

Special Points of Interest

- Our Board of Trustees took many steps to ensure that the process of our Senior Minister search was absolutely fair and resulted in the right and perfect leader for our very special congregation. Read a summary of the search process on Page 7.
- Our church has begun a visioning process to determine the future direction of our ministry. The Board of Trustees and Spiritual Leadership Team have begun leading a process to listen to congregant input, ideas and desires regarding their vision for the future, and how they wish to move forward as a spiritual community. Get an update on Page 12.
- Dr. Joe Dispenza, Libby Gill and Deepak Chopra are among the powerhouse speakers that will be featured at Unity of Phoenix over the next few months. See our exciting line-up of special events on Page 2.
- The summer is sizzling at Unity of Phoenix with "hot" Sunday morning worship services that will enlighten and inspire you! See a schedule of our series topics, talk titles and musical artists on Page 3.

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Rev. Richard Maraj Appointed Sr. Minister



We are absolutely thrilled to announce that Rev. Richard Maraj has been appointed as the new Senior Minister for Unity of Phoenix. Rev. Maraj's appointment followed a nationally-based search process to replace Rev. Richard Rogers, who retired his post in April 2006 after serving as Senior Minister for Unity of Phoenix for over 14 years. (See page 7 for details regarding the search process.)

Rev. Maraj joined Unity of Phoenix in April 2005 as Minister of Education, and has served as Acting Senior Minister since Rev. Rogers' departure in April. Since his arrival here, Rev. Maraj's contagious love and enthusiasm, dynamic lessons and powerful Sunday morning messages have continually inspired, energized, touched and transformed us. He is truly a blessing to our spiritual community!

Prior to joining Unity of Phoenix, Rev. Maraj served as Associate Minister in Raleigh, North Carolina for two years, and as Senior Minister at Christ Church Unity in Kansas City, Missouri for five years. He has also been a wildly popular guest speaker at

more than 50 Unity churches throughout Canada and the United States.

Prior to his ordination in 1998, Rev. Maraj was a professional speaker who addressed such groups as Xerox, The Royal Bank of Canada, Speedy Muffler King and The Cooperators Insurance. A long-time member of the National Speakers Association and Toastmasters International, Richard was a finalist in Toastmasters World Championship of Public Speakers in Dallas in 1990. He has worked with a number of community service organizations and has been recognized for his service with several awards, including the Peter Street Inspiration Award and a Canada's Literacy Volunteer Award.

The eighth of 10 children, Richard was born on the island of Trinidad and grew up in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. He has a degree in Political Science from McMaster University and has a passion for learning. Richard enjoys a variety of activities, including live theatre, NBA basketball, being on the water, traveling, juggling and has even tried skydiving twice! His greatest joy, however, comes from just being with and enjoying the company of his wonderful family and friends.

Rev. Maraj feels blessed and excited about continuing to work with the incredible ministry team and serving the spiritual community at Unity of Phoenix.

"I am absolutely excited and honored, not just at being named Senior Minister, but also because of the sheer strength of this spiritual community, staff and Board," Rev. Maraj said. "I'm looking forward to beginning to rebuild the momentum of this congregation, and I am really jazzed about working together with everyone as a team to do so.

"I absolutely believe in the idea of 'Building Unity Together,'" he said. "Our church vision and future will be led and created, not just by me, but by all of us. It will truly be a team effort.

"Our greatest strength has always come from our **Unity**, from the power of coming

Join Us July 9 for the Installation Ceremony of Rev. Richard Maraj as Senior Minister!

Join us on July 9 for a very special ceremony to mark the installation of Rev. Richard Maraj as Senior Minister for Unity of Phoenix.



Special guest minister James Trapp (pictured at left), president and chief executive officer of the International Association of Unity Churches, is traveling here from Unity headquarters in Kansas

City to perform the ceremony at each of the three Sunday morning worship services on July 9.

We invite everyone in our spiritual community to join us for this momentous occasion and very joyful celebration.

together as a spiritual family into collective Christ consciousness and, together, seeking the flow and wisdom of the universe. The prospect of coming together in love, strength and commitment to do the very special work of this spiritual community is a very exciting one. I look forward to traveling with all of you on this very special journey!"

"The board is poised to take some giant steps in consciousness with the appointment of Rev. Richard Maraj as the new Senior Minister," said Board President Georgia McGraw.

"In working with him over the past few months we have come to recognize Rev. Maraj's style as making a difference by empowering others to see and live their greatness. We invite the congregation to take a deep breath and get ready for some 'soul-expansion' as we move forward to create and live the new vision for our

Additional Members of Our Ministerial Team



Rev. Alice Anderson Pastoral Care Minister

The energetic Rev. Alice Anderson also joined Unity of Phoenix in April 2005. An ordained Unity minister, her ministry's mission is to speak, nurture and teach God-centered living to people of all ages.

After graduation from seminary school in 2003, Alice worked as Resident Chaplain for Truman Medical Center, providing spiritual care for patients, residents and staff.

In her pastoral care work at Unity of Phoenix, she holds the vision of healing and wholeness so that others may find their truths. For three years, Rev. Alice led a Friday night contemporary service called "Fabulous Fridays" and taught classes at Unity of Overland Park in Kansas. As a presenter of spiritual truth talks, workshops, retreats and celebration services, she opens a space for healing and transformation.

Alice has many special gifts to draw from her compassionate and understanding heart. With her musical talents, passion for life, and innovative approaches to worship, she opens the hearts of those she serves.



Rev. Shannon Olesen, Youth & Family Minister

Rev. Shannon Olesen first joined Unity of Phoenix last April as the Minister of Worship, but recently began serving our ministry as the Youth & Family Minister, bringing her loving spirit to the work of our families, teens and many children.

Working with families is where Rev. Shannon's heart has always been. She began her career in social services, serving 10 years in the field of social work, and holds a Master of Social Work degree from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

She attended ministerial school at Unity School of Christianity and was ordained in 2004. She served as the Youth & Family Minister Director at Unity Church of Overland Park, Kansas, for two years prior to coming to Phoenix.

Rev. Shannon loves to create meaningful spiritual experiences for people of all ages. Shannon brings joy and enthusiasm to her work in all areas of ministry. Shannon has dedicated her life to the transformation of consciousness of this entire planet.

Upcoming Events



Dr. Joe Dispenza

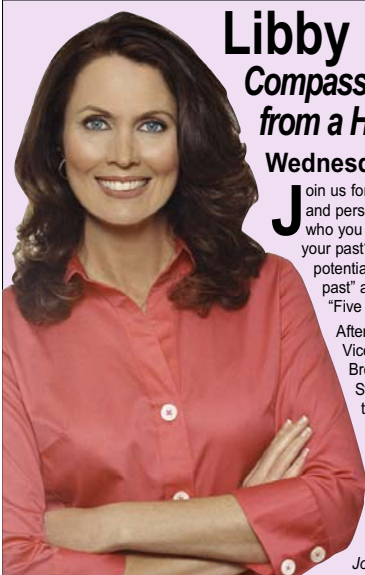
Your Body and Your Mind: The Biology of Stress

NOTE DATE CHANGE: Friday, July 21, 7 to 9 p.m.

Popular speaker and motivator Dr. Joe Dispenza, who was featured in the blockbuster movie smash, *What the Bleep Do We Know?!*, has become a Unity of Phoenix favorite. He has intrigued audiences with fascinating presentations of his research into unraveling the mysteries of "miraculous healing" within the context of currently accepted science, and the close relationship between brain chemistry and physical, mental and emotional health.

Now Dr. Joe returns to Unity of Phoenix fresh out of a six-month sabbatical to unveil the concepts featured in his newest book, *The Art of Rewiring Your Brain*, which will be released this fall. Learn how to rewire your brain to reduce the degree of stress and increase the amount of happiness in your life! During this soul-searching event, Dr. Joe will teach simple procedures to change behaviors, improve health, and change the course of your life!

Tickets: \$30 per person. Now available for purchase online at www.unityphx.org or call 602.978.3337.



Libby Gill

Compassionate Leadership: Lessons from a Hollywood Survivor"

Wednesday, August 30, 7 p.m.

Join us for a powerful workshop with best-selling author, lecturer and personal coach Libby Gill. Are you living a life based on who you really are, or one built on the outdated messages of your past? Is your past negatively influencing your present and potentially derailing your future? Learn how to "get past your past" and create a life of passion and purpose by using the "Five Steps to Jumpstart Your Life!"

After 15 years as Senior Vice President at Universal Studios; Vice President at Sony Pictures Entertainment and Turner Broadcasting; and a consultant for Dr. Phil and Paramount Studios, Libby worked her way *down* the corporate ladder to pursue her dream of helping others locate the intersection between their personal passions and professional goals. A former actress and college instructor, Libby is now a best-selling author and coach. She has appeared on the *Dr. Phil Show*, CNN, National Public Radio, Fox News, CBS Early Show, *Montel Williams*, *The Hour of Power*, and in *Time Magazine*, *The New York Times*, *the Wall Street Journal*.

Tickets: \$15. Available August 6 at www.unityphx.org or by calling 602.978.3337.



Your Love Offering is the Price of Admission!

Don't Miss Our Summer Movie Night!!! "Defending Your Life"

Friday, August 11, 7 p.m. • Family Life Center

Albert Brooks wrote, directed, and stars with Meryl Streep in this philosophical comedy about a man who has a hard time making a case for himself in the afterlife. (Rated PG)

After a fatal car crash, self-centered ad exec Daniel Miller is whisked away to Judgment City, where the recently dead are put on trial to decide their fate. If on Earth you faced your fears and learned from your mistakes, you get to move on to a life in a better world. If you didn't, you have to go back to Earth and try again. Daniel doesn't seem to stand much of a chance of moving on ... and then he meets and falls in love with Julia, who is so sweet and noble that her advancement is practically assured. What if they don't end up in the same place? Join us to find out what happens in this hilarious romantic comedy!

Join us for our annual Labor Day Extravaganza Family Musical!

Pinocchio II



Sunday, Sept. 3
All morning
worship services



Sally Jo Bannow



Sally Gebler



Jerry Wayne

We really had to "pull some strings" to perform this take-off on the classic children's tale about a puppet who dreams of becoming a "real boy" ... but, boy, you'll be *real* glad we did!

This fun-loving musical for the whole family comes to life under the stellar stage direction of Sally Jo

Bannow, choreography of Sally Gebler and musical direction of Jerry Wayne Harkey. With a star-studded cast of spectacular guest artists, the Unity of Phoenix Choir, and a number of our talented Unity teens and children, this heartwarming production will evoke laughter and tears as it demonstrates the importance of being true to your real self, and celebrates the ties that bind us to love, family, spirituality and imagination.

Produced by special arrangement with Michael Lancy and Centerstage Press. Please note: There will be no children's or teen's classes on this day; children are encouraged to attend this family service with the adult who brought them. Childcare will be available for children 0-3 years old. Please also note that there will not be a sign language interpreter at this event.

An Evening With Deepak Chopra

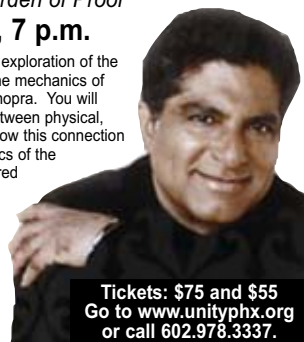
* With new insights from Deepak's latest book - "Life After Death - The Burden of Proof"

Friday, October 27, 7 p.m.

Enjoy an inspiring and in-depth exploration of the world of consciousness and the mechanics of reality making with Deepak Chopra. You will discover the intimate relationship between physical, quantum and non-local reality and how this connection helps us to understand the mechanics of the intuitive, creative, visionary and sacred responses.

Dr. Chopra will explore the full range of human potential, including the nature of reality, the meaning and purpose of existence, and what happens to us when we die.

Don't miss this incredible evening with the incredible Deepak Chopra!



Tickets: \$75 and \$55
Go to www.unityphx.org or call 602.978.3337.



The AGAPE Choir Friday, September 29

Combined with the writing and composing talents of music director Rickie Byars, the Agape Choir music has become known for its signature sectional harmonies, counterpoint, tempo-patterns, devotional power, and energetic enthusiasm. Don't miss this uplifting concert event!

A Summer of Discovery!

**SUNDAY MORNINGS ARE SIZZLING THIS
SUMMER AT UNITY OF PHOENIX!**
Join us on Sunday mornings
for worship services
that will enlighten and inspire you!



Join us for our "hotter than July"

4th of July Service with Rev. Alice Anderson

July 2:

"Let Freedom Ring"

Musical Artist: Stuart Ambrose

July 9

Join us for the very special

Installation Ceremony of Rev. Richard Maraj as Senior Minister

Performed by Special Guest Minister
Rev. James Trapp

"Inspiring and Engaging our Community
as We Move Forward"

Musical Artist: Stuart Ambrose

Have you read the controversial book
or seen the movie? Get a new perspective!

The Da Vinci Code Series with Rev. Richard Maraj

July 16

"The Da Vinci Code: The Questions. The
Answer."

Musical Artist: Sally Jo Bannow

July 23:

"How to Think Like Da Vinci"

Musical Artist: Devotion

July 30:

"Portrait of a Master"

Musical Artist: Natalie Ellis

What do Miranda, Concrete, Algebra and
Stretching have in common?
Join us in August to find out!

Spirituality in Everyday Life Series

with Rev. Richard Maraj

August 6:

"Miranda: Your Spiritual Rights"

Musical Artist: Orgena Rose

August 13:

"Concrete: Your Source of Strength"

Musical Artist: Sally Jo Bannow

August 20:

"Algebra: Finding Your Wholeness"

Musical Artist: Rusty Ferracane

August 27:

"Stretching: Reaching Beyond Your Grasp"

Musical Artist: Kristen Drathman

Add some 'POW' to your Wednesday Nights!



POW!

Peak Of the Week

will Put some Pep in Your Step,
It will Rock You and Shock You ...

It will Wake You and Shake You ... and Fill You with
the Presence and Power of God! **POW!!!!**

Our Next **Peak Of the Week** Class is 'Keys to the Kingdom!'



Finding The Keys to the Kingdom

Wednesdays, July 12-August 23 • 7 to 9 p.m., Family Life Center
Facilitated by Rev. Richard Maraj

In July, Rev. Richard Maraj will once again offer the "Keys to the Kingdom" program. This amazing seven-week series of Wednesday evening classes is designed to support each one of us in experiencing the blessings of God's good on a greater level than we have known before. Each week, Rev. Maraj will share a "key" that will help to transform your life. The class follows the teachings of Jesus, who knew how to live in the kingdom and access the infinite possibilities that wait for us to claim them. The class will explore how to unlock the rich blessings of peace of mind, health, love and abundance that are available to all of us.

Join us and allow your heart, mind and eyes to be opened in a new way. Open up to the truth of your being, open up to the divine potential in you, open up to the blessings that are waiting to be expressed and manifested in your life right now!

Read more about this class on Page 4.



1st Sundays

with Rev. Alice Anderson

July 2, 6 p.m. • "Prayer and Praise"

August 6, 6 p.m. • "We are Family!"

Join Rev. Alice and Musical Director Lorna Bright for great music and spirit-filled worship!
ON JULY 2 - Rev. Alice will be praying with you and also saying a special prayer for individual requests during the service. This is a way for our spiritual community to come together and support one another in prayer. **ON AUGUST 6** - Come be with your spiritual family as we celebrate God and life together! We really ARE family! Get to know your brothers, sisters, mothers and fathers on your spiritual journey!

Unity Wish List

We express sincere, deepfelt thanks to the very generous congregants who have already provided us with items on our **Unity Wish List**, including a utility trailer; a desk chair for Rev. Richard Maraj; and a CD duplicator. A huge thank you also goes to **EnSSo (Environmental Stabilization Solutions)**, which donated a resin sealant and applied it on our fire lane. Pictured below are Turrin, Jody, Dave and Steve. Thank you for your generosity!!!!



Following are additional items we need:

- Seal coat and stripe north parking lot. (Cost: \$11,000)
- Replacement of our ailing trees and plants on campus. (Cost: \$1,500)
- Video camera. (Cost: \$3,000)
- Mechanical lift. (Cost: \$7,000)
- Welcome Packet Carnations. (Cost: \$50/week)
- Gas BBQ Grill. (Cost: \$300)

Sadly, in June our campus was robbed. The Petersen Prayer Garden pump was taken, along with some tools, a mower and a cart. The estimated value of the pump, alone, is \$2,000. We will be adding these items to the Wish List as we explore our insurance coverage. Please hold this, and those responsible, in your prayers.

Spiritual Education

CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS IN JULY AND AUGUST

Unless otherwise noted, the fee for all classes is a \$10 suggested love offering. (Please note, however, that if a class is taken for SEE credit, a \$25 registration fee and \$8 per credit will be applied.)

Registration is only necessary for SEE and Membership classes (Unity Basics I and Prayer I). You can register in a number of ways: at the Spiritual Education table in the courtyard on Sundays; on our website at www.unityphx.org; or by contacting Joyce Simmont at 602.978.3200, Ext. 221 or jsimmont@unityphx.org.



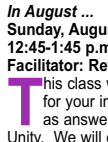
SUNDAY CLASSES

Loving What Is
Sundays, May 28-July 2
9:30-10:30 a.m.; Room 7
Facilitators: Cynthia Ragsdale and Penni Honey

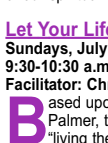


Welcome to Unity

In July ...
Sunday, July 9
12:45-1:45 p.m.; Room 11
Facilitators: Rev. Richard Maraj and Cynthia Ragsdale



In August ...
Sunday, August 13
12:45-1:45 p.m.; Room 11
Facilitator: Rev. Shannon Olesen
This class will provide direction for your individual path, as well as answer questions about Unity. We will discuss the history of the Unity movements 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.



Let Your Life Speak

Sundays, July 16-August 13
9:30-10:30 a.m.; Room 7
Facilitator: Chris Kennedy
Based upon the book by Parker Palmer, this class will explore "living the life that is in us to be lived in the most amazing, humble and yet real and rewarding way" ... and leaving behind the one many of us live by default or based upon fear, unspoken beliefs or demands placed on us by ourselves and others.

Informational Session on Becoming an LUT or Unity Minister

Sunday, August 27 - 1 to 3 p.m.; Rooms 6&7
Facilitators: Revs. Richard Maraj, Alice Anderson and Shannon Olesen, and LUTs Mark Fisk, Pat Clegg, Joan Bacchus and Cynthia Ragsdale

If you've been interested in taking this next step in your spiritual development, but just didn't know where to start, this class can help. We'll discuss what classes you will need to become an LUT or Unity Minister, as well as how we can support you on your spiritual path ... including through a mentorship program that will soon be in place.

MONDAY CLASSES

Introduction to a Course in Miracles

Two Mondays: August 21 and August 28
7:30 to 9 p.m.; Room 8
Facilitator: DiAnne Kolacki, ACIM Facilitator
This is your chance to learn more about this ongoing study group, which is a pathway to peace of mind. "A Course of Miracles" teaches us that we are holy children of God, and we should awaken from any dream we are having that tells us any different. ACIM helps us change perceptions that bring us pain. DiAnne has many years of Course study and experience as a facilitator.

Our Monday night "A Course of Miracles" class is on summer hiatus, but will resume on September 11.

TUESDAY CLASSES

Energy of Money Workshop

Tuesdays, June 13-July 18 (No class on July 4)
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Chapel
Instructor: Francesca M. Lyons

Using Maria Nemeth's book, *The Energy of Money*, Francesca will present the 12 principles for personal fulfillment to teach you how to

"unleash" the energy of money, cross the border between dreams/visions and physical reality, and how to live in forgiveness, support and abundance.

The Aramaic Way Series: Language and Prayer in Jesus' World

Tuesday, August 15 • 6 to 8 p.m.; Room 8
Facilitator: Maryn Boess

Through this class and others in "The Aramaic Way" series, you'll have an opportunity to connect in a profoundly personal and empowering way with Jesus' words and spiritual vision.

As the one who shows the way, Jesus' actual words and prayer practice provide us with a powerful example to follow in our own unfolding as men and women of God. Join us for this introductory session as we explore the mystical treasures of Jesus' own native language and experience some of the spiritual prayer traditions of Jesus' time.

This class is a prerequisite for *The Aramaic Way: The Mystic Wisdom of the Lord's Prayer* (see below) and *The Aramaic Way: The Healing Light of the Beatitudes*.

The Aramaic Way Series: The Mystic Wisdom of the Lord's Prayer

Tuesdays, August 22 and 29 • 6 to 8 p.m.; Room 8
Facilitator: Maryn Boess

Through discussion, chant, meditation and "body prayer," we will experience and explore the actual words -- in native Aramaic -- that Jesus spoke when he shared the Lord's Prayer with his followers.

Let the richly symbolic and multilayered meanings of Aramaic open the way to a deeper, more profound and personal understanding of Jesus' spiritual wisdom and its meaning in your own life today. Prerequisite: *The Aramaic Way: Language and Prayer in Jesus' World*.



WEDNESDAY CLASSES

Viniyoga

Wednesdays: May 3-August 30
9 to 10:30 a.m.; Rooms 9&10
Instructor: Sandy Sue Rector, Certified Yoga Instructor

Viniyoga style focuses on creating sequences and modifying postures to meet the individual needs of the student. (Viniyoga means to start at the appropriate place for each individual, and proceed with appropriate steps in the desired direction.) Methodologies include asana, pranayama, meditation, mantra and prayer for protecting and maintaining our health, promoting our ability to be productive in this world, and inspiring the deeper quest for self-realization.



Keys to the Kingdom

Wednesdays, July 12 - August 23
7 to 9 p.m.; Family Life Center
Facilitator: Rev. Richard Maraj
Eligible for SEE Credit

This seven-week course focuses on helping to build a new consciousness and acceptance of true abundance. Rev. Richard Maraj will share a process to help change our consciousness and thought patterns regarding abundance and encourage us to live an abundant, prosperous, happy, fulfilling and successful life, because that is our spiritual birthright.

The course requires a commitment to attend all seven classes and complete all assignments, and a willingness to tithe time, talent and treasure. Student kits (which are required for class) are \$40, which includes a workbook and audiotape or CD. Kits can be purchased on the first day of class. (This class will close after the second session.)

THURSDAY CLASSES

Discovering and Finding Your Divine Purpose

Thursdays, July 6-August 17
7 to 9 p.m.; Room 8
Facilitator: Dorothy Mackey

This class will study a compilation of 20 years of studies with Shamans, Native American Holy Persons, and the richness and spiritual Truth of both traditional and non-traditional religions with a significant emphasis on the New Thought Movement and Christianity.

The class will take a "building block" approach to bring students succinctly into a gentle awareness of what is available to them just as they are! As such,

course materials will be distributed one week at a time. Students will be requested to review each week's foundation material between classes, meditate and do prayer work daily, and do some homework which will allow them to become more focused and plugged into this dynamic experience.

From week to week new insights, tools, techniques and proven aspects will be shared. (This class will be closed after the second session.)



Lessons in Truth

Thursdays, August 3-31
7 to 9 p.m.; Rooms 6&7
Facilitator: Rev. Alice Anderson
Eligible for SEE Credit

Broaden your consciousness with a basic introduction to the metaphysical study and the practical use of Truth principles in daily living. Based on H. Emilie Cady's classic *Lessons in Truth*, first published in 1895, with the addition of newly formulated metaphysical insights.

FRIDAY CLASSES

Spiritual Gifts Two-Day Workshop

Friday, July 28,
6:30 to 9:30 p.m. • Rooms 6&7
AND CONTINUING ON
Saturday, July 29,
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. • Rooms 6&7
Instructor: Dorothy Moore

Fee: \$25 suggested love offering
This two-day class will awaken you to your God-given gifts and how to exercise them in your daily life. We are programmed by God with certain Spiritual Gifts at birth. Identifying and using our gifts is what our souls desire, and is necessary to achieve spiritual growth and maturity.

You will also learn to recognize the giftedness of others, and how all of our Gifts work together. You will also discover the areas of service most suited to your gifts.

Pick up a Spiritual Gifts Survey to fill out before class at the Spiritual Education Table when you pre-register for the class.

SATURDAY CLASSES



Stand in Your Magnificence

Saturday, July 8
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Room 7
Facilitator: Rev. Alice Anderson

Join Rev. Alice Anderson for a self-empowerment workshop to help you recognize your own God-given magnificence! This is especially for those of us who feel like our histories define who we are. Join other men and women as we learn to look at all of who we are and love all of what we see. The format includes lecture, discussion, journaling, meditation and small group work.

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

The completion of our *Prayer I* and *Unity Basics I* courses is a prerequisite for becoming a Unity of Phoenix member, teen sponsor, 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! The next orientation will be July 30, with

Membership Sunday following on August 6.



Unity Basics I

With Rev. Alice Anderson and LUT Pat Clegg
Two Mondays: July 17 and 24
7 to 9 p.m., Room 6&7

Explore basic spiritual principles that are the building blocks for your spiritual journey. You will see how the Unity Movement began and how it has changed and transformed lives.



Prayer I

With Rev. Shannon Olesen
Two Thursdays: July 20 and 27
7 to 9 p.m.; Rooms 6&7

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.

Membership classes will be offered again starting in September.

Small Group Ministries

Sometimes being part of such a large church can be 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. Making friends and connections at Unity of Phoenix is easy! Each month, just check this page to find out about the small group activities that are available.

Living Love Connection Groups

Connection Groups are the foundation of our Commitment to Living Love. They are small groups of two to 10 people who come together to build deep personal relationships and reach out to others in love. Groups are growing, are open to all, and include people committed to living love from many faiths and organizations. Consider attending one or starting one yourself!

Groups can meet in homes, churches, coffee shops, offices — even outdoors! — and can be organized around where you live, who you are, what you do or what you care about. Go to www.ctll.org for a complete listing of all of the Connection Groups that currently meet regularly. You can also find a listing of groups at the Living Love Table in the Courtyard.



Golf

Unity Golfers meet each Monday. Please contact Robert Snair at 602.995.3343 or rsnair1@cox.net for the location and time of the next Monday morning golf meeting.

OWLS Luncheon (formerly V.I.P.)

OWLS stands for **O**lder **W**iser **L**oving **S**eniors. If you are 55 or older we invite you to attend this monthly luncheon. The church will provide the speaker, main entrée and beverages for the luncheon; you are invited to bring your favorite side dish to share with everyone (or you can make a love offering donation instead).

Please note that the OWLS Luncheon will be in

summer hiatus during the months of July and August. Plan on joining us again in the fall ... and remember to mark the second Wednesday of each month on your calendar beginning in September!

If you have any questions or would like to know more about this fun-loving group, please contact Dorothy Moore at dmoore@unityphx.org or 602-978-3200, ext. 255.



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!

Unity Biz Net Mixer

The Unity Biz Net Mixers are on hiatus until September. We will be having other events over the summer, such as social hours, movie nights, hikes in Sedona, and pool parties. Look for lots of opportunities to build relationships and your business at the same time by checking our website: www.unitybiznet.com.

Unity Singles Activities

Join the Unity Singles for two more months of exciting weekly activities, including:

- **Sunday Luncheon: 12:45 p.m.**
- **Friday Social Hour: 4 to 8 p.m.**

See our weekly emailed newsletter for details on location and times. If you would like to be included on the newsletter distribution list, please contact Alyce at alyccee1@msn.com.

Hiking Group

Moonlight Hikes

Friday, July 7 - North Mountain
Friday, August 4 - Shaw Butte
7:30 p.m. (Meet in the Church Parking Lot)
NO Sign-up Required

Fitness for Fun Hikes

Saturday, July 15 - Kachina Trail (Flagstaff)
Saturday, August 19 - Rocky Ridge (Flagstaff)
7 a.m. (Meet in the Church Parking Lot)
NO Sign-Up Required

July and August find us in the Flagstaff area to enjoy the San Francisco Peaks area trails above the altitude of 7,500 feet.

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 7 a.m. 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 Clausing at 602.866.0285 or dclausing@unityphx.org.



What's Your Commitment?

By Lisa Vallee, CTLL Drumming Circle Leader



It's hot, I am tired, and my focus tends to shift from being filled and connected with people to just getting through the day. In so doing, my soul is not being filled up and I am not showing up as the loving being that I know myself to be. Does anyone else ever feel this way? Tired, lost and just needing to be filled up?

I've been asking myself ... where do I get filled up? What do I do that makes me feel loved and in turn more loving? What can I do to change this empty feeling?

Two years ago, I made a commitment to Living Love. I was so moved by the seven principles that I wanted to take the commitment deeper into my spiritual practice. So I took the leadership training. At the training, I felt what it was to "go to my heart, and I ask you to go to your heart..." (Principal #1). I was deeply moved by the experience.

I am a loving, caring, compassionate person and this process revealed the depth of that loving, caring, compassionate person. During the leadership exercises, I realized that I had not been opening my heart. As my awareness has changed, so is the way I show up in life. My open heart creates the space necessary to hold others in love and be more loving.

Our spiritual family has been evolving with the Commitment to Living Love (CTLL). We continue to create "a place where you can come and be unconditionally loved." What's your commitment to yourself for being a loving person? What do you do to feel loved? What is your inspiration? Do you need to be filled up?

I have been facilitating the Living Love Drumming Circle for almost two years. I have attended several other connection groups, just to be 'loved up' and connect with others. The CTLL has made a significant impact in my life. I remember how important it is to connect with others. Principal #4 -- "Loving myself enough to tell you what is going on with me and listening deeply to what's going on with you" -- is practiced during the groups and results in a loving connection that fills me up. I know a place where people hold a space of love for me, even when I am unable to hold that space for myself. Principal #7 shows up in my life whenever I take the time to connect with in a CTLL group.

A Living Love group list is at the Welcome Table in the courtyard. Blessings!

COMMITMENT TO Living Love

I commit to living love, to the best of my ability, with my thoughts, words and actions. I am excited to share this commitment with others.

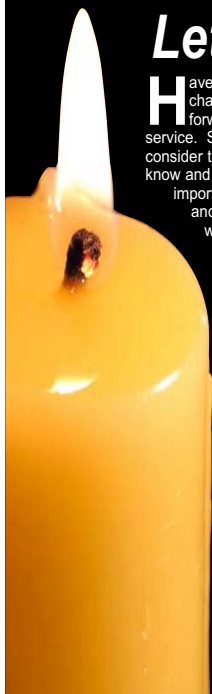
- 1 I go to my heart, and I ask you to go to your heart, because I believe in the connecting power of love.
- 2 I see the greatness in myself and I see the greatness in you. Your life and my life have infinite possibilities.
- 3 I love and accept you just the way you are, and I respect your right to be different and think differently than I do.
- 4 I love you and myself enough to tell you what's going on with me and to listen deeply to what's going on with you.
- 5 I forgive myself, and I ask for your forgiveness, when I am not living love.
- 6 I use words of kindness, encouragement, appreciation and gratitude to build up you, myself and others.
- 7 I care for you. How can I support you?

At any time, I have the right to ask others who have made this commitment to read and reflect on it. We agree to do so.

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Pastoral Care

Let Your Light Shine as a Unity Chaplain!



Have you been feeling an inner nudge from Spirit to become a chaplain? Know that as you are guided by Spirit, and move forward in faith; it will become obvious how you are to be of service. Spend concentrated time in prayer and meditation as you consider this sacred calling. There are some very important factors to know and understand before you enter into this role. The most important requirement is for you to have a consciousness of prayer and service. Chaplains truly serve this congregation in every worship service that we have. They are available to pray, hold sacred space, lovingly listen and hold in confidence what is heard. Chaplains also serve at memorials and special events.

If you feel the call of Spirit to serve in this way, please see the below requirements to become involved in this level of service. Please know that all requirements and training dates are *required*. You must be an active member to participate in this program. (Membership must be completed before September 10, 2006.)

What is a Unity Chaplain?

A Unity Chaplain:

- Is here to support congregants on their spiritual journey.
- Creates and holds a sacred space with others, and will listen and hold what is heard in the strictest confidence.
- Prays with others.

What Time Commitment is Required to be a Chaplain?

The Unity Chaplain Team is a service opportunity for those congregants who are truly looking to take the next step in the development of their spiritual maturity

and level of commitment in their spiritual growth. As such, Unity Chaplains make a one-year commitment in fulfilling their responsibilities, which include:

- Serving at four services each month;
- Being available for one-on-one prayer following services;
- Completing two hours of wellness phone calls each month (which must be completed on church grounds);
- Attending a two-hour chaplain meeting each month; and
- Completing on- and off-site training.

Required Chaplain Training Dates for 2006

If you have been prayerfully considering the next step in your spiritual journey, please consider becoming a Chaplain. We invite you to mark your calendars with all of the training dates listed below. Attendance at all of them is *required* in order to become a Chaplain, so you will want to place them onto your schedules now!

CHAPLAIN ORIENTATION: Saturday, September 10, 2006, 1 p.m. (Family Life Center)

1ST CHAPLAIN INTERVIEW: Dates and times to be announced

OFF-SITE TRAINING: Friday-Sunday, September 22-24, 2006

SATURDAY TRAINING: September 30, 2006, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Rooms 6&7)

SATURDAY CHAPLAIN TRAINING: October 14, 9 a.m. to Noon (Rooms 6&7)

2ND CHAPLAIN INTERVIEW: Dates and times to be announced

CHAPLAIN CELEBRATION: Thursday, October 26, 7 to 9 p.m. (Rooms 6&7)

CHAPLAIN DEDICATION: Sunday, October 29 (During all Sunday morning worship services)

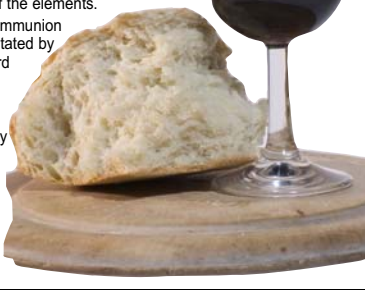
Communion

1st Sunday of Each Month
12:30 p.m. in the Chapel
(July 2 and August 6)

Our monthly Communion includes prayer, silence, responsive readings and partaking of the elements.

July's Communion will be facilitated by Rev. Richard Maraj, and August's will be facilitated by Rev. Alice Anderson.

Please join us for this sacred and holy time!



Take a Meditation Break Today!!!

Get a meditation break anytime! Go on-line to www.unityphx.org and click on "Prayer," and you will find a guided two-minute relaxation meditation in the left-hand corner of the screen.

The candle is the symbol for our meditation. Remember to center yourself in God as you participate in this relaxation meditation. God is right here!

(You will also be able to download the meditation for listening at a later time, if you wish.)

MILESTONES

Transitions

Winifred "Winnie" Pond made her transition on April 25. A memorial service to honor her was held April 29.

Norma Jeanette Roth made her transition on May 2. A memorial service to honor her was held May 13.

Rose Lee Evans made her transition on May 4. A memorial service to honor her was held June 3.

Estel Campbell made her transition on May 7. A memorial service to honor her was held May 27.

Joan Kimey made her transition on May 12. A memorial service to honor her was held May 20.

Claudia Ferguson made her transition on June 10. A memorial service to honor her was held July 1.

Christenings

Anna Lynn Rice was christened on May 13.

Madeleine and Sophia Dominguez were christened on May 20.

Cole and Maya Gierse were christened on May 28.

Andrew Taylor was christened on May 28.

Volunteer Ministry

Show Your Team Spirit by Volunteering!



By Colleen Jammer
Volunteer Coordinator

While driving across town, I heard a commercial on the radio and the only part I heard was "Team Spirit." Those two words really started my mind racing with thoughts. I couldn't tell you what product or service the advertisement was promoting, but the advertisers definitely impacted my day.

As the day progressed, I repeatedly went back to the thought of "Team Spirit." When I think of "Spirit," I think of Unity and the spiritual journey we are on. When I think of teams, I think of the volunteers.

We have many different teams with which you can volunteer, such as

Hospitality, Ushers/Greeters and Bookstore Helpers, just to name a few. Each team has "Team Leads," who serve as the organizers. They are the volunteers' contact persons who handle scheduling and make sure all areas are covered. They are the "Lead" for "Spirit" among the team.

You often see "Spirit" in volunteers, as in the friendly way they say "Hello" or the bright smile they send your way. You can also see "Spirit" move through each person touched by a volunteer. Volunteering provides the opportunity to join a team, get to know people, share your gifts, and experience joy in yourself and those you've helped.

Most people think of sports when you mention "team." Recently the Phoenix

Suns were in the playoffs, and everyone wanted to be part of the team. Being part of the team is an uplifting feeling ... and when that feeling is shared by the whole team and all of the fans, it's called "Team Spirit." Everyone feels good, supports and cheers each team member, and the fans become part of the action, too.

You don't have to wait for the next playoff game to get that feeling ... I guarantee you'll get that feeling of "Spirit" when you volunteer.

Call me today to find out how you can get involved and support "the team." We can find a position that is just right for you! Contact me at cjammer@unityphx.org or 602.978.3200, Ext. 285.

News from the Board

Thorough Sr. Minister Search Resulted in Ideal Selection

The Board of Trustees and Search Committee wish to thank you for your loving support throughout the process of our Senior Minister search. We took many steps to ensure that this process was absolutely fair and resulted in the right and perfect Senior Minister for our very special congregation.

A comprehensive step-by-step timeline of the entire process is available to anyone who would like one; copies are available at the reception desk or at the Board table on Sunday mornings. In addition, we are including a summary of the process below. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact us by emailing board@unityphx.org.

When Richard Rogers tendered his resignation in March, it was a natural choice to announce Richard Maraj as the acting Senior Minister until a permanent selection could be made.

Immediately afterward, the Board of Directors contacted the Association of Unity Churches to communicate Rev. Rogers' resignation and garner support for the exhaustive process of selecting his replacement. Special thanks go to Board members **Bruce Baird, Penni Honey and Linda Pond**, who were asked to form a Special Committee to facilitate this process.

These three began their work by creating a survey (for which they obtained approval from the Board)

and providing it to the congregation to gather input regarding what congregants felt were important characteristics for the Senior Minister.

Next, this Special Committee began the formation of an official Search Committee that would include representation from present and past Board members, as well as congregants. Applications were made available to all members of our spiritual community, who were encouraged to step up and participate in this very special labor of love. Search Committee members were then randomly selected from all of the applications that were submitted.

We sincerely thank all of the dedicated individuals who served on this committee:

- **Tom Gebler, Penni Honey and Robert Vest**, who represented current Board members;
- **Nathan Bacchus, Reggie Yates, Pam Petersen** (and alternates **Neil Barnes and Phyllis Allen**), who represented former Board members; and
- **Wes Christie, Mike Jesberger, Mary Weis and Connie Zook**, who served as congregant representatives.

One of the first tasks this group completed was to distribute the congregant survey and tally the results. Among the key elements indicated by congregants were that candidates should be **inspirational speakers**, have a good **sense of humor** and high **integrity**, and that they be **spiritual** persons who were **committed to the congregation's spiritual**

growth.

The Search Committee was then tasked with combining these survey results with church by-laws to establish comprehensive criteria for a new Senior Minister, and to review all applications received based on that criteria.

Among the criteria established were that candidates should be **active, high energy ministers** who were **presently preaching to a congregation** and who had **experience in leading a spiritual team for a large church** (with 300+ members). Candidates should also be **experienced in dealing with a budget** and all of its implications; and be **sensitive to and capable of addressing stewardship**.

The Committee members completed a thorough review of all applications (and a comprehensive questionnaire they developed for all applicants), as well as "talk tapes" of all applicants. After extensive discussion, the Committee concluded that further phone interviews and speaking engagements were not necessary, and unanimously recommended **Rev. Richard Maraj** to the Board of Trustees.

The Board subsequently appointed Rev. Maraj as Senior Minister and, in adherence to church by-laws, that appointment was confirmed by members of the Church at a special June 25 Member Meeting expressly planned for that purpose.

Congratulations, Rev. Richard Maraj!

Unity of Phoenix Statement of Activities Through May 31, 2006

[Fiscal Year for Unity of Phoenix Starts October 1, 2005 and Ends September 30, 2006]

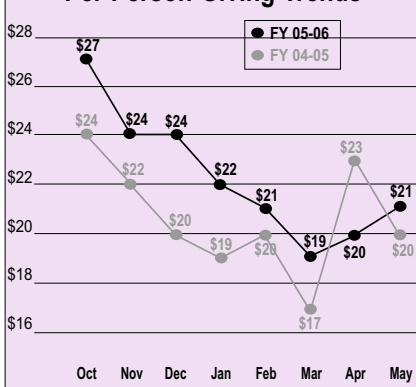
INCOME

	Actual for May	Budget for May	Variance for May	Actual Year-to-Date	Budget Year-to-Date	Variance Actual to YTD Budget
Worship/Love Offering Receipts	\$120,454	\$140,938	-\$20,484	\$1,384,963	\$1,317,403	\$67,560
All Other Receipts	\$40,985	\$61,845	-\$20,860	\$368,598	\$448,655	-\$80,057
Total Operating Income	\$161,439	\$202,783	-\$41,344	\$1,753,561	\$1,766,058	-\$12,497

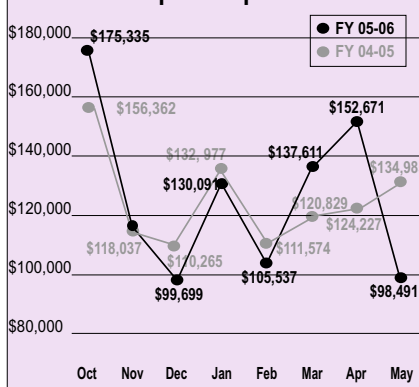
EXPENSES

Total Operating Expenses	\$170,554	\$185,185	-\$14,631	\$1,492,658	\$1,566,927	-\$74,269
Net Operating Income over/under Exps	-\$9,115	\$17,598	-\$26,713	\$260,903	\$199,131	\$61,772

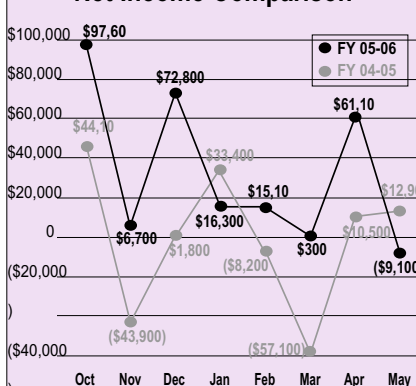
Per Person Giving Trends



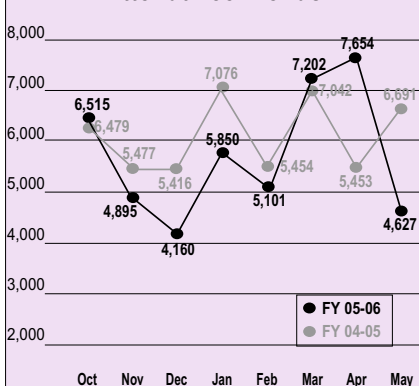
Worship Receipt Trends



Net Income Comparison



Attendance Trends



Unity of Phoenix is a tithing ministry. One tenth of all that we receive goes to support the greater Unity movement and our community. Following are organizations to which we tithed during the months of April and May 2006:

April Tithe Report

West Side Food Bank / Harbor Interfaith	\$500
Unity Outreach	\$10,093
Community Outreach	\$1,121
Ministerial Scholarship	\$1,000
Association for Global New Thought	\$2,279
Association of Unity Churches	\$2,279
Southwest Unity Region	\$2,279
Silent Unity	\$2,279
Total April Tithes	\$23,430

May Tithe Report

Downtown Urban Kids/ Marcus House	\$500
Unity Outreach	\$6,815
Community Outreach	\$757
Ministerial Scholarship	\$1,500
Association for Global New Thought	\$1,643
Association of Unity Churches	\$1,643
Southwest Unity Region	\$1,643
Silent Unity	\$1,643
Total May Tithes	\$16,144

Church Cash Reserves

At the beginning of this fiscal year (October 1, 2005), our cash reserves were \$244,000. As of May 31, 2006, our cash reserves stand at \$395,000. Our reserve requirement is \$600,000, so an additional \$205,000 will bring the church into compliance.

August 2006

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<p>Abbreviations: C - Chapel FLC - Family Life Center GR - Gathering Room</p>						
<p>8:15, 9:45 & 11:15 AM - Worship Services, FLC 9:30 AM - Summer Drama Camp, R8 Let Your Life Speak, R7 11:15 AM - Y.O.U. Class, R9 Unleash Class, R9 12:30 PM - Y.O.U. Move-Up and Alumni Day, Communion, C 6 PM - 1st Sundays, FLC</p>	<p>No Classes or Activities</p>	<p>7 PM - Summer Drama Camp-Prep Night, R5</p>	<p>9 AM - Vinjoga, R9&10 6:15 PM - Healing Service, C 7 PM - Childcare for Healing Service, GR Keys to the Kingdom, FLC GR&R&P/Playground Soul Shift/Teach, R9&10</p>	<p>5:45 PM - Toastmasters, R9&10 7 PM - Unity of Phoenix Choir Rehearsal, FLC Lessons in Truth, R6&7 Discovering and Finding Your Divine Purpose, R8 7:30 PM - AA Meeting, R11</p>	<p>7:30 PM - Moonlight Hike, Outside</p>	<p>3 PM - AA Meeting, R10</p>
<p>8:15, 9:45 & 11:15 AM - Worship Services, FLC 9:30 AM - Summer Drama Camp-Prep Meeting, C Summer Drama Camp, R8 Let Your Life Speak, R7 11:15 AM - Y.O.U. Class, R9 Unleash Class, R9 12:45 PM - Witnesses to Unity, R11</p>	<p>No Classes or Activities</p>	<p>6 PM - The Aromatic Senses: Language and Prayer in Jesus' World, R9 7 PM - Summer Drama Camp-Prep Night, R5</p>	<p>9 AM - Vinjoga, R9&10 6:15 PM - Healing Service, C 7 PM - Childcare for Healing Service, GR Keys to the Kingdom, FLC Childcare for Classes, GR&R&P/Playground</p>	<p>5:45 PM - Toastmasters, R9&10 7 PM - Unity of Phoenix Choir Rehearsal, FLC Lessons in Truth, R6&7 Discovering and Finding Your Divine Purpose, R8 7:30 PM - AA Meeting, R11</p>	<p>No Classes or Activities</p>	<p>7 AM - Fitness for Fun: Hike, Outside 3 PM - Summer Drama Camp-Dress Rehearsal, FLC AA Meeting, R10</p>
<p>8:15, 9:45 & 11:15 AM - Worship Services, FLC 9:30 AM - Summer Drama Camp, R8 11:15 AM - Y.O.U. Class, R9 Unleash Class, R9 1:30 PM - Summer Drama Camp Production, FLC</p>	<p>7:30 PM - Intro to A Course in Miracles, R8</p>	<p>6 PM - The Aromatic Senses: Mystic Power of the Lord's Prayer, R8 7 PM - Summer Drama Camp-Prep Night, R5</p>	<p>9 AM - Vinjoga, R9&10 6:15 PM - Healing Service, C 7 PM - Childcare for Healing Service, GR Keys to the Kingdom, FLC Childcare for Classes, GR&R&P/Playground</p>	<p>5:45 PM - Toastmasters, R9&10 7 PM - Unity of Phoenix Choir Rehearsal, FLC Lessons in Truth, R6&7 7:30 PM - AA Meeting, R11</p>	<p>No Classes or Activities</p>	<p>7 AM - Fitness for Fun: Hike, Outside 3 PM - Summer Drama Camp-Dress Rehearsal, FLC AA Meeting, R10</p>
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LIBBY GILL
**"Compassionate Leadership:
 Lessons from a Hollywood Survivor"**
Wednesday, August 30, 7 p.m.

Worship Services Every Sunday: 8:15 AM, 9:45 AM, 11:15 AM
 1st Sunday of Each Month: 6 PM

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

HEALING SERVICE Every Wednesday: 6:15 PM
COMMUNION 1st Sunday of the Month, 12:30 PM

July 2006

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<p>8:15, 9:45 & 11:15 AM - Joyce Services, FLC 9:30 AM - Summer Drama Camp, R8 9:45 AM - Loving What Is, R7 11:15 AM - YOU Class, R9 Unleash Class, R10 12:30 PM - Communion, C 6 PM - IS Strategy, FLC</p> <p>2</p>	<p>Church Business Offices Closed</p> <p>3</p>	<p>HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY! Church Business Offices Closed</p> <p>4</p>	<p>9 AM - Vineyard, R9&10 6:15 PM - Healing Service, GR Childcare for Classes, GR</p> <p>5</p>	<p>5:45 PM - Toastmasters, R9&10 7 PM - Summer Drama Camp-Prep Night, R5 Discovering and Finding Your Divine Purpose, R8 7:30 PM - AA Meeting, R11</p> <p>6</p>	<p>7:30 PM - Moonlight Hike, Offsite</p> <p>7</p>	<p>3 PM - AA Meeting, R10</p> <p>1</p>
<p>8 AM - YOU Connections, Offsite 8:15, 9:45 & 11:15 AM - Worship Services, FLC 9:30 AM - Summer Drama Camp, R8 11:15 AM - Unleash Class, R10 12:45 PM - Welcome to Unity, R1</p> <p>9</p>	<p>8 AM - YOU Connections, Offsite</p> <p>10</p>	<p>8 AM - YOU Connections, Offsite 6:30 PM - The Energy of Money, C 7 PM - Summer Drama Camp-Prep Night, R5</p> <p>11</p>	<p>8 AM - YOU Connections, Offsite 9 AM - Vineyard, R9&10 6:15 PM - Healing Service, GR 7 PM - Childcare for Classes, GR Childcare for Classes, GR&R&Playground Soul Self-Thems, R9&10</p> <p>12</p>	<p>8 AM - YOU Connections, Offsite 5:45 PM - Toastmasters, R9&10 7 PM - Summer Drama Camp-Prep Night, R5 Discovering and Finding Your Divine Purpose, R8 7:30 PM - AA Meeting, R11</p> <p>13</p>	<p>No Classes or Activities</p> <p>14</p>	<p>7 AM - Fitness for Fun, Hike, Offsite 3 PM - AA Meeting, R10</p> <p>15</p>
<p>8:15, 9:45 & 11:15 AM - Worship Services, FLC 9:30 AM - Summer Drama Camp, R8 11:15 AM - YOU Class, R9 Unleash Class, R10</p> <p>16</p>	<p>8 AM - YOU International Conference, Offsite 7 PM - Unity Basics, R8&7</p> <p>17</p>	<p>8 AM - YOU International Conference, Offsite 6:30 PM - The Energy of Money, C 7 PM - Summer Drama Camp-Prep Night, R5</p> <p>18</p>	<p>8 AM - YOU International Conference, Offsite 9 AM - Vineyard, R9&10 6:15 PM - Healing Service, C 7 PM - Childcare for Classes, GR Childcare for Classes, GR&R&Playground</p> <p>19</p>	<p>8 AM - YOU International Conference, Offsite 5:45 PM - Toastmasters, R9&10 7 PM - Summer Drama Camp-Prep Night, R5 Discovering and Finding Your Divine Purpose, R8 7:30 PM - AA Meeting, R11</p> <p>20</p>	<p>8 AM - YOU International Conference, Offsite 7 PM - Dr. Joe Dispenza, FLC</p> <p>21</p>	<p>8 AM - YOU International Conference, Offsite 3 PM - AA Meeting, R10</p> <p>22</p>
<p>8 AM - YOU International Conference, Offsite 8:15, 9:45 & 11:15 AM - Worship Services, FLC 9:30 AM - Summer Drama Camp, R8 11:15 AM - YOU Class, R9 Unleash Class, R10</p> <p>23</p>	<p>7 PM - Unity Basics, R8&7</p> <p>24</p>	<p>7 PM - Summer Drama Camp-Prep Night, R5</p> <p>25</p>	<p>9 AM - Vineyard, R9&10 6:15 PM - Healing Service, C 7 PM - Childcare for Classes, GR Childcare for Classes, GR&R&Playground</p> <p>26</p>	<p>5:45 PM - Toastmasters, R9&10 7 PM - Summer Drama Camp-Prep Night, R5 Discovering and Finding Your Divine Purpose, R8 7:30 PM - AA Meeting, R11</p> <p>27</p>	<p>6:30 PM - Spiritual Gifts Workshop, F&S7</p> <p>28</p>	<p>9 AM - Spiritual Gifts Workshop, F&S7 3 PM - AA Meeting, R10</p> <p>29</p>
<p>8:15, 9:45 & 11:15 AM - Worship Services, FLC 9:30 AM - Summer Drama Camp, R8 11:15 AM - YOU Class, R9 Unleash Class, R10 12:30 PM - New Member Orientation, R8&7</p> <p>30</p>	<p>No Classes or Activities</p> <p>31</p>					

DR. JOE DISPENZA
“Your Body and Mind: The Biology of Stress”
NOTE DATE CHANGE: Friday, July 21, 7 p.m.
in the Family Life Center

Abbreviations:
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 FLC - Family Life Center
 GR - Gathering Room

Worship Services Every Sunday: 8:15 AM, 9:45 AM, 11:15 AM
 1st Sunday of Each Month: 6 PM

Children's Ministry/Nursery Sunday: 8:15 AM, 9:45 AM, 11:15 AM
Teen Ministry All Sundays: Unleashes (6-8) 9:45 AM, R10; YOU: 11:15 AM, R9

Healing Service Every Wednesday: 6:15 PM
Communion 1st Sunday of the Month, 12:30 PM

Divine Idea Bookstore

Spirit of Adventure DVD 'Magazine' is Wonderful Concept



By Julia Kellogg, Bookstore Manager

Hello, Friends!

I love it when people have innovative ideas! They not only think out of the box, they think out of the neighborhood!!!

I'm someone who is slow to embrace new technology — I still play vinyl records on a turntable, I totally missed 8-track tapes, I have way more copies of movies on VHS than I do on DVD, and I have no idea what an X-box is (but I'm guessing it's a more current way of playing Super Mario than on my Nintendo!).

And now a couple of gentlemen are offering to take us all spiritually into the 21st century with a DVD "magazine" with messages and music videos that enlighten and enrich the soul.



The Spirit of Adventure contains 1-1/2 hours of positive education and entertainment. On this volume, you can see:

- Eckhart Tolle (author of *The Power Of Now*) speak on The Flowering of Human Consciousness;
- Dan Millman (author of *Way of the Peaceful Warrior*) talk about The 12 Gateways to Human Potential;
- Gary Renard (author of *The Disappearing Universe*) speak about The Art of Advanced Forgiveness; and

• Four more authors who share important messages to help you grow. There are also videos featuring the music of Unity favorites Daniel Nahmod, Devotion, and Jana Stanfield. There will be six all-new collections each year, and you can purchase them here (at the Divine Idea Bookstore) or subscribe and have them mailed to you. Pretty clever idea!

Soon we, too, will be branching out by offering our ministers' classes and Sunday series on DVD. Ha! New technology (okay, maybe not-so-new technology), watch out!

Give these new Spirit of Adventure DVDs a try — it'll be like a mini-conference in your living room! Blessings ...

NEW IN THE DIVINE IDEA BOOKSTORE

Kids' Korner

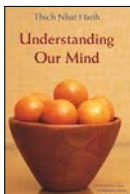


While Angels Watch
By Marni McGee

At the dawn of time, Angels danced through creation, bringing color and life to all. But are they still on Earth? In this remarkable book, the animals tell how Angels share our lives today.

"I've seen Angels play," said Hare. "They race with Fox and dark-eyed Deer. And when a whispering river speaks, Angels gather close to hear."

physical, emotional, and spiritual wellness. This book guides us to taking this opportunity to achieve lifelong health for our bodies and our souls. (\$22.99)



Understanding Our Mind
By Thich Nhat Hanh

This book is an accessible guide for anyone who is curious about the inner workings of the mind. It is based on 50 verses on the nature of consciousness taken from the great first-century Buddhist master Vasubandhu.

With compassion and insight, Nhat Hanh reveals how these ancient teachings can be applied to the modern world. He focuses on the direct experience of recognizing and embracing the nature of our feelings and perceptions. The quality of our lives, he says, depends on the quality of the seed in our minds. Buddhism teaches us how to nourish the seeds of joy and transform the seeds of suffering so that our understanding, love, and compassion can flower. (\$16.95)

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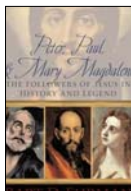


These Fires
By Kelly Schell

Kelly was the musical artist featured at our Women's Retreat in June. She did an amazing job of holding and deepening the space that Revs. Alice Anderson and Shannon Olesen created.

Kelly has a very contemporary sound — somewhere between pop, blues and light jazz. My favorite is the title track, which she says some people find irrelevant and, of course, it totally speaks to me! (\$15)

you — can read the fascinating story behind this internationally renowned woman. (\$15.95)

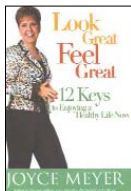


Peter, Paul, & Mary Magdalene: The Followers of Jesus in History and Legend
By Bart D. Ehrman

The author takes readers on an engaging tour of the early Christian church, illuminating the lives of three of Jesus' most intriguing followers: Simon Peter, the Apostle Paul, and Mary Magdalene.

What do the writings of the New Testament tell us about each of these key followers of Christ? What legends have sprung up about them in the centuries after their deaths? Was Paul bow-legged and bald? Was Peter crucified upside down? Was Mary Magdalene a prostitute?

In this lively work, Ehrman separates fact from fiction, presenting complicated historical issues in a clear and informative way and relating vivid anecdotes culled from the traditions of these three followers. A serious book but vibrantly written and leavened with many colorful stories, this will appeal to anyone curious about the early Christian church and the lives of these important figures. (\$25)



Look Great Feel Great: 12 Keys to Enjoying a Healthy Life Now
By Joyce Meyer

A self-esteem drought is plaguing America today, and many people find themselves in bondage to unhealthy living habits. These habits contribute to the deterioration of one of our greatest resources: our bodies.

In her latest book, Joyce Meyer provides a 12-key plan for overcoming the poor eating and exercise habits that keep us from doing all God has called us to do. She guides us to a healthier way of living, reminding us that turning every issue over to God gives us the strength to make lasting changes. First, she believes, we must reprogram our approach to health to get back on God's plan. In Scripture, God gives us all the keys we need for restoring mental,



Kick Start: A Cosmic Biker Babe's Guide to Life and Changing the Planet
By Carol Setters

With wisdom, insight, anecdotal advice, and simple exercises, Carol Setters urges SheBikers-women of courage and strength who are not afraid to live their destinies-to follow their hearts and go where the road leads them.

Figure out what really matters to you, what bone-deep, do-or-die, must-experience-and-share values and passions are just itching to be born and played out in your life. These are the clues to finding your true purpose here on the Biker Planet. (\$12.95)



If I Can Forgive, So Can You
By Denise Linn

This is the remarkable autobiography that speaks with a compassionate yet fiery conviction born of deep pain, as Denise Linn describes overcoming an abusive childhood and the terror of being struck down by a gunman's bullet. With deep insight, she shares her consequent revelations beyond death's door.

From the mundane to the mystical, follow Denise's inner and outer journey as she grows up in disparate places ... from an abandoned Army barracks, to the slums of Chicago, to an Ohio farming community, to a Midwestern historical house.

Travel with her as she's fired upon by a plane in Yugoslavia, is teargassed during antiwar riots, delves into the political and sexual revolution of the 60's, lives in a Buddhist monastery, and explores native cultures to become one of the world's most sought-after speakers and a best selling author. Thousands of people worldwide have attended her lectures ... and now, for the first time, they -- and

The Power of a Single Thought: How to Initiate Major Life Changes From the Quiet of Your Mind
By Gay Hendricks and Debbie DeVoe

This work brings to life a treasure of life-changing wisdom that has inspired generations of transformational leaders. The essence of the book is that major, positive shifts in the quality of your life can be initiated by changing a single thought. The present volume is a new rendition of the transformational classic originally called *As a Man Thinketh*, a book that influenced best-selling authors from Norman Vincent Peale to Neale Donald Walsh.

The authors have created an entirely new interpretation, written especially for the transformational reader who seeks practical ways to apply the book's life-changing wisdom to daily life. This new version is clearly written and gender friendly, free of the stilted and often sexist language of the original. In addition, experiential activities based on the concepts in the book bring to life its essential message.

You have a great deal more power over the circumstances of your life than you may have been taught. Step-by-step, *The Power of a Single Thought* guides you to take charge of your life ... one thought at a time. (\$17.95-includes a CD)



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Youth & Family Ministry

Easy Days of Summer are Perfect Time to Turn Inward



By Rev. Shannon Olesen
Youth & Family Minister

Hello and Happy Summer! Summer time always makes me think of camps, vacations, and extra time to have fun. I remember childhood summers that felt like they lasted forever. It seemed that there were an endless amount of hours to play outside, and when it got too hot we read books and played games inside.

In Phoenix, most of us spend much of the summer inside with the air conditioning! It is a perfect opportunity to spend extra time with ourselves, with God and with our loved ones.

Our culture now moves so quickly,

we often feel like we have to be "doing" something all the time. We can easily forget how powerful it is to turn everything off (except the air conditioning!) and simply enjoy "being" in the silence. Sitting, even for a few minutes in silent prayer and meditation, can help us feel far more centered for the rest of the day. Making spaces of silence with our children and teens introduces this powerful practice to them.

At every age level, from pre-school to Y.O.U., we spend time in silent prayer and meditation in our classes on Sunday mornings. I was recently in the pre-school room during their "silent sit" time. I watched our amazing

pre-schoolers sit cross-legged with their eyes closed and their hands spread open on their knees. As their teacher encouraged them to feel the presence of God in their hearts and all around them, several of them called out joyously, "I can see it! I can feel it!"

My desire for each one of us this summer is that we make time indoors to enjoy silence, to be in prayer and meditation, and to deepen our experience of God.

Enjoy Summer! Blessings ...

Shannon

Preview of Upcoming Events

FOR CHILDREN ...

Youth Drama Group Parent Meeting

Sunday, August 13

9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

Youth Drama Group Rehearsal

Saturday, August 19

3 to 5 p.m. in the Family Life Center

and

Saturday, August 26

3 to 5 p.m. in the Family Life Center

Coming Soon: Move-Up Sunday!

Move-up Sunday -- the day on which all children will "move up" to their new grade of classroom -- is September 10, 2006.

FOR Y.O.U.ers ...

Summer Connections

July 9-13 in Santa Barbara, California

Teen Move-Up Day and Bowling Outing

Sunday, August 6

Following the 11:15 a.m. class

FOR Unitees...

Uniteen Pool Party

Sunday, August 6

Following the 11:15 a.m. class

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be no classes for teens and kids on Sunday, September 3. Instead, our youth are invited to attend the presentation of *Pinocchio II* in the Family Life Center with the adults who brought them!

DIVE IN ... and Join Rev. Shannon's Team!

We need Summer Subs to serve as Sunday School Co-Teachers, Storytellers and Front Desk Greeters for our Family & Youth Ministry.

There's nothing "fishy" about joining our Summer Sunday School program ... so dive right in! Come lend a hand to give our regular teachers a vacation for the summer! We have an amazing summer curriculum of stories and object lessons.

Pick up an information packet at the Youth & Family Ministry Table in the Courtyard ... and get ready to have a "swimmingly" good time!

You'll have so
much fun ...



... that you'll
get

DON'T WANT TO GROW UP? Children of ALL Ages will LOVE Our Youth Summer Drama Camp's Production of 'PETER PAN'

Sunday, August 27, 1:30 p.m.
in the Family Life Center



Don't miss this magical performance of the beloved children's story about the boy who never wants to grow up! Travel with Peter Pan -- the very spirit of youth -- through his daring adventures with the Darling family, Captain Hook, the Lost Boys and, of course, Tinkerbell.

Our Unity youth have been working hard on this production all summer long ... so come show your support and enjoy a wonderful afternoon of theatre. After Sunday morning worship services, take your children and/or yourself to lunch and return to the Family Life Center to enjoy this amazing performance.

Tickets are provided on a love-offering basis, and are available at the door. (The suggested love offering is \$1 per ticket; all proceeds will be contributed to children's programs at Unity of Phoenix.)



Teen Mentors

Congratulations to our teen mentors, who were honored at June 11 worship services. We are proud to have them represent our church and community!

New Members:

Ian Davidson; Chanelle Flori; Zach Jesberger; Patrick Nalley; Dylan Shnowski; Daphne Smith; and Robbie Walch.

Returning Members:

Olivia Petersen; Natalie Olson; Adam Zook; Jacob Nalley; Madison Thompson; and Alana Tivnan.

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To live our Oneness with God by transforming our lives and the world with love.

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Wednesday, 6:15 p.m.

Sunday Morning Services:

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

1st Sundays:

1st Sunday/Month, 6 p.m.

Communion:

1st Sunday/Mo., 12:30 p.m.

Sunday Children's Ministry

Multi-age (K-5th Grade):

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.

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Our Unity Community

Creating Our Church's Vision and Future Direction

In April and May, our church began a period of prayer and discernment about the future direction of our ministry. The Board of Trustees and Spiritual Leadership Team began leading a process to listen to congregant input, ideas and desires regarding their vision for the future, and how they wish to move forward as a spiritual community.

As a first step, bulletins for the last two weeks of April included surveys that asked congregants about what they value most about our church community. The most frequent responses included: **diversity and acceptance of all; inspiration and support of spiritual growth; and loving feeling of community.**

Following the survey, congregants were invited to participate in Unity's "**World Café Visioning and Potluck Dessert**" on Sunday, May 21. Approximately 80 people attended, representing diverse aspects of the ministry: long-time members and new attendees; congregants from all three Sunday services; and many volunteers ... ushers and greeters; chaplains; youth and family volunteers and teachers; Taking Love to the Community participants, choir members; Living Love leaders; and others. Current and former staff members were also invited to attend.

We have included a brief summary of the major elements that were developed and shared by small groups that evening.

If you missed the World Café, we invite you to contribute *your* thinking, as well. We'd like *everyone* to participate in creating a vision for our church home!!!!

Survey sheets on which you can fill out your answers to the "**Got Vision?**" questions below are available on our website (www.unityphx.org) and at the Board Table in the Courtyard on Sunday mornings. The questions are:

1) What qualities do you believe Unity of Phoenix has come to express in this world?

2) What do you visualize for Unity of Phoenix? What is the highest possible dream for our spiritual community? What does it look like? Feel like? For you, our community and our world?

Be sure to fill out a "Got Vision?" survey and drop it off at the Board Table on Sunday mornings, or email it to board@unityphx.org by July 21.

The Board of Trustees and Spiritual Leadership Team will use the feedback they gain through this survey, the World Café and other congregant input to help develop the vision for Unity of Phoenix at a special visioning workshop that will be held July 28 and 29.

In August, they will share with all of you what emerges from that workshop, and gather feedback about the proposed vision. By September, we plan to be able to move forward with a shared vision, values and goals for our church.



World Café Summary:

Part 1: Our Church "Heart Card"

In the first part of the World Café, small groups focused on the question, "**What qualities has Unity of Phoenix come to express in the world?**" Based on their own values and on who congregants felt they have come here to be, small groups discussed and crystallized seven qualities -- or values -- they would like to see reflected back in our church home. Those qualities comprised a "Heart Card" which defined who or what each small group wants our church home to express in the world.

Qualities identified are categorized and listed below according to the number of times they were mentioned:

- Love and compassion (20)
- Spiritually nurturing (16)
- Honesty/integrity (9)
- Joyful and fun (7)
- A sense of community (7)
- Creativity/supportive of creativity (7)
- Motivational (7)
- Inclusive and diverse (5)
- A promoter of each one's true self (4)
- Strong (4)
- Of service to the greater community (global consciousness) (3)
- A peacemaker in the community or world (3)
- Passionate (2)
- Teacher (2)

Part 2: Visioning Our Dream for Unity of Phoenix

In the second part of the World Café evening, the small groups considered these questions:

What do you visualize for Unity of Phoenix? What is the highest possible dream for our spiritual community? What does it look like? Feel like? For you, our community and our world?

The major themes that came out of these small group (table) discussions were:

Connecting within our Spiritual Community

- Small group ministries: deep, soulful
- "Secret Service Connection Team"
- Supportive environment and "in-reach"
- Friendship building activities

God Consciousness in Action

- Empowerment for *everyone* to lead and participate
- Volunteer outreach locally and globally

Spiritual Education

- Spiritual mastery
- Structure and mentor path
- Prayer and meditation
- Deepening the spiritual experience
- Support of individual paths
- Broader scope

Unity Principles and Prosperity Consciousness

Communication

- Between and among Unity churches
- A beacon for healing

Diversity in our World and Community = Unity

- Race, religion, social class, sexual orientation, age
- Intergenerational. Youth education is important and creates leaders. There should be continuity and connection with the adult ministry.

Individual Spiritual Growth = Church Community Connection Within = Impacting



Check Out Our New Website at www.unityphx.org

Though our website is ever-evolving, its design has remained unchanged for many years. But that will change soon: look for a complete make-over in July!

Our intention with the new Website is to more accurately reflect what Unity is all about. We'll include more relevant information for both our Unity community and anyone browsing through the site. We want to show our friendly, approachable,

caring community and convey our Unity principles.

In addition, we hope you'll find it much easier to navigate through the website. Section titles better reflect the current church structure. And the pages of every section are clearly listed.

We encourage you to have fun wandering through the site and to become acquainted with its new look and content!