

May - June
2011

My Dear Unity Family,

Spring is here!! I know that many days haven't looked like it arrived, but we're beginning to see more sun than rain. If the sunshine hours weren't enough, just shift your vision and begin to see the abundance of flowers making their presence known. Nature is steadfast in demonstrating the inevitability of change, and the power of life ever unfolding, even in the face of the appearance of bare ground. For our part, it requires our faith in not only the necessity of change, but our knowing that when it comes, the result will color our lives in a new way. It will affirm that our life is blooming anew.



The theme for June in Unity's Year of Abundant Living is: *Behold Beauty Everywhere*. So let's do that. Right now. Wherever you are, put this down and go to a window. Whatever it is you see out there, look diligently for something that warms your heart. Find *something*, even if it's the blossom on a weed, and behold the beauty of it. You may have to take some time to find it. I'll wait . . .

Wherever we are, there is beauty. Whatever is changing and growing and trying to bloom in our lives, there, too, is beauty. And sometimes we just need to hunt it down and see it with new eyes. Beholding the beauty doesn't mean we shouldn't be willing to continue to create something new in our lives.

If it feels like we're getting bogged down by the appearance of a weed-infested life, then it's time to work the garden. We can pull the weeds. We can let go of the things that we no longer need in our lives. I have found that some weeds are quite lovely. There have been times when I felt reluctant to pull them, but eventually they have to go. If not, there is no room for the new plantings to thrive.

Whether we are clearing out the spare closet or embracing new teachings and ways of being, have faith in the process. Be open to the change. Allow your life to take on a new color and vibrancy.

You'll bloom beautifully . . . right where you are!

Blessings,

Karen

FINANCIAL NEWS

2011

	Income	Tithes (-)	Expenses (-)	Net	Avg. Attend
February	\$ 5,450	\$ 531	\$ 5,940	\$ - 490	56
March	\$ 6,741	\$ 666	\$ 6,321	\$ 419	50

“A wise person does at once, what a fool does at last; both do the same thing; only at different times .”

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10:00 am - 2:00 pm

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MAY - JUNE UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

- May 1 - “The Give Away” Guest Speaker: Meadowlark Molyneux
- May 8 - Mother’s Day “Change Gracefully”
Unity’s year of Abundant Living
- May 15 - “Impeccability” Board Meeting
- May 22 - “Living Out Loud” Town Hall and Potluck
- May 29 - “We Remember Them”

- June 5 - “Behold Beauty Everywhere”
Unity’s year of Abundant Living
- June 12 - “OOMPA”
- June 19 - Father’s Day “Do Greater Things” Board Meeting
- June 26 - “To Live is Holy” Town Hall & Potluck


Remember Sunday Prayer at 9:30 am & Sunday Jam at 9:45 am!




WE REMEMBER THEM


A Service of Remembrance

May 29, 2011



Join us on Sunday, May 29, 2011, for a very special service of Remembrance. This is an opportunity to honor and remember those we love who have made their transition. This candle lighting service includes a special meditation of remembrance, followed by a heartwarming, life-affirming Sunday lesson.





YOU ARE THE HANDS OF GOD!

Thank you to all who make Unity By The Bay possible.
Special blessings to:

- Harry Park for the whimsical handrail he built in our stairway.
- The Craft Guild for the new kitchen floor. Spiffy! What a difference it has made.
- Patty Wood-Miner and Bob Fritz for cooking the Easter dinner. Umyy!
- Everyone who helped purchase and make the Easter Baskets for the children at the Women’s Safety and Resource Center.



A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

The new Board has hit the ground running - and is off to a great start. Here are a few of the items on our agenda: 1) The Plant & Treasure Sale will be on July 9th. Bring in your gently used items anytime before then. 2) We have approved bids on three repair items necessary to maintain the building. Two of them are already completed. The Bookstore window will be replaced next. 3) UBB is sending Rev. Karen to the Northwest Regional Conference in May. 4) UBB pays for free rides to any church in the local area on Sundays. 5) The Minister Seed Account has been redirected and is now available to our minister as the Manse Savings Fund. We are abundantly blessed and all our needs met.

Thank you, thank you God.

Written by Pam Bate for:

Lorna Pearson

GALLERY BY THE BAY

Bay Area Plein Air Artists will be the featured artists at Gallery by the Bay for the month of May. Also sharing the space for Artwalk will be talented gourd artist, Barbara Weed.

Plein Air painters are a hardy group of individuals willing to fight the elements in order to paint on location. Since weather is neither predictable, or controllable, painters are forced to work quickly and selectively. This showing will include paintings created in Alaska, Canada and Mexico. Plein Air painters showing are: Charles Edmunds, Joan Goodman Fox, Rod Sullens, Michael Ousley, Dortha Chase, Curt Hitch, Sarita Southgate, Sally Rollicheck and Jean Adamson.

Barbara Weed utilizes gourds as her art medium, creating unique pieces in a variety of designs. Her bold, decorative art pieces will be shown at the artwalk May 12th.

The gallery is located up the hill from LTOB and is open weekdays Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. For Artwalk, May 12th, the gallery will be open from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Join us for an evening of Art, food and conservation.



"Waz Up with the Children"

By Pam Bate

One Sunday in April, we marched into the Children's Room to discover a masking tape labyrinth laid out on the floor. The children took to it like baby ducks to water. Round and round, weaving back and forth as they followed the labyrinth's path. Some jumped ahead, others passed on the right, a few walked the path as it was laid out. At one point it became a game to see who could reach the center first. As for me, well . . . there it was bigger than life right in the middle of the room. Our tables and chairs were pushed back out of the way and we had to crowd together in the space left by the enormous labyrinth. It was a gift. It was a zit. It was a gift. No, it was a zit. When I wanted to write something on the grease-board, I had to travel the labyrinth round and round, weaving back and forth to get as close as I could before jumping a line to the grease-board. Then back I came, round and round, weaving back and forth, jumping the line again as I approached the table of children. They giggled and laughed at me. To simply walk across the room ignoring the labyrinth seemed like a disrespectful thing to do. I had to take the path. One day I will gingerly remove the blue masking tape and make the labyrinth disappear. I'm not ready to let it go yet. I don't think the children are either. Just to look at it makes us think about how much we are loved. Loved enough that a busy minister found the time to lay out a labyrinth just for us. Thank you, Rev. Karen.



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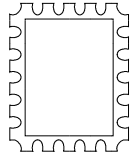
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**Unity by the Bay is a joyful, dynamic,
spiritual family,
thriving in love and gratitude,
thus making a difference.**

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To Someone Special at:

Spiritual Cinema "Blessings"

Friday, May 27, at 6:30 pm

The Tsoknyi Nangchen Nus of Tibet.
The women speak about why they be-
came nuns and what it is like to live a
life dedicated to spiritual practice.

Let's go to the movies?



Spiritual Cinema

Friday, June 24, at 6:30 pm

"Letting Go"

This film shows you the Sedona
Method, so that you can let go of feel-
ings and emotions that hold you back.

Connections Bookstore

Want to know more about Jesus and the Unity connection? Well-known Unity minister, Wendy Craig-Purcell and best selling spiritual leader, Deepak Chopra have teamed up and produced a DVD that does just that. Through six provocative conversations, beginning with, "Who is Jesus and why does it matter?" it is a journey to explore consciousness and Unity as it pertains to Jesus. I found the material delightful, informative, and thought provoking, giving me an insight into my own journey. I would recommend this series to anyone who is curious about Jesus and Unity

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Brightest Blessings, Patricia Worth, mgr.

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