

## Leaving the Familiar for the Possible!

By Rev. Bruce Robinson



There are moments in all our lives when we are challenged to move out of an impasse, and enter into something new, something we have not experienced before. Paul Tillich, a radical thinker from a former generation, called it "*leaving the real for the sake of the possible.*" Sometimes these moments are thrust upon us through circumstances. At other times they come into our lives slowly as germinating seeds, and we realize we are being challenged to change the way we think, or the way we are living. In short, we are challenged to live creatively!

Since coming to Unity by the Bay, I have become increasingly aware that we are undergoing a wonder-filled transition, and Naomi and I are blessed to be a part of it. All of us are being challenged to rethink and retool the way we support each other and the larger community of North Bend/Coos Bay.

Sometimes we have to begin a journey not knowing where it will lead. This is one of the great qualities of this adventure for us as a couple, and certainly as a spiritual community. We do this with deep assurance that God is in our midst and we remember the words of Jesus from Matthew, "*I will build my church ...*" I am so glad it is God who guides the building! We are here to be God's hands and feet. A great old minister, E. Stanley Jones once said:

*"We can't do anything without God. God won't do anything without us!"*

Our call is to be sensitive to the promptings of the Spirit, and to be participants in this great process. Ours is to respond and act, and in the months ahead we will see unfolding before us the wisdom of God working through dedicated, yielded people. Unity by the Bay has those people. They have demonstrated their love and devotion to God and to their community countless times. They are great examples for me and for all of us.

As we look to the future months, I remember the words of the great naval hero David Farraut, "*Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!*"

**FINANCIAL NEWS**  
**2009 – 2010**

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Tithes (-)</b>	<b>Expenses (-)</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>Avg. Attend</b>
December	\$ 6,391	\$ 1,022	\$ 7,117	\$ (729)	48
January	\$ 5,798	\$ 696	\$ 5,333	\$ 465	51

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

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**Divine Reading of Poetry**

Come join us for a new and exciting group beginning in March. Discover:

- Sacred messages in poems.
- If a poem calls you to personal action.
- How a poem may change your appreciation for your own life, your place in the world, and your understanding to the human condition.
- What people hear and find in a poem.

We will be using a modified process of the ancient practice of *lectio divina* (Divine Reading) to explore poems individually and as a group. *Absolutely NO previous experience required.* Come prepared to be open, surprised, contemplative, meditative, and willing to share.

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When: Wednesdays 10:30 to 12:00 noon, March 10th thru April 14th.

Where: UBB Children's Room.

Bring: Open heart and mind; pen/pencil and love offering.

**Gallery by the Bay**

will reopen the 2010 season on Thursday, April 8th (5-7:30 pm) with the Plain Aire Painters. Plain Aire painting is done on site. Because of the light and time restrictions plain aire paintings are known for their spontaneity and vigor. This will be a delightful show of rich, visual images of the South Coast.

**Metaphysics I, Part 1**

**Saturdays 10 to noon**

March 6 through April 3rd  
Foundational Principles and the Highest Form of Mind Action

**Metaphysics I, Part 2**

**Saturdays 10 to noon**

April 17th through May 15th  
God, Jesus Christ and Humankind  
Facilitator: *Karen Lowe, L.U.T*

During this course you will explore some of the fundamental Principles of Spiritual Law and how they can be applied to your life for greater love, health, and prosperity. By studying the quotes of prominent Unity writers, as well as specific metaphysical and theological views, you will be encouraged to awaken your awareness and understanding of spiritual Truth. Through the consistent use of these practical principles, you will realize more of your spiritual potential and find that your life is transformed!

Cost is on a love-offering basis, there is a \$36 registration fee for those seeking SEE credit.  
All are welcome.



## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Another year has come and gone. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the members of the board who have worked diligently and faithfully throughout this year. I would also like to thank all those individuals who through their energy and devotion have kept Unity by the Bay's doors open.

We have made the transition from weekly speakers to an interim minister. We now have classes that are enthusiastically embraced. We have a music ministry that lifts our hearts. We are the only 'New Thought' church in the community, a church that is open to all, that embraces the truth in all religions, and teaches that, wherever we are God is.

Thank you each and every one for making this year pleasant and productive.  
Blessings, Ina



### "Waz Up with the Children"

By Pam Bate

"Jesus, heal me!" I called to Stacy as I played the part of the blind man and she the part of Jesus. I admit I did ham it up a little as I groped around the Sunday School room with my eyes closed. "Help me Jesus, help me!" as I stumbled over a small stool. After all I was blind until I reached Stacy where she spoke as Jesus and told me that my faith had healed me.

I remember something that a past minister told us when he was "acting the fool" to make a point during one service. He said he was happy to be a "fool for God". I thought I understood what he was trying to explain to us, but until that moment with the children as they giggled and laughed at our antics, I did not truly understand what being a fool for God is.

Working with children requires us to set our egos aside and do what works. After all, they are not interested in our degrees, titles, or the number of years we have under our belts. They don't care how many other children we have taught and what had worked for us before. Children for the most part live in the present moment. There is no time, except now and that is what they give to us.

At that moment Jesus was in a wheel chair with long hair and bright eyes. Jesus reached out to me and in a gesture of love, I was healed. Because of our faith and our willingness to be fools for God, the children witnessed a miracle.



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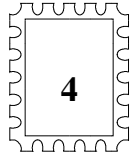
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### UNITY BY THE BAY'S VISION STATEMENT

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

Created by the Board of Trustees — Aug. 2006



## To Someone Special:

### Spiritual Cinema

Friday, March 26, at 7 pm

"Water, The Great Mystery "

The most common substance on  
earth but do we know the secrets  
of this amazing element?

Let's go to the movies?



### Spiritual Cinema

Friday, April 23, at 7 pm

"Interviews With Louise Hay,  
Gregg Braden, Wayne Dyer,  
Ester and Jerry Hicks  
and many more"

## CONNECTIONS BOOKSTORE

Connections Bookstore is very excited to be carrying a full line of new music from Sequoia Artists. Not only do we have a selection of CDs from new musicians, we have expanded to include full lines of individual artists. Some titles include: Celtic Lounge 1, 2, and 3, Buddha Lounge 1-6, many new Native American drumming CDs. We have over 60 demos for your listening pleasure. Great headphones are available to become "one with the music".

Also, new books are in along with audio books. We invite you to take a few minutes to browse through our ever expanding bookstore!

Brightest Blessings, Patricia Worth, Manager

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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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