

Welcome to our hearts!

By Rev. Bruce Robinson



When Naomi and I moved to Florence nearly two years ago, little did we dream that we would find ourselves a part of Unity by the Bay, but here we are!

I am pleased to be reentering the ministry after a ten year absence. Retired has been transformed into reassigned and Unity by the Bay is an ideal place for the reentry. I am grateful for the opportunity and very impressed by the warmth, dedication and maturity of this group. In the period without a minister members undertook responsibilities and worked hard bringing new and deeper life to their community. The Board and staff deserve special thanks and encouragement.

My vision for my interim ministry is to continue to support their labors, not to supplant them. My intent is to build on what has been established, walking together into the future while experiencing the inevitable change that comes with every growing, vibrant spiritual experience.

In the space remaining I would like to share some thoughts about community and how it applies to Unity by the Bay.

Community is inclusive; it excludes no one. It is enthusiastic; which literally means “having God within,” and it is passionate about sharing the Presence with others. It is constantly evolving; what worked yesterday, may not be as effective today. It is interactive and mutually respecting. It receives its wisdom from the sum of its parts, not from some charismatic leader. The Buddhists call this process “mutual arisings” or “dependent origination,” which is an exciting experience. In the days ahead I hope to expand on these definitions, both through this newsletter, and in my Sunday talks.

The above qualities already exist at Unity by the Bay, and it will be challenging and exciting to see them deepen and expand in the days ahead.

FINANCIAL NEWS

2009

	Income	Tithes (-)	Expenses (-)	Net	Avg. Attend
October	\$ 6,391	\$ 1,022	\$ 7,117	\$ (729)	48
November	\$ 5,798	\$ 696	\$ 5,333	\$ 465	51

We are successful and fulfilled, realizing the power of God in us.

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M-W-F

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HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

Come and be part of Unity's Family on January 16th as we clean the stretch of highway between the Mill Casino and the North Bend city limit sign

THINGS ARE PICKING UP!

We will meet at the church at 9 am to get our gear.

For more information, call Sarah VanHorn 294-3764

Need a Ride to Sunday Service?

Call Yellow Cab at 267-3111 and pay a \$1 co-pay.



Tell the Cabby to charge Unity by the Bay for the rest of the bill.

To meet our budget goals we offer this program on Sundays only.

Overview of the Christian Scriptures

Saturday mornings from 10:00 am until noon, Starting Jan. 23rd through Feb. 20th.

This is a required SEE class offered for credit.

Overview of the Christian Scriptures explores the Gospels, Letters, History (Book of Acts), and Apocryphal literature (Book of Revelation) that comprise what is more commonly known as the "New Testament" of the Judaeo-Christian Bible. This

Overview is not a course in metaphysical interpretation, but rather is intended to help develop an understanding of the Christian Scriptures' meaning for the people to whom they were written. Overview of the Christian Scriptures is based on the premise that, whatever else the Christian Scriptures may be, they most definitely are the response of early Christian writers to both the person and the message of Jesus Christ. Understanding the Christian Scriptures as a Testament about Jesus Christ rather than a Testament of Jesus Christ frees us to appreciate and become inspired by the powerful faith of these first followers of The Way.

This class will be facilitated by Karen Lowe, Licensed Unity Teacher. It is offered on a love offering basis; all are welcome. If taking the class for credit, there is a \$36 registration fee.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Greetings from the Board,

It's been said that it takes a village to raise a child. It can also be said that it takes a committed congregation to create a healthy church. Too many times we look at ourselves and think what we have to offer is really not important. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Our church was not only without a minister, there was no money even if we found one. But everyone in the congregation rallied around and pulled together—creating the space in our collective consciousness with our prayers and tithes. We were blessed to have spiritually gifted speakers each week but we realized there was only so much we could accomplish without a minister. Regardless of how dedicated the speakers are, there are church needs not being met.

The board developed a financial plan created to raise the money and draw a permanent minister. We asked the congregation not only to support the plan, but to pray actively for its success. Never, ever, underestimate the power of prayer. God touched the heart of a man rich in spiritual gifts to offer his services to our church. As a retired minister he is able to come to us at a price we can afford.

Bruce Robinson and his lovely wife Naomi will be joining us the second week in January as our interim minister. Please welcome them into our church and hearts.

Please, congregation, remember God has sent these dear people into our lives to help us develop fully the church we want to be—but the job is not theirs to do alone. We each and every one of us need to continue with our prayers and tithes. It does take a committed congregation to work beside a committed minister in order to create a spiritually mature church. God is truly blessing us.

Blessings, Ina

"Waz Up with the Children"

By Pam Bate



What is more important. . . quality or quantity? Your answer may vary depending on what is being offered and where you find yourself in life. But when you're 8 years old - there is only one answer - more is best! Bigger is better! And getting it first is all that counts! Although, there is something honest about this approach, if they remain in this consciousness they have a good chance of becoming part of the "Me First" generation. When I first heard this term I knew that who ever coined the phrase was right on.

How do we as the village that is helping raise our Unity children, teach them friendship, love, kindness, and thoughtfulness? How do we teach them to see the beauty in others, to hear and respond to the needs of those less fortunate, to feel the feelings and share the love?

I believe that the 5th Unity principle speaks the answer to that question. Action is needed. Knowing and understanding the laws of life—also called truth—is not enough. A person must live the truth he or she knows. Through thought, words, and actions, we live the truth we know. Knowledge of spiritual principles is not enough. We must live them. And children learn best by observation. Proudly, we are teaching our children through our actions that we are part of the "Together We Can" generation.



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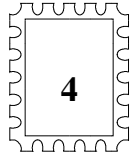
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UNITY BY THE BAY'S VISION STATEMENT

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

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To Someone Special:

Spiritual Cinema

Friday, January 22nd, at 7 pm

"The Living Matrix"

This new documentary by Greg Becker and Harry Massey, is a provocative film about healing and the nature of human health.

Let's go to the movies?



Spiritual Cinema

Friday, February 26th at 7 pm

"Affluenza "

Af-flu-en-za n. 1. The bloated, sluggish and unfulfilled feeling that results from efforts to keep up with the Joneses.

CONNECTIONS BOOKSTORE

I'll Never Do That Again!

A new year - a new beginning. Do you ever determine that this year will be different? This year I'll make the changes in my life. This year I'll shed that 10 pounds. This year I won't get caught up in an unhealthy relationship. This year I'll be kind to myself. Then the year ends and you ask, "What was I thinking?" You've done it again.

Take comfort in knowing you aren't alone. Join us at **Connections Bookstore**, where you will find a multitude of books and CDs that can help heal whatever it is that prevents us from manifesting the life we long to live. Sometimes the mere title can be the catalyst for change. Take your time, browse uninterrupted in a quiet, healing energy. A bright New Year awaits us,

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