

# Wingspan Newsletter

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## **EASTER SUNDAY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

**April 12  
9-10 am**

*Begin your Easter Sunday with your church family over breakfast in the Fellowship Room. Please sign up in the Narthex so we know how many to prepare for. A love offering will be accepted.*

## **Easter Sunday Service**

*Our Easter Sunday Service is one of great beauty. A transformation can take place in each of us when we realize all our challenges are opportunities that lead us to new awareness and new dimensions of living.*

*On each flower that you place in the Life Board, there will be a message lovingly prepared for you. Come and share in the joy of Easter and enjoy our wonderful Unity Singers.*

## **35th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION March 22 11 am**

Bring friends and family to celebrate Unity Church of Rochester's 35th anniversary

## **METAPHYSICAL BIBLE STUDY Thursday, April 16 7-8:30 pm**

We will be exploring the inner meaning of stories and Bible verses—and how to apply the principles to your every day life experience. Love offering basis.

## **SOUP & SPRUCE Sunday, April 5**

Mark your calendar and bring buckets, rags, rakes and anything you think you might need to help polish pews, wash windows, vacuum drapes, clean up outside, etc. With your church family this will be FUN, and the church will be sparkling for Easter. Soup and more will be provided by your Board of Trustees. Please sign up in the Narthex so we know how many to prepare for.

## **HOLY WEEK**

*Begins Sunday, April 5  
through Easter Sunday*

We invite you to make this a special time for consciousness building concepts of life and living abundantly. We ask you to dedicate this special time as a week of prayer, to gain freedom through forgiving and to feel the power of resurrection. "Keep A True Lent" by Charles Fillmore is a powerful book to

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY PANCAKE SUPPER April 9 6:00 pm**

The Men's Group will again be in the kitchen!! Delicious meal guaranteed!! Please sign up in the Narthex so we know how many to prepare for. Love offering basis.

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## ***Sunday Schedule***

9:30-10:30 AM	Discussion Group	Lower Level
11:00 AM	Service	Sanctuary
	Nursery Care (newborn-3yrs)	Lower Level
	Truth Classes for Children	Lower Level
	Teens/Youth of Unity	Lower Level
Noon	Fellowship	Fellowship Room, Lower Level
MONDAY 7pm	Young Adults (Ages 19-25)	

***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.

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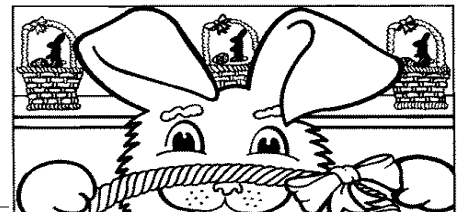
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### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Celebrate birthdays for all those born in March and April. You are a delight to the universe and a gift to us.

*March 8 & April 19  
 Second Sunday of each month*

*Dottie Auer  
 George Bayot  
 Paula Brandes  
 Caren Frances  
 Lois Galloway  
 Dona Gilsdorf  
 Margaret Goethe  
 Sue McGill  
 Bea Rogers  
 David Stroud  
 Judy Swinter*



**LUNCH BUNCH**  
**Macaroni Grill**  
**April 19 1:00 pm**

Let's get together with good friends and good food. Please sign up in the Narthex so we know how many to make reservations for.

**RIDGEDALE PLAYERS**  
**"Crazy for You"**  
**March 15 2 pm**

A great musical by the Gershwin brothers set in the 1930's. Tickets are \$16.00. Please sign up and pre-pay in the Book Room by March 8.

**YOUTH**

Phil DeVone

We have five active Y.O.U.ers eager to participate in June Rally to further their spiritual enlightenment and growth. Y.O.U. has received support from our three Uniteens, the Sunday School, Board and Y.A.U. With our church family's encouragement, we know there is no such thing as impossible.

The **Y.O.U. CAN/BOTTLE DRIVE** will run from Sunday April 19-May 3. Empty bottles/cans can be dropped off at the church downstairs in the Y.O.U. corner.

**RENT A TEEN** Saturday will be June 13. Y.O.U. students will be available to provide around-the-house assistance to it's church family for a love offering.

**YOUNG ADULTS** are holding regular discussion and Truth study on Mondays at the church from 7:15-8:45, ages 19-35.

For more info contact Phil at fullmetal\_heart\_@hotmail.com or leave a message at the church.

**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.

**SUNDAY MORNING GROUP**

**9:30-10:30 am**

**"The Quest For Prayer"**

Join in on any Sunday for coffee, friendship and Jesus' teachings for a successful life.

We meet in the fellowship room from 9:30-10:30.

**WELCOME WELCOME**

...into our church family new members Theresa Bieniek, Phil Devone, Caren Frances and Margaret Goethe.

**PET TREAT ALERT!!!!**  
**March 1, 8 & 15**

Nancy Redilla will have available her animal cookies—the ones your pet LOVES—for a donation to the animal support group Hawkeye and Friends. This is a wonderful organization that places hundreds of unneeded/unwanted pets in new loving homes right here in our area. Please give generously.

**12 STEP SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**  
**AA Fridays at 11 am**  
**Tuesdays 8 pm**

**Tuesday Afternoon Study Group**  
**1 pm**

**First Tuesday Pot Luck at noon**  
**"Spiritual Economics"**

Join us every Tuesday afternoon for this on-going class, discussion and support group.

**Sunday, March 8 during the service there will be a commitment ceremony for Board Members.**

**Please attend and extend your love and appreciation.**

## Frankenmuth

Let's celebrate spring by taking a trip to Frankenmuth for a day of fellowship, shopping and great food in May. Please let Bea know if you are interested so we can pick a date.

## PRAYER SUPPORT FOR YOU

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

Telephoning the office at 248 656 0120

Completing a prayer request form on the prayer box in the sanctuary

E-mailing your request to [unity\\_church\\_rochester@hotmail.com](mailto:unity_church_rochester@hotmail.com)

All requests are confidential.

## PROSPERITY BANK SUNDAYS March 29/April 26 Last Sunday of the month

All monies that come in through the prosperity banks go towards the up keep 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 that you are abundantly blessed.

## KITCHEN PROJECT COMPLETE

A "Thank You Father" for the financial support given toward our kitchen project. We have beautiful cabinets, new sink and faucets, the wall have been dry-walled and painted, new drop ceiling with a large fluorescent fixture, and a new floor. How wonderful! God is so good all the time! The kitchen is ready for the men to prepare the Maundy Thursday pancake supper.

Thanks to Rick Swalley, Denis Bezaire, Ed Boner, Sean Donovan, Larry Sollena and Mary Walters for all their effort in this project.

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

*A great meeting on February 8th! Unity Church of Rochester accomplished so many great things this past year. We, as a church family, are very grateful.*

*A big thank you to our out-going Board of Trustees-Anita Hodgson and Judy Swinter. You have been such a wonderful asset to our church. Bless you for a job well done and for your dedicated service.*

*Welcome and blessings to our incoming Board of Trustees Sylvia Haikio and Susan Taggart. It is with joy we welcome you! We give thanks that you an-*



Rick Swalley and Sean Donovan enjoying some quality time in our new kitchen. Photos by Ed Boner

## TRANSITIONS

*Ernest Ashley  
Beulah Van Trease*

*The light of God surrounds you as you enter into your next life experience.*

## PROSPERITY

God is our source, not our job, retirement pension or stock, but God. God does not supply in spurts and stops—God's good flows to us because the divine idea of supply comes "through" us. Our awareness of God's abundant good opens channels, opportunities that perhaps we were unaware of.

Scripture tells us—let your life be single—in other words look and see supply; God's good manifest everywhere.

In another article in the Wingspan Chris Chenoweth shares ideas of what God is and is not.

Hold in your mind, heart and the very fiber of your being—what God is.

God is good all the time.

God is everywhere equally present.

God is the giver of all good gifts.

And we give thanks.

### PROSPERITY BANK SUNDAYS

March 29 April 26

**ANNUAL  
YARD  
SALE  
SATURDAY  
MAY 16**

## GOD

Rev. Christopher Chenoweth

I do not fear God.

When I say that statement, during one of my speaking engagements, or in print, it ALWAYS startles people.

People think it's natural and normal to fear God, or at the least to say they do, even if they know better.

I do not fear the most loving presence in my life. Nor do I fear God's will, which is not disaster, but rather absolute good beyond that which I cannot even imagine.

Is your God moody? Is your God tricky? Is God just waiting to get you? Does God have a sick sense of humor that enjoys your suffering?

If we follow Jesus Christ we have a different concept of God as a God of love.

God is helpful, not tricky. God is constant and not moody. God is not a dictator that punishes, but rather a loving, benevolent spirit—that is love itself. God does not curse, God empowers. God does not leave one dangling over disaster to satisfy a bloodthirsty whim. God is not a life taker, but rather a life giver. God does not drive you insane but instead gives you peace.

God is always there for you, wherever you are, night or day, waiting to give a helping hand, a fresh idea, revitalized health, a new life of love in old worn-out relationships.

I have said many times what we think about God says a lot more about us than God. Our spirituality depends upon our closeness with God. We cannot be close to a God that we fear or blame, because of what has gone wrong. But in those times when things are not going as we desire, if we know that we can turn to the presence and power of God, we are instantly reassured and helped. To understand ahead of time the right and perfect way to proceed, to be able to look at a situation and judge it aright, through the inspiration from God is a blessing that resurrects us from a life of pain and suffering.

## GREEN TEAM

Rochester Hills will be the first community to offer an incentive based recycling program called RecycleBank. To learn more go to <http://www.rochesterhills.org/temp2.asp> or call Bob White at 248 841 2441 for more information. The program begins 3-30-09.

The next Green Team meeting will be after service on March 8. Everyone is welcome.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS  
TIME BEGINS MARCH 8**

**TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD  
ONE HOUR  
BEFORE YOU GO TO BED  
SATURDAY, MARCH 7.**

**TRUTH PRINCIPLES FOR  
YOUNG PEOPLE**

*Cheryl Fassanella*

On March 1 the Sunday School will start their lessons for Lent, which includes Jesus' life, message and miracles.

On Palm Sunday, April 5, the Sunday School will be singing upstairs. Please have your child attend prior to that date to practice the songs.

On Easter Sunday the children will have their annual egg hunt downstairs. Each student gathers the same number of plastic eggs filled with candy. The older students help the younger ones find their eggs. Children of all ages are welcome.

**COMING  
ATTRACTIONS**

Prayer and Meditation  
May 6 & 20, June 3 & 17  
7:00 pm  
Please join us for 30 minutes  
of prayer and meditation.

Sunday May 17  
Please be here to welcome  
guest minister Julie Vance

**PRAYER PAL  
SUNDAY**

**March 15/April 26**

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.

Please stop by and check out all the new books in the Book Room. We just received a large shipment of new Unity related books.

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