



# Upward Venture

Unity of Phoenix: Building Unity Together

## Special Points of Interest

- Turn to page 2 to read all about the inspirational guest speakers, concerts and other special events we have scheduled over the next several months.
- In September we will kick off a new worship series called "Yes, You Can Change the World" based on the books of Aman Motwane. We invite you to participate at a deeper level by joining our new Circles Group program that will run during the same timeframe. Sign ups begin in August; for details, see page 2.
- On October 14, we will hold an Outreach Team Organizing meeting to launch the kick off of all our community outreach activities over the next year. Read all about our plans on Rev. Maraj's front page article as well as page 4, our Volunteer and Outreach overview.

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# YES! YOU Can Change the World!! The Power of Reaching In and Reaching Out



By Rev. Richard Maraj  
Lead Minister

**Y**ou can change the world! That statement might seem like an impossible dream or an overwhelming task, but it is not. Each of us has the power to make a much bigger difference than we realize. When we think about changing the world, most of us immediately focus on what we can "do." The truth is that changing the world does not require that we "do" anything.

Our greatest power to change the world is not in our "doing" but, rather, in our "being" ... Being more loving, being more present, being more understanding, being more caring, being more supportive, being more forgiving, being more positive, and being more prayerful will have a greater impact in changing those around us and the world than simply what we are doing.

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In addition to the focus on our inner transformational work, we will also be doing some outer work as a way to change the world ... in the form of our outreach ministry. Unity of Phoenix is committed to transforming the world by doing more outreach activities in our community. Our new outreach mission statement is, "We bring light to the world by spiritually and physically supporting and empowering those in need."

In Jesus' directive to "love one another," he included the importance of helping those in need as a way to serve God and help bring forth the Kingdom right here and now. I invite you to join us after services on Sunday, October 14, for our Outreach Team Organizing meeting. We will be creating seven Outreach Teams that will be responsible for organizing and implement-

ing our outreach projects over the next year.

Those seven Outreach Teams are:

- Palomino and Echo Mountain Christmas Outreach Team;
- Habitat for Humanity Team;
- ICM Food-Clothing Drive Team;
- Blood Drive Team;
- Spring Outreach Program Team;
- Fall Outreach Program Team; and
- Sign-N-Go Outreach Team.

Our ministry is committed to being a light for peace, love and healing and a magnifying power for the miraculous transformation of our world. We have the power to change the world, individually and collectively.

Jesus stated that we are all significant when he said, "You are the light of the world." You have the power to bring light to the world. You have power to bring peace, love and joy to the world. Let us make the commitment, individually and collectively, to be a light of transformation through the power of being and doing, by reaching in and reaching out.

Yes, YOU can change the world!

## Fundraising Campaign is Accomplishing What We Intended



By Rev. Richard Maraj, Lead Minister and Bruce Mosby, Executive Director

**T**his is the first of many articles that we will be writing to you over the next three years, through the summer of 2010. The purpose of these articles, which will periodically appear in church publications like this one, is to report to you on the status of our Fundraising Campaign pledges and how much we actually collect over the next three years, and to keep you apprised of how our pledge receipts are working to pay down our church mortgage.

Our intention with these updates is not to overwhelm you but, rather, to fulfill our promise that we would keep our Unity community informed about the progress of

the pledge receipts and their application to our intended goal of paying down the mortgage.

Prior to the launch of the Fundraising Campaign, our church held two mortgages: a \$2.3 million building loan with a 6.95% interest rate and a \$1.885 million land note with a 6.9% interest rate.

In April 2007, we refinanced these two mortgages. We now have two loans for \$2 million each, with lower interest rates of 6% and 5.75%, respectively. We have seven years to pay off the first of those loans. The other loan has a shorter, three-year payoff term that is designed to coincide with the end of our three-year Fundraising Campaign pledge period.

So far our church congregants have pledged more than \$1.7 million dollars to our Campaign, which they have agreed to pay over the next three years. As your church leaders, we are holding a vision and intention that all of those pledges will actually be fulfilled, and that we will also receive the additional sum we need to pay off the \$2 million loan due in April 2010.

We invite all of you to hold this intention with us, as this will be a significant achievement and milestone for our church.

Here are the relevant numbers to date:

- The church has already received \$266,000 of the \$1.7 million that have been pledged to our Fundraising Campaign.
- Additional contributors who did not make a pledge have also given one-time gifts to the Campaign totalling \$157,000.
- So ... the total Campaign dollars the church has received thus far is \$423,000. In September 2007, the church will make a \$400,000 payment on the three-year loan, reducing it from \$2 million to \$1.6 million. (Another payment will be due in March of 2008.)

As you can see, our Campaign dollars are doing exactly what they were intended to accomplish ... paying down our church mortgage. We thank all of you for helping us to achieve our Campaign goal, and ask for your continued prayers that we achieve all that we have set out to do!

# Upcoming Events

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS / COMMUNITY-BUILDING EVENTS

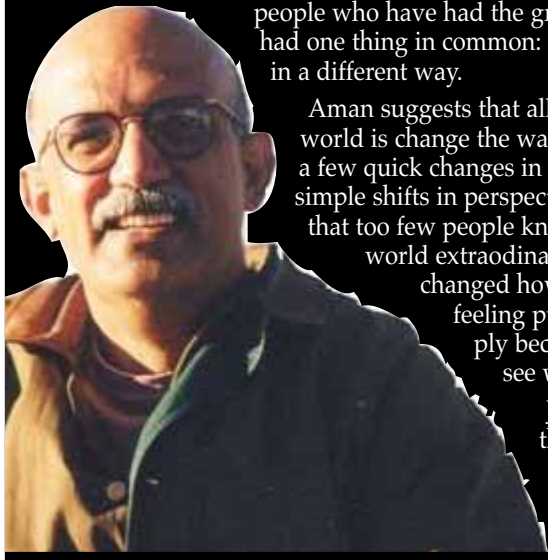
## Aman Motwane

*Yes, You Can Change the World!!!*

Sunday, October 21

Message: All Morning Worship Services (8:15; 9:45; and 11:15 a.m.)

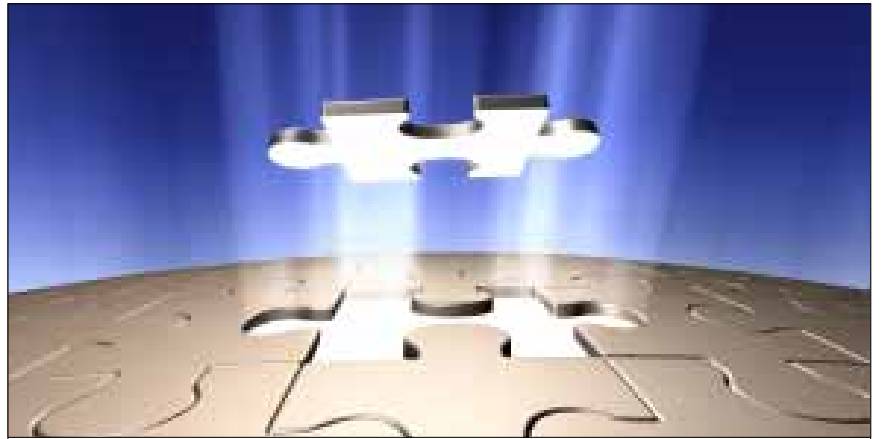
Workshop: 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. • Sanctuary



**A**re you ready to change your own life in order to change the world? According to Aman Motwane, the recipe for doing so is really quite simple. Throughout history, the people who have had the greatest impact on our world have had one thing in common: they were able to see the world in a different way.

Aman suggests that all we have to do to change the world is change the way we *SEE* the world ... With just a few quick changes in how we view things and a few simple shifts in perspective, YOU, too, can see a world that too few people know exist. Imagine your whole world extraordinarily changed just because you changed how you see the world! Imagine feeling pure love, joy and happiness simply because you are suddenly able to see what you didn't before!!!!

Join Aman as he leads us through the thrilling discovery that such a world is possible for all of us. Yes, *you* can change the world!



## "Yes, You Can Change the World" Circles Group Program

**O**n September 30, Unity of Phoenix will begin a four-week worship series called "Yes, You Can Change the World," based on the books of Aman Motwane, who is leading a new way of accessing the simple truths of life and spirituality, and teaching people how they can personally change the world by adjusting their attitudes and actions.

We encourage each and every one of you to attend this worship series, and also invite you to participate at an even deeper level by joining our new Circles Group program that will kick off during the same timeframe.

"Circles" are groups of six to 12 people who will come together on a weekly basis to study and discuss an inspirational study guide developed by Aman Motwane that will help to lead them into the realization that they can make a true and lasting difference in the world.

The "Circles" -- or groups -- will meet once a week for four weeks, beginning the week of September 30. The groups offer a wonderful opportunity to make lasting connections with others in our Unity community, while deepening your spiritual practices of the Sunday morning messages.

We invite you to help us fulfill our church Vision of being "a spiritual light for peace, love and healing, and a magnifying power for the miraculous transformation of the world." Join us for this worship series and new Circles Group program, and become part of an international movement to make the world a better place!

Mark your calendars!

**September 2, 9 and 16:**

Circle Group Participant Sign-Ups

**September 16**

Circle Group Facilitator Training

**Also, be sure to visit:**

[www.yesyoucanchangetheworld.com/affiliate/W303B1658F](http://www.yesyoucanchangetheworld.com/affiliate/W303B1658F)



## Dr. Paul Eppinger

*"Tiny World, BIG GOD!"*

Sunday, September 23

Message: All Morning Worship Services (8:15; 9:45; and 11:15 a.m.)

**D**r. Eppinger is a graduate of Williams Jewell College, Princeton Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity and a Master of Theology, and San Francisco Theological Seminary where he received a Doctor of Ministry degree. He has served as a missionary in Japan, the pastor of four different American Baptist Churches, and an adjunct professor of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia and Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Kansas.

He also served as Statewide Director of the successful "Victory Together" campaign to establish a state Martin Luther King holiday and as Executive Director of the Arizona Ecumenical Council for eight years and is now the Executive Director of Arizona InterFaith Movement.

Come hear his inspirational words!!!

Nationally known sound healer, recording artist and author

Diane Mandle presents

## Sarasvati's Dream

*A Tapestry of Harmonies & Light*

Saturday, October 6, 6 p.m.



**E**xperience a deep sense of peace and well being during an evening of harmonic sound, dancing light and extraordinary healing!

Diane weaves transcendent harmonics of precision-tuned Tibetan Bowls, Planetary Moon Gong and other Sacred instruments with a Spectacular Dance of Moving Light Forms, creating overtones and rhythms of sacred sound. She tells the story of the Ancient bowls and the healing they bring. This evening will soothe, awaken and inspire your spirit!

Tickets: \$15 (Available through the Divine Idea Bookstore or [www.unityphx.org](http://www.unityphx.org).) Tickets limited to 65.

## Family Halloween Carnival

Sunday, October 28, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

**O**ur annual Carnival allows families to celebrate Halloween in a safe, fun-filled environment. Children of all ages are invited to come in costume or just as they are for an evening of high spirits and contagious joy that includes game booths, activities and yummy treats.

Volunteers and bags of candy are a must to make this event a success. If you'd like to volunteer or make a donation, or would like more information, go to the Volunteer Ministry table in the Courtyard or call Ann Hall in the Youth and Family Ministry department.



## Unity Business Fair 2007

Sunday, November 4 • 8:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.



### Business Owners!

**T**ake advantage of this once-a-year opportunity to introduce your products and services to the entire Unity community! Reserve your display space *now* for the Unity of Phoenix Business Fair 2007!

Unity of Phoenix typically prohibits business solicitation on campus. This event is the one time that business solicitation is not only allowed, it's *encouraged!* We will be selling table space at which businesses can display their company information and products at the Fair.

Table space can be purchased in the Courtyard following Sunday services beginning September 23. Reservations are first-come, first-served, so don't delay! The cost of tables range from \$50 to \$100, and tablecloths are available. **Purchase a table by September 30 and receive 10% off!** **Purchase a table by September 30 AND donate a raffle item worth at least \$25 and receive an additional 5%!** **Purchase a table between October 7 and 21 AND donate a raffle item worth at least \$25 and receive 10% off.** Payment is due at the time of registration.

### Consumers!

**S**hop for hundreds of goods and services in one convenient location! Be sure to allow extra time before and after worship services to see all that our Business Fair has to offer! Go to the grassy area next to the Courtyard on Sunday, November 4, from 8:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

*Everyone -- fair vendors and visitors alike -- will have an opportunity to enter a free drawing for prizes!!!*

**Save the Date!**

## Lauren Sullivan

*A Workshop for Women: "Give Wings to Your Dreams: Reawaken Your Joy & Passion for Life"*

Saturday, Nov. 3 • 1 to 4 p.m. • Rooms 6&7



# Worship & Special Events

## WORSHIP SERIES TOPICS

Join us on Sunday mornings for inspirational messages that will change your mind, life ... and the world!!!!

September 2  
"Fun Sunday"

with Rev. Richard Maraj and Rev. Alice Anderson  
Wear your Hawaiian shirt and/or bright colors!!!

Musical Artist: Kathryn Williams-Ivie

Two-Week Series

"Spirituality in Everyday Life"

September 9

"The Spirituality of Working Out"

with Rev. Richard Maraj

Musical Artist: Renee Morgan Brooks

September 16

"The Spirituality of Singing"

with Rev. Richard Maraj

Come hear Rev. Richard sing!!!!

Musical Artist: Orgena Rose

September 23

"Tiny World, BIG GOD"

with Guest Minister

Dr. Paul Eppinger

Musical Artist: Unity of Phoenix Choir

Four-Week Series

"Yes, You Can Change the World"

September 30

"The Perspective of Intrinsic Worth"

with Rev. Richard Maraj

Musical Artist: Stuart Ambrose

October 7

"The Perspective of Pain and Potential"

with Rev. Richard Maraj

Musical Artist: To be Determined

October 14

"The Perspective of Seeing Rightly"

with Rev. Richard Maraj

Musical Artist: To be Determined

October 21

"Change Your Relationships; Change Your World"

with Special Guest Aman Motwane

Musical Artist: To be Determined

"Gratitude Series"

October 28

"Gratitude for the Past"

with Rev. Richard Maraj

Musical Artist: Renee Morgan Brooks and the Unity of Phoenix Children's Choir

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## Deva Premal & Miten Live in Concert

Deva and Miten's music is an expression of spiritual devotion, through song and chant. The openness and honesty in which they share their lives and their music has touched the hearts of thousands of seekers throughout the world.

Deva and Miten are living proof that the power of mantra is as relevant today as it was thousands of years ago.

THE YOGA OF SACRED SONG AND CHANT

Friday, October 19, 2007

&

Sunday, October 21, 2007

Scottsdale Center for the Arts

Virginia Piper Theater

Concert starts at 8:00pm

Doors open at 7:00pm

Tickets available through the

Scottsdale Center for the Arts

480-994-2787

\$28.50 / \$32.50 premium seating

A Voice Celebration Workshop

11:00am - 5:00pm

Anthem Ironwood Country Club

41551 N. Anthem Hills Drive, Anthem AZ

TicketForce 1-877-840-0457

or locally at Peace of The Universe,

7000 E. Shea Blvd., #1710, Scottsdale, AZ

\$110.00 per person

www.devapremalmiten.com - www.ticketforce.com - www.scctickets.org - www.apeaceoftheuniverse.com



Please join us to toast

**Rev. Richard & Arlene**

as we congratulate them on their August 4 marriage!

A reception will be held after the last worship service

**on Sunday, September 16.**

Richard and Arlene will begin receiving people at 1 p.m.

Gather with us in the Sanctuary as we celebrate their union in grand style with sparkling cider, cake, music and lots of LOVE!

## World Day of Prayer 24-Hour Prayer Vigil

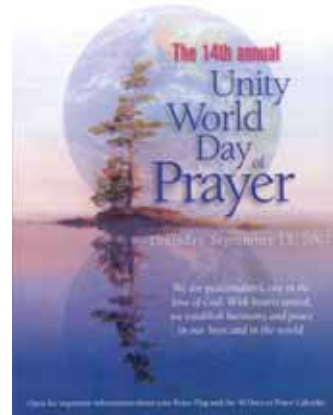
6 p.m. Wednesday, September 12 through 6 p.m. Thursday, September 13

"We are peacemakers, one in the love of God.

With hearts united, we establish harmony and peace in our lives and in the world."

**D**uring World Day of Prayer, hundreds of thousands of people across the globe will join Silent Unity, an international and transdenominational prayer ministry, and Unity churches around the world in a sacred partnership of prayer. The theme this year is World Peace.

We believe this is an incredible opportunity to transform the world through prayer. "Unity's World Day of Prayer is a day filled with the energy of prayer," said Pastoral Care Minister Alice Anderson. "Praying together -- centered in God -- we open our minds and hearts to the unconditional love of God that heals, inspires, guides and strengthens us."



We will hold an "Opening Ceremony" in the Sanctuary to open the Vigil at 6 p.m. Wednesday, September 12, and will continue the Vigil in the Chapel through Thursday, September 13, at 6 p.m.

We welcome you to join us at any time during this 24-hour Vigil, in person or wherever you are, as we set an intention to transform the world through the power of prayer! Prayer is a powerful way to achieve healing, harmony, and understanding. Together we can share in a moment of pure oneness by opening our hearts in faith as we unite in prayer during World Day of Prayer!

Special Prayer Vigil slips are now available for you to fill out at the Chaplain Table in the Courtyard or at the church reception desk. Every name from your prayer slip, every country on our planet, and a special prayer for all of God's children will be prayerfully acknowledged and spoken aloud throughout the 24-hour prayer period. Together, we can transform the world through prayer!

## Friendship Sunday is September 30

Give the gift of love ...

Introduce a friend to Unity!

Join us for fun, fellowship and FREE ice cream!



**B**ring your appetite and enjoy fun, friendship and a frozen ice cream treat on Friendship Sunday! We'll serve complimentary ice cream bars after all morning worship services.

Be sure to wear a nametag so that all of our Unity family members can get to know one another better!

And please **BRING A FRIEND**. After all, what better gift of friendship could you give than to introduce someone to Unity, and show them how much they can be spiritually fed? We just know they'll eat it up!!!

## Communion

September 2

and October 7

12:45 p.m. in the Chapel

(and the 1st Sunday of Every Month)

**O**ur monthly Communion includes prayer, silence, responsive readings and partaking of the elements. September's service will be facilitated by Cathy Corbin. October's service will be facilitated by Rev. Mark Fisk. Please join us for this sacred and holy time!



# Volunteer/Outreach Ministry

## Volunteering: It Changes YOU -- It Changes the World!



By Penni Honey  
Operations and Facilities Manager

**Y**ou ARE changing the World! Yes -- it is true -- right now by your very breath you are changing the world. Think about it- without you occupying the space you stand or sit in right now -- the entire arrangement of the room would be different- Yes! You ARE changing the World. Just by BEING!

So thanks for that!

Now that we have determined that the question is not "CAN I change the World?," but "HOW can I change the World?" ... You just did! By looking in and asking the question, you just did. It starts right here. Isn't this easy? And that is what Unity of Phoenix has done and is doing- we have looked within and **WE ARE CHANGING THE WORLD.**

"Reaching In" by participating in the many volunteer opportunities available in our ministry can ab"soul"utely change your world. Consider dedicating some of your time to our:

- **Friendship Sunday** on Sept. 30.
- **"You Can Change the World" Facilitator Training** for our circle groups that will begin meeting the week of September 30.
- Our **Halloween Carnival** on October 28.
- **Unity Business Fair** on Nov. 4.

**YOUR** presence, **YOUR** participation, **YOUR** effort will change how these activities impact the ministry.

And the bonus is that your presence, participation and effort will change **YOU.** See, you just did it again; you just changed the world! Every time **YOU** change -- every time you deepen **YOUR own** connection --**YOU** change the world!

So how big is the world? My friend Cathee says that, "God is as big as I believe it to be in any given moment." Applying that wisdom would mean that, "The *world* is as big as I believe it to be in any given moment." So let's change a **BIGGER** world!

So, get ready! Let's **REACH OUT** by attending:

- **World Day of Prayer** on September 12-13.
- Our **Outreach Committee Training** on October 14. At this meeting, Rev. Maraj will outline the seven Committees for Community Outreach.
- **Feed the 500** on November 2 as we feed 500 homeless people in downtown Phoenix.

All of the events require powerful, dedicated, inspired **WORLD**

**CHANGERS** like **YOU.** **CHANGE THE WORLD** with a deeper connection to a bigger world and, again, you will see how **YOUR** presence, **YOUR** participation and **YOUR** effort will change **YOU.** See, you did it **AGAIN** ... **YOU CHANGED THE WORLD!!** Wow; you are really good at this!

It really is that easy ... really! Thank you for showing up, thank you for being the change that you hope to see. Thank you for allowing God to be God in you. Thank you for **CHANGING THE WORLD!**

Any questions? That's why we are here! Stop by the Volunteer table in the courtyard, or contact me at [phoney@unityphx.org](mailto:phoney@unityphx.org) or 602.978.3200, Ext. 231. I can give you all the information you need about volunteer opportunities, or just give you a gentle reminder that **YOU CAN CHANGE THE WORLD!**



### Our Outreach Mission:

*"We bring light to the world by spiritually and physically supporting and empowering those in need."*

### Join Our Outreach Effort!

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### Help Us 'Feed the 500!'

#### Friday, November 2:

**O**ne of the most powerful Bible stories is that of Jesus' miraculous feeding of the 5,000 with only two fish and five loaves of bread. As one of our first Outreach projects this year, we'll replicate a smaller version of this event with a barbecue for 500 to 600 homeless.

The Human Services Campus provides a broad spectrum of supportive services to homeless individuals in the Phoenix area.

As part of those services, the Andre House of Hospitality provides an evening meal for 500 to 600 homeless individuals every day except Fridays.

On November 2, we will take responsibility for filling that Friday gap for the Andre House. We'll hold a barbecue on the Human Service Campus, which is located at 11th Avenue and Jackson Street in Phoenix. We will need 40 to 50 volunteers to make this event happen! The barbecue should be over, cleaned and packed up no later than 6 p.m.

Come help us feed the homeless and the consciousness of the world! To volunteer, stop by the Volunteer Ministry Table in the Courtyard after Sunday morning worship services, or contact Penni Honey at [phoney@unityphx.org](mailto:phoney@unityphx.org) or 602.978.3200, Ext. 231.

## We Love Our Volunteers!



## Join Our 'Helping Hands Ministry'



**T**hrough our "Helping Hands" program, the Unity of Phoenix Pastoral Care Division offers service, help and support to members of our own church community and the community at large. To assist our friends and neighbors in need, we offer grocery coupons, bus passes, and community resources. Each person who requests assistance receives a packet that includes the *Daily Word*, a prayer request slip and lists of community resources for food, shelter, and clothing.

Our Pastoral Care Team always offers prayer and support to the many people who come to our ministry for assistance. When we have the resources available, we give food, water and other drinks, especially in the summer time!

If you would like to make a financial contribution to this wonderful program, please make checks payable to Unity of Phoenix and put "Discretionary Fund" in the memo line. Send to Unity of Phoenix, 1500 E. Greenway Parkway, Phoenix, AZ 85022, Attention: Rev. Alice Anderson.

Please join us as we hold our community in prayer!

# Campaign Tithes

## Campaign Tithe Projects Build Community Locally and Globally

By Pam Petersen  
Unity of Phoenix Board Member and  
Chair of Tithing Committee



In May 2007 the Unity of Phoenix Board of Trustees announced two ministry tithe projects inspired by the success of our capital Fundraising Campaign. We selected the **Valley of the Sun Habitat for Humanity** and the **Hunger Project** as our major Campaign tithe recipients because their empowerment programs truly advance our ministry vision of being “a magnifying power for the miraculous transformation of the world!”



Founded in 1976, Habitat for Humanity is a Christian-based organization that, like Unity, invites people from all walks of life to build community together. Habitat's mission is to eliminate substandard housing by creating strategic partnerships to build and renovate homes, and to serve as a catalyst for social awareness.

Arizona ranks 40th in the nation in the percentage of residents who own their own homes, and 1.2 million Arizonans currently live in substandard housing. Habitat volunteers have tackled this challenge locally by completing over 400 homes in Maricopa County alone, and Unity of Phoenix intends to help.

In addition to tithe money, we are committed to tithing our time and our talent by participating in Habitat builds throughout our three-year Campaign. We anticipate this project will provide hands-on volunteer opportunities for teens and adults in the areas of construction, clean up and hospitality during at least one weekend in each Campaign year. In this way, we can continue building our own Unity community by helping others build theirs!

We are also committed to infuse Habitat and its families with our ongoing love and prayer support. Habitat families are working families who wish to purchase their first home, but cannot qualify for traditional loans. Habitat offers its families a 0% interest mortgage, thereby making home ownership more affordable. Monthly mortgage payments are made to Habitat's “Fund for Humanity,” which then reinvests all proceeds in land acquisition and new home construction. This system has allowed more than 750,000 people worldwide to purchase Habitat homes.

To qualify, Habitat families must have a stable two-year income and credit history, earn between 30-60% of the median income in the metropolitan Phoenix area, demonstrate a need for adequate housing, and attend classes in home maintenance and budgeting. Family members must also complete 400 hours of “sweat equity,” including 100 hours helping to build someone else's home.



Celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, the Hunger Project is a strategic organization committed to the sustainable end of chronic hunger on our planet. The Hunger Project's African epicenter strategy transforms 10,000 lives by empowering clusters of villages to build self-reliant communities and end their own hunger by working together to meet all of their basic needs.

The epicenter strategy unfolds in four distinct phases. Phase 1 focuses on mobilizing local resources and gaining the support of local government officials. For an entire year, the Hunger Project conducts Vision, Commitment and Action workshops where villagers create a new vision for their community, take a stand to achieve it, and develop action plans. Out of the VCA workshops, people with natural leadership abilities emerge and the Hunger Project provides these leaders with additional training and support to launch village-level projects. The success of these projects helps overcome people's sense of resignation and dependency, and builds confidence that they can take development into their own hands.

The promotion of gender equality is at the heart of all Hunger Project programs, because the severe subjugation of women is a root cause of chronic hunger. Thus, the culmination of Phase 1 is the election of an epicenter committee with equal numbers of women and men, who will be responsible for all future epicenter activities.

In Phase 2, which also takes about a year, the villages come together to build the epicenter facilities. The chiefs donate five acres of land for the epicenter building and community farm. Although the Hunger Project hires a contractor to supervise construction, the epicenter committee provides volunteer labor to make concrete blocks and build the community center. Subcommittees are created to manage each function of the epicenter, including the medical clinic, school and food bank. The Hunger Project also begins HIV/AIDS and gender inequality workshops to teach the facts about AIDS and invite people to examine the dangerous gender behaviors that fuel the spread of the disease.

For the next three years in Phase 3, villagers operate epicenter programs in partnership with the Hunger Project. Once the epicenter is fully operational, the surrounding villages make rapid progress in meeting all their basic needs. The community farm provides food security and introduces new farming techniques. The food from the community farm goes

to a food bank, where it protects the epicenter against shortages and allows farmers to store their food and take it to market when prices are good.

During this phase, the Women's Empowerment Project provides intensive training for selected women leaders in legal rights, leadership skills and reproductive health. The Hunger Project also establishes a micro-credit bank, and its African Woman Food Farmer Initiative organizes women into credit groups and gives them access to credit, savings and training. The all-women loan committees run the epicenter bank and typically require loan recipients to keep their girls in school.

Government certification of the bank means the epicenter is now mobilizing enough savings and generating enough income to meet its day-to-day costs of operation. At this point, in Phase 4, the epicenter is fully self-reliant and the Hunger Project steps aside.

In five short years and a minimal cost of \$40 per person, the community has transformed a culture of dependency, resignation and gender discrimination into one of responsibility, self-reliance and gender equality. In the process, it has achieved substantially lowered infant and maternal mortality rates, safe water and sanitation, a significant slowing in the spread of AIDS and malaria, sustainable livelihoods, and a changed consciousness regarding the value and role of women.

To date, the Hunger Project has initiated 87 epicenters in eight African countries including Senegal, Ghana, Benin, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Uganda, Malawi and Mozambique. Sixteen of these epicenters have achieved self-reliance, and the oldest epicenter in Senegal has been self-reliant for nine years!

Unity of Phoenix is excited to partner with the Hunger Project in its epicenter work. We will be “adopting” an epicenter near the completion of Phase 1 so we can track its progress and surround the community with our love and prayer support.

In year three of our own Campaign, we also hope to send representatives from our Unity community to visit an African epicenter to experience this miraculous transformative process at the grassroots level and report back to us.

Thank you, thank you for making these tithe projects possible by your continuing support of this ministry.

Together, we can change the world!

### Dollars and Sense: Here's How It Works

It is Unity of Phoenix's intention during our three-year capital Fundraising Campaign to tithe an amount equal to 10% of our total Campaign receipts. These tithes will be drawn from our general fund, rather than from the Campaign contributions. This way every dollar given to the Campaign will be dedicated to debt reduction, while we stay true to the tithing principles we teach.

With more than \$1.7 million pledged to the Campaign to date, our tithe presents an amazing opportunity to significantly impact our community and our world!

Our intention is to tithe **\$65,000 to the Valley of the Sun Habitat for Humanity**, which is the amount it costs to build a complete Habitat home.

We further intend to tithe **\$100,000 to the Hunger Project**, which is one-fourth of the cost of an African epicenter.

These tithes, however, will depend on our actual Campaign receipts. For example, if Unity of Phoenix receives \$50,000 in Campaign pledges and donations in December, the entire \$50,000 will be used to pay off debt, and the \$5,000 tithe (10%) will be paid from our general fund.

Initially, each tithe project will receive one-half of our monthly Campaign tithe; in this example, \$2,500 to Habitat and \$2,500 to the Hunger Project. Once we have fulfilled our \$65,000 goal to Habitat, 100% of our monthly Campaign tithe will go to the Hunger Project until our \$100,000 goal is reached.

Since our Campaign kick-off in March 2007, we have already tithed **\$19,000** to each of these organizations!

# Spiritual Education



## NEW MEMBER CELEBRATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28 12:30 P.M.

Unity of Phoenix lovingly invites you to become a member. Our next Membership Celebration will be held on **Sunday, October 28, at 12:30 p.m.**; Membership Recognition Sunday will follow on **Sunday, November 4**, when our new members will be presented and blessed during all Sunday morning worship services.

Keep in mind that the completion of our *Prayer I* and *Unity Basics I* courses is a prerequisite for becoming a Unity of Phoenix member, teen sponsor, prayer chaplain or Board trustee. If you are considering any of these roles, please make a note of these upcoming opportunities to complete this required coursework!

## MEMBERSHIP CLASSES



### Welcome to Unity

*In September:*

**Sunday, September 9  
12:45-1:45 p.m.; Room 7  
Facilitator: Susie Whiting,  
LUT Student**



*In October:*

**Sunday, October 14  
12:45-1:45 p.m.; Room 7  
Facilitator: Rev. Alice Anderson**

This class will provide direction for your individual path, as well as answer questions about Unity. We will discuss the history of the Unity movement as well as our own Unity of Phoenix history. Plan on attending this class to get acquainted with and become more aware of our spiritual family.



### Unity Basics I

**Mondays, September 10 and 17  
7 to 9 p.m.; Rooms 6&7  
Facilitator: Rev. Richard Maraj  
\$10 Suggested Love Offering**

Find out what Unity is all about! You will explore the history of Unity, and how the Unity spiritual movement began. You will also learn the five foundational beliefs that are unique to Unity, and how using these five spiritual practices can transform your life, and open your heart and soul to a fuller, richer experience of God and life.



### Prayer I

**Thursdays, September 20 and 27  
7 to 9 p.m.; Chapel  
Facilitator: Cynthia Ragsdale,  
Unity Ministerial Student  
\$10 Suggested Love Offering**

Prayer is a foundational practice that cultivates our relationship with God. Consistency in our prayer life is the pathway to deepening our awareness of our Oneness with God.

*Unless otherwise noted, the fee for all classes is a \$10 suggested love offering. (Please see the note about love offerings on the opposite page.) You may pay with cash or check, and can also pay with a credit card at the front Reception Desk.*

*You can register for classes a number of ways: at the Spiritual Education table in the courtyard on Sundays; on our website at [www.unityphx.org](http://www.unityphx.org); or by contacting Regina Best at 602.978.3200, or [rbest@unityphx.org](mailto:rbest@unityphx.org).*

*You do NOT need to be a member of Unity of Phoenix to attend classes.*

## SUNDAY CLASSES

No classes or activities.

## MONDAY CLASSES

### Space For Grace: A Yoga Class for All Levels

**Mondays, Ongoing**

**9 to 10:30 a.m.; Rooms 9&10**

**Facilitator: Glora Whitaker, Certified Yoga Instructor  
\$10 suggested love offering (per weekly session)**



This yoga class embodies the many practices and philosophies of the Eastern traditions. The meaning of yoga is to unite the mind, body, heart and soul. Through the practice of these ancient teachings, we will integrate the separate aspects of self so we are more fully aware of our connection with Grace. Our practice will be to let go of each moment as it arises and stay present in this moment where Grace lives. Each yoga class is experiential and unique and will create well being of the mind, body, heart and soul. Classes are physical, as we will use the postures, the breath and meditation as our practice. Everyone is welcome as our first practice is, "To embrace self right where we are."

### Deep Stretch Yoga and Meditation Class for All Levels

**Mondays, Ongoing**

**4 to 5 p.m.; Room 9**

**Facilitator: Christy Grace,  
Certified Yoga Instructor**

**\$10 suggested love offering (per weekly session)**



Yoga can help you to feel better physically, mentally and emotionally, and also help to manage anxiety and disease. Yoga also improves muscle tone, flexibility, strength and stamina; boosts self esteem and increases inner peace; reduces stress and tension; improves concentration and creativity; lowers fat; improves circulation; and creates a sense of well-being and calmness. Bring your own yoga mat and/or towel.

### Jesus' Teaching

**Mondays, September 10-October 8**

**7 to 9 p.m.; Room 10**

**Facilitator: Rev. Mark Fisk**

**Required SEE Class for 10 credits**

**\$10 suggested love offering (per weekly session)**



A literal and metaphysical exploration of the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth uncovers the heart of the Unity message -- and how that message evolves through the process of life. The primary focus of the course will be the three synoptic gospels -- Matthew, Mark and Luke -- and the first part of Acts. Required book: The Bible.

## TUESDAY CLASSES



### Body for God

**Tuesday, September 4**

**7 to 9 p.m.; Rooms 6&7**

**Facilitators: Dr. Ramsey Gordon  
and Penni Honey**

**\$10 suggested love offering**



This workshop is a 12-week body transformation challenge which is open to all ages, body types and fitness levels. Dr. Gordon has been a health coach for over 25 years and has designed this program to inspire and coach you to a state of fitness you never thought possible. Discover the secrets to the fastest, healthiest and most natural path to the body God wants you to have!

This workshop is about how and why this system works. There is no obligation to start the challenge by attending this workshop. Come by yourself or bring the whole family as this program works for every body!



### The Art of Moving Prayer

**Tuesdays, October 2-30**

**6:30 to 7:45 p.m.; Rooms 6&7**

**Facilitator: Regina Best**

**Class Fee: \$10 (per weekly session)**

The Art of Moving Prayer was designed to allow you to pray with your entire being,

moving your prayer practice from your head to your heart, then into your whole body. When we pray with intention, using sign language, breathing and movement, all four parts of the brain are stimulated: This results in improved concentration, balance, blood pressure, memory—and deep peace. Prayers such as "Healthy, Happy, Holy," "Instrument of Peace" and "The Serenity Prayer" come alive in this interactive program. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes with some support.

Before being called to Unity's teachings, Regina Best was active for many years as a Religious Science Practitioner. She serves clients as a spiritual counselor, and has taught classes and served as a guest speaker in New Thought churches for over 20 years.

## WEDNESDAY CLASSES

*Would you love to attend one of our Wednesday evening classes, but don't have anyone to watch the kids? Let us do it for you! Unity of Phoenix offers childcare for individuals who attend our Wednesday evening classes.*



### Deep Stretch Yoga and Meditation Class for All Levels

**Wednesdays, Ongoing**

**4 to 5 p.m.; Room 9**

**Facilitator: Christy Grace,  
Certified Yoga Instructor**

**\$10 suggested love offering (per**

**weekly session)**

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### Beginning Meditation

**Wednesday, September 5**

**7 to 9 p.m.; Chapel**

**Facilitator: Rev. Alice Anderson**

**\$10 suggested love offering**

If you are just learning to meditate or would like to learn more about HOW, this interactive class is for you! Join others, just like yourself who desire to know more of God in their life. This class will support your spiritual growth as you learn to quiet your mind and tune in to God's intuitive guidance for your life.



### New Testament Interpretation of the Bible

**Wednesdays, through September 26**

**7 to 9 p.m.; Rooms 6&7**

**Facilitator: Mark Fisk**

**Required SEE Class for 10 Credits**

**\$10 suggested love offering (per**

**weekly session)**

This course will apply the tools of metaphysical interpretation to the New Testament, with emphasis on the letters and the Book of Revelation. This course is a requirement for those enrolled in Unity's Spiritual Education and Enrichment Program. Please bring a Bible to class!



### Meditation Practices

**Formerly Life of Prayer, Part B**

**Wednesdays, October 3-24**

**7 to 9 p.m.; Rooms 6&7**

**Facilitator: Rev. Mark Fisk**

**Required SEE class for 10 Credits**

**Written assignment required for full credit**

**\$10 suggested love offering (per weekly session)**

This class explores several different meditation practices, to experience and discover ones that work best for you. Recommended Text: *Meditation for Dummies*.

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## THURSDAY CLASSES

### A Course in Miracles

Thursdays, Ongoing  
6:30 to 8 p.m.; Chapel  
Facilitator: Suzanne Noonan  
\$10 suggested love offering (per weekly session)



This popular ongoing study group is a pathway to peace of mind. *A Course in Miracles* teaches us that we are holy children of God, and how to recognize the difference between Truth and perception. The course explores how to escape from the dream world of perceptions that bring us pain and into Spirit's Truth by reversing our thinking and unlearning our mistakes. Come learn how to experience miracles! New students and participants are always welcome!

### The Secrets of The Secret

Thursdays,  
September 20-October 11  
7 to 9 p.m.; Rooms 6&7  
Facilitator: Dr. Mitzi Lynton  
\$10 suggested love offering (per weekly session)



Join us as we discover how to practically and successfully apply the concepts illustrated in the movie, *The Secret*. By viewing sections of the movie each week and engaging in discussion and experiential exercises, you will learn how to have greater prosperity, joy, health, peace and love in your life!

### Secrets of The Secret 2: Advanced Manifestation

Thursdays, October 18-November 15  
(No class October 25)  
7 to 9 p.m.; Rooms 6&7  
Facilitator: Dr. Mitzi Lynton  
\$10 suggested love offering (per weekly session)



This class is for those who have taken the *Secrets of The Secret* 1. If you are ready to uncover and discard blocks that are preventing you from what you really want, take this class! Through experiential exercises and multi-media presentations you will learn advanced manifestation techniques to be in alignment with all that you desire. By

## What Is a Love Offering?

A love offering is a voluntary gift that reflects the perceived value you have received from something or someone.

Most of our classes and workshops are provided on a "love offering" basis. Usually the church and the teacher split the love offering. In short, our teachers only receive for their services and talents a portion of what is provided through love offerings.

This is critical to understand, because it's important that our teachers be rewarded with an amount reflective of their substantial contributions.

Thank you for taking this into consideration when you attend your next class!

concentrating on one particular challenge or goal (prosperity, health, relationships, etc.), you will get the chance to "laser-focus" your manifestation powers and bring your desired result to you more quickly and fully. Prerequisite: *Secrets of The Secret* 1.

## FRIDAY CLASSES

No classes or activities.

## SATURDAY CLASSES

### Connecting as a Couple Workshop

Childcare available!  
Saturdays, September 8 and 15  
9 a.m. to Noon.; Rooms 6&7  
Facilitators: Mark and Lisa Salazar  
\$10 suggested love offering (per weekly session)



This course is open to all couples who are interested in improving the quality of their relationship. Whether your relationship is new or you have been together forever, this class will provide skills and experiences that will help partners to share open and honest communication, experience a deeper, more spiritual connection, grow together through common vision, mission and goals, be more supportive of each other, resolve relationship conflicts and become best friends!

### Body for God

Saturday, September 8  
3 to 5 p.m.; Rooms 6&7  
Facilitators: Dr. Ramsey Gordon and Penni Honey  
\$10 suggested love offering



This workshop is a 12-week body transformation challenge which is open to all ages, body types and fitness levels. Dr. Gordon has been a health coach for over 25 years and has designed this program to inspire and coach you to a state of fitness you never thought possible. Discover the secrets to the fastest, healthiest and most natural path to

the body God wants you to have!

This workshop is about how and why this system works. There is no obligation to start the challenge by attending this workshop. Come by yourself or bring the whole family as this program works for every body!

### Healing Grief Workshop

Saturdays:  
September 8, 15, 22 and 29;  
October 6, 13 and 20  
OR  
January 5, 12, 19 and 26;  
February 2, 9 and 16  
1 to 3 p.m., Room 8



Facilitator: Rev. Joan Bacchus, LUT  
Class closes after the first session  
\$10 suggested love offering (per weekly session)

The grief that results from loss, large or small, often requires loving spiritual support and education. Unresolved grief can be a barrier to the greater experience of God and life. In this workshop, a sacred space for healing is created for partici-

pants to share personal feelings and concerns as they journey on the path of healing. Confidentiality of participants is honored and space is provided for questions and gentle guidance. This is a seven-week CLOSED workshop with two follow-up gatherings at the end of the sessions. The class is open to the first 12 people who pre-register. The books *Understanding Your Grief Journal* and *Understanding Your Grief: 10 Essential Touchstones* by Dr. Alan D. Wolfe are the required texts and will be available for purchase in the Divine Idea Bookstore prior to the first class.

### Low Cost Cardiac Screening

Saturdays, September 15 and October 20  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Room 5 and Chapel  
Facilitator: Sharon Bates  
(Supported by Dr. Jeffrey Pakula, Sun City, and Stephen Pophal, St. Joseph Hospital)  
Fee: \$75 (per session)



Is your family "heart healthy?" Undergoing a low-cost cardiac screening will benefit healthy living through prevention. Ultrasound heart tests and ECG (electrical heart test) will be available for anyone interested in their heart health.

Protect your family from Sudden Cardiac Death (SCD), the #1 killer in the United States. A high school athlete dies from SCD every three days in the United States; SCD is the number one killer of American women, and claims the lives of over 450,000 Americans every year.

This is your chance to detect this killer early and save lives and provide peace of mind!

### The Awakening Process: I AM

Saturday, Sept. 22 - I AM Loved and Supported  
Saturday, Oct. 13 - I AM Free  
Both held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Room 5  
Facilitator: Shirley Catanzaro  
\$10 suggested love offering (per weekly session)

This workshop is a path that will guide you to Spiritual Oneness, opening doors that you have long kept locked and allowing the light of love to shine upon your truth. The Journey will open your heart and your mind to the YOU that you have always wanted to be. May your own Journey into the Process lead you to manifest the greatness in YOU!

### Living the Four Agreements-The Next Step

Saturday, October 6  
1 to 4 p.m.; Gathering Room  
Facilitator: Gary Van Warmerdam  
Class Fee: \$20 (per session)



In the best selling book, *The Four Agreements*, don Miguel Ruiz introduces a powerful code of conduct to challenge fear based beliefs and the sabotaging voice in your head.

While the principles of the Four Agreements are simple, they are not necessarily easy. Derived from 12 years of personal study with don Miguel, Gary will share practical insight and exercises for integrating the Four Agreements. Learn how to develop your awareness and personal power so that you stop taking things personally, quiet the voice in your head and create peace and love in your heart!



## Our Vision

We are a spiritual light for peace, love and healing, and a magnifying power for the miraculous transformation of the world.

## Our Mission

As expressions of God, we create a consciousness of love and celebrate the Divinity within all people.

## Our Values

Love  
Diversity  
Service  
Community

## Our Goals

Raise Consciousness  
Build Community  
Nurture Youth and Family  
Provide Outreach to Our Community  
Claim God's Abundance

# October 2007

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<p><b>Abbreviations:</b>  <b>C - Chapel</b>  <b>S - Sanctuary</b>  <b>GR - Gathering Room</b></p>	<p>9 AM - Space for Grace-Yoga for All Levels, R9&amp;10            4 PM - Deep Stretch Yoga, R9            7 PM - Jesus' Teaching, R10            AA Meeting, R3</p>	<p>6:30 PM - The Art of Moving Prayer, R6&amp;7            AA Meeting, R9&amp;10</p>	<p>4 PM - Deep Stretch Yoga, R9            6:15 PM - Meditation Service, C            Childcare for Meditation Service, GR            7 PM - Meditation Practices, R6&amp;7            Childcare for Classes, GR            Uniteen Fun Night, R9            Y.O.U. Fun Night, R10</p>	<p>5:45 PM - Toastmasters, R5            6:30 PM - A Course in Miracles, C            7 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal, S            Secrets of 'The Secret', R6&amp;7            Happy Ever After Connection Group, Offsite</p>	<p>Church Offices Closed            10 AM - Bulletin Assembly Team (BAT)            7 PM - Living Love Drumming Circle, Offsite</p>	<p>1 PM - Healing Grief Workshop (Closed), R8            Living the Four Agreements, GR            3 PM - AA Meeting, R10            Sarasvati's Dream Concert, R6&amp;7</p>
<p>8:15, 9:45 &amp; 11:15 AM -            8:55 AM - Preschool Off Program (POP), R1            9 AM - Children's Choir Rehearsal, R6            12:45 PM - Communion, C            1 PM - Uniteen and Y.O.U. Laser Quest, Offsite</p>	<p>9 AM - Space for Grace-Yoga for All Levels, R9&amp;10            4 PM - Deep Stretch Yoga, R9            7 PM - Rainbow Connection Group, R5            Jesus' Teaching, R10            AA Meeting, R3</p>	<p>6:30 PM - The Art of Moving Prayer, R6&amp;7            AA Meeting, R9&amp;10</p>	<p>Noon - VIP-Owls Luncheon, R6&amp;7            4 PM - Deep Stretch Yoga, R9            6:15 PM - Meditation Service, C            7 PM - Childcare for Meditation Service, GR            Meditation Practices, R6&amp;7            Childcare for Classes, GR            Law of Attraction Connection Group, R5            Uniteen Rites of Passage, R10</p>	<p>5:45 PM - Toastmasters, R5            6:30 PM - A Course in Miracles, C            7 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal, S            Secrets of 'The Secret', R6&amp;7            Happy Ever After Connection Group, Offsite            7:30 PM - AA Meeting, R11</p>	<p>Church Offices Closed            10 AM - Bulletin Assembly Team (BAT)</p>	<p>9:30 AM - The Awakening Process, R5            1 PM - Healing Grief Workshop, R8 (Closed)            3 PM - AA Meeting, R10</p>
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**AMAN MOTWANE**  
**'YES, YOU CAN CHANGE THE WORLD!'**  
**Sunday, October 21 • Sunday Morning Services • 1 p.m. Workshop**

**WORSHIP SERVICES Every Sunday, 8:15 AM, 9:45 AM, 11:15 AM**

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY/NURSERY Sunday, 8:15 AM, 9:45 AM, 11:15 AM**  
**TEEN MINISTRY All Sundays: Uniteens (6-8) 11:15 AM, R10; Y.O.U. 11:15 AM, R9**

**MEDITATION SERVICE Every Wednesday, 6:15 PM**  
**COMMUNION 1st Sunday of the Month, 12:45 PM**

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<p>8:15, 9:45 &amp; 11:15 AM - Worship Services, S <i>No Sunday School</i> - Children and teens are encouraged to attend services with the adult who brought them 12:45 PM - Communion, C</p>	<p>LABOR DAY HOLIDAY - CHURCH CLOSED</p>	<p>6:30 PM - AA Meeting, R9&amp;10 7 PM - Body for God, R6&amp;7</p>	<p>4 PM - Deep Stretch Yoga, R9 6:15 PM - Meditation Service, C 7 PM - Beginning Meditation, C Childcare for Classes, GR New Testament Bible Interpretation, R6&amp;7 Uniteen Fun Night, R10 Y.O.U. Fun Night, R9</p>	<p>5:45 PM - Toastmasters, R5 6:30 PM - A Course in Miracles, C 7 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal, S Offsite 7:30 PM - AA Meeting, R11</p>	<p>Church Offices Closed 10 AM - Bulletin Assembly Team (BAT) 7 PM - Living Love Drumming Circle, Offsite</p>	<p>3 PM - AA Meeting, R10</p> <p>9 AM - Connecting as a Couple, R6&amp;7 Fall Teacher Connection, GR 1 PM - Healing Grief Workshop, R8 (Closed) 3 PM - Body for God, R6&amp;7 AA Meeting, R10</p>
<p>8:15, 9:45 &amp; 11:15 AM - Worship Services, S 12:45 PM - Welcome to Unity, R7 1 PM - Facilitator Training: Yes, You Can Change the World, C Chaplain Orientation, R6&amp;7 Y.O.U. Pool Party, Offsite</p>	<p>9 AM - Space for Grace-Yoga for All Levels, R9&amp;10 4 PM - Deep Stretch Yoga, R9 7 PM - Rainbow Connection Group, R5 Unity Basics I, R6&amp;7 Jesus' Teaching, R10 AA Meeting, R3</p>	<p>6:30 PM - AA Meeting, R9&amp;10</p>	<p>Noon - VIP-Owls Luncheon, R6&amp;7 4 PM - Deep Stretch Yoga, R9 6 PM - World Day of Prayer Kick-Off, S 7 PM - Childcare for World Day of Prayer, GR Law of Attraction Connection Group, R5 Childcare for Classes, GR New Testament Bible Interpretation, R6&amp;7 Uniteen Rites of Passage, R10 World Day of Prayer, C</p>	<p>World Day of Prayer - All Day, C 5:45 PM - Toastmasters, R5 6:30 PM - A Course in Miracles, C 7 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal (Closed), S Happy Ever After Connection Group, Offsite 7:30 PM - AA Meeting, R11</p>	<p>Church Offices Closed 10 AM - Bulletin Assembly Team (BAT) 6:30 PM - Moonlight Hike, Meet in Parking Lot</p>	<p>7 AM - Fitness for Fun Hiking Group, Meet in Parking Lot 9 AM - Low-Cost Cardiac Screening, C and R5 Connecting as a Couple, R6&amp;7 1 PM - Healing Grief Workshop, R8 (Closed) 3 PM - AA Meeting, R10</p>
<p>8:15, 9:45 &amp; 11:15 AM - Worship Services, FLC 1 PM - Reception for Rev. Maraji and Arlene, Sanctuary Facilitator Training: Yes, You Can Change the World, C Uniteen Pool Party, Offsite</p>	<p>9 AM - Space for Grace-Yoga for All Levels, R9&amp;10 4 PM - Deep Stretch Yoga, R9 7 PM - Rainbow Connection Group, R5 Unity Basics I, R6&amp;7 Jesus' Teaching, R10 AA Meeting, R3</p>	<p>6:30 PM - AA Meeting, R9&amp;10</p>	<p>4 PM - Deep Stretch Yoga, R9 6:15 PM - Meditation Service, C 7 PM - Childcare for Meditation Service, GR New Testament Bible Interpretation, R6&amp;7 Childcare for Classes, GR Uniteen Rites of Passage, R10 Y.O.U. Heart Connection, R9</p>	<p>5:45 PM - Toastmasters, R5 6:30 PM - A Course in Miracles, R8 7 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal (Closed), S Prayer I, C Secrets of 'The Secret', R6&amp;7 Happy Ever After Connection Group, Offsite 7:30 PM - AA Meeting, R11</p>	<p>Church Offices Closed 10 AM - Bulletin Assembly Team (BAT) 6:30 PM - Moonlight Hike, Meet in Parking Lot</p>	<p>9:30 AM - The Awakening Process, R7 10 AM - Facilitator Training: Yes, You Can Change the World, C 1 PM - Healing Grief Workshop, R8 (Closed) 3 PM - AA Meeting, R10</p>
<p>8:15, 9:45 &amp; 11:15 AM - Worship Services, S 9 AM - <i>Guest Minister: Dr. Paul Eppinger</i> Children's Choir Rehearsal, R6 12:30 PM - Uniteen Rites of Passage Orientation, R9&amp;10</p>	<p>9 AM - Space for Grace-Yoga for All Levels, R9&amp;10 4 PM - Deep Stretch Yoga, R9 7 PM - Jesus' Teaching, R10 AA Meeting, R3</p>	<p>6:30 PM - AA Meeting, R9&amp;10</p>	<p>4 PM - Deep Stretch Yoga, R9 6:15 PM - Meditation Service, C 7 PM - Childcare for Meditation Service, GR New Testament Bible Interpretation, R6&amp;7 Childcare for Classes, GR Uniteen Rites of Passage, R10</p>	<p>5:45 PM - Toastmasters, R5 6:30 PM - A Course in Miracles, R8 7 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal (Closed), S Prayer I, C Secrets of 'The Secret', R6&amp;7 Happy Ever After Connection Group, Offsite 7:30 PM - AA Meeting, R11</p>	<p>Church Offices Closed 10 AM - Bulletin Assembly Team (BAT) 6:30 PM - Moonlight Hike, Meet in Parking Lot</p>	<p>1 PM - Healing Grief Workshop, R8 (Closed) 3 PM - AA Meeting, R10</p>
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<p><b>RECEPTION FOR REV. RICHARD &amp; ARLENE IN CELEBRATION OF THEIR AUGUST 4 MARRIAGE</b> Sunday, September 16 • 1 p.m. • Sanctuary</p>						
<p>WORSHIP SERVICES Every Sunday, 8:15 AM, 9:45 AM, 11:15 AM</p> <p>CHILDREN'S MINISTRY/NURSERY Sunday, 8:15 AM, 9:45 AM, 11:15 AM TEEN MINISTRY All Sundays: Uniteens (6-8) 11:15 AM, R10, Y.O.U. 11:15 AM, R9</p> <p>MEDITATION SERVICE Every Wednesday, 6:15 PM COMMUNION 1st Sunday of the Month, 12:45 PM</p>						

Abbreviations:  
C - Chapel  
S - Sanctuary  
GR - Gathering Room

# Pastoral Care

## Celebrate With Us Our Prayer Chaplain Program's 10th Year!!!!



*Prayer Chaplain Program  
Founder Rev. Lei Lanni Burt  
Will Celebrate with Us  
During October 28  
Worship Services*

By Rev. Alice Anderson  
Pastoral Care Minister

**N**ow is the time to answer the call to serve! Prayer Chaplain training begins this month and we have some exciting things planned!

• **Our Prayer Chaplain Orientation Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 9, at 1 p.m.** This is a great time to find out more information about our Prayer Chaplain Program and make a connection with others

on a similar path. (Please note: if you are interested in becoming a Prayer Chaplain, this meeting is required.)

• **The Off-Site Training for Prayer Chaplains will take place September 21, 22 and 23.** This is a terrific opportunity to go deeper on your spiritual journey and learn the tools to support, not only your *own* spiritual journey, but the entire congregation, as well.

• **The Saturday trainings** (a complete schedule of our Prayer Chaplain training is available upon request) are to further enhance your growth, and teach you how to be an advocate for others in knowing the Truth. You will be taught to pray with others, to serve with healing energy and be centered in who you are. All training will be completed October 25.

• **We will have two special guests with us during our October 28 Sunday worship services to help us celebrate the 10th anniversary of our Prayer Chaplain program.** We are thrilled that Rev. Lei Lanni Burt and Diane Williams will be worshipping and celebrating with us on that day. We warmly invite all of our Prayer Chaplains -- present and past -- to attend. We are anxious to share our love and recognize our new Prayer Chaplains, former Prayer Chaplains and, especially, Rev. Lei Lanni Burt for her work in creating this amazing program.

Blessings,

### MILESTONES

#### Memorials

**Linda Lee Gilles** made her transition on July 8, 2007. A memorial was held in her honor on July 20, 2007.

**Dale Bunch** made his transition on July 23, 2007. A memorial was held in his honor on July 28, 2007.

**Ginger Hutton-Gilmartin** made her transition on July 31, 2007. A memorial was held in her honor on August 25, 2007.

#### Christenings

**Breanna Dominique Cariello** was christened on August 19, 2007.

**Chloe Rae Herron** was christened on August 25, 2007.

#### Weddings

**Rev. Richard Maraj and Arlene Pfeiff** were married August 4, 2007.

**Carmelita Macaraeg and Paul Burns** were married August 10, 2007.

### Feel a Deeper Connection to Spirit!

#### Wednesday Evening Meditation Service

6:15 p.m. in the Chapel

Doors close promptly at 6:15 p.m. to honor our meditation time.

The service concludes in time for all 7 p.m. classes

**C**ome feel the energy of our meditation service! An amazing energy of support and healing is present at each service. We have a new feel to the service and have added new meditative music that will enhance the experience and energy of healing and a profound experience of God.

Join us as we raise the consciousness of ourselves and the entire planet. After the service, Prayer Chaplains are available to pray with you.

Come feel the spiritual power of this special service. Then plan to attend our 7 p.m. classes afterward ... it will open your heart and soul!



### What is It Like to be a Prayer Chaplain?

By Phyllis Antonelli Carron



**I**n 2003, when I said I was going to be a Prayer Chaplain at my church, some of my friends and family were quite surprised. I had never been "religious" and their image of me did not match their image of a Prayer Chaplain. In my first Prayer Chaplain retreat, we read Emilie Cady's book, *Lessons in Truth*. I had always seen myself as a seeker. She wrote, "Know once and forever that you are not seeking God, but God is seeking you. Your longing is eternal energy wanting to manifest, you need not strive, only let it, learn how to let it." It brought tears to my eyes. I knew I was in the right program -- divine order! As I prepare for my fifth Prayer Chaplain retreat, I know being a Prayer Chaplain is not about the image or the badge; it is about deepening my connection to God.

**PRAYER:** Our focus is praying with others at services and in our monthly calls to our congregants. Rev. Lei Lanni Burt always reminded us that, when we pray with others, "We give away the original and keep the carbon copy." I am always honored when someone asks me to pray with them. I see it as an opportunity to join our soul energy in affirming the Truth -- that God is in everything, no matter what the prayer request, it is about affirming Christ within and the divine flow in which we are immersed. Affirming the Truth -- reaffirms it in me. I have been doing monthly phone prayer with some of my congregants for five years. To be a part of their journey is a joy and a gift.

**COMMITMENT AND MY WORD:** Being a Prayer Chaplain is about commitment and service--being available for prayer at four services per month, making monthly calls, and attending a monthly Prayer Chaplain meeting. No matter how life shows up, travel, the fray, the pleasures, I do my life and honor my commitments. Mother Teresa said, "The pathway to Peace is Faith, Love, and Service." I always come away from Prayer Chaplain service with more energy, peace, and a renewed connection to spirit.

**PRAYER CHAPLAIN MEETINGS AND RETREATS:** As our spiritual leader, Rev. Alice models and requests us to expand our spiritual consciousness. She and Dorothy Moore ensure our gatherings are a delightful combination of fun, connecting to an amazing group of souls, and opportunities for spiritual growth. She facilitates that with new and interesting ways to offer us processes to heal, to gently confront our fears and limited thinking, and to prompt us to see our greatness. Every retreat, I laugh a lot, cry, and have some profound healing, release, or learn some new way "to only let it..."

Perhaps this is the year for you to become a Prayer Chaplain. Listen to see if God is seeking you in this way!

### Prayer Chaplain Program Lets My Light Shine

By Mark Salazar



**I**am close to completing my first year as a Unity Prayer Chaplain. I chose the path of Prayer Chaplain to become more involved within the Unity community. I love the Sunday services and saw the Prayer Chaplain program as a way to use my abilities and talents in positive ways.

Our Unity vision affirms that each of us are a spiritual light for peace, love, and healing. Serving as a Prayer Chaplain has given me the opportunity to put this vision into practice. I do not feel like this is a duty, but rather that it is an opportunity ... the opportunity to reach out to others and become more of who I am.

Today I am one with the Chaplain team, one with Unity, and one with the presence of God that embraces us all. The light within me illuminates more brightly, and I thank the Prayer Chaplain program for allowing me to shine. I plan to continue as Prayer Chaplain for the upcoming year, and welcome anyone and everyone to join me. As I have found, there is nothing to lose and so much that can be gained.

### The Universe is Calling: Are You Listening?

By Kim Kirkendall



**I**stepped through the doors of Unity of Phoenix Church in April of 2005 for the first time. I was feeling a little guilty that I was there and not at my regular church. But at the same time, I felt comfortable like I was at home. I had no idea that there was a church that was teaching what I had felt in my heart for so many years.

I had heard the universe calling long before to come to Unity, but being the loyal person (or stubborn) I did not listen. But the Universe kept calling. When I felt the nudge to become a Prayer Chaplain, I was ready to listen (although a little hesitant). I did not know what I would do as a Prayer Chaplain. But I *did* know that I should listen and that God would take care of everything else.

He did, everything just fell in place. Prayer Chaplain training with Rev. Alice and Dorothy Moore was so powerful! I had never felt comfortable praying out loud with other people, but what they taught us was to let go of what was going on in our head and to go to our heart and listen to Spirit. God would work in and through me. I learned so much during our training about myself, and what I was holding on to that was holding me back. It was so amazing to see how Spirit was working in each and every one of us to move us forward if we would just listen.

Each month we have regular Prayer Chaplain meetings with Rev. Alice and Dorothy to continue to expand our spiritual growth. I truly thought when I decided to become a Prayer Chaplain that I was doing it to serve others, but what I have gained in the process is immeasurable. This past year has been a year of spiritual growth and amazement for me.

If you have felt that nudge to become a Prayer Chaplain it is no coincidence. The Universe is calling; are you listening?

# Youth & Family Ministry

## Be Here NOW



By Rev. Shannon Olesen  
Youth & Family Minister

**H**ello! Fall is fast approaching and it's my favorite time of year! I always loved going back to school in the fall—all those years from first grade through college, graduate school and, finally, ministerial school. As a Youth & Family Minister, I am keenly aware of how busy families are during this exciting time. Kids and teens are going back to school and getting ready for all kinds of extra activities and programs.

However, being busy doesn't just begin in the fall. Most of us talk about being busy all year long! As we move into my favorite season, I'm reflecting on my concept of time. I have often said that there wasn't enough of it. I then tried to convince myself that there is actually an *abundance* of time. The problem is, I didn't always believe it.

As a new parent, I am developing a whole new concept of time. I watch

my three-month-old son, Joshua, living in each moment. There is nowhere else for him to be—the time is always *now*. Most days I am able to join him there. I look into his eyes, take in every smile, and even watch him while he's sleeping. An afternoon goes by so fast when I am totally present with him in each and every moment. And guess what? Despite juggling parenthood and full-time ministry, I feel that I have more time than I ever did before.

Years ago I learned that, in order to experience enough time, we must be present to each moment. I understood this concept, but had trouble practicing it. There are still days when I forget this powerful practice. I then simply bring my attention fully to the present moment.

Children can remind us of how simple it really is. Be here *now*—there really is nowhere else to be. The

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I am looking forward to experiencing every moment of my favorite season this fall. I hope you do too!

Love and Blessings,

*Shannon*

## Preview of Upcoming Events

### 'Fun Sunday' Family Worship Services - No Sunday School

Sunday, September 2

Please make a note that there will be no Sunday School classes on Labor Day Weekend. On Sunday, September 2, children and teens are invited to attend worship services on this FUN SUNDAY with the adult who brought them. Wear a Hawaiian shirt and/or bright colors!



### Halloween Carnival

Sunday, October 28, 6:30 to 8 p.m. (Courtyard)

Our annual Carnival allows families to celebrate Halloween in a safe, fun-filled environment. Children of all ages are invited to come in costume or just as they are for an evening of high spirits and contagious joy that includes game booths, activities and yummy treats.

Volunteers and bags of candy are a must to make this event a success. If you'd like to volunteer or make a donation, or would like more information, go to the Volunteer Ministry table in the Courtyard or call Ann Hall in the Youth and Family Ministry department.

### FOR CHILDREN ...

#### Fall Teacher Connection

Saturday, September 8, 9 a.m. to Noon (Gathering Room)

All Children's Ministry Sunday School Teachers are invited to this orientation. We will share highlights for the year and answer all of your questions during our breakfast meeting!



#### Introduce Your Child to the Gift of Music!

**Children's Choir** -- This music program for 1st through 6th graders will begin September 23 and run through December 23. The choir will rehearse once a week on Sunday mornings from 9 to 9:35 a.m. in Room 6. Members will learn musical interpretation and performance techniques. The Choir will share its musical offerings throughout the year at Sunday morning services, perform holiday concerts and present an annual recital. The registration table is located in the Courtyard. Space is limited for this program, so register your child today at the Youth & Family Ministry office!

**POP (Preschool Orff Program)** -- This music program for 4-year-olds and kindergartners begins September 30 and runs through December 9. Rehearsals will be held once a week on Sunday mornings from 8:55 to 9:25 a.m. in Room 1. Children will be introduced to the beautifully crafted instruments designed by conductor Carl Orff, which promote attention to sound, pitch and tone. Children become aware of the laws of formal rhythm and tonal relationships, along with the sheer joy of making music. Again, space is limited for this program, so register your child soon at the Youth & Family Ministry office.

#### Halloween Carnival

Sunday, October 28, 6:30 to 8 p.m. (Courtyard)

See details in advertisement above.

#### Children's Choir Performance

Sunday, October 28, 8:15, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m.

### FOR UNITEENS (Grades 6-8) ...

#### Entertainment Book Fundraiser

Two Sundays: September 9 and 16

Help support our teens by stopping by their table in the Courtyard on these September Sundays and buying your new edition of the Entertainment Book.

#### Fun Night

Wednesday, September 5, 7 p.m. (Room 10)

Wednesday, October 3, 7 p.m. (Room 10)

#### Pool Party

Sunday, September 16, 1 to 4 p.m. (at the Hilton home)

A permission slip is required.

### FOR UNITEENS (continued) ...

#### Rites of Passage Orientation

Sunday, September 23, 12:30 p.m. (Rooms 9&10)

This introductory meeting is for 7th and 8th grade teens and their parents.

#### Laser Quest

Sunday, October 7, 1 to 3:30 p.m. (Offsite)

A permission slip is required.

#### Rites of Passage

Wednesday, October 10, 7 p.m. (Open to 6th-8th graders; Room 10)

Wednesday, October 17, 7 p.m. (Open to 6th-8th graders; Room 10)

Wednesday, October 24, 7 p.m. (Closed class; Room 10)

#### Halloween Carnival

Sunday, October 28, 6:30 to 8 p.m. (Courtyard)

See a full description in the box at left.

### FOR Y.O.U.ers (Grades 9-12) ...

#### Fun Night

Wednesday, September 5, 7 p.m. (Room 9)

Wednesday, October 3, 7 p.m. (Room 9)

#### Pool Party

Sunday, September 9, 1 p.m. (at the Jesberger home)

A permission slip is required.

#### Heart Connection

Wednesday, September 19, 7 p.m. (Room 9)

Wednesday, October 17, 7 p.m. (Room 9)

#### Laser Quest

Sunday, October 7, 1 to 3:30 p.m. (Offsite)

A permission slip is required.

#### Y.O.U. Business Meeting

Sunday, October 28, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. (Offsite)

A permission slip is required.

#### Halloween Carnival

Sunday, October 28, 6:30 to 8 p.m. (Courtyard)

See a full description in the box at left.



Congratulations to our Uniteens who won awards at the SW Regional Summer Camp (pictured left to right):

- Ian Davidson - Camper of the Year;
- Stephanie Hodge-Green - Courage;
- Patrick Nalley - Leadership; and
- Nick Schrank - Support.

Daniel Skelly, who is not pictured, also won the Spirit Award.

# News from the Board

## To Serve or Not to Serve? The Answer is in These Three Questions ...



By Georgia McGraw-Ball  
President  
Unity of Phoenix Board of Trustees

This fall begins the process of inviting qualified members of Unity of Phoenix to submit their applications and run for one of three open Board of Trustee positions. The process is simple—when applications become available, fill one out and submit it to the nominating committee. Your application will be screened to ensure that you meet the eligibility requirements listed in the bylaws and you will then be invited to an interview by the nominating committee.

Once the screening is complete, your nomination will be presented to the congregation through the *Upward Venture* newsletter, Sunday bulletins and verbal announcements at Sunday worship services.

The voting will begin a couple of weeks before the annual meeting held in January. Votes will be tallied and the three receiving the most votes will be

announced at the January annual meeting. You will begin serving on the board that week by attending an orientation meeting and an annual board retreat and training.

While the nominating process is simple, the motivation and commitment that brings you there are not. Here are three questions to prayerfully ask yourself if you are being "called" to board service.

### QUESTION #1: AM I ELIGIBLE?

The bylaws provide the technical eligibility requirements in Section 4.05(a):

1. Is at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
2. Has been an active member of the Church for at least one (1) year.
3. Has the time and talent to serve effectively.
4. Endeavors to live in accord with the Jesus Christ principles of Love and

Truth as taught by Unity.

5. Is a cheerful tither.
6. Is a sincere and continuing student of Unity and conversant with its teachings.
7. Is not a salaried employee of the Church, or the spouse, parent, child, or significant other of another board member or salaried employee.

### QUESTION #2: AM I MOTIVATED?

We are motivated in many different ways, often toward the same end and board service is no exception. We may feel we have skills to share. We may feel called to serve our ministry in a greater way. We may want to learn more about our ministry and ourselves. We might even feel that we have some great ideas and want to see those ideas put into action.

While those motivations may be great, they are all guided by ego. The

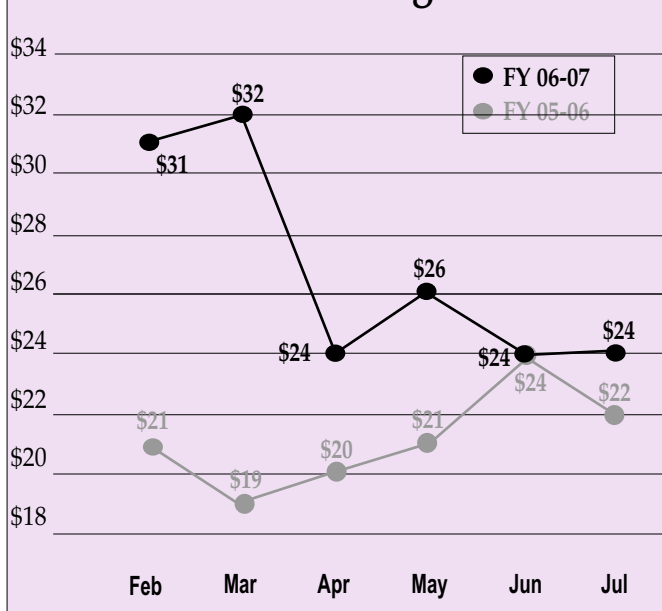
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### Unity of Phoenix Statement of Activities Through July 31, 2007

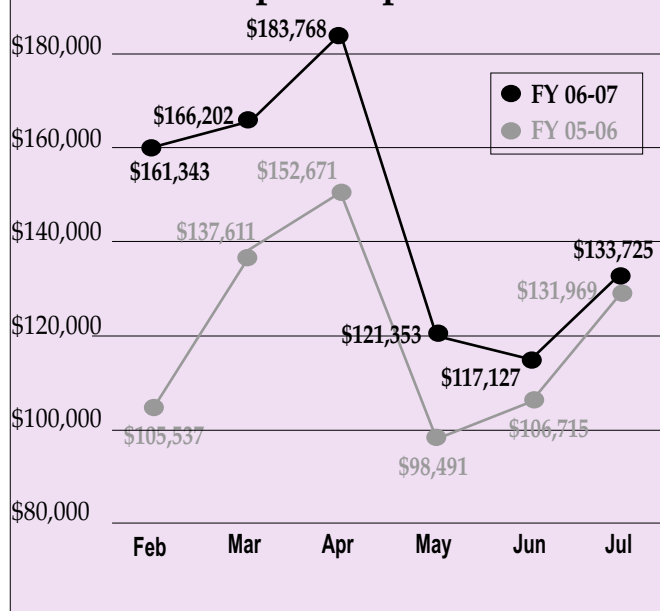
[Fiscal Year for Unity of Phoenix Starts October 1, 2006 and Ends September 30, 2007]

INCOME	Actual for July	Budget for July	Variance for July	Actual Year-to-Date	Budget YTD	Variance Actual to YTD Budget
Worship/Love Offering Receipts	\$163,412	\$177,333	-\$13,921	\$1,774,424	\$1,669,335	\$105,089
All Other Receipts	\$14,035	\$22,287	-\$8,252	\$271,798	\$319,967	-\$48,169
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$177,447</b>	<b>\$199,620</b>	<b>-\$22,173</b>	<b>\$2,046,222</b>	<b>\$1,989,302</b>	<b>\$56,920</b>
EXPENSES	Actual for July	Budget for July	Variance for July	Actual Year-to-Date	Budget YTD	Variance Actual to YTD Budget
Total Operating Expenses	\$148,993	\$169,878	-\$20,885	\$1,765,961	\$1,761,125	\$4,836
<b>Net Operating Income over/under Exps</b>	<b>\$28,454</b>	<b>\$29,742</b>	<b>-\$1,288</b>	<b>\$280,261</b>	<b>\$228,177</b>	<b>\$52,084</b>

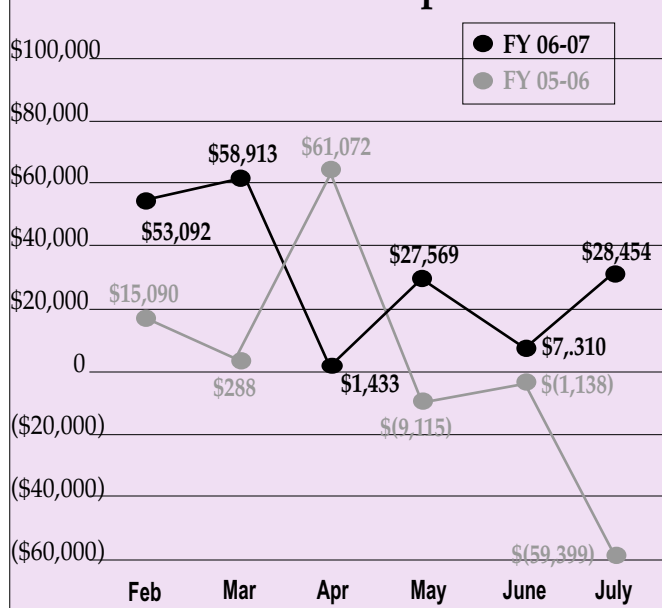
### Per Person Giving Trends



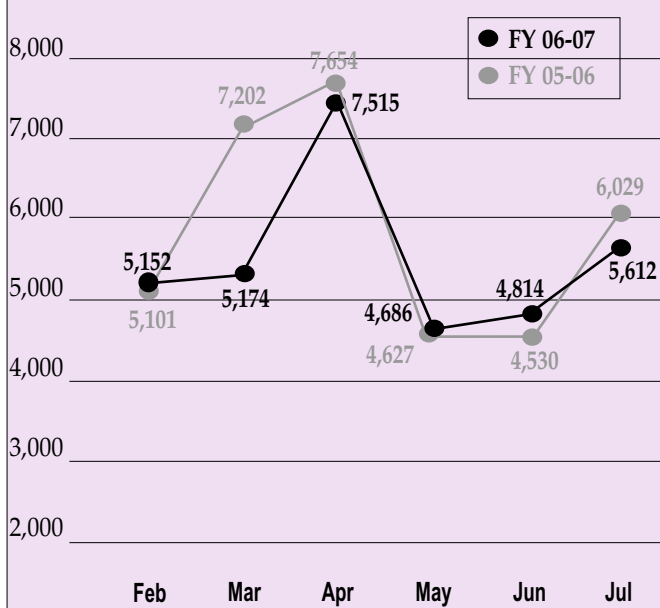
### Worship Receipt Trends



### Net Income Comparison



### Attendance Trends



Unity of Phoenix is a tithing ministry. One-tenth of all we receive is given back to where we are spiritually fed. Fifty percent of our regular monthly tithe goes to support the greater Unity movement, including \$1,500 for ministerial scholarships. The remaining portion of the Unity tithe is divided equally between the Association of Unity Churches International, Silent Unity, the Southwest Unity Region, and Unity Institute. For more information on these Unity organizations and the incredible ways they continually support and spiritually feed this ministry, pick up our ministry tithing brochure at the reception desk.

The other half of our monthly tithe is dedicated to community and global outreach. These tithes change each month based on where the ministry has been spiritually fed, as detailed below:

### May 2007 Tithe

- Greater Unity Movement** (50% of Tithe) .....\$9,344
  - Discretionary Tithe (50% of Tithe)**
    - Christ Church Unity in Kansas City (*A Complaint Free World*) .....\$3,000
    - Crisis Nursery .....\$3,000
    - Richard Mekdeci (*New Thought Music*) .....\$2,000
    - 4T Ministry Inc. ....\$1,344
- Total May Tithes .....\$18,688**

### June 2007 Tithe

- Greater Unity Movement** (50% of Tithe) .....\$8,293
  - Discretionary Tithe (50% of Tithe)**
    - Extra Tithe to SW Region (*in honor of Mark Fisk*) .....\$1,293
    - Desert Mission Food Bank ..\$2,000
    - New Thoughts for Living (*David Owen Ritz/Keys to the Kingdom*) .....\$2,000
    - Unity Archives .....\$1,500
    - Silent Unity (*Add'l Tithe*) ...\$1,500
- Total June Tithes .....\$16,586**

### Church Cash Reserves

At the beginning of this fiscal year (October 1, 2006), our cash reserves were \$308,000. As of July 31, 2007, our cash reserves stand at \$498,000.

Our reserve requirement is \$600,000, so an additional \$102,000 will bring the church into compliance.

# News from the Board

## To Serve or Not to Serve? Three Questions ...

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motivation that will have the most positive impact on the ministry is, "I just don't know exactly why, but I am being called to serve and I just can't shake the feeling." That is the motivation of pure spirit.

### QUESTION #3: AM I COMMITTED?

Commitment is one of those ideas that is sometimes hard to define, but we all know it when we see it. Service as a board of trustee member is a great commitment of time. There are monthly meetings held on the third Tuesday evening of every month. You are expected to serve on committees that meet as necessary. There are at least two retreats scheduled, one in January and one in May. There will be family meetings, "board member of the day" service at Sunday worship services and attendance at other meetings and functions as they come up.

More important than the time commitment is the commitment needed to a consciousness of leadership and spiritual growth. As board members, along with the ministers and staff, we hold the leadership consciousness within the ministry. That commitment is about doing and supporting what God leads us to do for the good of the ministry. "Thy will be done" takes precedence and considerable commitment.

If, after reading this, you still feel called to board service and you just can't shake the feeling, know that you are making a life-changing decision. If your motivation is pure and your commitment steadfast, this ministry, as supported by its board and staff, cannot help but accomplish its vision and mission and create miracles for all who are touched by it.

Namaste ...

## Help Us Secure Our 'Wish List'!

We are often asked by congregants if there are items that we have a need for, or how they can contribute to Unity of Phoenix in a meaningful way above and beyond their tithing. Our "Unity Wish List" identifies those services and items highest on our list of priorities. We extend a big thank you for the recent contribution of a children's book display for our Bookstore! Additional items are included below. Thank you in advance for holding this list in prayerful consideration!

- Underwrite Business Fair. (Platinum sponsorship: \$3,000)
- Systemwide upgrade from Office 2001 to Office 2007. (\$2,800)
- Spyware/adware detection device. (\$2,500)
- Platform drapery. (\$2,500)
- Resurfacing Gathering Room floor. (\$2,200)
- Firewall upgrade. (\$2,000)
- Paint north wall of Sanctuary. (\$1,500)
- Underwrite annual Remembrance Service. (\$500)
- 19" Flat-screen monitors. (22 @ \$230 each)
- Workstation surge protectors. (24 @ \$65 each)
- Mats for entrances. (2 more at \$200 each)

For a complete list of items on our Wish List, please contact Executive Director Bruce Mosby at 602.978.3200, Ext. 254, or bmosby@unityphx.org.



Unity  
Wish  
List

# Our Unity Community



ICM Food and Clothing Drive



Thank you to all of the congregants who lent a hand to our greater community by participating in our July 15 food and clothing drive for Interfaith Cooperative Ministries (ICM).

Congregants donated piles of bags and boxes filled with over 600 cans of tuna, over 200 jars of peanut butter, 150 cans of baby formula, 10 large 30-gallon bags of toiletries and over 1,000 diapers!

Together we are practicing being "a magnifying power for the miraculous transformation of the world!"

## Anyone Seen a White Rabbit?

Unity teen Kara Walker spent the Sundays preceding the Youth & Family Ministry's production of *Alice and Wonderland* drumming up enthusiasm for congregants to attend the event.

Seventeen Unity youth participated in the August 26 event, a magical performance of the beloved children's story about a girl who falls down a rabbit-hole into a fantasy realm populated by strange and wonderful creatures!



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# Divine Idea Bookstore

## Say 'I Love You' and 'I Care' with a Card from Our Bookstore!



By Julia Kellogg  
Divine Idea Bookstore Manager

Hello, Friends!

**P**resent-moment living, getting in touch with your now, is at the heart of joyful living. When you think about it, there really is no other moment you can live. "Now is all there is, and the future is just another present moment to live when it arrives. And now is the perfect occasion to remind you just how wonderful you are." (Dr. Wayne Dyer)

*Any starting point is perfect for you. Begin anywhere. And trust your inner wisdom to lead you wherever you need to go. (Louise Hay) I Believe in You.*

*All prayers ask for love, no matter what they seem to be asking for. Healing is love, a deep wish is love, God's attention is love. (Deepak Chopra) Sending loving thoughts and prayers from my heart and spirit to yours. Please Take Care.*

*You Don't Need Wings to Fly. Honor your inner feelings by moving in the direction of making your dreams and desires a reality. Trust that you are guided in your quest for realizing your heart's most precious hopes. Listen to your thoughts and feelings and embrace your gifts from heaven. (Doreen Virtue) May everything you wish for and desire be within your reach. Happy Birthday.*

All of these quotations are samples from a new card line that features the

thoughts of Wayne Dyer, Deepak Chopra, Louise Hay and Doreen Virtue. These are wonderful cards! Bright and colorful with soul-grounding messages, these cards are a gift in themselves.

At the Divine Idea Bookstore, we like to think that if you truly care enough ... you'll purchase your cards here!!!

Share the love — send someone a card!!!

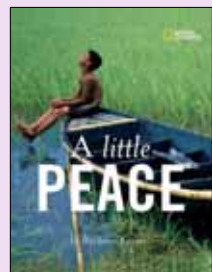
Blessings,

*Julia*

### NEW IN THE DIVINE IDEA BOOKSTORE

#### Kids' Korner

**A Little Peace (A National Geographic Book)**  
By Barbara Kerley



It doesn't take much to spread a little peace. Seeds of peace are all over the world—in a shared smile, a helping hand, a compassionate voice. From a soccer game in Iraq to children holding hands in New Mexico, from dancing monks in Bhutan to old friends laughing in Afghanistan, peace, powerful, infectious, is ready to grow. Beautiful pictures. Beautiful words. (\$16.95)

**Courageous Souls: Do We Plan Our Life Challenges Before Birth?**

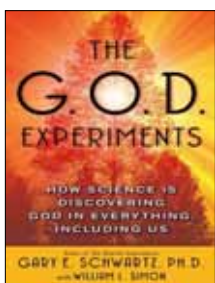
By Robert Schwartz



Would you like to understand the deeper meaning of your greatest challenges? So often, when something "bad" happens, it may appear to be meaningless suffering. But what if your most difficult experiences are actually rich with hidden purpose—purpose that you yourself planned before you were born? Could it be that you chose your life's circumstances, relationships, and events?

Within these pages are stories of 10 individuals who—like you—planned before birth to experience great challenges. Working with four gifted mediums and channels, author Robert Schwartz discovers what they chose—and why. He presents actual pre-birth planning sessions in which souls discuss their hopes for their upcoming lifetimes. In so doing he opens a window to the other side where we, as eternal beings, design both our trials and our potential triumphs. (\$14.95)

**The G.O.D. Experiments: How Science Is Discovering God In Everything, Including Us**  
By Gary E Schwartz, Ph.D.



Does God exist only in our hearts? According to highly esteemed scientist Gary E. Schwartz, Ph.D., there is compelling scientific evidence that we no longer have to accept God on faith alone. Through a multidisciplinary approach, the Harvard University-educated author blends psychology, quantum physics, and mathematics to examine the science of spirit. And since faith and science are not mutually exclusive, Dr. Schwartz gives a better understanding of their relationship, explaining how God operates in everything we do.

Scientifically rigorous and spiritually reassuring, this book is a wake-up call for anyone who wonders about life's true meaning and longs to believe in the existence of a universal intelligence. (\$14)

**Real Happiness: A Roadmap for Healing Our Pain & Awakening the Joy That Is Our Birthright**  
By Paul Ferrini



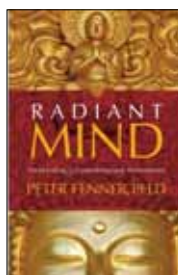
This book is not about the kind of happiness you see on billboards or television commercials. It has nothing to do with that overly idealized type of happiness. It has to do with being present *right now* for the ups and downs of life in a loving and compassionate way. It is about being ourselves fully and being responsible for what we are creating in our lives.

This is called Real Happiness because it is about being real as a human being and coming face to face with our fear and our pain. It is about being willing to heal our wounds so that we can reconnect with the joy that is our birthright.

Of course, being real isn't easy. To be real we need to feel safe enough to cry our tears as well as to sing our songs of gratitude and praise. We need to be strong enough to stop blaming others and brave enough to learn our lessons. Real Happiness means overcoming our negativity and beginning to count our blessings so we can experience the mysterious beauty of life. It means learning to surrender, to let go of the need to control, and to allow our lives to unfold in their own natural, organic way. It is about becoming fully, uniquely and exquisitely human! (\$12.95)

**Radiant Mind: Awakening Unconditioned Awareness**

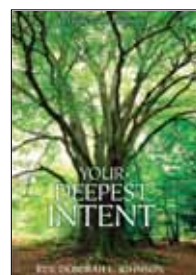
By Peter Fenner, Ph.D.



Whether it is called enlightenment, pure presence, or "unconditioned awareness," there exists an awakened state of true liberation that is at the heart of every contemplative tradition. Yet according to the author, this experience of boundless consciousness does not have to exist separately from your day-to-day "conditioned" existence. Rather, you can learn to live as a unique individual at the same time as you rest in a unified expanse of oneness with all existence—in a state he calls "Radiant Mind."

Students in the West often feel frustrated in trying to follow the Eastern path to awakening, confused by seemingly vague or counter-intuitive teachings. Peter Fenner created the Radiant Mind practice to help you break through the obstacles that are often challenging for practitioners in our culture. Drawing upon his background in both Eastern spirituality and Western psychology, Fenner brings you a precise, step-by-step approach to non-dual practice. (\$22.95)

**Your Deepest Intent: Letters from the Infinite**  
By Rev. Deborah L. Johnson



Deep in your soul lies something beyond all desires and motivation. It is your truest intent. Do you know what yours is at any moment in time? According to Rev. Deborah L. Johnson, this is your most important creative force.

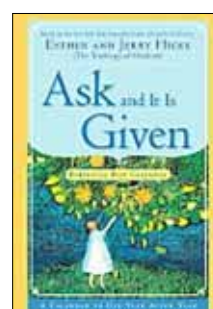
Through a series of letters revealed to her by Spirit, this book takes you on a guided journey to Oneness. It navigates you through the peaks and valleys of inner excavation and outer integration to pure intent—the place where thoughts, words, and actions align, where cross-purposes are ended.

"Your intent arrives at the door before you do," she teaches. "The energy is so strong that no matter how you try to hide or camouflage it, it will always shine even in the dark."

The author shares 43 messages that reveal the limitations of our existing paradigms and challenge us to look in new directions as individuals and as a nation. Although the messages "ruffle" our comfort zone, they inspire us individually and collectively, to seek further communion with the Divine. They teach us how to understand, purify, and actually live our "deepest intent." (\$24.95)

**Ask and It Is Given Perpetual Flip Calendar: A Calendar to Use Year After Year**

By Esther and Jerry Hicks



This perpetual flip calendar by the Hicks, which presents the teachings of the nonphysical entity Abraham, will help you learn how to manifest your desires so that you're living the joyous and fulfilling life you deserve. Each day, you'll come to understand how your relationships, health issues, finances, career concerns, and more are influenced by the Universal laws that govern your time-space reality—and you'll discover powerful processes that will help you go with the positive flow of life. (\$14.95)

#### New in DVD



Louise Hay, author of *You Can Heal Your Life*, was one of the early voices regarding the thought/body connection. She is the place to go for affirmations to change your life. She has now begun releasing DVDs of her metaphysical teachings. Three of the titles we carry are: *Receiving Prosperity*, *Dissolving Barriers*, and the classic (now released as a DVD study course) *You Can Heal Your Life*. Each is \$19.95 and would be a great addition to anyone's library.

# Small Groups Ministry

Sometimes being part of a large church can seem overwhelming ... That's why Unity of Phoenix offers a wide variety of small groups through which it is easy to make friends, deeper connections and loving relationships in our spiritual community. Our Lead Minister, Rev. Richard Maraj, oversees these Small Group activities.

Connecting and getting to know others at Unity of Phoenix is easy! Following are some of the small group activities that are available.

## SHORT-TERM GROUPS

For more information about these short-term small groups, contact Penni Honey at 602.978.3200, Ext. 231, or [phoney@unityphx.org](mailto:phoney@unityphx.org).

### Dinner for 8:

What better way to get to know other congregants than in a relaxed social setting with good food?!? Our "Dinner for 8" program encourages the formation of small groups of eight congregants each who come together over dinner on a monthly basis -- either in the home of a group member or in a restaurant or coffee shop of their choice -- to reach out to one another in fellowship, build friendships, and deepen their connection with one another.

### 'Yes, You Can Change the World' Circles:

This Circle Group program will form groups of six to 12 people who will come together on a weekly basis to study and discuss an inspirational study guide developed by Aman Motwane that will help to lead them into the realization that they can make a true and lasting difference in the world. The Circle groups will meet once a week for four weeks, beginning the week of September 30. (See a complete description on Page 2 of this newsletter.)

## CONTINUING GROUPS

For more information about these long-term small groups, or to express an interest in forming your own, contact Beth Marks at 602.978.3200, Ext. 333, or [bmarks@unityphx.org](mailto:bmarks@unityphx.org).

### Bulletin Assembly Team (BAT):

This industrious group of individuals gathers on campus every Friday morning at 10 a.m. to assemble the bulletins for our Sunday worship services. Come join us! For information, contact Penni Honey at [phoney@unityphx.org](mailto:phoney@unityphx.org).

### The Craft Connection:

This fun-loving group meets offsite on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 7th Street north of Thunderbird. Are you crafty? Then this is the group for you! Bring your crafts and join us; everyone is welcome! We have people who scrapbook, make greeting cards, bead, knit, paint and needlepoint. We love to share ideas and encourage others to try something they haven't done before. For more information, please contact Beth Marks at [bmarks@unityphx.org](mailto:bmarks@unityphx.org).

### Golf Group:

Unity Golfers meet each Monday. Please contact Bill Smith at 623.915.3272 or [ellairsmith@cox.net](mailto:ellairsmith@cox.net) for the location and time of the next Monday morning golf meeting.

### Happy Ever After Connection:

This group meets every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Borders Bookstore Cafe located at 4555 E. Cactus Road (on the south side, across from Paradise Valley Mall). This group uses the Law of Attraction (as taught by Abraham and the movie, *The Secret*), as well as the principles of Real Love (as described by Dr. Greg Baer), to support each other in achieving true, lasting happiness. For more information, please contact Lisa Suzanne at 602.399.0841.

### Hiking Group: MOONLIGHT HIKES

Friday, September 21, 6:30 p.m. - Shaw Butte  
Friday, October 26, 6:30 p.m. - North Mountain  
For each of the above hikes, please meet at the designated time in the Church Parking Lot. NO Sign-up Required.

### FITNESS FOR FUN HIKES

Saturday, Sept. 15 - Long Canyon - Flagstaff  
Saturday, Oct. 20 - West Fork of Oak Creek - Sedona  
Saturday, Oct. 27 - 2nd Color Hike - Payson Area  
For each of the above hikes, please meet at 7 a.m. in the Church Parking Lot. NO Sign-Up is Required.

Enjoy nature with family and friends by joining the Unity Hiking Group! "Red Rock" and "Fall Colors Hikes," here we come! During September and October we are adding as much color

as possible on the hikes. Our Saturday hikes are designed to accommodate a wide range of hiking abilities and participants are encouraged to hike at their own pace. See our *Unity Trail Mix* newsletter for full details!

We usually complete at least one moonlight hike and one or two "fitness for fun" hikes each month. Unless otherwise noted, most of our hikes are appropriate for all different skill levels. We recommend sturdy hiking or walking shoes, sun screen and sunglasses or a hat, and snacks and water for both during and after the hike (1-2 quarts of water per person). Just come to the church on hiking day at the designated time to carpool to the trailhead.

If you have further questions regarding hiking group activities, or wish to receive the monthly *Trail Mix* newsletter, please contact Don Clausang at 602.866.0285 or [dclausang@unityphx.org](mailto:dclausang@unityphx.org).

### Living Love Drumming Circle:

This group meets on the 1st Friday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at 7th Street and Union Hills. We guide individuals into free flow drumming with Spirit to take us deeper into our unique selves. We have drums and percussion instruments to share if you don't have your own. For more information, please contact Marsha Burton at 602.354.4302.

### The Law of Attraction Connection Group:

This group gets together on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 5 at Unity of Phoenix. This is an ongoing group that comes together to learn, study, practice and apply the principles of the Law of Attraction, and celebrate together the transformations in our lives. For more information, please contact Jane Francis at [janeslight@aol.com](mailto:janeslight@aol.com) or call 602.978.9783.

### The Rainbow Unity Group:

The Rainbow Unity group meets on the 2nd Monday of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the Unity of Phoenix Campus. We discuss building relationships and hold sacred space with one another through our guiding principles. We are devoted to Living Love and to embracing diversity. We are a Rainbow of people who are Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual and Transgender, as well as those questioning or in alliance. This is a great way to meet spiritually minded individuals. Come join us for spiritual enhancement. For more information, or to let us know you'd like to be a part of this group, please contact Elaine Foster at 602.882.6731 or Colleen Casson at [terpccc2003@yahoo.com](mailto:terpccc2003@yahoo.com).

### VIP-OWLS:

Wednesday, September 12 and  
Wednesday, October 10  
Noon; Rooms 6-7

Our VIP OWLS Luncheon is for our Very Important People-Older Wiser Loving Seniors. If you are 55 or older we invite you to attend this monthly luncheon. Mark the second Wednesday of September on your calendar and plan to join us! We meet during the months of September through May to come together to share with like-minded individuals. It is a time for fun and fellowship; we always have a special guest speaker or activity planned for each luncheon.

In September, Lead Minister Rev. Richard Maraj will be connecting and sharing with us during our luncheon time.

During our October meeting, Bookstore Manager Julia Kellogg will conduct our Halloween Game Day. You don't want to miss the fun and enjoyment of sharing your love with the group!

Bring your special salads and desserts to share with everyone for September. In October you are invited to bring your favorite casseroles and salads. The church will provide beverages and rolls for the luncheon. You may make a love-offering donation instead of bringing anything if that works better for you.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about this group, contact Dorothy Moore at [dmoore@unityphx.org](mailto:dmoore@unityphx.org) or 602.978.3200, Ext. 255.

### Unity Singles

Our Unity Singles events provide a safe, supportive and loving environment for fun, fellowship and spiritual enrichment. If you're single and over the age of 18, please make plans to join us every Sunday at 12:45 p.m. for lunch, as well as every Friday evening at 5:30 p.m. for socializing and dancing.

In addition to these weekly events, our Singles Group sponsors a wide variety of activities, including movies, plays, comedy clubs, museums, house parties, bowling, bicycle riding, hiking, dance lessons,

## Criteria for Forming a Small Group Ministry

Our Small Groups are created by congregants of Unity of Phoenix, just like yourself! These groups invite like-minded people to meet and establish a greater connection and to support our ministry. If you're interested in starting your own group, please follow this process!

- 1 Put together a group of people from the ministry who are interested in your connection group. Prepare your roster of participants, including names, email addresses and phone numbers.
- 2 As a group, adopt the Spiritual Intention of the group (which must align with the Vision and Mission statement for Unity of Phoenix). Have all group members sign this document and return it to the Ministry.
- 3 Decide upon a name for your group and the day(s) and time(s) you will meet. You are encouraged to meet offsite, due to limited classroom space at the church.
- 4 Create a description of your group that can be used in printed publications distributed by Unity of Phoenix to attract new members.
- 5 As a group, decide upon two or three Outreach Projects in which you would like to participate each year. There are many projects available through the Unity of Phoenix's Outreach Ministry; you are welcome to find community projects outside of the ministry.
- 6 Consider hosting the Hospitality Tables in the Courtyard to support the ministry and promote your group.

After you have completed this checklist, the leader/main contact for the group should send the information to Beth Marks at Unity of Phoenix ([bmarks@unityphx.org](mailto:bmarks@unityphx.org)). Your information will then be reviewed by the Lead Minister and you will be contacted.

discussion groups, and game nights.

Our group also supports and gives back to Unity of Phoenix by volunteering for Unity sponsored events and projects on a regular basis.

For a detailed listing of events, times and locations, please go to the Unity website at [www.unityphx.org/connecting/singles.html](http://www.unityphx.org/connecting/singles.html). If you have questions, please contact Phoebe Hendrix at 602.841.0235 or email her at [liaisonuop@azboss.net](mailto:liaisonuop@azboss.net).

### Unity of Phoenix Choir:

Come make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Music is an important part of our ministry, and we'd love to have your voice heard!

For more information, contact Music Director Jerry Wayne Harkey at [jharkey@unityphx.org](mailto:jharkey@unityphx.org).

### Unity Biz Net:

Unity Business Network -- Unity Biz Net -- is a group of spiritual-minded business professionals who come together to network and support each other. Unlike other network groups, who push products and business cards at one another, we work to get to know each other on a more personal level by building relationships and community. We have about 60 people attend each event.

If you would like to grow your business relationships with a group of high energy people, you've found the right group!

Our September mixer will be Monday, September 10, at 6 p.m., and our October mixer will be Monday, October 8, at 6 p.m. A \$25 entrance fee covers food, beverages and all the fun of building relationships and community with a group of like-minded people.

To RSVP or for more information, contact Ramona Sallee at 602.740.0911 or [ramonajigs@gmail.com](mailto:ramonajigs@gmail.com).

### Singing, Anyone?

We are planning to organize a connection group whose purpose will be to meet and sing sacred and inspirational songs on a regular basis. If you love to sing, we invite you to join us! We know that there are many of you out there who experience a closer connection to God through song. Please know that you do not have to sing well to join us, just love to sing!

We will be bringing our own CD's to share. If you love singing and would like to get that "uplifting" feeling you get after singing spiritual songs, please plan to join us. To express interest or get more information, please contact Rita Audisio at [Maudisio@cox.net](mailto:Maudisio@cox.net).

## Our Mission:

As expressions of God, we create a consciousness of love and celebrate the Divinity within all people.

## Unity Services:

Meditation Service:

Wednesday, 6:15 p.m.

Sunday Morning Services:

8:15, 9:45 & 11:15 a.m.

Communion:

1st Sunday/Month

12:45 p.m.

Sunday Children's Ministry

(Age 0-3 years):

8:15 a.m.

(Age 3-Grade 5)

9:45 and 11:15 a.m.

Sunday Teen Ministry

Uniteens (Grades 6-8), R10

9:45-10:45 a.m.

Uniteens (Grades 6-8), R10

11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Y.O.U. (Grades 9-12), R9

11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

## Church Office:

Telephone:

602.978.3200

Fax:

602.978.3248

Website:

[www.unityphx.org](http://www.unityphx.org)

Event Hotline:

602.978.3200, Ext. 300

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## Bookstore:

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Tues.-Thurs.: 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Fri.: Closed

Sat.: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

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# Spiritual Principles

## The Spiritual Law of Prosperity #3

# Faith is the Key to Demonstration



By Rev. Alice Anderson  
Pastoral Care Minister

**F**aith in the invisible substance of God is key to bringing anything into manifestation. Each of us as human beings have faith; we are all born with it. What differs from person to person is how we *use* our faith.

In scripture, faith represents substance, the invisible nature of God that underlies everything. Scripture tells us in Hebrews 11:1, "Now faith is the assurance of things

hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (NRSV) What does this mean? It means that we can actually possess a reality that cannot be seen, touched or comprehended by any of the outer senses. Faith is the consciousness that we hold in the reality of the invisible substance. We then use the power of the mind, combined with our thoughts and feelings, to bring that invisible substance into 3rd dimensional reality. Charles Fillmore, Unity's co-founder defines faith in this way, "Faith is the perceiving power of the mind, linked with a power to shape substance."

How can things be formed out of the invisible? As we begin to work more with our faith and apply it to our life situations, we find that things will work out in ways we could not have imagined. In other words, the faith that we apply to our lives is working things out in the invisible realm. We will begin to receive intuitions and

thoughts that lead us to our demonstration. Our work is to trust our guidance and move forward believing, with FAITH. When we begin to mature and have more understanding of the power of our faith, our judgment also grows and expands to assist us with our demonstration. Divine intelligence begins informing our decisions and our lives.

Blessing all the good in your life is a great way to increase your demonstration. Why? Because you are using the power of the mind, linked with a power to shape substance ... **whatever you bless increases.** You become more aware and conscious of all the good in life, and you then begin to draw more towards yourself. Look at your life ... what do you have faith in? Outer things? God? Your faith is centered in the One Mind, the Presence of God. Source in God in all you do, and you will be creating a prosperity consciousness that lasts for a lifetime.

Have faith in the law of prosperity and you will demonstrate. Remember that Spirit is the most powerful, substantial thing in the entire world. As your supply begins to come to you and through you, remember that **God is the source of all good.** There are many channels that good will come to you but your real success and prosperity is all from God. **Look to God and you will be prospered!**



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