



# Upward Venture

Unity of Phoenix: Building Unity Together

## Special Points of Interest

- Our annual Family Musical, The AGAPE Choir (led by the legendary Rickie Byars-Beckwith) and Deepak Chopra are among the inspirational offerings at Unity of Phoenix this fall. And Neale Donald Walsch will be here to introduce our "sneak preview" showing of the movie, "Conversations With God." Read more on Page 2.
- Join us for fun, friendship and free pancakes on "Friendship Sunday." Read about it on Page 3.
- Participate in our 24-hour prayer vigil in honor of World Day or Prayer, a day on which hundreds of thousands of people around the world will join in a sacred partnership of prayer. Read about it on Page 3.
- Have you been feeling an inner nudge from Spirit to become a Chaplain? If so, please attend our Chaplain Orientation on Sunday, September 10. Read more on Page 6.
- Get an update from our Board of Trustees on the church Visioning process and our financial outlook on Page 7.

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## By Turning to God and One Another, We're Facing and Finding Solutions to Challenges



By Rev. Richard Maraj  
 Senior Minister

A few months ago while walking on our Unity of Phoenix campus, I passed by several little ground cover plants that had just been pruned. So much foliage had been cut off of each plant that I remember thinking that they would surely die. Certainly, I thought, there was no way they could rebound from the drastic shearing they had received.

The other day, however, I passed by those same bushes and I was taken aback to see how absolutely stunning they looked! The barren little bushes I thought would never survive had done exactly that ... and they were blooming even bigger and more beautifully than ever before.

I believe those plants are a perfect analogy for what Unity of Phoenix has gone through over the past year. About a year ago this month our church was facing a serious financial shortfall. During the same

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timeframe, in January of this year, then-Senior Minister Richard Rogers announced a two-month sabbatical to seek personal reflection, healing and regeneration. Two months later, Rev. Rogers -- who had served the ministry for almost 15 years -- announced his retirement.

Any one of these circumstances, alone, would have created a difficult situation for most churches. Facing all of them, together, might even have caused some ministries to go under.

But like the plants that thrive on its campus grounds, Unity of Phoenix has survived.

It's as if all that we have gone through has been a spiritual pruning that God provided to bring about even greater growth and blessings for this spiritual community.

Today we are doing amazingly well, and I am truly excited about our future. After undergoing a year of significant change, our ministry has emerged stronger than ever and is now bursting with the enthusiasm and anticipation of beginning new adventures in Unity. The energy here is absolutely electric! Can you feel it?!

We have seen nearly 1,500 people at worship services on Sunday mornings -- the largest attendance in months -- and in August we installed 56 new members, the biggest group in the past five years!

These are among the many triumphs we have accomplished together over the past year. It has been truly inspiring to see the way in which our spiritual community has turned to God -- and to one another -- to face the challenges and get about the joyful work of **building Unity together**.

Together, we have given our time, talent and treasure. Together, we have stepped up in faith, trusting that God will provide. Together, we have opened our hearts and minds to be inspired, and allowed the flow of blessings and wisdom to move in and through us for the benefit of our spiritual community.

And when it came time to select a new senior minister, again it was done together. Everyone -- at every level of this community -- was able to participate in the search process. I am truly honored that the end result was my being invited to step into the role of your new Senior Minister. In this I am truly blessed.

Today, I am thrilled to see all of us continuing to work together, and to collectively create a new vision for Unity of Phoenix. It is so exhilarating to see our entire congregation join with our leadership in love and intention to determine the highest and best for our spiritual community ... and to envision how we will continue to expand and impact, not only our congregation, but our entire planet.

In this moment of reflection, appreciation and celebration for what we have achieved and the many blessings we are yet to receive, I encourage all of you to continue sowing the seeds of Unity together.

Having weathered this most recent pruning process, today let us reap what we have sown. Let our souls expand, let our hearts open, let our love for God and one another begin to bloom. And let us continue to do so together ... because together we can transform our world.

God bless you!

## Rev. Maraj is Installed as Senior Minister



On July 9, Rev. Richard Maraj was installed as the new Senior Minister for Unity of Phoenix. Special guest minister James Trapp (*bottom left*), who heads the Association of Unity Churches worldwide, performed the installation ceremony at every morning worship service, and also delivered an inspirational message about "Building Unity Together." After the final Sunday service, Rev. Trapp and Unity's spiritual leadership team (*bottom, second from right*) invited the congregation to a special celebration (*bottom right*) with and for Rev. Maraj to bless and appreciate this momentous occasion and very joyful event.

# Upcoming Events

Join us for our annual Labor Day Family Musical!

## Pinocchio II



**Sunday, Sept. 3**  
All morning  
worship services



Sally Jo  
Bannow



Sally  
Gebler



Jerry Wayne  
Harkey

**W**e 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 heart-warming 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.*



## The AGAPE International Choir

Directed by Dr. Rickie Byars-Beckwith  
Friday, September 29, 7:30 p.m.

**C**ombined 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, when the AGAPE "Love Train" stops at Unity of Phoenix!

Tickets on sale now! \$50-Golden Circle; \$20-Regular  
Admission before Sept. 17; \$25 after Sept. 17.  
Go to [www.unityphx.org](http://www.unityphx.org) or call 602.978.3337.

UPCOMING EVENTS

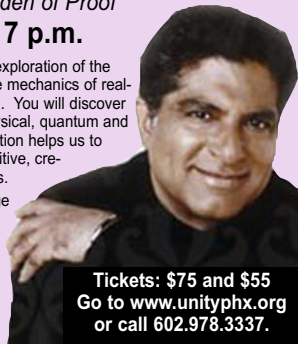
## An Evening With Deepak Chopra

\* With new insights from Deepak's latest book -  
"Life After Death - The Burden of Proof"  
Friday, October 27, 7 p.m.

**E**njoy 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](http://www.unityphx.org)  
or call 602.978.3337.



See a sneak preview of  
the new movie and meet  
our special guest, author  
Neale Donald Walsch!

## "Conversations With God"

Directed by Stephen Simon  
Friday, October 20, 7 p.m.

**B**efore this amazing film opens in theaters nationwide on October 27, our Unity of Phoenix community will get to see it first ... AND meet the inspirational book author, Neale Donald Walsch, who will introduce the film and lead a discussion afterward!

The film chronicles the dramatic journey of a down-and-out man who inadvertently becomes a spiritual messenger and bestselling author. Adapted by Walsch's books that inspired and changed the lives of millions worldwide, **Conversations With God** tells the true story of Walsch (played by Henry Czerny) who, at the lowest point in his life, asks God some very hard questions. The answers he gets from God/within became the foundation of an internationally-acclaimed book series that has sold over 7 million copies and been translated into 34 languages.

Tickets Available Now! \$10 per person.  
Call 602.978.3337 or go to [www.unityphx.org](http://www.unityphx.org)



The Arizona Interfaith  
Movement Presents  
THE GOLDEN  
RULE SUMMIT featuring

## The Work Of Byron Katie

Saturday, September 16  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Phoenix Civic Plaza Tucson Room  
111 N. 3rd Street

Registration fee: \$50 per person. Register Online today at  
[www.interfaitharizona.org](http://www.interfaitharizona.org) or call 480.951.0505

Mention Unity of Phoenix, and our church will get a portion of the proceeds.

## Amazing Grace

### One People, One Spirit Concert

Saturday, September 9

Two Performances: 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

at Trinity Cathedral

100 W. Roosevelt (Roosevelt and Central)

A portion of the proceeds benefits  
the InterUnity Music Ministries Fund

Dr. Lynne Haeseler - Piano • Canon Ala DePuy - Organ  
Sally Gebler - Dance • Musica Nova Baroque Orchestra • Miles Early - Percussion  
Sam Anderson - African Drums • Carolyn Estrada - Flute • Dennis Yee - Cello

Patron (Rows 1 & 2): \$100 General Admission: \$30  
For tickets, call 602.277.0353 or go to [www.centralphoenixunity.org](http://www.centralphoenixunity.org)

# Worship & Special Services

**SUNDAY MORNINGS WILL COLOR YOUR WORLD  
THIS FALL AT UNITY OF PHOENIX!**  
Join us on Sunday mornings  
for worship services  
that will enlighten and inspire you!

## "Let's Get Real"

**September 3**  
"Pinocchio II"  
Our annual Family Musical

**September 10**  
"Real"  
with Rev. Richard Maraj  
and Rev. Alice Anderson  
Musical Artist: Kristen Drathman

## "Selfless Service"

**September 17**  
"The Heart of a Servant"  
with Rev. Alice Anderson  
Musical Artist: Orgena Rose

**September 24**  
"Service with a Smile"  
with Rev. Richard Maraj  
Musical Artist: Stuart Ambrose

**October 1**  
"You've Got a Friend"  
(Friendship Sunday)  
with Rev. Richard Maraj  
Musical Artist: Ramon Pratt

## "Favorite Bible Stories"

with Rev. Richard Maraj

**October 8**  
"Daniel and the Lions' Den"  
Musical Artist: To Be Determined

**October 15**  
"Samson and Delilah"  
Musical Artist: To Be Determined

**October 22**  
"Jonah and the Whale"  
Musical Artist: To Be Determined

**October 29**  
"David and Goliath"  
Musical Artist: Guest Artist To Be Determined  
and the Unity of Phoenix Children's Choir



## World Day of Prayer 24-hour Prayer Vigil

6 p.m. Wednesday, September 13  
through 6 p.m. Thursday, September 14

*"United in the transforming power of God's love,  
we are renewed in mind, body and spirit  
as we pray for one another and the world."*

On Thursday, September 14, hundreds of thousands of people around the world will join with Unity and Unity churches in a sacred partnership of prayer. We will hold an "Opening Ceremony" in the Family Life Center to open the Vigil at 6 p.m. Wednesday, September 13, and will continue the vigil through Thursday, September 14, at 6 p.m. We welcome you to join us at any time, in person or wherever you are, during this 24-hour Vigil as we set an intention to transform the world and millions of lives -- including our own -- through the power of prayer!

Unity believes prayer is a powerful way to achieve healing, harmony, and understanding. Prayer lifts us to new heights of joy and strengthens our ever-increasing awareness of God's presence in our lives and in all creation. 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. 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.



## Friendship Sunday is Oct. 1

**Give the gift of love ... Introduce a friend to Unity!  
Join us for fun, friendship and FREE pancakes!**

**B**ring your appetite and enjoy fun, friendship and all the hot-cakes you can eat on Friendship Sunday! We'll serve complimentary pancakes after all morning worship services.

So 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!!!



## 1st Sundays

with Rev. Alice Anderson

September 3, 6 p.m. • "Spirit School"

October 1, 6 p.m. • "Fall into God"

**J**oin Rev. Alice and Musical Director Lorna Bright for great music and spirit-filled worship!  
**ON SEPTEMBER 3** - Did you know that you're in "Spirit School" every day? Join us and learn how to move forward in your spiritual education! **ON OCTOBER 1** - Trust the Divine Presence all around you. Come to our October service and experience the presence of God as unconditional support and love.

# Spiritual Education



## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1 P.M.

Unity of Phoenix lovingly invites you to become a member. Membership Orientation will be held on **Sunday, October 29 at 1 p.m.**; Membership Sunday will follow on **November 5**, 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, 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

### Unity Basics I

**In September:**

With **Rev. Richard Maraj** and **LUT Pat Clegg**  
**Saturday, September 9**  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Room 6&7

**In October:**

With **Rev. Shannon Olesen** and **LUT Mark Fisk**  
**Two Mondays: October 2 and 9**  
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

**In September:**

With **Rev. Richard Maraj** and **LUT Pat Clegg**  
**Saturday, September 23**  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Room 6&7

**In October:**

With **LUT Pat Clegg**  
**Two Thursdays: October 5 and 12**  
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.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

On August 6, we installed the largest group of new members in the past five years! Congratulations and a warm welcome to all of the following individuals who were installed that day:

- Cynthia Lee Alward
- Nola Jean Beachy
- Betty Bennett
- Leah Anntonette Bilyeu
- Sherlee Ann Brown
- Colleen C. Casson
- Charles Earl Corkett
- Judy Corkett
- Kathleen Marie Crandall
- Marie Ann Cunningham
- Margaret A. Dunleavy
- Karen Lee Fenneman
- Carmen Frizzell
- Deborah Ruth Gahm
- Tracy Ann Gimmel
- Holly A. Gorman
- Charles Halajian
- Jean F. Halajian
- Darlene May Johnson
- Allan S. Kamper
- Shirley Ann Kemper
- Kim S. Kirkendoll
- Kevin Scott Knecht
- Melissa Barnes Knecht
- Velda A. Kregel
- Stacy Lindberg
- Molly McClarnan
- Amy Beth McGaw
- Ileen May McNeillie
- Barbara Meyers
- Cyd M. Molina
- Patrick Moore
- Brian Todd Mostoller
- Tanya M. Mure
- George Oros
- Dennis Pena
- Marilyn A. Ray
- Matthew S. Ray
- David Paul Ruby
- Lisa Ann Salazar
- Mark C. Salazar
- Nancy M. Schad
- Kurt R. Sheppard
- Zina Y. Sheppard
- Brian D. Smith
- David Leroy Smith
- Marilyn Smith
- Michelle Lyn Smith
- George W. Stinson
- Vicki Stinson
- Tabatha K. Strubinger
- Chrisjean Tiberti
- Gerri Vandermark
- Jana VanVoorhis
- Elizabeth Jean Vasko

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, as well as 4Ts and Keys to the Kingdom. You can register in a number of ways: at the Spiritual Education table in the courtyard on Sundays; on our website at [www.unity-phx.org](http://www.unity-phx.org); or by contacting Joyce Simmont at 602.978.3200, Ext. 221 or [jsimmont@unityphx.org](mailto:jsimmont@unityphx.org).

## SUNDAY CLASSES



### What Comes After the Quest?

Sundays, August 20-September 10  
9:30 to 11 a.m., Chapel

**Facilitator: Joan Bacchus, LUT**  
If you are wondering what's next (after "The Quest"), then this class is for you! Join us as we look at our individual journeys and discover what may be next. Based on several books from the "Quest" series.



### Welcome to Unity

**In September ...**

Sunday, September 10  
12:45 to 1:45 p.m.; Room 11

**Facilitator: Rev. Richard Maraj**

**In October ...**

Sunday, October 8  
12:45 to 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.



### New Thought for the New Millennium

Sundays, September 17-October 15

9:30 to 11 a.m.; Chapel

**Facilitator: Cynthia Ragsdale**  
Join us as we turn our attention from disease and death to health and life as we learn to utilize the naturally occurring "wonder drugs" that exist within each one of us. For example, we can release toxins from our bodies through simple massage techniques!

Stop waiting on science to validate our natural, God-given healing powers and, rather, allow science to teach us that we can be our own genetic engineers, creating and developing strength through our own inner abilities. Come learn how to use these deep spiritual tools in our every day lives!

## Join Guest Minister Mark Pope for Two Very Special Classes



Rev. Mark J. Pope is a spiritual motivational speaker whose dramatic presentations call on a lifetime of extraordinary experience that has taken him from a young life void of spiritual understanding to his current stature as an ordained minister and spiritual teacher serving the

Awakening Heart Center in Sedona, Arizona. Join him as he visits Unity of Phoenix to offer two very special classes.

### Bible Overview

Wednesdays, October 4-November 1

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

This course is eligible for SEE credit.

This class is an overview intended to introduce participants to the rich history of the Bible, and provide a framework for future biblical study. Join Rev. Pope as he explores the history through an accounting of stories and events, discusses how and why the scriptures were written

### The Energy of Money

Sundays, October 22-December 17

9:30 to 11 a.m.; Chapel

**Facilitator: Fran Lyons**

Using Maria Nemeth's book, *The Energy of Money*, Fran 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.

## MONDAY CLASSES

### A Course in Miracles

Mondays, Ongoing (Beginning September 11)

7:30 to 9 p.m.; Room 8

**Facilitator: DiAnne Kolacki, ACIM Facilitator**

Become a part of this ongoing study group, which 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 perception and into Spirit's Truth by reversing our thinking and unlearning our mistakes. Come learn how to experimencemiracles!



### Expansive Christianity and Integral Spirituality

Mondays, October 16-30

7 to 9 p.m.; Room 6&7

**Facilitator: LUT Mark Fisk**

Eligible for SEE Elective Credit

If you've ever wondered about the relevance of church, felt unsure whether to call yourself Christian, or questioned what you were being taught, this class is for you! Explore the unity and diversity of faith systems, as well as emerging possibilities and tensions for religious communities. Resources will include works by Charles Fillmore and contemporary theologians. We'll also look at the implications for rituals, prayer work, tithing, service and study.

## TUESDAY CLASSES

### The Aramaic Way Series:

### The Healing Light of the Beatitudes

Two Tuesdays: September 5 and 12

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 wisdom.

What was Jesus really saying when he addressed the multitudes in his Sermon on the Mount -- the "Beatitudes"? Much of the mystic richness of his words has been obscured over the centuries. In this class we'll examine the Beatitudes through the lens of Aramaic, Jesus' native language, to excavate the exquisitely mystical, profoundly practical and radically surprising healing power hidden within these familiar words. Prerequisite: *The Aramaic Way: Language and Prayer in Jesus' Time*.

and identifies the main story lines of the Bible. This class will be a guide for your journey of self-discovery and learning.

### Awakening the Heart: An Experience in Grace

Saturday, September 30

1 to 4:30 p.m.; Chapel

The intent of this conference is to enter into the Mystery and Grace of the Heart Center. Through the use of symbol, sound and story, we enter the transcendental field to touch the Source of Being. This conference is deeply experiential. The Heart Center is the spiritual center where the divine feminine is redeemed and brought into balance with the divine masculine in what is referred to as the Sacred or Alchemical Marriage.

Throughout history, substantial spiritual teachers have pointed to Divine Love as the one indispensable ingredient to healing, transformation and spiritual awakening. We gather to redeem ourselves and all that we see through the eyes of Divine Love/Grace!

# Small Group Ministries

**S**ometimes being part of such 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. 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



**C**onnection 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.cill.org](http://www.cill.org) for a complete listing of all of the Connection Groups that currently meet regularly.

## Golf

**U**nity Golfers meet each Monday. Please contact Robert Snair at 602.995.3343 or [rsnair1@cox.net](mailto:rsnair1@cox.net) for the location and time of the next Monday morning golf meeting.



## Are You Over 55? Join VIP OWLS

**V**IP OWLS 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 each month on your calendar and plan to join us! 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).

In September, we will enjoy music with our own Rev. Alice Anderson and Margaret Foster. In October we will enjoy some incredible storytelling.

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

## Unity Biz Net

**U**nity 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

Monday, October 2  
6 p.m.

The next Unity Biz Net Mixer will be in October, and will be hosted by Barbara Kelley at 2 E. Helena in Phoenix. Cost is \$20 per person. RSVP to Anna Banana at 602.896.8074 or [anna@annabanahanahomes.com](mailto:anna@annabanahanahomes.com)

## Unity Singles Activities

**J**oin our newly organized Unity Singles Group for our weekly **Sunday Luncheon at 12:45 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 Phoebe Hendrix at 602.841.0235 or email her at [lasonuop@azboss.net](mailto:lasonuop@azboss.net)

## Hiking Group

### Moonlight Hikes

Friday, September 8, 7:30 p.m. - North Mountain  
Friday, October 6, 6:30 p.m. - Shaw Butte  
Meet in the Church Parking Lot  
**NO Sign-up Required**

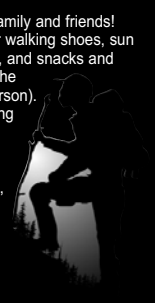
### Fitness for Fun Hikes

Saturday, September 16 - Woodchute Trail in Prescott Valley  
Saturday, October 21 - West Fork of Oak Creek in Sedona  
Saturday, October 28 - Huckaby Trail in Sedona  
7 a.m. (Meet in the Church Parking Lot)  
**NO Sign-Up Required**

**S**eptember invites us northeast of Prescott Valley to trek the Woodchute Trail and appreciate the excellent mountain top views. In October it's back to the Sedona area to enjoy the two fall color hikes we have scheduled there.

Come enjoy nature with the family and friends! 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 Clausing at 602.866.0285 or [dclausing@unityphx.org](mailto:dclausing@unityphx.org).



## WEDNESDAY CLASSES



### Viniyoga

Wednesdays: September 6-27  
9 to 10:30 a.m.; Rooms 9&10  
Facilitator: Sandy Sue Rector,  
Certified Yoga Instructor

**V**iniyoga 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.

### The Secrets of 'The Secret'

Wednesdays, September 6-27  
7 to 9 p.m.; Rooms 6&7  
Facilitator: Mitzi Lynton

**J**oin 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 and how to create the life you truly desire.



### Bible Overview

Wednesdays,  
October 4-November 1  
7 to 9 p.m.; Rooms 6&7  
Facilitator: Mark Pope  
Eligible for SEE Credit

Please see information in the box on opposite page.

## THURSDAY CLASSES

### Walking the Sacred Path with Practical Feet

Thursdays, Sept. 14-October 12  
7 to 9 p.m.; Gathering Room  
Facilitator: Mark Fisk, LUT  
Eligible for SEE credit as "How to Let God Help You"

**J**oin Mark Fisk, Licensed Unity Teacher, to explore how to align (or disconnect) our lives and spiritual practices. Topics include: blockages to address, paradoxes to embrace, our relationship with prayer and meditation, and the purposes of life events. Myrtle Fillmore's book, *How to Let God Help You*, will be used as a reference text. (The book is optional if the course is not being taken for SEE credit.)

No classes offered.

## FRIDAY CLASSES

## SATURDAY CLASSES



### Healing Grief Workshop

Saturdays, September 9-October 21  
Class closes after the first session  
1 to 3 p.m., Room 8  
Facilitator: Rev. Joan Bacchus,  
LUT

**T**he experience of grief that results from loss, great 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 participants 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.

### Living the Four Agreements: The Next Step

Saturday, September 16  
1 to 4:30 p.m.; Chapel  
Facilitator: Gary Van Warmerdam

**I**t is the little voice in your head that often sabotages the love in your heart. Join Gary as he shares practical tools to quiet that little voice and create greater happiness and love in life. Gary has personally studied with don Miguel Ruiz since 1994.



### Awakening the Heart: An Experience in Grace

Saturday, September 30  
1 to 4:30 p.m.; Chapel  
Facilitator: Mark Pope

Please see information in the box on opposite page.



### Spiritual Self Discovery Processes

Workshop: Saturday, October 7  
9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Rooms 6&7  
Optional Follow-Up Session:  
Tuesday, October 17:  
7-8:30 p.m.; Rooms 9&10  
Facilitator: Mark Fisk

Suggested Love Offering: \$15

**T**his powerful workshop offers a mixture of activities, journaling, discussions and resources that invite us into deeper work and reflection on our spiritual paths. We will explore different stages of spiritual awareness, the significance of life experiences, and opportunities for ongoing work. (Please bring a sack lunch.)

Enjoy an enlightening day with Mark Fisk, who has 12 years of experience facilitating diverse self-discovery processes as an Education Consultant for the Southwest Region of Unity Churches.

# Pastoral Care

## Let Your Light Shine as a Unity Chaplain!

Have you been feeling an inner nudge from Spirit to become a chaplain? If so, please attend our Chaplain Orientation on Sunday, September 10.



If you are feeling called to be a Chaplain for our spiritual community, please attend our **CHAPLAIN ORIENTATION on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, AT 1 P.M.** in Rooms 6&7.

This meeting is a required part of the training to become a Unity of Phoenix chaplain. However, attending the meeting to find out more information in no way obligates you to become a Chaplain. So come find out more!

In addition, 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!

**1ST CHAPLAIN INTERVIEW:** Dates and times to be announced

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

**SATURDAY CHAPLAIN 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)

### Knowing in the Unknown

Our practice is to stand in the unknown, knowing all is in Divine order, and knowing we are safe in this empty space of not knowing.

The human life, as all things in Nature, is on a cycle, and if we think we are going to reach a state of enlightenment or fulfillment that will be unwavering, then this will be the source of our suffering. It is life as it is intended to be, moving from the known to the unknown.

It is all part of the process to have moments of pure clarity and then moments of fear or doubt. We must continue to come down off the mountain into the village, so we may rise to the mountain once again. Just as the flower blossoms, dies, and is reborn again, so must we ride the cycle of change. It is for us to practice dying to the old again and again,

then allow our souls to shine even brighter, once again in new creation and the known.

— Glora Whitaker, Unity Chaplain



### Healing Grief Workshop

Saturdays, September 9-October 21  
Class closes after the first session  
1-3 p.m.; Room 8

Facilitated by LUT Joan Bacchus

Our next Healing Grief Workshop -- *The Journey of Grief - the Path of Healing* -- begins September 9. This workshop combines bereavement education and spiritual support for those experiencing grief from great loss.

If you are experiencing unresolved grief, and have a deep desire for greater understanding and resolution of your grief, join Rev. Joan Bacchus, LUT, as she provides a safe environment to be in as you walk through the grief-process towards peace and healing.

This is a seven-week workshop that will close after the first session. Pre-registration is required. Please register at the Spiritual Education Table in the Courtyard. Class size is limited to 12 participants.

### Milestones

#### Transitions

Ted Miofsky made his transition on August 9. A memorial service to honor him was held August 12.

#### Baptisms

Amelia Pauline Lowman, daughter of Michelle and James Lowman, was christened on August 12.



Members of your Pastoral Care Team: (left to right): Chaplain Coordinator Dorothy Moore; Licensed Unity Teacher Joan Bacchus; and Pastoral Care Minister Alice Anderson.

### Do You Want to Contribute Beyond Tithing?

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. Thank you in advance for holding this list in prayerful consideration!

- Light board for the Family Life Center. (Cost: \$6,000)
- Grief sources (e.g., books, CDs and DVDs to share with congregants who need assistance in dealing with loss or other forms of grief. (Cost: \$500)
- Mechanical lift. (Cost: \$7,000)
- Carnations for our Welcome Packets. (Cost: \$50/week)
- Cookies for Sunday morning Hospitality. (Cost: \$75/week)
- Worship Stage Refurbishment. (Total Cost: \$7,500.) Desired items include:
  - Drapery Fabric/Flameproofing
  - Faux Finishing/Painting
  - Workroom Fabrication
  - Silk Plants
  - Freight/Labor
- 5 Dell Optiplex workstations. (Cost: \$1,000 each).
- Network-ready laptop for Classrooms 6&7. (Cost: \$1,200).
- Church loan due April 2007. (Total loan: \$2.3 million)

For a complete list of items on our Wish List, or for more specific information on any of the items listed, please contact Executive Director Bruce Mosby at 602.978.3200, Ext. 254 or bmosby@unityphx.org.

Unity  
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List

### Take a Meditation Break

Get a meditation break anytime! Go online to [www.unityphx.org](http://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.)



### Communion

1st Sunday of Each Month  
12:45 p.m. in the Chapel  
(September 3 and October 1)

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

September's Communion will be facilitated by LUT Pat Clegg, and October's will be facilitated by LUT Joan Bacchus.

Please join us for this sacred and holy time!



# News from the Board

## An Update on Our Unity Visioning Process

**A** BIG thank you to all who participated in the World Café and "Got Vision?" survey. Your feedback was integral as the Board and Spiritual Leadership Team worked over the past few months to discern a new Vision and Mission for our ministry.

Here's a quick re-cap of how, together, we got to where we are today: how your input was used, and what structure was used to develop the plan for our future.

**APRIL: Survey** -- "What do you value most about our church home today?"

**MAY: "World Café"** -- 80 congregants discussed the qualities they wanted to see expressed by our church home and their highest possible vision for Unity of Phoenix.

**JULY: "Got Vision" Survey.** Congregants, youth and staff were invited to respond to the World Café questions. (See results on our website at [www.unityphx.org](http://www.unityphx.org))

**JULY 28-29: Visioning Retreat with**

**Susan Beck** -- Our Board and Spiritual Leadership Team reviewed all congregant input. Susan led the group through the "4 Why's" process developed by Richard Barrett, which she has also used in visioning work with other Unity churches.

**AUGUST 6: Vision and Mission** -- A draft was presented to the congregation for feedback.

Throughout August, our Vision and Mission continued to be refined based on congregant feedback AND to develop values, goals and specific actions that will help us accomplish our Vision.

**AUGUST 27: Family Meeting** -- We shared with congregants our Vision and how our plans for the land and other financial decisions are directed by it.

We have received a number of questions asking how we will accomplish the Vision we have set, and where different aspects of our existing ministry fit into the big picture.

At this writing, we are still in

the process of developing those concrete goals. However, it may be useful to know that there is a structure at work here called the "4 Why's."

In it, four quadrants each identify a key element in our purpose. (See box at right.) On August 6, we identified only the two quadrants on the right: our Vision (What is our contribution to society? and What is our dream for the world?); and our Mission (Why on earth are we here?)

As of mid-August we were in the process of further discernment regarding our Core Values and developing specific goals that will help us to grow, devel-

### The 4 "Why's"



op and fulfill our vision for Unity and our world (see bottom left quadrant).

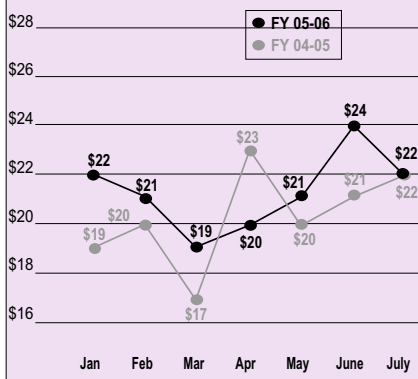
Stay tuned, and stay involved! Through Family Meetings, the *Upward Venture*, the website and other means of communication, we will provide timely updates on our progress and continue to ask for your input.

## Unity of Phoenix Statement of Activities Through July 31, 2006

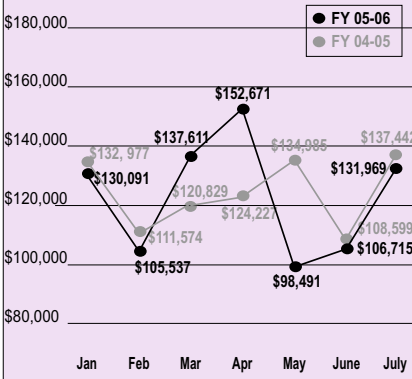
[Fiscal Year for Unity of Phoenix Starts October 1, 2005 and Ends September 30, 2006]

	Actual for July	Budget for July	Variance for July	Actual Year-to-Date	Budget Year-to-Date	Variance Actual to YTD Budget
<b>INCOME</b>						
Worship/Love Offering Receipts	\$180,278	\$169,783	\$10,495	\$1,696,099	\$1,628,124	\$67,975
All Other Receipts	\$38,895	\$68,967	-\$30,072	\$436,396	\$570,489	-\$134,093
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$219,173</b>	<b>\$238,750</b>	<b>-\$19,577</b>	<b>\$2,132,495</b>	<b>\$2,198,613</b>	<b>-\$66,118</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Total Operating Expenses	\$171,651	\$192,700	-\$21,049	\$1,825,209	\$1,944,857	-\$119,648
<b>Net Operating Income over/under Exps</b>	<b>\$47,522</b>	<b>\$46,050</b>	<b>\$1,472</b>	<b>\$307,286</b>	<b>\$253,756</b>	<b>\$53,530</b>

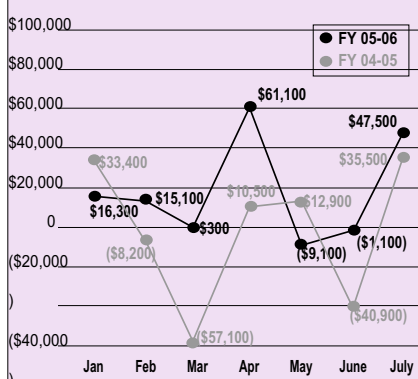
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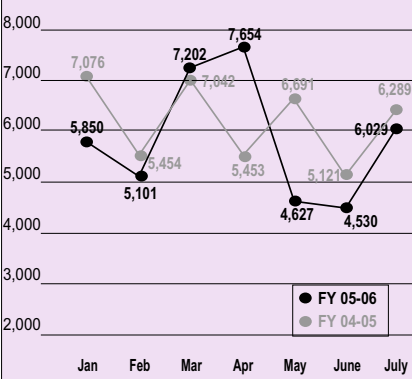
### Worship Receipt Trends



### 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 June and July 2006:

### June Tithe Report

Beatitudes Health Ministry/VICAP	\$500
Unity Outreach	\$6,739
Community Outreach	\$749
Ministerial Scholarship	\$1,500
Unity Institute	\$1,622
Association of Unity Churches	\$1,622
Southwest Unity Region	\$1,622
Silent Unity	\$1,622
<b>Total June Tithes</b>	<b>\$15,976</b>

### July Tithe Report

Homeward Bound/Habitat for Humanity	\$500
Unity Outreach	\$9,412
Community Outreach	\$1,045
Ministerial Scholarship	\$1,500
Unity Institute	\$2,365
Association of Unity Churches	\$2,365
Southwest Unity Region	\$2,365
Silent Unity	\$2,365
<b>Total July Tithes</b>	<b>\$21,917</b>

### Church Cash Reserves

At the beginning of this fiscal year (October 1, 2005), our cash reserves were \$244,000. As of July 31, 2006, our cash reserves stand at \$444,000.

Our reserve requirement is \$600,000, so an additional \$156,000 will bring the church into compliance.

# September 2006

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<p>Abbreviations: C - Chapel FLC - Family Life Center GR - Gathering Room</p>	<p><b>"PINOCCHIO II"</b> Annual Labor Day Family Musical Sunday, September 3, at all Sunday Morning Worship Services</p>		<p><b>THE AGAPE INT'L CHOIR</b> Directed by Dr. Rickie Byars-Beckwith Friday, September 29, 7:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center</p>			
<p>8:15, 9:45 &amp; 11:15 AM - Labor Day Family Musical FLC 9 AM - Children's Open Music Registration, GR 9:30 AM - What Comes After the Quest?, C 11:15 AM - Y.O.U. Class, R9 11:45 AM - Children's Choice, R8 6 PM - 1st Sunday, FLC</p>	<p>Church Business Offices Closed</p>	<p>6 PM - Healing Light of the Beatitudes, R8 7 PM - Leadership Huddle, R8&amp;7</p>	<p>9 AM - Vineyard, R8&amp;10 6:15 PM - Healing Service, C 7 PM - The Secrets of The Secret, R8&amp;7 Children's Classes, GR/R4/Playground Unites, O.U. Fun Night, R8&amp;10</p>	<p>5:45 PM - Toastmasters, R5 7 PM - Unity of Phoenix Choir Rehearsal, FLC 7:30 PM - AA Meeting, R11</p>	<p>6 PM - Unites Friday Night Menes for 6th-8th Graders, R8&amp;10 7:30 PM - Moonlight Hike (Meet in Parking Lot)</p>	<p>9 AM - Unity Basics, R8&amp;7 1 PM - Healing Choir Workshop, R8 3 PM - AA Meeting, R10</p>
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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: Unites (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, 12:45 PM

# October 2006

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**AN EVENING WITH DEEPAK CHOPRA**  
*With insights from his latest book, "Life After Death: The Burden of Proof"*  
**Friday, October 27, 7 p.m. in the Family Life Center**

Abbreviations:  
 C - Chapel  
 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: Ulfens (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, 12:45 PM

# Divine Idea Bookstore

## New Unity Booklet Helps Deepen Your Experience of Prayer



By Julia Kellogg, Bookstore Manager  
Hello, Friends!

I'm an "overall picture" kind of gal. When my sister and I travel together, she (who finds great joy in the details) is the one who will see each amazing rock formation while I am enjoying the entire canyon. In Carlsbad Caverns, she "oohs" and "aahs" over every stalactite and stalagmite while I walk in wonder at the immensity of it all. I'm the first through a museum and already in the gift shop when she finishes and shares with me the history (found on those wonderful informative exhibit plaques that I rarely read) of all we've just seen.

For years, Unity has been participating in the World Day of Prayer and I've been aware of it, but never really

thought about it until September 11, 2001. That day illuminated for me the need — the necessity, really — of setting the intention, generating the energy, and creating the consciousness of community prayer ... because the world is our community.

This year, Unity has created the most wonderful tool to assist you in deepening your experience in the activity of prayer. *The Power of Your Words: Prayer and Journaling* is an inexpensive booklet (only \$3.50) that includes:

- Helpful ideas that will enrich your prayer times;
- Journaling space to write what's in your heart;
- Daily affirmations, Bible verses or inspirational quotes to reflect upon.

Each week also has a central theme:

- **Week 1:** Centering yourself in the presence of God;
- **Week 2:** Praying for others;
- **Week 3:** Focusing on our world community;
- **Week 4:** Gratitude.

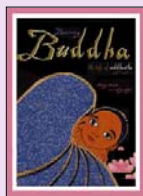
I think this is one of the finest publications — in both form and content — that Unity has created. This booklet is dated for September, but is also a great ongoing reference tool for anyone looking to deepen his or her practice and process of prayer.

I invite and encourage each of you to make the commitment to yourself and your family (also known as the planet!) to participate in manifesting a world at peace ... one prayer at a time.

Blessings!

### NEW IN THE DIVINE IDEA BOOKSTORE

#### Kids' Korner



**Becoming Buddha: The Story of Siddhartha**  
By Whitney Stewart and Sally Rippin

The focused mind brings happiness. This book tells the inspiring story of Siddhartha Gautama's quest for enlightenment.

Born a wealthy prince, he left privilege and family to become a wandering monk, determined to find a way to end suffering in the world. Years passed, filled with struggle and many false starts. One day, while resting under a bodhi tree, Siddhartha experienced a moment of supreme enlightenment. Suddenly, he understood that suffering vanishes when people become free of desire, and that meditation is the first step on the path to inner peace.

Siddhartha thus became a Buddha, an enlightened one, and he spent his remaining years teaching others what he had learned. (\$16.95)

caregiver; how to best handle final arrangements (and what the choices are); what products and services cost; and what to say or write to survivors.

This is a valuable reference for everyone who is a caregiver or has family or friend for whom they will become responsible. (\$14.95)

**Offerings: Buddhist Wisdom for Every Day**  
By Danielle and Olivier Follmi



A book to contemplate each day, *Offerings* contains 365 photographs accompanied by a choice Buddhist quote. Through subjects that preoccupy us today, the masters of

Tibetan Buddhist thought — including His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Jack Kornfield, and Arnaud Desjardins — convey to us their visions of existence.

The authors are the founders of HOPE, an association dedicated to education in the Himalayas. Olivier's photographs of the Himalayas have been seen around the world and have won the prestigious World Press award. (\$29.95)

#### NEW IN AUDIO



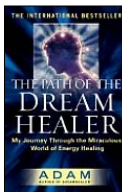
**The Secret (DVD)**

**The Secret** has traveled through centuries to reach you. This is the secret to everything — joy, health, money, relationships, love, happiness ... everything you have ever wanted.

This astonishing film provides ALL the resources you will need to understand and live *The Secret*.

For the first time in history, leading scientists, authors, and philosophers will reveal *The Secret* that utterly transformed the lives of those who lived it: Plato, Newton, Carnegie, Beethoven, Shakespeare, Einstein. Now YOU will know *The Secret* ... and it can change your life forever.

She uses these stories of extraordinary encounters to teach us how to develop our own intuitions and spiritual insights. (\$19.95)

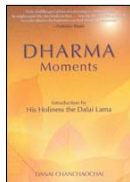


**The Path of the Dream Healer: My Journey Through the Miraculous World of Energy Healing**  
By Adam

Adam is your everyday college student. The only thing different about Adam is that he has the power to heal other people — and can do so from across a continent, with nothing more than a picture of the person he is healing.

For the thousands of people who have already been healed by Adam, this is not a curious phenomenon, but the very definition of hope. Adam is an energy healer — he can read auras and see where energy is blocked. With this gift, he is able to direct that energy toward healing. This book continues the story of his remarkable journey and brings a new understanding of how anyone can tap into this amazing power. (\$23.95)

**Dharma Moments**  
By Danaï Chanchaochai



With sound advice about its relevance in today's busy world, Danaï Chanchaochai places the wisdom of the Dharma at the center of our lives, examining such personal and global challenges as dealing with a difficult boss,

the impact of 24/7 technology, forgotten business ethics and the effect of nations at war.

This wide-ranging collection of deeply personal insights and real-life stories reveals the Buddha's most enduring principles. This book helps us lead richer and more meaningful lives with compassion, respect, self-restraint, honesty and wisdom. (\$15.95)

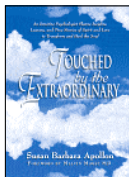


**Let Your Goddess Grow! 7 Spiritual Lessons on Female Power and Positive Thinking**  
By Charlene M. Proctor, PhD.

In this book of women's wisdom, Charlene Proctor teaches you how to replace old, negative thought patterns with powerful ideas. Through seven lessons, you'll manifest more success while deepening your relationship with spirit. She gently leads you to the concept of the divine feminine and explains why both men and women need more of Her.

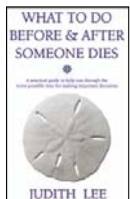
Discover yourself and experience greater independence and spiritual growth! Begin your own transformation so you can lead a life filled with authenticity. This book will gracefully show you how to harness your own power to create a positive and balanced life. (\$19.95)

Note: The author also has *The Women's Book of Empowerment: 323 Affirmations That Change Everyday Problems into Moments of Potential* (\$16.95). This book contains empowering affirmations that help train your mind to consciously create the life you desire.



**Touched by the Extraordinary: An Intuitive Psychologist Shares Insights, Lessons, and True Stories of Spirit and Love to Transform and Heal the Soul**  
By Susan Barbara Apollon

This book is a gift of love and wisdom from Susan for all of us who are seeking new spiritual understandings. She tells remarkable stories of premonitions of death, after-death communications, extraordinary encounters with angels and of the healing power of prayer ...



**What To Do Before & After Someone Dies: A Practical Guide to Help You Through the Worst Possible Time for Making Important Decisions**  
By Judith Lee

The author is "the authority" on the pressing decisions people need to make at the worst possible time: when a friend or loved one is dying or has just died.

Fortunately, this is not a situation most people will encounter often. That's what makes it so challenging ... we don't handle these things frequently enough to get good at it. Creating a step-by-step approach, this book guides you through the process, explaining what you need to know so you can prepare in advance for each action that may be necessary.

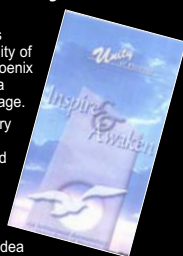
This book tells us: how to be a caregiver for a dying person; how to visit a dying person; how to help a

## Own a Piece of Unity of Phoenix History!

In 1999, an invitational documentary video was created to introduce Unity of Phoenix to the greater Phoenix community, and it is now a treasured part of our heritage.

Take a trip down memory lane to join Revs. Richard Rogers, Lei Lanni Burt and Kathy Kellogg as they share their foundational beliefs about life, prayer and spiritual education.

Available in the Divine Idea Bookstore for \$15 each; quantities are limited. (VHS format only; not available in DVD.)



# Youth & Family Ministry

## New Beginnings Bring Opportunities to Serve Kids and Teens



By Rev. Shannon Olesen  
Youth & Family Minister

**H**ello! I am very excited about beginning a new school year! Our kids will be moving to new classes on Sunday, September 10. We have been busily preparing for this new beginning.

There are several ingredients for our kids and teens to have their own Sunday experience. First, they must have their own space. At Unity of Phoenix, each classroom has been created to provide a sacred space for every child, teen, teacher or sponsor.

Second, we must have curriculum and supplies for them. Every week our kids and teens have opportunities to

learn, to share, and to have their own experience of the Christ within.

Third, and most important, are the adults who step in to serve as their teachers and teen sponsors. And in case you don't know some of them, I must tell you that they are amazing! At every age level we are blessed with fabulous adults to support our kids and teens ... and we are ready to welcome more! We have openings to lead teach or to be a support teacher/sponsor. We prepare you with virtually everything you need including training. The most important thing you bring is yourself and your open heart.

Once you begin, get ready for the immeasurable blessings that you will

receive!

Applications are available at the Youth & Family Ministry table in the courtyard every Sunday. I would love to connect with you if you have any questions; please call me at church: 602.978.3200, Ext. 334.

Blessings to you in all new beginnings this September!

*Shannon*

### Preview of Upcoming Events

#### PLEASE NOTE:

**T**here 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!

#### FOR CHILDREN ...

##### Teacher Training Saturday, September 9

9 to 11 a.m. - Love and Power of God  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Presence and God Is  
2 to 3 p.m. - Light of God

##### Move-Up Sunday Sunday, September 10

All children "move up" to the next grade level.

##### Open Music Registration - Choir and POP

Two Sundays: September 3 and 10, Gathering Room

##### Choir Begins

Sunday, September 17, 9 a.m., Room 6

##### POP Begins

Sunday, October 1, 8:55 a.m., Room 1

##### Fall Gratitude Project

Beginning Sunday, October 8

Each year, we offer families the opportunity to create a project together as part of Unity's "40 Days of Thankfulness." Packets distributed to families include detailed directions and supplies for doing a project each day centered around the concept of giving thanks each day as a family for the good with which God has blessed us. Pick up a packet at the Youth Ministry table in the Courtyard or in the children's Gathering Room.

##### Children's Choir Performance

Sunday, October 29, All Sunday Morning Worship Services

#### FOR Teens ...

##### Uniteen Friday Night at the Movies

Friday, September 8, 6 to 9 p.m. in Rooms 9&10

##### Entertainment Book/Best Deal Deck Fundraiser

Three Sundays: September 10, 17 and 24

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 and/or Best Deal Decks.

##### Y.O.U. Pool Party

Sunday, September 10

Look for upcoming information!

##### Uniteen Pool Party

Sunday, September 24

Look for upcoming information!

##### Y.O.U. Subregional Picnic and Meeting

Sunday, October 8

Look for more information coming soon.

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

Sunday, October 22, 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Join us to plan our Fall Rally and Christmas activities.

##### Children's Halloween Party

Sunday, October 29, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The volunteer help we receive from our teens is what always makes this event the best "treat" in town! Look for sign-ups coming soon!



### Family Halloween Carnival

Sunday, October 29, 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 Megan Shepherd in the Children's Ministry department.



### Teach a Child ... and Learn a Lot in the Process!

*Become a Co-Teacher or Support Sponsor for Our Youth and Family Ministry!*

**J**esus said, "Be ye as little children," because through their genuine love and innocence, children really are our spiritual teachers! That's why being a Co-Teacher or Support Sponsor is so fulfilling because, while you're working to make a difference in a child or teen's life, you'll also find that it's making a very positive difference in your own!

Working in our Youth and Family Ministry is dynamic and fun! And while you're teaching, you'll learn more from our children than you ever dreamed!

So sign up today! You can pick up an application at the Youth and Family Ministry Table in the Courtyard. If you have any questions, please call Rev. Shannon Olesen at 602.978.3200, Ext. 334.



### Find Friendship, Support, Connection and Inspiration at Wednesday Teen Nights

#### UNITEEN FUN NIGHT

1st Wednesday of every month  
for 6th-8th graders

#### RITES OF PASSAGE

2nd Wednesday of every month - Closed Session for 7th-9th graders  
3rd and 4th Wednesdays of every month -- Open to 6th-9th graders

#### Y.O.U. FUN NIGHT

1st Wednesday of every month  
for 9th-12th graders

#### Y.O.U. CONNECTION NIGHT

3rd Wednesday of every month -- Heart Connection for 9th-12th graders

### Reach Unity Congregants by Advertising in This Newsletter!

**A**dvertising in this newsletter is a wonderful way to reach an important market niche: Unity of Phoenix congregants!!! This newsletter reaches thousands of congregants and others each month, most of whom read it from cover to cover. It is also posted on our Web site, which receives many, many visitors.

Our rates are:

Half Page (9.75" x 7.75"): \$450

Quarter Page (4.65" x 7.75"): \$275

Eighth Page (4.65" x 3.625"): \$165

Pricing is for camera ready advertisements only. An additional fee is charged for creating advertisements for clients. The deadline for reserving space is the 1st of the month preceding the month in which the advertisement will run. Artwork and payment are due no later than the 10th of the month.

For more information, please contact *Upward Venture* Editor Sue Thompson at 602.494.9708 or sue\_thompson@qwest.net.

Thank you!!!!

## Our Mission:

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

## Unity Services:

Healing Services:  
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., 12:45 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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Fri.: Closed  
Sat.: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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# Our Unity Community



## Give Your Community Some 'TLC'

Unity of Phoenix is helping people in our community! It is our goal to plan approximately one volunteer event each month either in our local church neighborhood, the Palomino area, or at a community agency that provides services to people in need in our community. These events are called "TLC" for Taking Love to the Community.

Following are the TLC events we are sponsoring over the next few months:

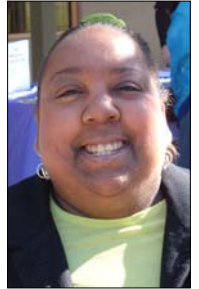
### September 16: St. Vincent de Paul

Throughout the morning, we will organize decorations in preparation for all of this organization's holiday events for needy and homeless people in the area.

### October 7: Special Olympics

Throughout the morning, we will assist in a variety of ways with all of the competitions and cheer on these very special athletes.

If you would like to sign up for these TLC events, or would like more information, please stop by the Volunteer Ministry table in the courtyard on Sunday mornings or contact Chris Finney at [chrisfin@treknet.net](mailto:chrisfin@treknet.net).



## We are Family!

Family is strength. Family is faithful. Family is constant. Family is comfort. Family is unconditional love. Family is always there to support you in everything you do. We are, indeed, a family! It's no wonder that so many people say, after visiting our campus for the first time, that they immediately knew they were "home" ... that this was the loving spiritual community their hearts had been seeking. If you want to see love in action, you need look no further than the many faces of Unity. Thank you, God, for our spiritual family!

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