



Revealing Words

Unity of North East PA

November - December 2008

Letter From The Rev.

Dear Friends,

“Resurrection 2009” is almost here --- it will be commemorated by special Easter services in churches all over the area. Will you be there? Oh, I know that many of you will be there – in the physical. But my question is a question of Spirit. Will you be there - resurrecting as the Spiritual being you are to be becoming? Easter services, as lovely as they are (and ours will be extravagant) are not the purpose for the occasion. The purpose (as demonstrated by Jesus through the symbol of the empty tomb) is for each of us to bury our limitations, problems, trials, and excuses. This is a time for us to kill off the bindings that keep us tied to the physical appearances and rise with our indwelling Christ to the expression of infinite good!

As we grow in our Spiritual natures we go through times of personal transformations. Easter, being the anniversary of the greatest transformation act of all time, gives us a reason to get our individual acts together.

Notice the new growth in the earth around you. Realize that God has designed Spring to encourage each of us to let go the old and move forward into the new. Everything is working together to remind us that now is the time for transformation. Now is the time for demonstrating the fullness of God’s powerful presence in us. Now is the time for us to show up and be the full expression of Easter.

In preparing for a personal resurrection experience, define the situations in your life where you would like positive change. Overcomings come in many forms – freedom from a habit; health instead of disease; peace instead of discord; order in place of confusion; happiness where once there was loneliness; enthusiasm to defeat boredom; faith instead of doubt; abundance to replace lack; joy instead of depression; love where there once was mistrust; etc.

Once a situation is defined the prayer work begins. Prayer work is not focused worry. As we consciously give the situation or desire over to God, we let go worry about what may or may not be happening, we let go our need to control how God will answer our prayer, we let go our need to orchestrate how things should or should not be working. As we let go, we focus on knowing that God is good and God is doing what needs to be done. We ask God to let us know if there is anything we need to do to help out, but first and foremost we leave it in God’s capable hands. There is help available to you in your prayer work. You can use the prayer request form enclosed in this newsletter. You can call or make an appointment to see me, Rev. Diane, and I’ll lovingly pray with you. You can call, e-mail, or write Silent Unity (1-800-NOW-PRAY) where they will hold your request in prayer for 30 days. Just be sure that the people you ask to join you in prayer are knowing that God is capable to answer your every need.

It soon will be Easter, please join in the fun and transformative bliss of “Resurrection 2009”.

Blessings, Rev. Diane

Love, *Rev. Diane*

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Celebrating the Season with our YOUTH Ministry

Blessed days, everyone! This last Christmas gave me a very special gift. You see, we were driving around and enjoying all the wonderful Christmas light displays. I smiled as I saw that many Jewish neighbors had also chosen to decorate their yards.

"How appropriate," I thought, "to celebrate their own Festival of Lights." Other holidays drifted through my mind. Easter popped in and I got a quite loud "Do I get lights?" What kind of lights best tell the story of Easter? A shooting star? A sunrise? A lighthouse? A rainbow? Fireworks? Brilliantly colored lights sure seem like a perfect way to celebrate Jesus' surprise return.

I found a string of lights for our classroom with beautiful blossoms attached to each bulb. The flowers are all different colors like each one of us, and every one has a sparkling white light of the Christ nestled inside. How cool is that?

We've got a bunch of light crafts scheduled for the Easter season. We can't wait to see you! I'm announcing a contest for all ages. Let's see your designs that combine light and Easter. Use paint, craft supplies, candles, mirrors - just create! We'll have different age entries, and special awards too. All contestants will be displayed in Harmony Hall and voted on by the congregation Easter Sunday. I would like all entries to remain on display for the month. Happy Easter, everyone! Celebrating your spirit,

Marilynn

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Metaphysical Musings

Rev. Ann Marie Heacio

“The spiritual substance from which comes all visible wealth is never depleted. It is right with you all the time and responds to your faith in it and your demand upon it. It is not affected by your ignorant talk of hard times, though we are affected because our thoughts and words govern our demonstration. The unfailing resource is always ready to give. Pour your living words of faith into the omnipresent ethers, and you will be prospered, even though all the banks in the world close their doors. Turn the great energy of your thinking on “plenty” ideas, and you will have plenty, regardless of what men about you are saying or doing.”

This quote from Unity’s co-founder Charles Fillmore from his teaching on prosperity may be found in the book Prosperity, that was compiled from his teachings on the subject. Although this idea was taught at a different time in our history and to a different generation, it certainly is a very timely teaching for today!

There are many “facts” in worldly wisdom that may balk at this truth teaching, saying that it’s “Pollyanna” or “unrealistic.” Yet, those of us who believe the teachings of my good Jewish friend Jesus are stepping out of the “tomb of gloom” and are resurrecting a spirit of faith that KNOWS that the Presence of the All That **IS as Unlimited Substance** “can never be depleted,” and is available to all who are willing to embody this Truth!


Join with me in “wearing the world as a loose garment” and celebrating the blessed opportunity to re-examine our priorities. “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” (Joshua 24:15)

Loving Easter Blessings,

Rev. Ann Marie

P.S. Congratulations to Rev. Diane on celebrating her second anniversary as our minister (Feb. 15th!)

March


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Birthday & Potluck Sunday Board MTG @ 12:00 noon	2 	3 3:00 & 7:00 Even Mystics Have Bills To Pay Class	4 6:30- A Course In Miracles Class	5	6 7:00- N.A. Meeting	7
8 Daylight Savings Begins	9	10 3:00 & 7:00 Even Mystics Have Bills To Pay Class	11 6:30- A Course In Miracles Class	12	13 7:00- N.A. Meeting	14
15	16	17 3:00 & 7:00 Even Mystics Have Bills To Pay Class St. Patrick's Day	18 6:30- A Course In Miracles Class	19	20 7:00- N.A. Meeting Spring Begins!	21
22	23	24 3:00 & 7:00 Even Mystics Have Bills To Pay Class	25 6:30- A Course In Miracles Class	26	27 7:00- N.A. Meeting	28
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Marrieta Wisnewski 3.07	James Shackelfort 3.24	
Brandon Raineri 3.12	Louis Gilio 3.25	Anniversaries
Mark Ryan 3.13	Margaret Ryan 3.26	Michele & Bob Davis 3.10
Peterlyn Wojeska 3.17	Mary Ladish 3.29	Thelma & Bill Rood 3.13
Phillip Tuhy 3.17	Tom Harrington 3.30	

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April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30- A Course In Miracles Class	2	3 7:00- N.A. Meeting	4
5 11:15 Easter Breakfast Sunday Board MTG @ 12:30	6 	7 3:00 & 7:00 Even Mystics Have Bills To Pay Class	8 6:30- A Course In Miracles Class	9	10 1200 p.m. Communion Service 7:00- N.A. Meeting	11
12 10:00 a.m. Flower Service	13	14 3:00 & 7:00 Even Mystics Have Bills To Pay Class	15 6:30- A Course In Miracles Class	16	17 7:00- N.A. Meeting	18
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Pat Connelly 4.01	Nancy Jackson 4.08	Barbar Acacio 4.17
George Pann 4.02	Elaine Panuski 4.10	Barbara Holmes 4.18
Kit Kintner 4.02	Anita Ambrose 4.10	Stephanie Chester 4.20
Rosalie Fufaro 4.04	Steve Liddic 4.12	Kathryn Foley 4.28
Robin Jabara 4.05	James Barry 4.15	Marilynn & John Putriment 4.29
Beverly Owen 4.06	Simone Kiven 4.16	Mona Anania 4.30

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And The President Says . . .

Greetings,

As we are closing in on the final days of a rather cold and dismal winter, new growth is sure to follow in the spring. We look forward to a season of change.

The Lenten Season is near and this is a good time to put into practice some of the elements necessary for this transition. On this journey together we will continue to feel the presence of the One who loves each of us unconditionally and truly experience peace. All around us there are changes and there are things that remain. We remain human individuals who need God and one another. Let's focus during this season, take a step of faith, and reach out and bring others with us. We try to adjust to changes in our lives and this world. We value our principles and change that which needs to change. In order to live our lives successfully in the midst of change we root ourselves in our firm faith and trust in God. We reflect on our teachings and realize there is One Presence, One Power in the universe. When we stay tuned to the Presence we have the ability to recognize what God has in mind for us. In this new season let's remind ourselves to listen to the stirrings of our hearts.

I want to take this time to mention some Unity news. In the near future we will have our town hall meeting. All are welcome. We will have the opportunity to revise our mission statement for Unity Church, which will continue to reflect our values and purpose. The suggestions derived from our diversity should lead to good conversation.

I am especially grateful for the response of our congregation toward our ongoing financial challenges. This remains an uphill struggle however, we continue to move forward.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone at Unity for your continued support.

Blessings and Peace,

Carlton Quiller

The Great I AM!

By Joe Garcia

A burning bush told Moses, "I AM that I AM!" Okay, it was really God that said that. I'm sure you've heard the story.

Anyway, that's what I wanted to share with you. Unity teaches us that God exists in all of us, the Christ or Christos (meaning the anointed one) lives within all of us.

Okay – remember that and let's switch gears.

Whenever we say something about ourselves, what and how do we say it? When we talk about ourselves, do we say (as in my case), "Joe is a nice guy," or, "Joe is hungry." Do we talk about ourselves in the third person?

No! We don't.

We say, "I AM a nice guy!" So what are we affirming here? We are saying I AM! So if we substitute, the words GOD Within for I AM, how can we say, or believe, those negative things about ourselves that we do?

You wouldn't say, "God is unworthy!" So why say it about your self? We wouldn't say God is stupid, or God is ugly, or my favorite, God doesn't cry, remember, Jesus Wept. (BTW I cry a lot, ask my wife – she calls me a chick)

We are all beautiful and worthy and need to learn to recognize God's handiwork.

Look, I'm not saying I have this down yet, I'm working on it too. But a friend once told me I was the perfect Joe in this moment for this time. I didn't get it then, but I think I am starting to now.

Find GOD

Wherever two or more are gathered in my name . . . Some of us here at UNEPA are talking about starting a hiking club. We wanna find God in the Great Outdoors.

Are You Interested? See Joe Garcia or Mary Ladish and let us know. We'll start with some really nice, easy hikes and build ourselves up. Who knows, maybe we'll do an overnight hike too!

At The Listening Post

By Uta Dreher

You all know that remarkable things happen in Unity – but the story you are about to read will knock your socks off.

Two of our own young people were invited – airplane ride, hotel, limousine and all – to be part of the Grammy Celebration in Los Angeles!

Who – who – who and why? Our dedicated and oh-so capable sound engineer Joshua Kleedorfer through his fiancée Alana Ferguson WON this honor in a lottery sponsored by the local radio station (WKRZ).

Meanwhile, our agile Rev. did not let any moss grow on her either. After a week-long work session at Unity Village, she rushed back to preach us a great sermon, and immediately thereafter lead a caravan of parishioners to Philadelphia for a prosperity seminar with Dr. Terry Cole-Whittaker of "What You Think of Me Is None of My Business" fame.

Simone Kiven went along too – came back and switched cars to spend a week on the beach in South Carolina, and when she is back, our shepherd lady will take off again for a week in March to see her parents in Florida, Travel Mercies to you!

In The Green Groove'

By Uta Dreher

Thanks and congratulations to all you green Unitys in NEPA! We are coming along beautifully with our greening efforts.

For the first time in a long time we need paper towels. If you shop for them, please see if you can get some with a high content of recycled material in them (e.g., products of Marcal), and/or ones perforated for half sheets.

Remember the cotton hankies? Believe it or not, they are becoming "cool" again.

Hatchee-ebbes genosee!

(Yiddish: if you sneeze on it, it is so!)

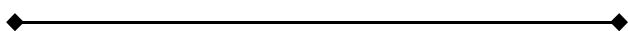
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A church-wide community oriented fundraiser will be held on Sunday April 5th after service. Breakfast for just \$5.50 for adults, \$3.00 for children.

Come enjoy farm fresh eggs made into Vickie's fries and Margie's scrambles; Carlton's grits, Annie's has browns, Rev. Diane's biscuits; Angie's dad's blintze's; Monte's fruit salad, and more surprises. DOOR PRIZES !

Tickets are being sold every Sunday before and after services. See Mary Ladish for yours. Come and join your church community and friends for a festive start to the Easter season and SPRING !!



Good Friday Spiritual Communion Service Friday April 10th at 12:00 Noon.

Did You Know? Even Mystics Have Bills To Pay!

New Tuesday Class –

March 17 – April 28th offered at both 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

“Even Mystics Have Bills to Pay” based on the book by Jim Rosemergy

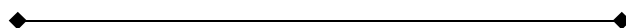
“Even Mystics Have Bills to Pay” is more than a study in Prosperity. This is an invitation to a life of security and well-being. We will discover a greater understanding of God's nature and the Spiritual Principles that govern our lives.

Special Easter Morning Flower Service

Easter Morning Service will be a flower service, complete with special blessings for everyone.

Volunteers are needed to come at 9:00 a.m. and help bring the cross to life.

Please let Rev. Diane know if you can help. Thanks for your participation in this special time of celebration.



Got Something On Your Mind? Have Something You Want to say?

Why not say it right here?

Are you an aspiring writer just waiting for your big break?

Here is your chance!

We are always looking for articles and interesting pieces of information with a spiritual Unity message.

Contact the Rev. or Joe Garcia and find out how you can get in on the fun!

Sunday Lessons at 10:00 a.m.

March 1 – Appreciating God's Gifts
March 8 – Anna Lopez-Gilio, Guest Speaker
March 15 – Rev. David Beverly, Guest Speaker
March 22 – Uniquely Unity
March 29 – Looking for Hell in
All the Wrong Places
April 5 – Love Leads the Way
April 12 – The Resurrecting Power
April 19 – Ellen Raineri, Guest Speaker
April 26 – Divine Intelligence In Us

Friendly's Fundraiser April 16th

Thanks to all who have supported our Friendly's nights throughout the winter. Those who came to eat, those who invited friends and family, those who hosted: Rev. Diane, Dick Fuller, Rich Fufaro.

We were able to raise about \$350 total for all three nights.

Another one is scheduled for April 16th 5 – 8 p.m. Please come to Friendly's in Dallas between those hours and the restaurant donates 10m – 20% of the income. Thank you, Mary Ladish, Fundraising Chair.

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Penny Wars.

The program is "Penny Wars for the Poor"... Since we in Unity teach that all is a state of mind, we are willing to donate; but let's call it "Simple Abundance for those Temporarily experiencing Lack".

Whatever we call it. The goal is to collect pennies for a purpose. As we collect these pennies during the season before Easter, we are knowing that each penny is being multiplied by hundreds of others and that people who are experiencing a temporary need are being blessed by our willingness to give.

Thanks for caring.



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