

Wingspan Newsletter

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November/December 2009



Dates To Remember

Giving Thanks Dinner
November 14
5:30 pm

Giving Thanks Service
November 22
11:00 AM

Bears
November 15 -
December 13

Candle Lighting Service
December 20
5:00 pm

Candle Lighting Dinner
December 20
7:00 pm

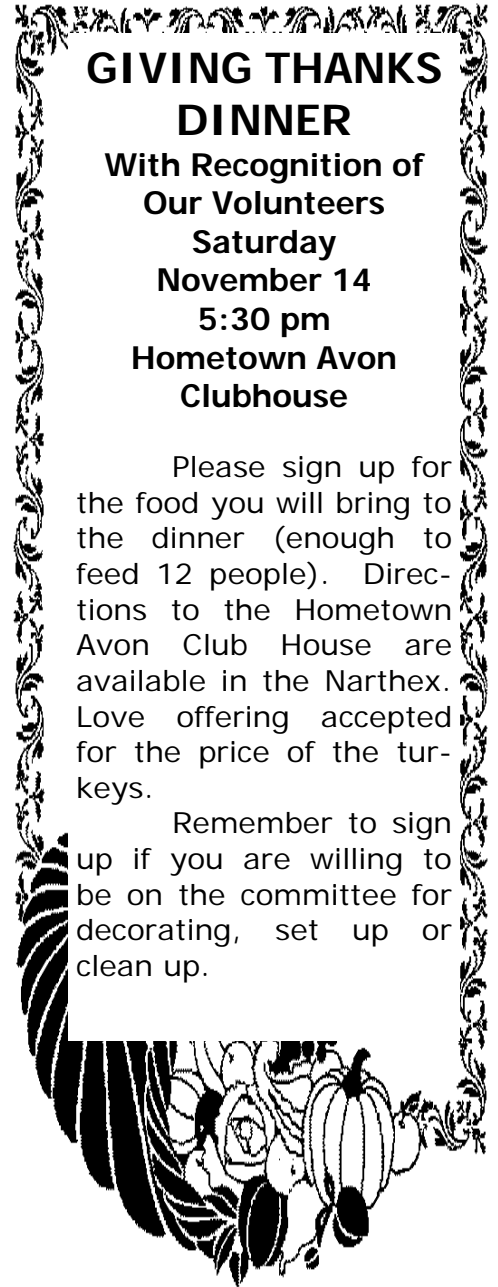
Burning Bowl Service
January 3
11:00 am

GIVING THANKS DINNER

With Recognition of Our Volunteers
Saturday
November 14
5:30 pm
Hometown Avon Clubhouse

Please sign up for the food you will bring to the dinner (enough to feed 12 people). Directions to the Hometown Avon Club House are available in the Narthex. Love offering accepted for the price of the turkeys.

Remember to sign up if you are willing to be on the committee for decorating, set up or clean up.



**THE CHURCH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
November 26 & 27
December 24-January 4**

Sunday Service as usual

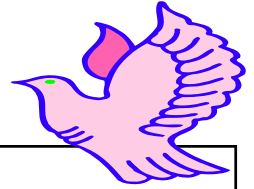
Our Minister, Board of Trustees and Staff would like to thank you for another year of rich blessings and togetherness.

Bears.....3
Bible Class.....7
Burning Bowl.....5
Candle Lighting Service.....5
Candle Lighting Dinner.....5
Christmas Project-Haven.....3

Giving Thanks Service.....5
Horizons.....5
New Membership Orientation.....8
Pot Luck/Harmonica Man.....5
Ridgedale Players.....3

Spruce & Soup.....3
Sunday Discussion Group.....3
Tuesday Class.....6
Truth Principles for Young People.....6
Wednesday Night Class.....6

Sunday Schedule



11:00 AM	Service Truth Classes for Children & Teen Group	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 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
Churches.*

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Celebrate birthdays of your church family members.

November 8 and
December 13

Leigh Arrathoon
Cynthia Fisher
Sylvia Haikio
Joy Johnson
Faun Price
Sara Sollena
Khari Watts

*You are a delight to the
universe and a gift to us.*

BEARS

*November 15-
December 13*

Teddy bears will be on parade again in our sanctuary. Bring in a stuffed bear to join them. We will be distributing them after December 13th.

Bears need to be 12-24", please no smaller OR larger.

**PRAYER PAL
SUNDAY**

November 15 &
December 20
The Third Sunday Each
Month

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.

**AA/ALANON
MEETINGS AT UNITY
CHURCH OF
ROCHESTER**

**Tuesdays 8:00 pm
Fridays 11:00 am**

**ATTITUDINAL
HEALING**

**2nd & 4th Thursdays
7-9 pm**

**RIDGEDALE PLAYERS
"The Supporting Cast"
Sunday, January 17
2 pm**

Hilarious comedy with an unexpected twist at the end. Tickets are \$15.00. Please sign up and prepay in the Narthex.

**FALL SPRUCE & SOUP
Sunday
November 1st
After service**

Bring your work clothes and cleaning supplies and "spruce" up your church home after you enjoy a delicious soup luncheon.

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

**The Board of Trustees and
Minister request you hold
this prayer thought for our
church:**

**This church is abundantly
filled with faithful, enthusi-
astic and generous finan-
cial support. Divine Love
supports and supplies our
church family continually
and constantly. THANK
YOU FATHER**

**SUNDAY DISCUSSION
GROUP
12:30 pm—1:30 pm
November 15 &
December 13
Sunday School Room in
Lower Level**

Everyone is welcome to join in the discussion of the Sunday lesson.

**CHRISTMAS
COMMUNITY
OUTREACH
November 15 -December
13**

This year we will be collecting items for HAVEN. Haven provides help for families in crisis due to domestic violence or sexual abuse.

The most requested item is GIFT CARDS—to Meijer, Kmart, Target, Old Navy, Kohl's, Blockbuster, etc. The older kids can chose clothes, and the younger ones will be able to choose that very special gift they have their heart set on.

Also needed is new clothing in sizes 6 months to 12 years.

- CDs/CD player
- Diapers, wipes, blankets, crib sheets, bibs & bottles
- Dolls, puppets, Legos, Matchbox cars, board games
- Craft kits-Jewelry/bead kits, art supplies, paints, modeling clay
- Model planes, robots, radio controlled cars
- Skateboards, sports equipment
- Bedding, bath towels, kitchen towels
- Picture frames, candles
- Adult sized clothing
- Toiletries (full size) tooth-paste, shampoo, etc.
- Wrapping paper and tape, bows, batteries

**HORIZONS
“Open Your Mind to Prosperity”
Starts January 10**

Study a chapter a week at home, at your convenience, using the prayer statements and methods found in those chapters during that week. Faithful, daily study can lead to one of the most prosperous time of our life. Please sign up in the Narthex or return the coupon below.

This book has been one of the “best sellers” on prosperity since it was first written in 1971. Many people have learned to think prosperously through the authors prosperity formula, and it has brought changes for the good into their lives.

In the book Catherine Ponder is sharing her succinct formula for prosperity, which has evolved slowing over the years and which she gives in its complete form. Many success courses and books have been written, but unless you learn how to clear away the psychological blocks about prosperity (chapter 1), unless you learn how to cleanse your mind to make way for prosperity (chapter 2) and unless you follow this up by giving your prosperity a spiritual basis (chapter 4) just creating your prosperity first is not enough.

The author quotes Charles Fillmore “The Father’s desire for us is unlimited good, not merely the means of a meager existence. We cannot be very happy if we are poor, and nobody needs to be poor. It is a sin to be poor”.

You can open your mind to prosperity when you realize through studying and applying the mental and spiritual laws of prosperity you don’t have to ask God to give you anything because the Bible promises “all things are yours”.

You can also open your mind to prosperity by following Moses’ advice to the Hebrews centuries ago “You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth”. The prosperity secret of the ages is that God is the source of your supply. The author reminds us to remember that true prosperity includes peace of mind and health.

In cleansing your mind to make way for prosperity there has to be a release of the old to make room for the new. You can unlock your good by forming a vacuum. Get rid of what you don’t want in an outer way, because in doing this you form a vacuum, and your subconscious becomes a believer and it then goes to work in inner ways to manifest greater prosperity for you.

**HORIZONS STARTS JANUARY 10
“OPEN YOUR MIND TO PROSPERITY” by C. Ponder**

Please return this form to the church office if you will be participating in this program..

Name _____

Phone _____

Yes I need the book \$13.73 with tax

PERHAPS YOU HAVE NOT
REALIZED.....

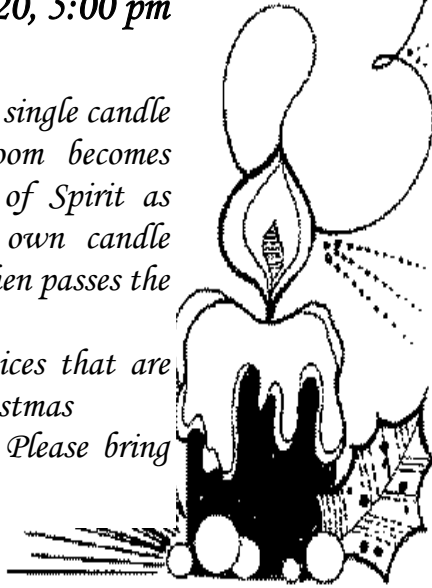
Our monthly weekly require-
ment to meet expenses is
\$3,500.00
Which comes out to
\$14,000 per month.

CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICE

Sunday, December 20, 5:00 pm

From the glow of a single candle in the sanctuary, the room becomes aglow with the warmth of Spirit as each person lights their own candle from their neighbors and then passes the light on.

There are few services that are as inspirational as the Christmas Candle Lighting Service. Please bring your family and friends.



BURNING BOWL SERVICE

*January 3
11:00 am*

Sunday, January 3 start your new year with a powerful, symbolic Sunday Service of releasing the limitations of the past and entering freshly into newness.

This service will incorporate the rituals of the Burning Bowl. As we reflect on the year that is ending, we may find there are several past happenings which we would like to see resolved, completed, harmonized or forgiven. In this unique Burning Bowl Service we call upon the Spirit of God to cleanse our minds and hearts of judgments, opinions and beliefs that have placed a limit on our Divine heritage of happiness, joy and inner peace. We will make our own personal list of unwanted and unresolved conditions and let the flame of Christ consume them. In their place we remember our oneness with God.

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.

CANDLE LIGHTING DINNER

*Sunday, December 20
7:00 pm
Olive Garden*

We will meet at the Olive Garden on Rochester Road just north of Auburn for a delicious meal. We will purchase off the menu with individual bills. Please sign up in the Narthex so we know how many to make reservations for.

GIVING THANKS SERVICE

November 22 11 am

In lieu of the regular Thanksgiving Eve service, this year our Giving Thanks service will be on Sunday, November 22. A time will be included in the service for individual expressions of thanksgiving and gratitude for the blessings that have been experienced during the past year. This is always a very special service. Join us for desert and fellowship after the service.

Congratulations and best wishes to:

*Lynn Warren and
Rich Dunn*

*May they have a life filled
with love, joy and
prosperity.*

TRUTH PRINCIPLES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Cheryl Fassanella

We are looking forward to our fall lessons which include lessons on giving thanks, being grateful and praying during the month of November. On November 29 we start our Advent lessons. Each Sunday a candle is lit along with a lesson teaching the true meaning of Christmas. The children enjoy making Christmas crafts and singing carols during December.

On December 20 the Sunday school will have their own Christmas celebration downstairs during the morning service. A special visitor (big guy, wears lots of red) will also be stopping by with gifts for the children. They will also be going upstairs in the morning to share their music with the congregation.

Please note that teaching the Advent lessons takes place over a one month period. If you want your child to learn the true meaning of Christmas, and have fun while doing it, please try to allow them to participate in all the Advent lessons.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON STUDY GROUP

“Lessons in Truth” by H.
Emilie Cady

This is an on-going class, so join us anytime, Each class is complete. Our course of study is always good basic Unity principles.

Every Tuesday at 1:00 pm. Please join us!!

PRAYER REQUEST BOX

Fill out your prayer request slip and drop it in the Prayer Box located in the hall as you enter the Sanctuary. After a time of prayer these slips are sent to Silent Unity for 30 days. You can also call the church office at 248-656-0120 to make your request known.

WEDNESDAY NITE CLASS

“The Healing Letters” by
Myrtle Fillmore
Through November 18
7-8:30 pm

Join with facilitator Danielle Boes as we explore the gentle teachings of Unity’s co-founder, Myrtle Fillmore. The book is made up of extracts from letters written by the “mother of Unity”. Participation in this class is sure to inspire you to claim healings in your own life.

Love offering basis.

CARING FRIENDS

Are you or a Unity friend in need of a friendly phone call, visit or “thinking of you” card? If so please call the church office at 248 656 0120 or Dona at 248 642 8497 and our Caring Friends group will be happy to oblige.

SUNDAY SERVICE ON CD

The Sunday service is now available on CD. Sign up and pre-pay in the Book Room for any service that you would like. Cost is \$2.00 to cover the price of the CD.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER AFFIRMATIONS

Inner Peace

I am grateful for life. I am at peace.

Guidance

Spirit guides and directs me in all my choices.

Healing

I am open and receptive to the divine healing power within me.

Prosperity

I am blessed by the goodness of God.

World Peace

I see God in every face.

**Don't be early!
Remember to turn
your clocks BACK
one hour on Satur-
day, October 31st
before you go to
bed.**

*Merry
Christmas*

PET FUN

On Saturday October 3 our sanctuary was full of pet lovers and their loved pets—34 in all. Beautiful dogs and cats came to receive a special blessing. The pets were all well behaved and enjoyed the blessing, but especially enjoyed the treats that Nancy Redilla had prepared for them. The humans enjoyed coffee and apple cider, cookies, brownies, fruit and cheese prepared by Nancy Redilla, Theresa Bieniek and Sonja Gee. Oh and the special cake for the four footed buddies. A great time was had by all.

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PROSPERITY BANK SUNDAYS

***November 29 and
December 27***

One of the causes of lack is anger, which also has a twin—fear. This is especially true for individuals who have had to borrow money and play the game of catch up. The fear of not having the money to make payments is a cause for emotional stress. Individuals must develop a plan and put into work a schedule moving toward financial freedom.

It is difficult to enjoy prosperity when a debt hangs over one's life. However the debt is not always money; there is a debt of unforgiveness...holding on to past hurts or emotional pain. This is a blockage that keeps one from enjoying wholeness.

When thoughts are preoccupied with survival or paying bills, a lot of energy is required to compensate for the stress caused. It is very difficult for one to attract prosperity under these conditions.

Through prayer and meditation we can liberate ourselves from this mentality of fear. Start blessing the money you receive, those you receive it from, and bless the money that must be paid out and those to whom it is going to.

Let us know together "God's unfailing abundance fills my mind and flows out into all my affairs. Thank You Father".

BIBLE CLASS
Starts Wednesday
January 11 7:30-9:00 pm

TIPS FROM SILENT UNITY

End your day with prayer. Give thanks to God for sustaining you through the day.

Write down your blessings and experiences of the day.

Forgive yourself and others. Release the events of the day and know that all is in Divine Order.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Sunday, November 8
12:30 pm

If you are interested in becoming a member of Unity Church of Rochester, please join us for this program. If you are just interested in learning more about Unity and this church, you are welcome to attend. From 12:30-3:30, with a lunch provided. Please sign up in the Narthex.

ADVENT

On Sunday, November 29 we begin a season of preparation for Christmas called "Advent". This is a time of Spiritual preparation for the celebration of Christmas. It's a time of preparing ourselves for the Christ Spirit to be born in us again. The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word "Adventus" and means the arrival or coming of light. So we are preparing for the arrival or coming of the "Christ Child" - the coming of the "Christ Spirit" into our hearts.

Plan to be with us this holiday season and take part in the love, joy, music and spiritual awakening that awaits in your heart.

A TAX REMINDER

Your love offerings are deductible. We keep records of checks and identifiable cash offerings. Of course, we can't track cash donations unless we know who made the contribution, so you may wish to place cash in an envelope with your name on it.

For your year end giving, please make sure your check is postmarked by December 31.



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