



# Christ Church Unity

## The Year of Living Abundantly<sup>2011</sup>

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### *Living Abundantly in Truth*

Dear friends in Unity, as we write this newsletter at the end of the year, this issue is for both December and January, the end and the beginning of this time frame where we are now. This reminds me of what the Bible said about the Christ, that it is the **Alpha and Omega**, the beginning and the end, both at once. This further reminds me of what I shared with you from a conference which I recently attended, that one of the qualities of truth students on the evolutionary path is that we must become comfortable with paradox.

Christ is the point we start from; Christ is also the Omega point, or apex of human evolution, which we are evolving toward on the human level. Therefore we truly do have all the power and wisdom within us to transform human limitation into Divine Glory. This is the story of each of our lives, if we choose to believe.

**In the Christmas story**, many elements touch in with the Christ: his parents, the census, the shepherds, the wise men, the angels, the animals in the stable. This shows the Christ drawing toward itself all facets of life on earth. The Christ sheds its radiance upon all who come within its influence. When you go into quiet times of meditation and prayer, you are allowing yourself to receive the radiant rays of the Christ consciousness from the core of your being. Thus we know that you carry the story within you at all times, and sometimes you become consciously aware of it, depending on your willingness to listen and feel within.

**Charles Fillmore, co-founder of Unity, wrote:**

“The essential thing is to know and understand that the real child of God is formed in your soul. It exists there and is now being manifest. Make yourself a present of that thought; and make it an everyday thought. Let Christmas be everyday. Enter into the Christ Mind and see Christ in you.”

Whenever we bless our offerings at Unity we say, “**Christ is made manifest in me.**” Extend that thought now to all the “offerings” which you give to the world: your thoughts, words and actions; your decisions and priorities; the quality of your energy. Let each of those things show Christ manifest in you.

Emmet Fox gave this statement: “, , , **believe that your own divine selfhood is rapidly unfolding.**” What a wonderful thought for now and into the New Year! Expect that 2012 will see you expressing yourself at a much higher level than ever before! I bless this statement and bless your faith in it.

I wish you a **Merry Christmas and a Joyful New Year**. Whatever is happening in your life right now, God is there with you and in you. The Father has put all things into your hands. With Jesus the Christ, when your I AM is lifted up, you draw all manifestation to yourself.

I give thanks for this message which the angels sing.



With divine love,  
Rev. Eleanor

# *Living Abundantly in Community*

**Happy Holiday greetings** to all! As I write this we have just had our **Thanksgiving Dinner**, which was very good, as always. People commented to me that they really enjoyed it. Thank you to all of you who brought a dish and came to share. I also **thank our Social Committee** for coordinating this event: Anita and Sam Gaiteri, Larlene Fyles, Johnnie Dawson and Bernie Bowie. We are blessed to have our Unity spiritual family to share with and our dedicated volunteers who make these special days possible.

By the time you read this we will have **decorated for Christmas**, and the **Christmas Prosperity Project** has been in full swing for several weeks. Nov. 20 was **Angel Sunday** and the bulletin board was empty at the end of the dinner, so all the angels were taken. If more children's names come in we will announce it. These gifts will be distributed to children with their family food box gift on Dec. 18.

In December we have a full complement of Christmas activities planned. On Sunday, **Dec. 18**, our music department will be offering a **musical Christmas service**. Each of our musicians will give background on the Christmas music they perform. The congregation will also have a chance to sing. Meditation and a lesson will be offered. That day we will also **bless the boxes of food** gifts which you have provided, before they are delivered. Thank you very much to all who have given!

We will have our traditional **Christmas Candlelighting service on Christmas Eve at 7:30 p.m.** Since the next day is Sunday, we will have an **11:00 a.m. Sunday Service on Christmas Day**. I hope you will join us for one or both of these celebrations. The following weekend we have our annual **Burning Bowl service on New Year's Eve at 7:30 p.m.** This is a time to consciously let go of the old so that we may welcome the new. On **New Year's Day** which is also a Sunday we will have a **Sunday Service at 11:00 a.m.** to bless the New Year. This is a good time to deliberately align yourself with the Divine Plan of Good for you and for humanity and the earth.

If anyone would like to **share Christmas flowers or plants for the sanctuary**, we request to have them on **Dec. 17 or later** so that they will be in good condition for the following two weeks. If you would like to take your flowers home after the Christmas morning service, you are welcome to do so.

January highlights include, on **Jan. 8, our Celebration of Volunteers**. That day we will be giving grateful acknowledgement to our volunteers who have served us all during 2011. Please plan to be there to receive our thanks for your volunteer service, and to honor others who also support Christ Church Unity with their gifts of time and talent. We are grateful for all your contributions.

In **January** Rev. Eleanor will give a Sunday service with the **White Stone Ceremony**, something many Unity churches have offered over the years. This ceremony focuses on your vision of what God is calling you to be now. The date will be announced in December. Starting in January **Rev. Sharon Peters** will also be contributing to our 11:00 a.m. services in various ways. We are discontinuing the 9:15 a.m. services at the end of November due to low attendance. I am grateful to Rev. Sharon for her generous efforts for the past 18 months to offer this worship opportunity. New doors of expression are opening now, for her and for our church. God feels our desire to serve.

At our **special membership meeting in November** the members voted to accept a proposal for new **artwork for the sanctuary**, in the form of a stained glass piece which will backdrop the podium. This project has been coordinated by our Beautification Ministry. I thank them for all the time and effort which they have put into this. We are especially grateful that most of the cost of this installation is being underwritten by gifts from benefactors who wanted to support this activity. As information becomes available we will let you know the progress of the piece, which is being custom made for our church.

With grateful thanks to all, and prayers for an abundantly joyful Christmas for you,  
Rev. Eleanor

# *Living Abundantly*



**December 4**  
Soup of the Month

**December 24**  
Candle Lighting Service

**December 25**  
Christmas Day Service

**December 31**  
Burning Bowl Service

## **Upcoming Events**

**January 1**  
Bless the New Year

**January 8**  
Celebrating Volunteers

**January 15**  
Soup of the Month



Photo by Mike Gacek



# *Living Abundantly in Prayer*

## **December Affirmations**

### **Inner Peace**

I abide in deep peace, and Christ is born in me.

### **Guidance**

As I quiet my mind, I access inner wisdom.

### **Healing**

I radiate health in mind, body and spirit.

### **Prosperity**

I live in an abundant universe, and I am prosperous.

### **World Peace**

I embrace all people in my prayers for peace.

## **Thank you for joining in "Rochester Prays."**

Communities of Focus—Week of

- December 4, 2011—Cascade District
- December 11, 2011—Town of Sweden
- December 18, 2011—Town of Webster
- December 25, 2011 Town of Wheatland

## **Prayer Ministry**

Our mission statement: Awakening to the Christ within ourselves through prayer, we affirm the Divine Identity in others so that they can see it in themselves and receive its blessings.

We assist in holding spiritual energy at services, maintaining daily prayer for those who call our Prayer line (or contact us via the website), and offer personal prayer time in the prayer room after Sunday service. We invite congregants both near and far to join us in the sacred space of prayer. All conversations and needs are held in confidence.

The Prayer Line phone number is 585-473-0910 ext 2 or call Silent Unity at 1-800-669-7729

For our mutual encouragement, we invite you to submit reports of answered prayer by placing them in the special box on the front counter.

Barbara Boyce  
Prayer Team Coordinator

# Living Abundantly with Gratitude

We gratefully acknowledge the extra gifts of time and service which many of our members have made in the last two months:

- ◆ Those who helped with folding and mailing the October/November newsletter: Peggy Harvey, Peela Hooke, Bev Markham, Joanne O'May, Javier Bautista, Bernie Bowie, Jeanne Gagne, Rev. Eleanor;
- ◆ Thanks to Mary Jo and Dick Ten Eyck and Paula Fletcher who came to church on Saturday, November 19, to set up tables and chairs for the Thanksgiving dinner, and to Barbara Boyce who decorated all the tables;
- ◆ Thanks to all who helped clean up after the Thanksgiving dinner;
- ◆ Thanks to our Beautification ministry and other congregants for decorating the church for Christmas, and to Mike Gacek and family for providing us once again with a freshly cut tree for the sanctuary;
- ◆ Everyone who contributed to the Prosperity Projects ministry;
- ◆ Mary Jo Ten Eyck, Marie Hedrick, Leslie Wright and Jackie McCullough for planning the special activity for the Leadership dinner on October 16;
- ◆ All who sustain us financially by your generous and regular financial gifts;

All in our congregation who contribute their time, love, service and financial support: may you be abundantly blessed in return with every good thing!

## Volunteer of the Month



Divine God guided me to select Anita Gaiteri. Therefore, I am pleased and honored to pass on the frog to Anita Gaiteri for all her faithfulness and patience in serving her delicious foods all these years. Not only do I appreciate this but the congregation in general does as well as they honored her with the 1st prize in our First Chili Bake-Off contest. Anita also has been part of the Beautification Ministry for several years and she also is part of the Bylaws Committee. She has served on the Nominating Committee in the past as well as the Building Use Committee. We appreciate how much she has given to our church in so many ways. God has blessed us through her.

Juana Fernandez

It gives me great pleasure to name Johnnie Dawson for the volunteer of the month of December. She is a vital member of the Social Committee. On many Sunday mornings you can see her in the kitchen assisting where needed. When there is a special event at the Church, she is always available to help with preparation, cooking and serving of the food. I am honored to be able to pass the frog along to show her how much she is appreciated.

Marie Hedrick

# *Living Abundantly through Leadership*



**Highlights from the Board**  
The Board of Trustees met on October 9 & November 13.

The Board scheduled a Special Membership Meeting on November 6 to discuss and vote on artwork for the sanctuary, and discuss current church finances. The stained glass artwork was chosen with an overwhelming majority.

There was also some discussion about concerns of how few children and young people attend CCU regularly. Some people remember when there was a larger Sunday School and an active Youth Group in the church. Rev. Eleanor also received a hand delivered letter after the meeting which addressed the question of presence of youth in the church. This information is available upon request.

Also at this membership meeting President Paula Fletcher led a discussion concerning the decrease in donations (down \$14,000) for the 2011 year, and the subsequent deficit in the Church budget for more than three months. Expenses have been held to slightly less than 2010.

Related topics discussed were the upgrading of the Church web site and hiring a bookkeeper to be put on hold. Scotty Ginett offered to forgo his salary as choir director at this time. Some other suggestions of reducing expenses were to check on the possibility of purchasing a printer/copier instead of leasing, possible reduction in salaries of staff, print our own Sunday bulletins, reduce amount of minister's discretionary funds. These suggestions, however, don't address the reduction in Sunday donations.

At the Special Membership Meeting on November 6, there was discussion of the financial situation and many suggestions of how to increase income. These can be found in minutes from that meeting, which are available on the counter in the lobby.

Two CDs are maturing at this time. Marilyn is investigating possible investments of these funds. Because of the low

interest rates of CDs at this time, it was suggested that part of the money go into a savings account linked to our checking account, and the balance into new CDs that mature at various times.

A gift acceptance policy has not been in place. It was agreed to use our CPA, Heveron & Heveron's, suggested policy.

A Leadership Recognition Luncheon was held October 16<sup>th</sup>. There was great food catered by Proietti's and Christiana Ivanna played the harp during lunch. After lunch Mary Jo TenEyck, Marie Hedrick, Leslie Wright and Jackie McCullough led the group in a Scavenger hunt around the property to familiarize each person with the property details and information on where to find materials and information that might be useful to them. This was followed by dessert. The next Leadership Event will be February 11, 2012.

Vicki Williams was appointed to the board to replace Catherine Smith who resigned for personal reasons. We welcome Vicki with open arms and send our love and thanks to Catherine for her service.

Church volunteers will be recognized and thanked on January 8, 2012 during the worship service. We are so fortunate to have such willing, able and caring volunteers to do the many tasks at CCU.

Rev. Sharon reported that the attendance is still small at the 9:15 service. She and Rev. Eleanor have agreed that probably Rev. Sharon's talents can be better used supporting the 11:00 service. It was decided to discontinue the 9:15 service. Thank you, Rev. Sharon for your expertise, love and dedication.

There was discussion as to whether it would be more cost effective to purchase a photo copier. We will investigate this further.

A woman came to the door re-

cently asking about a copy of the *Daily Word*. Rev. Eleanor suggested that mentioning the *Daily Word* in our newspaper ads might be valuable, because many people know about *Daily Word*, who don't know about CCU.

Rev. Eleanor expressed her gratitude for being able to attend the Eastern Region Conference in October. On Oct. 30 she led a Fireside Chat with information she received at the Conference. One idea from the conference was in order to grow Sunday attendance, the senior minister needs to put most effort/time into making that service the best it can be, such that people want to come back as often as possible. Creativity was stressed; changing formats some times, or doing other things that arouse people's curiosity. The implication was, to put less attention on other duties and more attention on that. Rev. Eleanor greatly enjoyed the musician, Daniel Nahmod, at the conference and has taken steps to possibly have him at CCU some time in the future, when he is in this area.

Christmas preparations are underway. Rev. Eleanor plans to ask people to donate flowers for the sanctuary for the holidays. There will be a service on Christmas morning, as it is Sunday. On Sunday, Dec. 18, the music department will do a music service and the Christmas boxes will be blessed.

The membership list will be reviewed in early January and inactive member letters will be sent out at that time. This will allow 30 days before the annual meeting takes place.

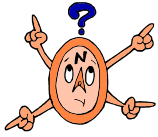
Rev. Eleanor is considering a survey of the membership on what they would like to see more of at Unity, or how we could serve their needs better.

Rev. Eleanor is planning to take four vacation days before the end of the year. (Yeah for her!!)

Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie McCullough, Secretary

*“I fairly sizzle with zeal and enthusiasm, and spring forth with a mighty faith to do the things that ought to be done by me.” Charles Fillmore*

# Awakening into Living Abundantly



## Sharon Sharing

Change is good. Yes, it can be scary. Yes, it can sometimes hurt. But ultimately, change moves us toward a higher understanding of ourselves and God. We are, every day, going through a change of one kind or another. This month of November marks the ending of my Sunday Service. While I enjoyed my year and a half of teaching each week, I can choose to make this a sad time for me, or choose to experience the adventure of a new beginning, a new place to put my energy, a new me. Each change in our lives marks growth. This is my time to shine. How about you? How do you see the changes in your life? I encourage all of us to embrace each moment of growth through change as affirmation that God is working through us, as us, and there is nothing but joy in that knowing! God bless you!

Love,  
Rev. Sharon



## Poinsettias for Christmas

Rev. Eleanor is inviting the congregation to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas by bringing in Christmas flowers, plants and/or poinsettias on or after December 17 so they will be in good condition for Christmas. If bringing in plants on Saturday, December 17, please call the church by Friday, December 16, to arrange a time when someone will be there. Plants may be taken home after the Christmas morning service, if desired. Thank you for your contributions to creating a festive Christmas ambiance in the church!



## Christmas Prosperity Project

Our Christmas Prosperity Project is fully underway at this time. Just a few reminders on some upcoming dates to remember.

December 11 is the last day to return your angel gifts and items for the food box. We will be wrapping the boxes December 17th. There will be a sign up sheet on the front counter for those interested in helping wrap and prepare food boxes. The boxes will be blessed at the December 18th service and delivered immediately after the service. There are envelopes available on the bulletin board for those wishing to make a monetary donation towards this project.

The committee has been very enthusiastic and I am very grateful for all their support.

Blessing to all for a prosperous  
Holiday Season

Carol Cafalone



## Ministry Help

Our Sanctuary Ministry has gone through some changes and openings exist now to help Rev. Eleanor with a various sanctuary preparations throughout the year. We are requesting people to sign up to occasionally bring flowers for Sunday celebrations; there is a sign up sheet. Also, help is requested to prepare small candles for the Christmas Candlelighting service. If you have an hour or two to help with this, please contact Rev. Eleanor or the church office. Thank you.



## Healing Thoughts

I thought I would offer words of wisdom for this newsletter, to take us through the holidays and begin the new year with positive healing thoughts!

From Catherine Ponder's book *The Dynamic Laws of Healing*, "I AM" is the name of the GOD within you. Jesus referred to this in Luke 17:21. To meditate consistently on the statement, 'I AM THE LIGHT OF MY WORLD' can flood your whole being with light and drive out all darkness. Scientists tell us that at the center of every cell and atom of the body is light. When that light is recognized and turned on in the mind of man, the dark appearance of disease, depression, confusion, and inharmony flee."

Wow, how wonderful this is, and to think how healing in whatever form needed is possible, just imagine the possibilities!

That which adds beauty to your life, also adds prospering healing power.

There is an ancient saying, "If you look up you will always be provided for." It applies to your health, as well as to your wealth and happiness.

May the long time sun shine upon you  
All the love surround you  
And the pure light within you  
Guide your way home.

Peace and Love now and in the future,  
Vicki Williams, Healing Ministry

# Merry Christmas

# *Awakening into Living Abundantly*

## *December ~ January Birthdays*

Linda Grape	December 3	Louis Wong	January 2
Robyn Olson-Walsh	December 4	Katherine Lim	January 5
Les Collins	December 5	Dijana Winter	January 9
Alicia Mercer	December 6	Sara Young Gale	January 10
Rosemarie Jaouen	December 9	Bruce Benton	January 14
Jerry Peters	December 12	Katherine Vidas	January 16
Jean Marie Bianco	December 13	Lona Mryglod	January 24
Anne Stewart	December 18	Beverly Liederbach	January 26
Dory Braun	December 18	Faythe Swanson	January 26
Vicki Williams	December 21	Carol Baumeister	January 26
Nancy Hicks	December 21	Scott Ginett	January 29
Anita Gaiteri	December 22	Deborah Koziarki	January 30
Joni Viggiani	December 25	Peggy Harvey	January 31
Tracy Garcia Kettles	December 29		
Ruth Fogarty	December 30		

*Happy Birthday to you...  
God is blessing you now!  
Discover the Power within You!*



## *On-Going Events*

The **Drumming Circle** meets the last Saturday of the month, 1-3 PM. Love offering.

The **Dr. David Hawkins Study Group** meets alternate Mondays 6:30-8:30 PM. Next meeting is December 5, 2011.

The **“There is Only God”** study group meets every Saturday from 10 AM—Noon. Next meeting December 3, 2011.

### **Dial-a Prayer**

Our Dial-a-Prayer message is updated weekly by Rev. Sharon Peters. The number to call is 585-865-8683, extension 7729 (PRAY).

**Women’s Wisdom** meets the fourth Saturday of each month and attendees take turns hosting each other in their homes. The hostess decides on the topic of conversation and provides light refreshments (optional). See the calendar for meeting dates.

**Sacred Healing Meditation Circle** The Sacred Healing Meditation activity is being reviewed and no dates are planned at this time. We will announce future activities of the Healing Ministry on Sundays and on our website. Please contact Sylvia Barker or Vicki Williams for more information.

### **Oneness Blessing**

Our church hosts the Oneness Blessing on Thursday evenings 7:00-8:00 PM. This group is open to anyone interested in receiving the energy transmission. Love offering.



### **Online Donations**

We are grateful that our church can now receive donations online. Go to any page on our website [www.unityrochester.org](http://www.unityrochester.org) and click on the purple button. Thank you.

To receive the newsletter or event flyer or both by email, go to our website, [www.unityrochester.org](http://www.unityrochester.org) and click on *Get Unity Updates*.



Thank you for keeping our Sunday services fragrance free.



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Type Christ Church Unity-Rochester into the “I support box” and click on verify. Money from advertisers will go to CCU.

### **Submission Deadline**

For February/March Newsletter

January 16, 2011

### **Assembly Date**

January 24, 2011

# December 2011

“Fear not, for behold, I bring you tidings of great joy.”

*Rejoice!*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> World Aids Day 7:30 AM OA  7 PM Oneness	<b>2</b> 7:30 AM OA  6 PM OA	<b>3</b> 10 AM There is Only God (TIOG)
<b>4</b> Second Sunday of Advent 11 AM Service Soup of the Month	<b>5</b> 7:30 AM OA  6:30 PM Hawkins group	<b>6</b> 7:30 AM OA  7 PM ACIM	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:30 AM OA  7 PM Oneness	<b>9</b> 7:30 AM OA  6 PM OA	<b>10</b> 10 AM TIOG
<b>11</b> Third Sunday of Advent 11 AM Service 12:45 PM Board Mtg	<b>12</b> 7:30 AM OA  6:30 PM Jewelry class	<b>13</b> 7:30 AM OA  7 PM ACIM	<b>14</b>  5:30 PM FPM	<b>15</b> 7:30 AM OA  7 PM Oneness	<b>16</b> 7:30 AM OA  6 PM OA	<b>17</b> 10 AM TIOG
<b>18</b> Fourth Sunday of Advent 11 AM Service Music Sunday Christmas Party & Birthday Sunday	<b>19</b> 7:30 AM OA  6:30 PM Hawkins group	<b>20</b> 7:30 AM OA  7 PM ACIM	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:30 AM OA  7 PM Oneness	<b>23</b> 7:30 AM OA  6 PM OA	<b>24</b> 10 AM TIOG   7:30 PM Candlelighting Service
<b>25</b> Christmas 11 AM Service  	<b>26</b> 7:30 AM OA	<b>27</b> 7:30 AM OA  7 PM ACIM	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7:30 AM OA  7 PM Oneness	<b>30</b> 7:30 AM OA  6 PM OA	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve 10 AM TIOG   7:30 PM Burning Bowl Service

# January 2012

Words of life encourage the healing of my body.

*Healing*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p>  <p>11 AM Service Bless the New Year</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:30 AM OA</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:30 AM OA</p> <p>7 PM ACIM</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:30 AM OA</p> <p>7 PM Oneness</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:30 AM OA</p> <p>6 PM OA</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10 AM There is Only God (TIOG)</p>
<p>8</p> <p>11 AM Service Volunteer Sunday</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:30 AM OA</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:30 AM OA</p> <p>7 PM ACIM</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:30 AM OA</p> <p>7 PM Oneness</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:30 AM OA</p> <p>6 PM OA</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10 AM TIOG</p>
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# Awakening into Living Abundantly



## Honored

Marna Rossi was honored by Writer's and Books and was selected as one of six recipients of Writer's and Books' 2011 Big Pencil award as a teacher of young people who has inspired an appreciation of reading and writing in Rochester.

The award is presented to individuals and organizations that have contributed significantly in the advancement, creation and understanding of literature in the Rochester community.

We join in celebrating Marna in this wonderful honor.



## SOUP'S ON!

Building on the success and fun of October's Chili Cook-off—congratulations to Anita Gai-teri for winning!—once a month soups will be available for a \$5 love offering. Starting Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, two selections will be offered (one will be vegetarian) to take home. There will also be an opportunity for volunteers to sign up to make the soup in future months. We thank you for supporting Soup of the Month.



## Please Remember

Please remember Christ Church Unity when making your end-of year charitable donations. For your convenience you can go right to our website and donate online, using the purple "MAKE A DONATION" button.



Blessings as you give!

The Financial Prosperity Ministry



## Updates on Digital Daily Word and Unity.fm

Do you subscribe to Unity's Daily Word? Changes are happening with digital (email) delivery of the Daily Word, and there are some great new ways to get the Daily Word too.

As you probably know, The Daily Word has been available by email for free, but that is ending as of December 1, 2011. The yearly cost for the digital edition is now \$9.95 which is still a great bargain; the cost for getting the Daily Word print edition by postal mail is now \$14.95 per year. I like getting the digital version; I don't have to worry about misplacing the Daily Word booklet and it is definitely a Greener way to get the Daily Word. For those who want it all there is an option for receiving the print & digital editions for \$19.95 per year.

Unity has provided some very cool features in the new digital edition; it includes not only daily email delivery, but also access to the online magazine, which includes audio of the Daily Word read aloud. Plus readers can access and search the archives of over 85 years of Daily Word messages to find just the right inspirational message.

For Smartphone users, the Daily Word Mobile edition is available as a free app so you can enjoy the inspirational messages wherever you are. The mobile version also includes an audio reading of the day's message, guided meditations and meditation music, the same archive search capabilities as the online version, and the ability to create a list of your fa-

vorite inspirational messages. You can also share Daily Word messages on Facebook, Twitter, and by email from your Smartphone.

There is yet another new Unity digital offering that I like a lot. You may be aware of Unity.fm, the Internet radio station of Unity. I had listened to some programs but was frustrated by having to be at a computer to listen, which really limited my use of this service. Now, Smartphone users can listen to unity.fm from almost anywhere. This requires a free app called Live365 that provides lots & lots of Internet radio stations, and yes, unity.fm is on the list. I recently had my ear buds in on a long walk with our dog in a big park listening to Unity programs; it was great to be "untethered" from my laptop for listening. Unity.fm can be found by using the Live365 search function. There is an Inspirational genre category as well that includes stations such as hayhouseradio.com and others you may find interesting.

I hope this has been helpful and that Smartphones become less costly so more people can take advantage of the amazing capabilities they have.

Bruce Benton



### Our Vision Statement

Humanity awakens and transforms into its Divine Identity.  
Christ Church Unity is a focal point of service to this vision.

### Our Mission Statement:

Christ Church Unity  
is a warm, loving and vibrant spiritual center in the heart of Rochester.  
Recognizing our divine nature,  
we create a nurturing environment of spiritual freedom where all can develop  
their spiritual potential for lives overflowing with blessings.



*We Celebrate our Volunteers who  
were honored this year!*

*December '10/January '11  
Paula Fletcher & Jeff Smith*

*February/March  
Dave Cafalone & Barbara Boyce*

*April/May  
Vernice Cottrell & Jean Marie Bianco*

*June/July  
Janet Collamer & Linda Grape*

*August/September  
Carol Baumeister & Mary Jo Ten Eyck*

*October/November  
Marie Hedrick & Juanita Fernandez*

*December '11/January '12  
Anita Gaiteri & Johnnie Dawson*

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*Dr. Masaharu Taniguchi*

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## Message from the Board

The holidays have arrived. Are you excited about them or do you have mixed feelings like I do? Let's see, I have to buy presents for my family in Oregon and get them wrapped and mailed so they arrive before Christmas. Then shopping for my family here, and remembering what everyone wanted and their clothes sizes. I wanted to send Christmas cards too; now where did I put those stamps? Then the tree, decorating it and the house-- hmm what should I wear to the Christmas party on Thursday night? Oh, I just remembered, I need to make something to take to the party.

There are so many things to do for the holidays it can be way overwhelming. Breathe, I need to remember to breathe, slow it down and then choose what activities I am going to participate in. Often when things need to slow down for me I will grab a Unity book from our bookstore to read. Currently I am reading the book *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time* by Marcus Borg. What is neat about Unity is that the resources don't stop at our CCU bookstore. Online there is our own Christ Church Unity website: [www.unityrochester.org](http://www.unityrochester.org); this is where you can access information about activities at Christ Church Unity. Then there is the Unity website: [www.unity.org](http://www.unity.org) and there is Silent Unity at [www.unity.org/prayer](http://www.unity.org/prayer).

One web page I found exciting is [www.unity.org/publications/free-materials](http://www.unity.org/publications/free-materials). What a find this was! On this page I found "Advent 2011: Your Journey to Christmas," a free booklet that I ordered and received in 4 days. This booklet is a blessing to me. There are also free downloads for children's activities and stories.

For those without computer access you can still take advantage of these free resources. Call Silent Unity® at 1-800-NOW-PRAY (669-7729) for personal prayer anytime, and for Inspirational Publications Call 1-800-669-0282, Monday- Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (CT)

As we count down the days to Christmas and New Year's we open our hearts and minds to the Christ spirit within. Know that you are not alone and that you are loved. Remember that you can choose the activities you want to be a part of. May you be blessed with peace, harmony and love as you go throughout this holiday season!

Paula Bramwell  
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