



Wingspan Newsletter

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MOVIE NIGHT WITH POT LUCK February 20 Pot Luck 5:30 pm Movie 7pm

Ambition to Meaning-Finding Your Life's Purpose starring Dr. Wayne Dwyer. In this compelling film Dr. Dwyer explores the spiritual journey from ambition to meaning. This entertaining film not only inspires but also teaches us how to create a life of meaning and purpose. Please sign up in the Narthex.

SPIRITUAL INTERPRETATION OF THE BIBLE FIRST CLASS Jan 13 7 pm

This Bible study group will meet each Wednesday from 7-8:30 pm. If you are interested in what the Bible says to you and about you, bring your Bible and a desire to see yourself as the different characters in the Bible. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Starting in January 2010 the church office will be CLOSED on Fridays.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Sunday, February 14 1:00 pm

On Sunday, February 14 at 1:00 pm Unity Church of Rochester's annual membership meeting as required by our by-laws will be held.

Election of members of the Board of Trustees is one of the significant activities that will take place. Choosing representatives to the Board is very important to the operation and future of the Church, since the Board is responsible for the overall governing of the church. This includes establishing policies and communicating with the congregation.

Everyone is invited to attend.
Please sign up in the Narthex.

INCLEMENT WEATHER ALERT

In the event of inclement weather, call the church at 248 656 0120. There will be a recorded message informing you in the event of cancellation.

Closings will also be posted at the church web site
unitychurchofrochester.com

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POT LUCK & ENTERTAINMENT BY GEORGE WAYNE, THE HARMONICA MAN Saturday, January 23 5:00 pm Pot Luck 7:00 pm Performance

George has been performing for over 50 years as a "one man show". He plays a medley of tunes that are sure to get your feet tapping, an eclectic mix of music and light comedy that is a treat for everyone.

Please sign up in the Narthex for the food item you will be bringing.

George Wayne's performance is on a love offering basis.

Sunday Schedule



11:00 AM	Service Truth Classes for Children & Teens	Sanctuary Lower Level
Noon	Fellowship	Fellowship Room, Lower Level

MISSION STATEMENT: UNITY CHURCH OF ROCHESTER IS A CENTER FOR WORSHIP, SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND PRAYER SUPPORT BASED ON THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS CHRIST.

VISION: THIS CHURCH WILL BE A CONTINUING DEMONSTRATION OF ALL THE SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES. OUR VISION IS TO HAVE A CONVENIENTLY LOCATED, WELL EQUIPPED FACILITY WHICH IS FULLY STAFFED AND WHICH SERVES TO SUPPORT THE PERSONAL TRANSFORMATION OF OUR CONGREGATION THROUGH THE TEACHINGS OF TRUTH PRINCIPLES.

This ministry is solely supported by your tithes and love offerings. Even though we are spiritually affiliated with Unity School of Christianity and the Association of Unity Churches, we do not receive any financial support from either of them. As a ministry, we practice the laws of tithing by supporting Unity School of Christianity and the Association of Unity Churches, so that the TRUTH that UNITY teaches can continue to be spread throughout the world. We appreciate your continued tithes and love offerings for they make it possible to maintain Unity Church of Rochester as a center where all might have the opportunity to hear the to experience TRUTH from the UNITY point of view. We also appreciate the love for one's fellow human, and the TRUTH that is demonstrated by including Unity Church of Rochester in your will. This act of love multiples so that it touches the lives of many.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We celebrate all birthdays in January on Sunday, January 10 and all February birthdays on Sunday, February 14. If your birthday is in either of these months, come to Sunday Service and receive a special blessing, and after service enjoy fellowship with your friends.

Marilyn Bockemuehl
Danielle Boes
Charlie Calkins
Jackie Cole
Violet Dodd
Carol Donovan
Cheryl Fassanella
Marti Reuther
Arline Slater
Sue Stroud
Rick Swalley
Deborah Rowe-Warden

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MEDITATION NIGHT

February 3/March 3

6:30 pm

Meditation is a time of connecting with our inner self—a truly spiritual experience. Join us for this time of inspirational meditation.

TUESDAY CLASS

1:00 PM

Unity's basic textbook—"Lessons in Truth" by H. Emilie Cady. Each class is complete, so you can join us at any time.

DISCUSSION GROUP

January 17/February 21

12:30 PM

Discussion of the lesson and answers to questions about Unity. Held in the Youth Ed room downstairs. Everyone welcome.

PRAYER PAL SUNDAY

January 17 & February 21

We have the opportunity to become a "prayer pal" with someone in our church.

Each person will be given a prayer request to fill out. Later everyone will draw a name of a "pal" to pray with for the following month.

THANK YOU

To Jackie Cole, Music Director, our soloists and the Unity Holiday Singers for a beautiful, music-filled holiday season.

Denis Bezaire

Ed Boner

Tony Camilletti

Cynthia Fisher

Joy Johnson

Pat Marvar

Karen May

Sheila McKenzie

Bob McKenzie

Jan Putman

LUNCH WITH THE MINISTER

January 24/February 21

Look in your Sunday program on January 24 and February 21 for a sticker. The person who receives the program with the sticker will make arrangements with Dona to meet for lunch. This gives the person and Dona an opportunity to visit and get to know each other.

The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts.

You cannot always control your circumstances, but you can always control your own thinking.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS OF UNITY CHURCH OF ROCHESTER

Denis Bezaire

Hope Dixon

Khari Watts

Judy Weatherford

C.L. Weatherford

PRINCIPLES OF PROSPERITY

Our mind must be focused on the idea we are one with the Source and have access to all that is God Mind. Through meditation and prayer we must abide in the thought of unlimited supply. Great care must be taken not to fall into error thinking and betraying the GOD GIVEN POSSIBILITIES within us. Speak the prosperity thought and then be silent, allowing the idea to become firm in consciousness.

Thoughts of limitation are forbidden.

**HERE'S TO
A GREAT YEAR!**

Y.O.U. CORNER

Phil DeVone

Y.O.U. Rochester Chapter had an abundant year in 2009 and looks forward to expanding into this New Year. Last year our chapter attended two Great Lakes Region Y.O.U. events (June Rally and Fall Retreat) with the help and support of our congregation. With the success of the can and bottle drive, Rent-A-Teen and pasta and movie fundraisers, we were able to finance these ventures. We've already conducted community service activities with spring and fall soup and spruce, as well as four visits to assist the Salvation Army. All of these experiences have helped us grow as a small group in both spiritual understanding and togetherness.

Speaking of growth, Y.O.U. Rochester is happy to announce our new additions. Kaelan Donovan has moved onward from the Sunday School class to Uniteens which is partnered with our Y.O.U. classroom/events. Taylor Walton has graduated from Uniteens into the Y.O.U. program. We are honored with a new member, Jacob Rogers, as well as two new adult chaperones Ray DeVone and Hilda Blanco. Our family keeps developing in new and interesting ways. We're very excited about this year.

Look for us to take on community service programs every month. We also have fundraising activities such as winter Rent-A-Teen. Our new sponsorship team is definitely taking our graduating Y.O.U.er Cody Reeves along with new Y.O.U.er Taylor to June Rally. We look forward to serving the Unity movement and being conduits of God's perfect love as we learn, laugh and grow. With special thanks to Danielle Boes and Theresa Bieniek for the support.

Love and thanks all.

THE SECRET

I met God in the morning when my day was at its best and His Presence came like sunrise like a glory in my breast. All day long the Presence lingered, all day long He stayed with me and we sailed with perfect calmness o'er a very trouble sea.

Other ships were blown and tattered, other ships were sore distressed, but the winds that seemed to drive them brought to us a peace and rest.

Then I thought of other mornings, with a keen remorse of mind, when I too had loosed the moorings, with the Presence left behind.

So I think I know the secret, learned from many a trouble way. You must seek Him in the morning, if you want Him through the day.

Bishop Ralph Cushman

*February 14th
is Valentines Day!*

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

The sign up sheet is in the Narthex for the upcoming months. Please choose a date you will provide a bouquet or arrangement of flowers to bless our sanctuary for the morning service. You are invited to take the flowers home with you after the service.

It is a wonderful way to commemorate an event/occasion (wedding, birthday, birth) in your life.

TRUTH PRINCIPLES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Cheryl Fassanella

During the year 2010 the Sunday school will spend half of their lesson learning about the 12 powers. Each lesson will also include a meditation for the power for the month. During January the power is Faith, during February it is Love. The 12 powers help us to grow spiritually.

On February 14 we will have a Valentine's party where we will decorate cookies and make Valentine cards. We are looking forward to a wonderful fun-filled 2010 with lots of opportunities for growth and learning.

The game of life is the game of boomerangs. Our thoughts, deeds and words return to us sooner or later, with astounding accuracy.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO BLESS OUR CHURCH

One of the loving things we can do for our church to ensure its ongoing work of bringing Christ Truth and Love to our community is to remember our church in our wills.

Please consider putting a bequest in your will benefiting your Unity Church of Rochester. If you decide to bless your church in this way, please make sure it is directed to Unity Church of Rochester, 1038 Harding, Rochester Hills, MI 48307.

If the name is not spelled out, but simply states "Unity" the gift will then go to Unity Headquarters in Missouri.

Thanks for being a blessing.

Through the generosity of our congregation, 43 stuffed animals have been filled with love and passed on to their new friends at Baldwin House.

THANKS!

Thank you everyone, including our youth group, for the great job that was done for the Soup & Spruce. Everything inside the church building sparkles. Outside all the leaves were raked and windows washed. Also, thanks to the folks that supplied the soup, drinks and dessert. Aren't we great!!

THE FOUR AGREEMENTS SEMINAR with Brian

Griffin

March 14

1:30

Guest Speaker at our Regular Sunday service

Based on the book by Don Miguel Ruiz, this seminar will explore agreements we have made in areas of our lives. You will learn how to break old agreements, letting go of the past. You will learn how to make new agreements, opening yourself to possibility and casting aside limitations. Presented on a love offering basis. Please sign up in the Narthex. Lunch will be served on a love offering basis.

DINNER WITH THE FILLMORES

March 6

5:00 pm

Join us for an adventure in time travel back to the 1800's. Have a dinner that is prepared from recipes from the old Unity Inn, founded by the Fillmores. It is a vegetarian meal that is absolutely delicious.

Please sign up in the Narthex so we know how many to prepare for. Love offering basis.

WE'RE RECYCLING INKJET PRINTER CARTRIDGES

Bring your empty ink jet printer cartridges into the church office.

When we return them, the church will receive a donation.

PROSPERITY BANK SUNDAYS January 31 & February 28

We continue to embrace the concepts of Prosperity as taught by Jesus Christ and practiced throughout the Unity movement. Gardner Hunting in his book "Prove Me Now" tells how through an invitation in the Weekly Unity he started using the Prosperity Bank Program. He points out that definitely reaping is for us, but there must be a time of planting and giving.

One of the important factors in living with expectancy is sincerity. We must take prayerful thought not to pretend as the universe is quick to recognize a counterfeit life. Beneficial results are based on affirmative prayer. When we are humble, we are receptive. Sincerity is the price of personal success and prosperity.

Bring in your faith banks so we can bless them. You may pick up another one in the Narthex.

Don't give up. Moses was once a basket case.

Worry is interest paid on trouble before it is due.

Can't sleep? Try counting your blessings.

Give God what's right...not what's left.

When praying, don't give God instructions...just report for duty.



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 6
Dinner with the Fillmores
5 pm

March 14
The Four Agreements
Seminar presented by Brian Griffin



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