

Wingspan Newsletter

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July/August 2009

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 6 & 7 10 am—3 pm

Ages 4-11 years

'FINDING GOD EVERYWHERE JUNGLE SAFARI'

*Two days include: Snacks, lunch, fun lessons,
stories, music, games and crafts*

*You MUST pre-register. Registration and medical forms are in the
Narthex, or call the church office to have them mailed to you.*

Deadline is July 19

*Please encourage your child/grandchild/friend or neighbor to
attend—and bring their friends too.*

ONE CENT SALE RAISES
\$263.52 FOR RONALD
MCDONALD HOUSE

Another success!! Thanks to all who contributed items, and to everyone that came early and stayed late to set up and clean up.

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FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

July 17 7:00 pm
"Marley and Me"

Marley is a dog with a mind of his own. A movie for the whole family to enjoy. Please sign up in the Narthex.

UNITY WORLD DAY
OF PRAYER
THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 10

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday September 13

This is always a terrific time and we hope that YOU will be there. Feel free to let old (and new) Unity friends know about this event.

Sign up sheets for volunteers will be in the Narthex.

This year we will have the "Straw Hat Band" performing for our enjoyment.

Please join us after service for a fun afternoon with your church family. It will be an afternoon of games and prizes for the kids (and adults) with great food provided by pot luck. With a special ice cream social for dessert. Please sign up for the food item you will bring and remember to bring blankets or chairs. The church will be providing place settings and drinks.

If you have questions please call the church office at 248 656 0120.

4th
of
JULY

Sunday Schedule



9:30-10:30	Open Discussion	Lower Level
11:00 AM	Service	Sanctuary
	Nursery Care (newborn-3yrs)	Lower Level
	Truth Classes for Children	Lower Level
	Teen Group	Lower Level
	Young Adults	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 multiplies so that it touches the lives of many.

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and is a member of the
Association of Unity
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Celebrate birthdays of your
church family members.
July 12 and August 9

Delores Ashley
Denis Bezaire
Karen Calkins
Hope Dixon
Vivian Feenstra
Janet Herbert
Sally Isaacs
Darlene Marks
Pat Marvar
Mike McGill
Bob McKenzie
Wanda Payne
Judy Plaunt
Linda Whitehead
Lucie Wolfe

DID YOU KNOW?

That Unity Church of Rochester has a large lending library on the lower level full of Truth oriented books? Go down and check them out.

Unity Church of Rochester has a dedicated group of "Caring Friends" that send cards, visit and phone shut ins?

If you have a need for prayer we have a Silent Prayer Ministry that would be happy to pray for you. Call the church office and within ten minutes our Silent Prayer Ministry will be holding you in prayer. All requests are confidential. You may also put your prayer requests in the prayer box, which will be given immediate attention.

You have an opportunity to be a prayer partner with someone in our congregation. On the fourth Sunday of the month we exchange names for prayer.

Our minister is available for counseling, weddings, baptisms and funerals.

We have an Inspiration Box for you to share ideas for our church.

Each Sunday lesson is available on CD. The sign up form is in the Narthex.

Unity Church of Rochester welcomes two AA groups:

Fridays at 11:00 am

Tuesdays at 8:00 pm

**PRAYER PAL
SUNDAY
July 19 and August 23**

CARING FRIENDS

Did you know there's a committee right here at your church that makes home visits, phone calls and sends cards to loved ones that are shut-in, recovering or in the hospital?

If you know of anyone who would like to be contacted by Caring Friends, please call Dona at 248 642 8497.

**DSO—ALL
BEETHOVEN
Meadowbrook Music
Festival
Saturday, August 1
8:00 pm**

Bring a blanket or lawn chair, something to snack on, and prepare to enjoy great music under the stars. Tickets are \$15 and must be pre-paid by July 16. Please sign up in the Narthex.

**Each of us
is a part of all
that surrounds us
-- and every joy
we feel is a
celebration of life.**

Affirmations

Inner Peace

I feel the peace of Spirit in this moment.

Guidance

Divine light illumines my way.

Healing

I am whole and well in mind and body.

Prosperity

I live an abundant life and claim my good now.

World Peace

We are peacemakers, expressing God's love in the world.

**PROSPERITY BANK
SUNDAY
July 26 and August 30**

All monies that come through the prosperity banks go toward the upkeep and beautification of our church home.

Today is the day to let go and trust the presence of God. As you do, you will know in your heart you are abundantly blessed.

**LUNCH BUNCH
July 12
Olive Garden**

Please sign up in the Narthex so we can plan on going after service for a delicious meal and good fellowship.

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

If you are willing to provide a bouquet or arrangement of flowers from your garden or from a floral shop to bless our sanctuary for the Sunday morning service, please sign up in the Narthex or call the church office.

It is a wonderful way to commemorate an event/occasion in your life (wedding, birth, in honor of or in memory of a loved one).

Please have the flowers in place by 10:45 am. Please take them home after the service or perhaps someone you know would enjoy receiving them.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Unity World Day of Prayer
Thursday, September 10

Bible Metaphysical Class
Thursday, September 17
7:00-8:30 pm

Sunday September 20
Sunday lesson discussion during
Fellowship

Wednesday, September 30
7-8:30 pm
Myrtle Fillmore's Healing Letters

Pet Blessing
Saturday, October 3 11:00 am

YOUTH HAPPENINGS Phil DeVone

Congratulations RaShar (Ray) DeVone, Kevin Lerch, and Nicholas Paul on their 2009 commencements. Y.A.U. member RaShar recently received his Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts from Oakland Community College. Former Y.O.U.er Kevin Lerch received his Bachelor's Degree in the science of Fiction Filmmaking from Grand Valley State. While post-Y.O.U.er Nick Paul graduated from Columbia College with a degree in Theater/Non-linear Editing. Blessings and good journey gentlemen.

The Y.A.U. is under reconstruction. There will be more news as it becomes available.

Y.O.U./Uniteens welcomes new member Jacob Rogers to the family. After learning much from the events of the June Rally, the group continues forward in the spirit of togetherness, learning and sharing the Truth. With an abundance of lessons, community services and prosperity events, we'll be sharing more specific details as they become relevant. Please keep us in your prayers, as we must still raise \$1,505 by September in order to attend Fall Retreat.

TUESDAY CLASS Every Tuesday 1:00 pm "Spiritual Economics" by Eric Butterworth

Join us for a time of book study and fellowship. We have a good time discussing the book and supporting each other. Each class is complete, so drop by any Tuesday.

FROM THE PRAYER MINISTRY

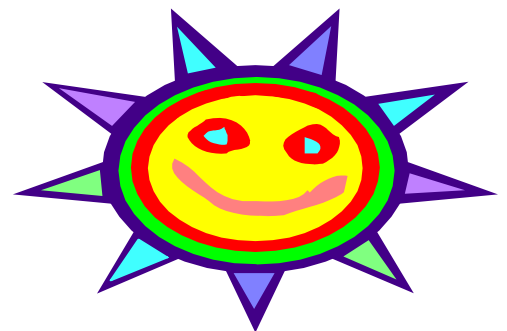
Your Prayer Ministry Team is available to pray with you. You may make your prayer request by:

Calling the church office at 248 656 0120.

Complete the prayer request form available in the pews or by the Prayer Request box at the rear of the sanctuary.

Email your request to:
unity_church_rochester@hotmail.com

All requests are confidential.



SUMMER VACATION

Dona

As we enter the summer months we begin to think about vacations. I think that regular vacations are good for the body, the emotions and the spirit. We need time away from the hustle and bustle of every day life. We need time to be still, to breathe deeply, to think about God and to simply have fun.

I have a request for you as you are planning your vacation. Would you kindly remember your church home while you are out of town? Even though summer is a heightened time of travel, we are still here doing our wonderful work of worship, prayer, counseling, teaching and fellowship. We continue having the usual expenses of running a church. I know that I can count on you.

And here's another little request, but it does lift our spirits here in the office. Wherever you go, would you consider mailing us a postcard? We love to hear about your travels and your new experiences.

I would also like to let you know that there are Unity Churches all over the United States and a great number in foreign countries. Call the office to find out if there is one near where you are planning a vacation. Worshipping in one of our sister churches would be a great activity for you and your family. And if you should happen to find that other Unity churches are doing activities and providing services that would be a welcome addition to Unity Church of Rochester, let us know. Bring back their service bulletin and newsletter. We are always looking for great new ways to serve you better!

Enjoy your vacation and come back to us refreshed. You are an important part of this ministry. We love you!!

Blessings unlimited, Dona.

AFFIRMATIONS FOR CLAIMING YOUR PROSPERITY

I am gloriously alive and prosperous now.

I lovingly share my wealth with others.

I deserve to be rich, and I am.

I no longer strain and strive, I tithe and thrive.

I boldly claim all of the riches God has for me.

I love prosperity and prosperity loves me.

I give thanks for peace of mind, health, wealth and happiness.

Friends, please remember when you sign up for any activity, you are counted as one of the participants. If you find your plans have changed, PLEASE call the church office as soon as you know so the committee will not be counting on you to attend. Your absence, or presence, determines if an activity will be held.

A REAL FRIEND IS...

Anyone can stand by you when you are right, but a Friend will stand by you even when you are wrong.

A simple friend identifies himself when he calls. A real friend doesn't have to.

A simple friend opens a conversation with a full news bulletin on his life. A real friend says "What's new with you?"

A simple friend thinks the problems you whine about are recent. A real friend says "You've been whining about the same thing for 14 years. Get off your duff and do something about it".

A simple friend has never seen you cry. A real friend has shoulders soggy from your tears.

A simple friend doesn't know your parents' first names. A real friend has their phone numbers in his address book.

A simple friend brings a bottle of wine to your party. A real friend comes early to help you cook. And stays late to help you clean.

A simple friend hates it when you call after he has gone to bed. A real friend asks you why you took so long to call.

A simple friend seeks to talk with you about your problems. A real friend seeks to help you with your problems.

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

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Judy Swinter

Our prime purpose in this life
is to help others.
And if you can't help them, at
least don't hurt them.

Dalai Lama

Please pray this prayer with
us:

All income is gratefully re-
ceived and wisely distributed
under the inspiration of the
Christ Mind.

We don't change
God's message...His
message changes us.

DIAL A PRAYER

Having a difficult moment? For an
uplifting, inspirational message
24/7 call 248 656 0121.

As you enjoy your summer
travels we hold you in the
light and love of God.
We also thank you for
remembering your continuing
support of Unity Church of
Rochester.

Thank You God for the one
who is reading this. For they
are Your channel of supply to
Unity Church of Rochester.

Wow!! What a dedicated group . Thank You

2009 UNITY CHURCH OF ROCHESTER SURVEY RESULTS

We received wonderful input from the congregation in the survey that was given during the 5/17 and 5/31 services. We received 43 surveys in those two days and the information was used during our annual Board retreat to help set direction for changes/improvements to focus on in the next year. Graphs summarizing the top responses to the questions are shown here. It was great to see that an overwhelming majority of the surveys listed the warm, friendly people of the Church as one of the things they most liked. We have decided to focus on five areas in the immediate future: additional classes/activities, music during service, décor updates, utilizing the projector/screen during service and membership growth. We have developed action plans to address each of these items and will keep the congregation updated on our progress. The Board and Dona would like to thank everyone that provided input to help continue the growth and success of our wonderful Church.

The Gospel According to You

Anonymous

If none but you in the world today
Had tried to live in a Christ-like way,
Could the rest of the world look close at you
And find the path that is straight and true?
If none but you in the world so wide
Had found the Christ for his daily guide,
Would the things you do and the things you say
Lead others to live in His blessed way?
Ah, friends of the Christ, in the world today
Are many who watch you upon your way,
And look to the things you say and do
To measure the Christian standard true.
Men read and admire the Gospel of Christ
With its love so unfailing and true,
But what do they say and what do they think
Of the Gospel according to you?
You are writing each day a letter to me-
Take care that the writing is true;
'Tis the only Gospel that some men will read,
That gospel according to you.

**THE CHURCH
OFFICE
WILL BE
CLOSED
MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 7**

HELP US GROW.
SHARE YOUR
NEWSLETTER
WITH A FRIEND.



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