

UNITY CHURCH OF OVERLAND PARK

October 27, 2011

Dear Friend,

Wonderful things are happening at Unity Church of Overland Park!

Exciting programs and activities continue to unfold in our ministry as we move forward with our four priorities of Transformational Celebration Services, Spiritual Development programs, Unity-In-Action volunteer activities and Youth and Family Ministry programs.

You are seeing changes in our facilities as we update our campus with the money that was refinanced for this purpose. Our kitchen has been renovated; we have new interior signage and new carpet and paint in many areas of the building.

As we continue to move forward we also face a financial challenge.

You may have noticed from the financial information in the bulletin and online that we have been operating in a deficit this year. Five months into our fiscal year, the deficit is \$76,544.42. Our income is down over last year at this time and \$46,722.91 behind budget.

To help manage the lower than anticipated income the staff and board have worked together to reduce and control expenses wherever possible. Expenses are down by almost \$11,000 this fiscal year and below budget by \$17,300.

The lower expenses have not been enough to make up the difference and we are currently using reserve funds to pay expenses. I am sure that you join the board in agreeing that this is not a desirable ongoing situation.

Here's how you can help.

Between today and New Year's Day we are holding the vision to raise an additional \$70,000 over and above the amount contributed during the same period of 2010. This additional money will be used to meet immediate operating needs.

In Unity, we believe in tithing to the organization or person where we have been spiritually fed. While the source of your spiritual food is yours to determine, we know you have been fed by and have supported this church. We are asking you to consider doing more. Today, we are asking you to invest in Unity Church of Overland Park by contributing above and beyond your current level.

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You will find below a list of the members of your board of directors. If you would like to speak to any one of us about this matter or any other matter concerning our church, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our email addresses are located at ucop.org or you can call the church and ask us to contact you.

Enclosed you will find an offering envelope for your gift. Note that you can also donate online or through automatic withdrawal. Of course you can donate during every Sunday offeratory.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Prosperity Prayer that we are using in the ministry. Notice that one side of this prayer is for your personal prosperity and the other is for the prosperity of this spiritual community. When the entire congregation of Unity Church of Overland Park holds to the same prayer intention, prosperity will manifest.

We thank God in advance for meeting these needs and we thank you for being a part of God's plan for all of us here at Unity Church of Overland Park.

In deep appreciation,



Allen Carl
President



Blake Williamson
Treasurer

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Deb Mathine – Vice President
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