

Sept. - Oct.  
2010

## Welcome ~ Welcome ~ Welcome

We are thrilled to welcome Karen Lowe, Licensed Unity Teacher, as the new Spiritual Leader at Unity by the Bay! Karen has been teaching classes here, and you may remember her from all of the services during the 2009 holiday season. She has also been a popular and frequent guest speaker. Karen comes to us from Unity of Bandon where she has served for the last eight years. Attending Unity Churches since 1987, she is deeply rooted in Unity principles and philosophy. She is also currently working to complete her final classes toward ordination in New Thought ministry. We are so blessed to have her energy and vision to guide us.

With grateful hearts we say: *Welcome!*



My Dear Unity Family,

Here we are at a new beginning . . . *again*. Yet, in some ways, it seems like we are simply taking the next right step. Together. You and I. Since I began teaching classes here at Unity By The Bay, you have been welcoming, encouraging and supportive – and that is family. How blessed I am to now call you my own. I am here to serve this congregation. Not for a season, but for whatever journey lies ahead of us, and I think we will travel along nicely, honoring one another along the way. Join us on September 5<sup>th</sup>, when, before the congregation, I will voice my personal commitment to this church.

We all know that every family goes through its ups and downs, its trials and triumphs, its hard feelings and deep connection. Our spiritual family is no different.

It is difficult for a church whenever there is a change in spiritual leadership, whether that is a minister or volunteer. Emotions are engaged when those we have grown to trust step away. There is, inevitably, a sense of loss and feelings of uncertainty. We are passionate about our spiritual journey. We are passionate about our church. And somewhere in our zeal, feelings may be hurt or words spoken that can't be taken back.

Uncertainty and instability in any congregation invariably also lead to difficulties in financial soundness. Unity By The Bay is no exception. A graph of our recent income would resemble the great Coney Island roller coaster. This should not be unexpected. But if Unity By The Bay is to be here for each of you – when you are in a time of need, when you need to stretch your spiritual understanding, when you long to connect with those of like mind and heart – we must build our prosperity consciousness, always knowing that *God* is our source. I will begin our next SEE class, Charles Fillmore's *Prosperity*, on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 – 11:30am. Join us as we grow our prosperity consciousness together.

And so we begin the work of healing and renewal with the power of a mighty faith, a rightness of purpose, a prayer of forgiveness, and a commitment to love from our hearts wastefully. We must begin to put those words into concrete action, and on September 12<sup>th</sup> we will begin a Season of Harvest and Congregational Renewal.

We harvest, that we may reap an overabundance of all that is good in one another, and we commit to renewing our congregation by letting the chaff of hurt feelings, resentments or harsh words be carried away on the wind. Right now is the moment. Right here is the place. We must commit ourselves fully to our mission as a “spiritual community centered in love.”

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**FINANCIAL NEWS**

**2010**

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Tithes (-)</b>	<b>Expenses (-)</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>Avg. Attend</b>
June	\$ 4,446	\$ 436	\$ 6,500	\$ (-2,054)	45
July	\$ 5,193	\$ 518	\$ 5,278	\$ (-85)	42

“We are constantly attracting to ourselves that which we believe most in.”

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**Rev. David Torres**

Rev. David had a vision that we would own our own church building and so we began a search in the local area. We looked at the Landmark Church, the Reformed LSD building and of course, this one. We fell in love with the energy and Craftsman architecture. Rev. David was instrumental in raising the funds for the down payment. Now, ten years later he returns for a visit and will speak on Sunday, **September 26th.**

**Gallery by the Bay**

In September will be featuring its board members who are also artists plus a memorial wall honoring Robert Rollicheck. The opening night reception will be Thursday, September 9th, 5 -7:30 p.m.

Gallery by the Bay will feature SWOCC Instructor, Fred Vassar's students in October. Opening reception will be Thursday, October 14th 5 -7:30 p.m.

With live music, food and opportunity to meet the artists.

Calling all Unity artists to plan ahead for the November show. It will be our yearly opportunity to show the artistic skills of our church members whether in painting, collage, photography, jewelry, or pottery.

Call Jean at 541-267-2693 if you have questions.

**New Class on PROSPERITY**

by Karen Lowe, LUT

**Begins September 11, 10 to 11:30 am**

Join us for a new ten-week class on prosperity and spiritual economics. This classic Unity course will invite you to engage the thoughts and ideas of two of Unity's greatest teachers and metaphysicians, Charles Fillmore and Eric Butterworth. The ideas covered in this class include: substance, the activity of mind, faith, visualization, what it means to develop a giving consciousness, the truth about money and how to replace a consciousness of lack with a lasting consciousness of abundance. As we study each concept, we will explore ways to use those ideas in our daily lives. Then, to the extent that we are willing, we will put these ideas into practice in a "real life" prosperity project.

This is a required SEE class and is being offered for credit on a love offering basis. If taking this class for credit, there is an additional \$36 fee. Please sign up downstairs to ensure enough handouts for all.



**"I am in Divine Order.  
I affirm  
divine order  
in every part of my life."**



## Message from the Board of Trustees

Patty Wood-Miner, Board President

I have a little book written by H. Jackson Brown Jr., "Live and Learn and Pass It On." The question posed was "I've learned that \_\_\_\_\_," and the participants answered the question from their life experiences. The quotes come from those 5 to 95. One of my favorites was from someone 79 years old. "I've learned that life is like a scooter car; not much happens unless you do some pedaling."

Unity is an action-oriented community and each person, no matter the age, can make a difference. If you have questions or concerns, talk to your Board members, attend Town Hall meetings, and have a voice in the change; become involved, be positive.

This is an exciting time for UBB. We welcome Karen Lowe, L.U.T., as our new Spiritual Leader. She brings a load of enthusiasm, generating new ideas and direction- more to be revealed as we work together.

This has been a busy summer. We sent our 4th Sunday tithe to the Celebration Center as they have suffered a disastrous fire. Our thoughts and prayers are with them. We continue to be the *Slipper Church*, collecting slippers for women and children who have found safety with the Women's Safety and Resource Center.

Coming this fall, we will be part of the Stand Down for Veterans on September 10th from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm at the old firehouse in Coos Bay. This is a wonderful opportunity to show our support for our veterans.

A really big project is happening with the ORCO Arts/ The Guild. One of their goals is to produce cultural events by young people for our community. This is an after-school program for high school students who are interested in the arts. Our back room has been cleared, cleaned and is currently having the sheetrock installed. We have been working in cooperation with The Guild, giving assistance where we can.

Ask yourself: "What can I do to make a difference in someone's life?" You do make a difference when you volunteer. Whatever it is that you do, know that you are important.

Blessings to all, *Patty*

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If there is someone with whom you have shared difficult times, right now I want you to close your eyes and think of them. Then whisper, "I love, adore, celebrate and welcome the Christ in you." We are all simply doing our best in whatever way we know how in this moment.

We must each be able to open our arms to those in our family who need to know that they are missed, that they are a valuable presence, that no matter the time or distance, they do *remain* family.

If you have stepped away from us for a while, for whatever reason, we are sending out a call of the heart. If you are joining us each week, is there someone you miss – someone you would like to invite to sit next to you on Sunday mornings? We can meet one another again on sacred ground. Our sanctuary is such a place, but it begins in our own hearts.

Unity By The Bay has a unique identity, but that identity must be embraced with health and wholeness. We travel this road together. Let us commit ourselves to harvest and renewal. Let us give abundantly of our time, our compassion, our treasure and our joy.

In Love and Light, *Karen*



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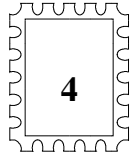
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### UNITY BY THE BAY'S VISION STATEMENT

Unity by the Bay is a dynamic,  
joyful, thriving spiritual community.

Created by the Board of Trustees — Aug. 2006



## To Someone Special at:

### Spiritual Cinema

Friday, Sept. 24, at 7 pm  
"Creation"

Torn between faith and science, work and family, Darwin risks everything as he dares to challenge the notion of God's plan.

Let's go to the movies?



### Spiritual Cinema

Friday, October 22, at 7 pm  
"Invictus"

Clint Eastwood's powerful, uplifting film about a team and a people inspired to greatness.

### Connections Bookstore

We again enter Fall as the sun's path and its intensity change daily. Fall at our doorstep. Children are returning to school, and we may now have time to curl up with a new book. Remember our fabulous interfaith bookstore for your selection. We have all sorts of new books. Elizabeth Gilbert's first book, "Eat, Pray, Love" was a big hit. Her second one, "Committed," is bound to be as humorous and as easy to read. We have new books by Jonathan Goldman who teaches the power of sound as divine prayer. His books include meditative CDs. A Course in Miracles is having a global renaissance. Our bookstore offers many selections from the Center itself along with Marianne Williamson's books and CDs that correspond with A Course in Miracles. While here, check out the Unity Magazine.

Most of all, your bookstore is carrying the two required books for the Prosperity class, being taught by Karen Lowe, starting September 11th. You automatically receive a 20% discount on "Spiritual Economics" by Eric Butterworth and "Prosperity" by Charles Fillmore.

See you at the bookstore.

Brightest Blessings, Patricia

### Reflections Mailing List

If you have a change of address or phone number, or want to be added or removed from our mailing list, please check the appropriate box below and either mail, fax or deliver this page to the church office at Unity by the Bay.

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- Change of Address, Address Correction or Phone Number
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