

Jan. & Feb.
2011

My Dear Unity Family,

As I write, the wind is howling and gusting and the rain is fiercely rapping at my window. It brings to my mind a poem by Victoria Balsamo (see insert). It says, “The strong wind [is] a fierce hug, trying to hold me together. My God is the wind. . . . The rain is a reminder, saying, ‘I love you, I’m here’ . . . My God is the rain.” When I came across this poem about a year ago, it changed my thoughts about the winter storms of our south coast. It helped me place God back at the center of All and brought me into greater connection with the seasons.



We know that whatever the storm in life, it *will* pass. If there is debris left behind, we will pick it up and get ready for the sun. We will start anew, with a world washed clean. As we begin this new year, see it as a new beginning for *you*.

The year awaits us with unlimited possibilities. It will take us down roads we so don’t want to travel, but it will also take us to wonder and excitement and joy. It will be filled with all the mundane tasks of laundry and grocery shopping and washing windows (well, not in *my* house). But in the midst of the mundane it can also lead us to our highest aspirations and the grandeur of life! Yes – unlimited possibilities.

And so we often put forth our Resolutions – those things we set out to make happen in the new year by our own grit and determination. They are things that we *resolve* to change – usually ourselves in some way. Unfortunately, Resolutions are often things we try to paste over *who* or *how* we are in the world. It is only skin deep. It’s cosmetic. It is also often quickly forgotten, and the old way disappointingly returns.

True, lasting change only comes when we change our consciousness. It is a change that takes place deep within us – by *God’s* grit and steadfastness. It is a rich inner experience that radiates from inside of us. It is about embracing and expressing the perfection of the Divine that is a *natural*, ever-present state of who we are. This is true change, and this is the Intention we should set for ourselves.

Unity Worldwide Ministries has announced 2011 as *The Year of Abundant Living*. We at Unity By The Bay will embrace this theme for the year, as well. A different perspective on abundance will be featured as the topic of one of my Sunday Lessons each month. What a wonderful time to affirm the many ways our lives are blessed. In so doing, we raise our thoughts and open our hearts, and the world becomes a new and wondrous place.

Having passed the longest night of the year, we are moving into a time of light which grows greater each day. We, too, have the opportunity to shine more of our Christ light into the world.

My God is the wind. My God is the rain. My God is the Sun and the Moon. And so it is!

Blessings, *Karen*



Reflections

FINANCIAL NEWS

2010

	Income	Tithes (-)	Expenses (-)	Net	Avg. Attend
October	\$ 6,747	\$ 795	\$ 6,210	\$ 537	45
November	\$ 6,244	\$ 621	\$ 5,377	\$ 867	55

“Unless I carry with me that which I seek, I will not find it when I get there.”

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JANUARY – FEBRUARY UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

Jan 2 – White Stone Service, *Live Your Dreams*

Jan 9 – *Taking on the Controversies*
New Member Orientation

Jan 22 – New SEE class begins: Twelve Powers
Quest Study Group begins

Jan 23 – New Sunday Talk Series,
Back to Basics: Unity Metaphysics 101

Feb 6 – Membership Sunday, *Above All, Love*

Feb 13 – Annual Congregational Meeting & Potluck Lunch

New Member Orientation

Would you like to become a member of Unity By The Bay? We'd love to have you! New Member information cards are available at the sign-up table in the Fellowship Hall. Turn them in at the office or to Karen. Then, join us for the New Member Orientation on January 9th at 11:30 in the sanctuary following service. This is required for new members. If you have been one of our members for a while and would like to Remember, just let Karen know and join us to refresh your Unity foundation. All are welcome to sit in. See Karen or Pam if you wish to transfer your membership from a previous Unity church. Membership Sunday will be February 6th.

NEW SATURDAY SEE CLASS -THE TWELVE POWERS -

Our new ten-week SEE class begins on January 22nd at 10 am. Join us as we study and review the book, The Twelve Powers, by Charles Fillmore. In doing so, we will also review many of our basic Unity principles. Our working knowledge of our Truth Principles will then be put into practical application in our own lives. Through the use of these Truth Principles you can create a new you and a new destiny. The book and workbook are available in our Unity Connections Bookstore.

THE QUEST STUDY GROUP BEGINS (finally!)

The Quest study group will begin meeting on Saturday, January 22nd, following our SEE class (11:45). The book and workbook are now available in our Unity Connections Bookstore.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT



2010 has been a great year. We've gone through changes and we keep prospering and growing. We were sad to see Rev. Bruce and Naomi Robinson resign in June. They wanted what was best for Unity, which was to have a leader in good health. They brought much maturity, wisdom and knowledge to their position. I talk often with them and they are doing very well.

In September we were blessed with the presence of Karen Lowe, Licensed Unity Teacher, as our Spiritual Leader. She really walks the talk of Unity. She dug right in, continuing Saturday morning classes that were so stimulating and challenging you didn't want to miss a class. Each class has grown in numbers, so if you are thinking of taking a class, sign up now. Karen started the Wednesday Brown Bag Lunch Metaphysics. It's a great arena to get to know each other and to hash out the previous Sunday's lesson. I enjoy her humor, insight, and wisdom. She now has a two year contract as Spiritual Leader of Unity by the Bay.

The church building is now being used by the after school art students (ORCO Art Guild). They remodeled the back room to do their art projects. The Guild is part of Community Action. Our music director, Patty Becker is working with the Guild's music students. What a blessing you all have been. Thank you for caring about our community youth in such a positive way.

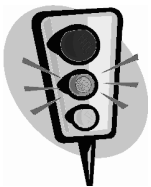
The "Sweet Feet" project has gone well. We collected all size and styles of slippers. We delivered them to the Women's Safety and Resource Center before Christmas.

Thank you also, to everyone who helped make the Christmas Party such a fun success. Everyone who wanted to come was given the opportunity to attend thanks to generous heart of this church. A good time was had by all.

I feel so blessed and honored to be part of this growing, thriving Unity by the Bay. I believe being involved is critical for a church community to go forth and make a difference. This is Jesus' motto to go forth and to love one another.

Thank you to all for allowing me to be part of this growing movement. It has been an honor for me to serve. I am so blessed. In Him, love, and blessings.

Patty



"Waz Up with the Children"

By Pam Bate

The lesson's been given, the story read, the craft project done, but still there is 10 minutes before the children are supposed to leave the Sunday school room to be blessed by the congregation. Just enough time to play a quick game of "Red Light, Green Light". Now, this is a game enjoyed by children of every age. When the light is **GREEN** you are supposed to go as fast as you can in hopes of reaching the goal to become the next leader. When **RED** is called, you must put on your breaks and come to a quick stop - immediately! Now, some of us try to rush out before the **GREEN** light, and others try to keep going after **RED** is announced. Then there are those sneaky few who try to keep going on what they consider **YELLOW**. In this game there is **NO YELLOW**, but that does not stop them from trying. If you are caught "yellow-handed" trying to make it to goal when the light is **RED**, you must go all the way back to the beginning. If you are one of the lucky ones to reach the goal and become the new leader, your success does not last long, some **GREEN** or **YELLOW** will no doubt tap you on the shoulder sending you back to the start line. No matter where you are on the playing field, **Red, Yellow, Green, Black, or White,**

we are all perfect in God's sight.

"GREEN LIGHT!"



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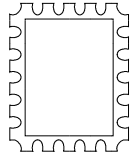
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UNITY BY THE BAY'S VISION STATEMENT

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

Created by the Board of Trustees — Aug. 2006



To Someone Special at:

INFINITY

Friday, January 28th, at 7 pm

"INFINITY": The Ultimate Trip...
Journey Beyond Death.

What happens after we pass from this
world? Is there a life after this one?

Let's go to the movies?



Spiritual Cinema

Friday, February 25th at 7 pm

"BEYOND ZERO POINT"

Gregg Braden leads an enthralling tour
of the lost teachings of the ancient
Essenes, authors of the Dead Sea
Scrolls..

Connections Bookstore

Connections Bookstore and The Guild
are proud to present the First Annual
"Poets Dead & Alive"
A poetry slam.

Friday, March 4, 2011

6:00 pm

At the Unity Stage

2100 Union Ave.

North Bend

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Brightest Blessings, Patricia Worth, mgr.

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Wind, Sun, Moon, Rain

by [Victoria Viki Balsamo](#)

My God is the wind.

I cannot see Him, but I know He's there,
waiting to swoop in when I need Him.

The gentle breeze is a loving caress,
the strong wind a fierce hug, trying to hold me together.

My God is the wind.

My God is the sun and the moon.

Though afar, I feel his warmth and he lights my way.

He is hidden by clouds of doubt, sin, and fear;

I see him better some days than others.

By Him I can see everything.

My God is the sun and the moon.

My God is the rain.

The mist is gentle kisses across my face.

The downpours tears of pain and sorrow,
the showers tears of joy.

The rain is a reminder, saying, "I love you,
I'm here, I can touch you, I want you."

My God is the rain.



SEE INTENSIVE STUDY

Beginning February 4th, we will begin a new program of intensive study. The objective is completion of Unity Institute's Spiritual Development Program. This requires 22 SEE classes and three approved elective courses. Completion of the Spiritual Development Program is a prerequisite for entering the Licensed Teacher Program. These "intensive" courses are in addition to our regular Saturday

morning SEE classes.

Each course will be completed in five weeks, with the class meeting on Fridays at noon. These classes will rely heavily on independent study, including completed reading assignments and activities to enrich your learning (yes, homework!). Perfect attendance is required, unless special arrangements is made for one excused absence per course. Participation in The Quest study group is required, also. There will be a \$36 registration fee for each class and you will be required to purchase the required texts for each class.

If you are interested in working to complete Unity's Spiritual Development Program, be sure to talk to Karen and sign-up in the Fellowship Hall

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