not realizing the burner was turned on, I placed the piping hot glass dish on my electric stove--- right on top of that burner!

The glass dish full of apples exploded in my face--- pieces of hot fiery glass burst upward and burned into the tile floor all around me. Shocked, I took inventory of the damage and discovered that not even a hair on my head had been harmed! My clothing was perfectly intact, yet I had been only 8 inches from the dish when it exploded.

I was stunned--- not about the explosion, but by the miracle I had experienced. No harm had touched me in

this close encounter with danger. Because I was so overwhelmed with gratitude to God, I called a friend to share this experience with him. With all my heart, I believe that God spoke to me through my sudden desire to go to the Peace Chapel and pray that day. In the process, I built a deeper awareness of the protection of the Spirit of God within and around me.

Throughout the years that I continued to live in that apartment, I gave thanks to God each time I saw burned sections of tile and remember the miracle I had experienced. This visual image helped me maintain my awareness of God's protecting presence. I continue to give thanks today that I responded to the call to pray and that I have unwavering knowledge that God's protecting presence is always with me.

It is never too late to pray, dear friends, no matter how dark or pressing the situation may seem. Prayer is the key to open your mind and heart to the presence of God that is always with you. Remember---Prayer Works!

With Love and Blessings,
Rev Rose



Cooking with Unity East

We have sent our very 1st cookbook off to the presses! We expect the books to come by mid-October. The proceeds from the sale of cookbooks will go toward paying off our mortgage!

These books will be great for us to enjoy each others' favorite foods and will make wonderful Christmas gifts! If you want to order by mail, send your name, address and check for \$11.00, (book is \$8 and \$3 for s/h). You can purchase it in our Bookstore or mail to Unity East Church, P.O.Box 157, Pickerington, OH 43147-0157

What is the best religion?

I share a brief dialogue between the Brazilian theologian Leonardo Boff and the Dalai Lama.

“During a round table discussion about religion and peace among the countries, in which both of us (the Dalai Lama and I) participated, I, somewhat maliciously, but also with theological interest, I asked him, in my broken English, “Your Holiness, which is the best religion?”

I was expecting him to say, “The Tibetan Buddhism” or the oriental religions, much more ancient than Christianity....”

The Dalai Lama made a short pause and smiled. He looked directly into my eyes, which disconcerted me a little bit because I knew the real intention behind the question, and affirmed: “The best religion is the one that makes you closer to God, to the infinite. It is the one that makes you a better person”.

In order to overcome my perplexity due to such a wise answer, I asked: “What makes me a better person?”

He answered: “That what makes you more compassionate, more sensitive, less attached, more loving, more free, more humanitarian, more responsible, more ethical.... The religion that can do that for you, is the best religion”

I was speechless and in awe, and until today, I have been thinking about his wise and irrefutable answer....

My friend, I am not interested about your religion, if you have or do not have one. What I really care about is your behavior towards your fellow human beings, your family, your work, your community, the world...

Let's keep in mind that the universe is the echo of our actions and our thoughts. The law of action and reaction is not exclusive to Physics. It also can be applied to human relationships. If I act with good I will receive good. If I act with evil, I will receive evil. That what our grandparents told us once is the pure truth, “you will always have double of that you wish to others”.

-Leonardo Boff

MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION

When tithing from my intentionally earned income (there is no other kind) I remember to make one of the recipients of my tithes myself. While receiving that personal tithe as cash back when depositing my paychecks, the bank teller will ask me how I would like my change back. I respond with one word: "large." Walking about with large denominations of money on my person gives me a prosperous feeling. It is a feeling that comes over me only because I am willing to have the change I receive in my life be large.

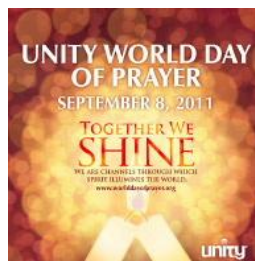
Can you tell that I am not just referring to change as

being money in my pocket? There is another meaning of the word change, and I want that change to be large also. The larger the changes in my life, the more I can profit from them.

Think of Spirit as the bank teller of your life. When Spirit asks you how you would like your change, respond unhesitatingly with "large." If you feel that Spirit has never asked you such a question, it can only be that a fear of change stopped up your ears. Fear not. You are on the planet to be a large change receiver as well as a large change maker. Have not you heard that you are created in Creator's own image? That being so, Creator only creates creators! As a creator, you only create change (there is no other kind of creation). Do not hold back when making change. Make it bold and big—the bolder and bigger the better—so as to largely benefit more than just yourself.

For help in removing any flickers of doubt about your oneness with God, you are invited to listen to a different message, recorded fresh daily right through the weekend, call 785-478-1777 or sign up for a daily message at momentofinspiration@yahoo.com.

by Michael Jamison



World Day of Prayer

Together We Shine

Thurs., Sept. 8
7:00 p.m.

Join us in prayer. We are channels through which spirit illumines the world.

Eighteen years ago, Unity created World Day of Prayer—held the second Thursday in September—as a global effort to uplift ourselves; our loved ones and our world in a shared prayer consciousness. Since that time, more than 15 million people have received prayer support through this sacred initiative.

Please join us for a sacred time of prayer for peace and healing. Powerful Evening Prayer Service with a Oneness Meditation followed by the *Oneness Blessing* with Dave and Guilda Altman.

Childcare available upon advance request. Refer to our website for more details.



Movie Night "Defending Your Life"

Bring your favorite comfort food for all to share or just bring yourself. There is always plenty of food.

Mon., Sept. 12 – 6:00 p.m.

Yuppie Daniel Miller is killed in a car accident and goes to Judgment City, a waiting room for the afterlife. During the day, he must prove in a courtroom-style process that he successfully overcame his fears (a hard task, given the pitiful life we are shown); at night, he falls in love with Julia, the only other young person in town. Nights are a time of hedonistic pleasure, since you can (for instance) eat all you want without getting fat.

All of your life is on videotape -- or perhaps laser disk -- to make it easier on your prosecutor and defense attorney at Judgment City to randomly access a few episodes to show whether you made the most of the life you just completed. If you didn't make the most of that life, you will be sent back to try again and again until you do get it right. And the court must be taking an advance peek at that life tape. Posh accommodations go to those who look like they will merit moving up to citizen of the universe.



Corky Larsen *THE LOST YEARS OF JESUS* Sun., Sept. 18

Corky will join us for Sunday service and his message is *"The Lost Years of Jesus"* and his travels through India.

After the services, he will be conducting a workshop, *The Isha System*. The Isha system has its roots in the ancient Ishaya order of monks which is where Jesus received some of his teachings during his travels through India and Tibet.

Between the ages of 12 and 30, Jesus was not mentioned in the Bible. Where was he and what was he doing? Beginning in 1897, the first known author wrote a book about his travels to India where he came across a monastery with records of Isha's (Jesus) presence. Since that time, many other books have been written about Jesus' travels through India and Tibet during his so-called "missing years." For the last year and a half, Corky has been studying what Jesus was up to during that time and will discuss his research during both the Sunday service and the workshop.

Light lunch will be served. Child care upon advance request.



Opening to Spirit Retreat

**Fri., Sept. 30
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Dinner at 6:15 p.m.**



"OPENING TO SPIRIT IN WORD AND SONG"

Keynote presentation by Joanne Blum Ph.D. and Joe Lambert, co-founders of INSPIRIT MINISTRIES (www.inspiritministries.info)

Tapping into the potent energy of word and song through prayer, meditation, chants, and songs, we will discover a deeper opening to Spirit within.

Experience Unity East's second annual retreat in the beauty at Shepherd's Corner, an ecological ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. This 160-acre natural oasis serves as a farm and center for ecology, spirituality, and education. The property's diverse range of habitats offers a haven for wildlife and native flora, plus a place of peace, natural beauty, and spiritual refreshment. Sign up for this delightful evening and come back tomorrow refreshed and reenergized.

Return Sat., Oct. 1

9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Breakfast and Lunch will be served.

The theme "Opening to Spirit" continues. There will be fun crafts; meditation; labyrinth and nature walks and lots more. Love Offering.

Membership Class

Sun., Oct. 9

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Rev Rose Houston –Facilitator

You are invited to consider becoming a member of Unity East Church. This class is required for prospective new members to the Church, and covers Unity's unique views and beliefs. New members will be inducted on Membership Sunday, October 16th during the worship service. Anyone wanting to know more about Unity or desiring a review of the basics is also welcome to attend the class. Light lunch will be provided. Child care upon advance request.



Unity East Church's 11th Annual ALL-UNITY AUTUMN CONCERT

Sat., Sept. 24 – 7:00 p.m.

Unity East Silent Auction! – “Fun Raiser” will be held at intermission. There will be many wonderful items in the auction to place your bid.

Love Offering
For information or directions, contact
Unity East Church,
170 E. Columbus St., Pickerington,
614-920-4442
www.unityeastchurch.org

Meditation Intensive Workshop Saturday, October 29 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.



Facilitator: Rev. Rose Houston

Meditation is the vehicle to make a connection with God for the purpose of inner communion and ultimate union. In this intensive meditation workshop, various forms of meditation will be practiced.

It is highly experiential, so you'll want to bring items to increase your comfort while in the meditation. Bring a pillow, mat, blanket, crystals or anything that enhances your experience. Come to this workshop prepared to experience an in-depth meditation experience. Love Offering.

Sunday Service Guest Speakers

Sept. 4, Sun. Message: “Growing Towards God”
Guest Speaker: Ella Schulz
Musicians: Don Ervin and Sandy Young

Sept. 18, Sun. Message: "The Lost Years of Jesus"
Guest Speaker: Corky Larsen
Musicians: Lynda McClanahan & Joel Knepp
Workshop with Corky “The Isha System”



Bible Interpretation Classes to Resume in the Fall

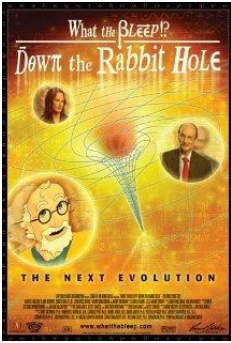
Ella Schulz will be conducting metaphysical interpretation classes of the New Testament and of Revelation this fall. If you are interested in learning to interpret scripture metaphysically then please arrange to attend one or both of these 5 week series.

Metaphysical interpretation of the New Testament will begin on Monday, September 12. It will be conducted over two hour (7 p.m.– 9 p.m.) time period for 5 weeks, concluding on October 10. These five classes will concentrate on interpretation of the four gospels, Jesus’ ministry, his teachings and the miracles he performed. The Metaphysical Bible Dictionary, Charles Fillmore’s book “The Mysteries of John” and Elizabeth Sand Turner’s book “Your Hope of Glory” will provide the text for these classes.

Metaphysical interpretation of Revelations will begin on October 31 and will continue for the next 4 weeks, concluding on November 26. These classes will also be two hours in length (7 p.m.– 9 p.m.) and will be based on Charles A. Neal’s book “Revelation: The Road to Overcoming” and Elizabeth Sand Turner’s book, “Be Ye Transformed” (Last four chapters). Primarily, Revelation is a story about human overcoming and how to achieve that goal.

I look forward to welcoming you into any or all of these classes. I learn more each time I teach them, so thanks for the opportunity to improve my own spiritual understanding.

Blessings!
Ella Schulz

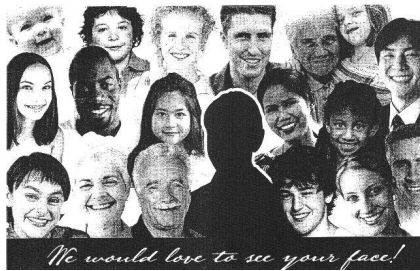


Movie Night "What the Bleep? Down the Rabbit Hole"

Bring your favorite comfort food for all to share or just bring yourself. There is always plenty of food.

Mon., Oct. 3 – 6:00 p.m.

Interviews with scientists and authors, animated bits, and a storyline involving a deaf photographer are used in this docudrama to illustrate the link between quantum mechanics, neurobiology, human consciousness and day-to-day reality. Starring Marlee Matlin.



Homecoming Aloha Souper Sundae Sun., Oct. 30

Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Aloha Souper Sundae: 11:30 – 3:30 +

We are throwing a party for all current and former members/friends of Unity East Church. We want to see all the old and new faces. If you have ever attended Unity East, we would love to have you join us for our first Annual Unity East Church Homecoming.

This will be a fun and fellowship day. We will serve you a meal and provide some musical entertainment and fun activities. You supply the "fellowship!" We have fun things for the kids to do, too.

Renew old acquaintances and meet some new people. If you know someone who has attended Unity East Church, ask them if they received our invitation. (Invitations will be mailed in early October.) If they didn't please invite them or let us know and we will invite them.

We want to see your face!



Traci McCue, Director

Youth Education Ministry

Greetings from Youth Ed. As most of you are already aware, I have stepped into the role of Youth Ed Director. I look forward to seeing this program thrive and grow and welcome any ideas or input you may have to share. As the summer begins to wind down, we focus on the opportunity to educate and inspire the youth of the church. As we move into September, we will finish up the current curriculum which focuses on the book "The Four Agreements" by don Miguel Ruiz. These agreements are:

- 1) Be Impeccable With Your Word – understanding how important it is to say only what you mean.
- 2) Don't Take Anything Personally – understanding that all opinions are important and valid.
- 3) Don't Make Assumptions – understanding the importance of clear communication.
- 4) Always Do Your Best – understanding the importance of doing your best in all situations.

We will end this curriculum with a celebration of "Silly Olympics" on September 18. Some of the events planned are String Eating 5m, Marshmallow Mouth Stuffing, Paper Plate Discus Throw, Plastic Straw Javelin Toss, Cotton Ball Shot-put and Shoelace Tying. These events will give each child an opportunity to try their best and put to use the wisdom they have gained from "The Four Agreements" curriculum.

We invite you to hold the vision for a dynamic Youth Education Ministry that explores the power of working together to build a vital and energetic program and to hold the vision of a multigenerational community working together for the common good.

Unity principles tell us to honor the Divine wholeness and wisdom within each one of us, from the smallest child to the eldest member of our community. We all have unique gifts to share, especially our youth. I look forward to seeing these gifts manifest in our church and community, bringing abundant blessings to us all.

Blessings and Love,
Traci McCue



YOUTH MINISTRY– Sundays 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events at Unity East Church

All events held at 170 E. Columbus St., Pickerington, unless otherwise noted.

Call 614-920-4442 or visit our website: www.unityeastchurch.org for information or directions.

The Calendar is now on the website. Check there for frequent updates! www.unityeastchurch.org

September 2011 -- Theme: Stay Centered

- Sept. 02, Fri.** **The Thich Nhat Hanh Community** meets here on Friday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Sept. 04, Sun. Message: "Growing Towards God" **Guest Speaker: Ella Schulz**
Musicians: Don Ervin and Sandy Young
- Sept. 07, Wed.** **Wellness Circle** 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 08, Thu. **World Day of Prayer Service** 7 p.m. Facilitator: Rev. Rose Houston
Powerful Evening Prayer Service with a Oneness Meditation followed by the **Oneness Blessing** with Dave and Guilda Altman. Childcare available upon advance request. Refer to our website for more details.
- Sept. 09, Fri.** **The Thich Nhat Hanh Community** meets here on Friday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Sept. 10, Sat. **Restorative Yoga Class** 10:00 a.m. – noon Led by Connie Bradford Love offering.
White Bison Group 12:30 p.m. Led by David Cook
- Sept. 12, Mon.** **Movie Night** "Defending Your Life" 6:00 p.m. See our website for details.
Sept. 11, Sun. Message: "Taking a Stand for Love" Musicians: Ralph Leeseberg & Sandy Young
Vince Lisi Book Study Class – 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on 2nd Sundays of the month. Love Offering
Silent Unity Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 14, Wed.** **Board meeting** 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 15, Thurs. **The Thich Nhat Hanh Community** meets here on Friday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Sept. 16, Fri. Message: "The Lost Years of Jesus" **Guest Speaker: Corky Larsen**
Sept. 18, Sun. Musicians: Lynda McClanahan & Joel Knepp **Workshop** with Corky "The Isha System"
Wellness Circle 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 21, Wed.** **The Thich Nhat Hanh Community** meets here on Friday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Sept. 23, Fri. **Restorative Yoga Class** 10:00 a.m. – noon Led by Connie Bradford Love offering.
Sept. 24, Sat. **White Bison Group** 12:30 p.m. Led by David Cook
Autumn Concert 7:00 p.m. Refer to our website for more details. We will also be having a Silent Auction
- Sept. 25, Sun.** Message: "The Common Denominator" Musicians: Louise Salvador & Sandy Young
Sept. 28, Wed. **Silent Unity Prayer Service** 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 30, Fri. **The Thich Nhat Hanh Community** meets here on Friday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Sept. 30, Fri. **Shepherd's Corner Retreat** 6:00 p.m – 9:00 p.m. Dinner, Keynote Speaker Joanne Blum, Meditation
- October 2011 -- Theme: Let Go and Let God**
- Oct. 01, Sat.** **Shepherd's Corner Retreat** 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Breakfast and lunch
Writers Forum Canceled this Month
- Oct. 02, Sun.** Message: "Let Go and Let God" Musicians: Don Ervin and Sandy Young
Oct. 03, Mon. **Movie Night** "Down The Rabbit Hole" 6:00 p.m. See our website for details.
Oct. 05, Wed. **Wellness Circle** 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 07, Fri.** **The Thich Nhat Hanh Community** meets here on Friday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Oct. 08, Sat. **Restorative Yoga Class** 10:00 a.m. – noon Led by Connie Bradford Love offering.
White Bison Group 12:30 p.m. Led by David Cook
- Oct. 09, Sun.** Message: "Letting Go of the Pain Body" Musicians: Ralph Leeseberg & Sandy Young
Membership Class 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Vince Lisi Book Study Class – 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on 2nd Sundays of the month. Love Offering
Silent Unity Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 12, Wed.** **The Thich Nhat Hanh Community** meets here on Friday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Oct. 14, Fri. Message: "The Golden Key" Musicians: Lynda McClanahan & Joel Knepp
Oct. 16, Sun. New members inducted
Choir Practice 12 p.m.
- Oct. 19, Wed.** **Wellness Circle** 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 20, Thurs. **Board meeting** 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 21, Fri.** **The Thich Nhat Hanh Community** meets here on Friday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Oct. 22, Sat. **Restorative Yoga Class** 10:00 a.m. – noon Led by Connie Bradford Love offering.
White Bison Group 12:30 p.m. Led by David Cook
- Oct. 23, Sun.** Message: "Grace Awakening" Musicians: Elmer Fischer & Sandy Young
Oct. 26, Wed. **Silent Unity Prayer Service** 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 28, Fri.** **The Thich Nhat Hanh Community** meets here on Friday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Oct. 29, Sat. **Meditation Intensive** – 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Facilitated by Rev Rose
Oct. 30, Sun. Message: "Harvesting Divine Ideas" Musicians: The Unity East Choir, Dir. Lynda McClanahan
Homecoming Party – Aloha Souper Sundaes



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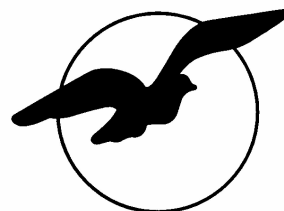


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Office Hours

Wednesday 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Thursday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Please call the office to schedule counseling appointments with Rev. Rose.