



Wings of Truth

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Our Vision and Mission:

Unity Church of Christianity is a welcoming, inclusive, loving spiritual community where we practice and demonstrate a positive metaphysical approach to spirituality through affirmative prayer, healing, inspiration, education, fellowship, and service.

A Commitment to Unity

Commitment is a major component of the *Practice of Thriving*. It takes commitment to succeed in any good work. When you make that commitment, wonderful things begin to happen.

What is your commitment to the Unity way of life? Are you committed to the 5 Unity Principles? Do you practice them in your daily living?

What is your commitment to Unity Church of Christianity? Are you committed to the health, vitality, and abundance of this church? How do you know that you are committed? How do you show that commitment?

Is it necessary to be committed to Unity? Yes! If you want Unity to thrive, you need to make a joyful commitment to it. Is it necessary to attend services? Yes! If you aren't here, we are incomplete.

I know what my commitment to Unity is. For the past two years, I've worked full-time in another job, and part-time as your Spiritual Leader. But, my commitment is much more than part-time. I am always thinking about my Sunday messages, the music, the bulletin, the newsletter, finances, public relations, youth education, meeting the pastoral needs of our members, and connecting with the rest of the Unity world through phone calls, email, literature, and conferences. I'm here and I'm committed. I am giving you my best. In return, I ask that you attend, that you be here physically as well as in spirit.

In Unity, we don't scare or guilt people into mandatory attendance with threats of eternal damnation. But, that does not mean we exist as a spiritual community in the absence of commitment. Unity grew because a core group of committed individuals gathered around the Fillmores, dedicated to spreading the message of Unity to all who might want it—and people came. Our church will grow and thrive as you make the commitment to it. You ARE Unity.

I behold the Christ in you,

April Kain-Breese, Spiritual Leader

WE BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF PRAYER

Write or call us about any prayer need and we will pray with you.

All prayer requests are treated with reverence and confidentiality.

Or for prayer 24/7, you may also contact Silent Unity at

1-800-669-7729 or go online at www.silentunity.org

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:30 am and 10 am

Sunday School 10 am

Youth of Unity 10 am

OFFICE HOURS

9am—3 pm

Tue-Wed-Thu

Hours subject to change—
please phone ahead.

920-739-4823

ADDRESS OR EMAIL CHANGE?

To continue to receive the news,
please email us at:

unitychurch@unityofappleton.org

Or call us at (920) 739-4823

Birthdays—October

10 - Gail Lewin

11 - Tom Duesterhoeft

16 - Janice Wanek

28 - Marilyn Mader

30 - Alan Cousineau



Happy Birthday!

Upcoming Meetings for Women and Men

- Fri. 10-16 7 PM Women's Gathering reading "Women's Lives, Women's Legacies". 111 E. Water St. #401, Appleton. Call 268-3331 for more information.
- Sat. 10-17 8:30 AM Men's Group meets at the church.

A New Time for Mastermind

In an atmosphere of trust and harmony for the purpose of providing mutual support and encouragement, and to believe for each other things which each would find difficult to conceive and believe for themselves.

Mastermind group gathers for three consecutive weeks, beginning the first week in October. (October 4, 11, and 18th) Our meeting will be fairly brief and held after church services on Sunday at 11:30 A.M.

Bring a personal size notebook to record your objective for the week, shared in silence or openly. This is an opportunity to gain mutual support for growth, healing, or achieving your life goals. When brainstorming is requested, it can be provided, usually in small groups of three or four.

Facilitator: Janice Wanek

Are You a Prayer Partner?

Several prayer partnerships have already been formed. If you would like to be a prayer partner, just team up with another Unity congregant and commit to a regular prayer time together. If you don't have someone in mind, just ask April and she will help you find the right and perfect partner. Simple instructions and sign up forms are available in the sanctuary. Try it, you'll like it! If you have questions or concerns, contact April at 213-4223.

What's Happening?

Y.O.U. News

The Y.O.U. will attend Fall Rally this month in Illinois.

In September, we handmade felted wool mittens (lined with fleece and oh so warm!) and we have those for sale for \$15 and pair in the church lobby along with Oriole feeders (\$9.95) made by Pete Beyer. Thanks Pete and thank you to all our adult supporters!



Notes from the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees met Sept. 17th, 2009

The Board is happy to report Sunday lessons in September are focusing on "Practices in Thriving" series with corollary Tuesday evening classes. Sunday services are graced with our new music team, with Jonathan Gmeinder on keyboard.

Facilities redesign is making steady progress in wall décor and other refinements.

Activities for the Youth of Unity are reaping the harvest of the great fundraising efforts from the rummage sale and mitten making. The Y.O.U. will be attending their Fall Retreat in Illinois in October. Thank you to Kathy Beyer and Sharon Ford, Deb Murphy, and the moms of course, for their efforts in the recent mitten making at church. Keep watch for new mittens on the back table.

The Youth Education Program is well underway with planning done by Lauren Bellg. Please see the posting of class plans in the church.

Administratively, our financial operations are in nice shape with a net income for August of \$666.13.

Also April has plans for promotions and greater visibility of Unity via our website, press releases and youth education.

Blessings and Thriving to All,

The Board of Trustees
Prepared by Linda Nett-Duesterhoeft,
Secretary

Why would you ever do anything with an intention of less than making the world a better place.

-- Alan Cohen

Treasurer's Report

This is an emotionally mixed time of the year, at least for me. I'm writing this in mid-September at which time there's technically still a week to go to summer. However, once Labor Day is past summer is practically over even though summer weather continues. By the time you read this we'll be well into fall and we'll certainly have more beautiful days filled with even more gorgeous colors. The mixed part comes with the awareness that we're into another very busy time of the year. Many demands and opportunities fill our days somewhat in contrast to the "lazy, hazy days of summer".

But we're also into the new church year here at Unity with gusto. New talk topics, new musical leadership, a new study group and new faces showing up on Sundays along with all of us regulars are happening weekly. Indeed, the topic of note for all of this is THRIVING! What it takes to engage it, to do it, to live it.

Part of how to live in a thriving way is to be open to receiving our abundance. Then to have it we must anchor it fully by giving of that very same abundance. To have is to give! Our church is entering the stretch run of the year. You'll likely remember that in adopting this year's budget in February we agreed unanimously to accept the "generous" budget built on faith that between Spirit and us we can do it. Entering this final stretch of the year let's share our ability to THRIVE. Spirit pours its infinite abundance out for us. Let us abundantly receive and abundantly give out of our infinite abundance.

Bedford Hines

FINANCIAL REPORT

August: \$666.13

Year to Date: -\$1843.12





We all want to thrive in life, don't we? How can we thrive in new ways? What blocks us from greater thriving? Learn about Edwene Gaines' *Four Spiritual Laws of Prosperity* and how to apply them in your daily living.

Each Sunday, the message will focus on an aspect of Thriving. Each Tuesday evening, a class will pursue the topic further. Following each class, prayer partners will meet.

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| Oct. 4 | Setting Goals to Thrive |
| Oct. 6 | Class 7-8 p.m.; Prayer Partners 8-8:15 p.m. |
| Oct. 11 | Thriving Outside Your Comfort Zone |
| Oct. 13 | Class 7-8 p.m.; Prayer Partners 8-8:15 p.m. |
| Oct. 18 | Thriving Financially |
| Oct. 20 | Class 7-8 p.m.; Prayer Partners 8-8:15 p.m. |
| Oct. 25 | Thriving and Tithing |
| Oct. 27 | Class 7-8 p.m.; Prayer Partners 8-8:15 p.m. |
| Nov. 3 | Thriving in Unity (wrap-up) |
| Nov. 5 | Final Class 7-8 p.m.; Prayer Partners 8-8:15 p.m. |

We have 1 copy of the book available for purchase here at the church.

Consider choosing a prayer partner to walk with you on your thriving journey; we grow by sharing! Team up with someone with whom you feel an affinity—whether a new or long-time Unity friend. Share the desires of your heart, and offer one another affirmative prayerful support. More information on prayer partnering will be coming out soon.

Some Findings from **The American Religious Identification Survey 2008** (Trinity College)

The ARIS 2008 survey was carried out during February-November 2008 and collected answers from 54,461 respondents who were questioned in English or Spanish.

- + 86% of American adults identified as Christians in 1990 and 76% in 2008.
- + The historic Mainline churches and denominations have experienced the steepest declines while the non-denominational Christian identity has been trending upward particularly since 2001.
- + 34% of American adults considered themselves “Born Again or Evangelical Christians” in 2008.
- + The U. S. population continues to show signs of becoming less religious, with one out of every five Americans failing to indicate a religious identity in 2008.
- * The “Nones” (no stated religious preference, atheist, or agnostic) continue to grow, though at a much slower pace than in the 1990s, from 8.2% in 1990, to 14.1% in 2001, to 15.0% in 2008.
- + Based on their stated beliefs rather than their religious identification in 2008, 70% of Americans believe in a personal God, roughly 12% of Americans are atheist (no God) or agnostic (unknowable or unsure), and another 12% are deistic (a higher power but no personal God).

+ [Full Report](#) (PDF; 842 KB)

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Sun.	Mon.	Tues	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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4 8:30 & 10 AM "Setting Goals to Thrive" 11:30 Mastermind	5	6 7 PM Thriving Class	7 6:30-9:30PM Private Mtg. Mankind Project	8	9	10
11 8:30 & 10 AM "Thriving Outside Your Comfort Zone" Y.O.U. Meets 11:30 Mastermind	12	13 7 PM Thriving Class	14 6:30-9:30PM Private Mtg. Mankind Project	15 6 PM Board Mtg.	16 7 PM Women' Gathering. Y.O.U. @Rally	17 8:30 AM Men's Group 10:10 AM Prayer Ministry Y.O.U.@Rally
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KEEP ON THRIVING!
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OCTOBER AFFIRMATIONS:

- Inner Peace: I am one with God. I am one with infinite peace.
- Guidance: Divine guidance moves me to new heights of wisdom and success.
- Healing: I am a whole and holy being, an expression of divine perfection.
- Prosperity: I accept the abundance of God flowing to me and through me now.
- World Peace: United in divine love, we walk a path of peace.

FIVE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF UNITY

1. God is good and everywhere present.
2. The spirit of God lives within each person; therefore, all people are inherently good.
3. We create our life experience through our way of thinking.
4. There is power in affirmative prayer, which we believe increases our connection to God.
5. Knowledge of these principles is not enough. We must live them.