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Have you ever felt trapped? By a circumstance...a relationship...a job? Sometimes we identify so fully with something that we allow it to hold us captive and prevent us from seeing beyond it. I John 4:4 says, "The one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world."

Everyone is a child of God with the spiritual DNA of the Divine in them. In Unity, we call this the Christ. It is the unlimited Divine potential in you—your true essence. Jesus fully embodied his Christ self, while most of us have only begun to claim our true essence. Author Karen Bradford put it this way: "Jesus' life

and mine are not different, except that he claimed his."

So, when you feel trapped, or find yourself facing a challenge that seems bigger than you are, I invite you to claim the Christ in you by affirming: "What is in me is greater than what is before me."

We contemplate this truth especially at Easter as we reflect on the meaning of the crucifixion and resurrection for our lives. The crucifixion represents the crossing out of all old ways of being, the release of all our "captors." The resurrection is the transformation into new life as we claim the unlimited Christ consciousness in us and the world.

Our spiritual community is a good example. Last fall we claimed our new mission statement:

"To awaken and express the Christ Presence in individuals, families, our community and the world through prayer and meditation joyful worship, spiritual education and loving service."

At the same time, we also claimed a bold and powerful vision to express this purpose. Our vision is based on five pillars: Relationships, Service, Education, Leadership and Prosperity.

Already, much is happening to fulfill the Vision. Powerful Fall Faith Circles last fall, Interfaith Nights in March, a World Religions class taught by renowned instructor Vern Barnet, and more. (See article on Strategic Planning on page 5.) We are not bound by any limitation because we are standing fully in our awakened Christ.

So, today, I invite you to look at whatever challenge you are facing and stake your claim in the Christ in you. Affirm: "What is in me is greater than what is in the world." Awaken to the Christ in you this Easter.

In the Spirit of the Awakened Christ,

Patricia



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Awaken to the Christ in You UCOP Holy Week Services

with Rev. Patricia Bass

Palm Sunday Celebration
April 1 at 9:00 & 11:00 am
Greg Coles, soloist

*Holy Thursday
Communion Service*
April 5 at 7:00 pm
Kelly Schell, soloist



Easter Sunday Celebration
April 8 at 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Bukeka Shoals & Jerome Johnson, soloists

Additional offsite Parking & Shuttle service is available Easter Sunday, 8:30 am – 1:00 pm

Rev. James Trapp

President and CEO of the Association of Unity Churches Int'l
May 13, Sunday Speaker



Rev. James Trapp will be our special guest speaker on Mother's Day, May 13 at both Sunday Services. His talk is entitled "Message from Divine Mother." Prior to accepting his position as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Association of Unity Churches, Rev. Trapp served as co-minister, then Senior Minister at Unity on the Bay in Miami Florida. Under his leadership, Unity on the Bay grew from an average Sunday attendance of 125 to over 1300 with two services in English and one in Spanish. The congregation developed to reflect the diverse racial, cultural, ethnic and economic diversity of South Florida. James was a participant in the 2004 Parliament of the World's Religions held in Barcelona, Spain whose aim, among other things, was to help foster mutual understanding and respect amongst the religions and spiritual traditions of the world. He also was one of a select number of spiritual leaders and representatives from various spiritual traditions that met in Montserrat, Spain to develop and enact practical and transformative responses to critical world issues to help create peace on the planet.

In addition to graduating from Unity School, Trapp holds a degree in economics from Princeton University, a law degree from the University of Florida and an Honorary Doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Florida Theological Seminary. He and his wife Angela have a six-year-old son, Jaelan Mandela Trapp.

Trapp's personal mission is to serve as a catalyst to help people fulfill their personal and spiritual potential.



Thirty-eight couples reaffirmed their love and commitment during the February 11 Vow Renewal Ceremony officiated by Rev. Patricia Bass.

UNITY—A Spiritual Path for Our Time

Special Sunday Series:

9:00 am & 11:00 am, April 15–May 6

Join Rev. Patricia Bass for a Sunday series on the core beliefs and Truths that make Unity such a powerful way of life. We will explore what Unity teaches about the nature of God, Heaven and Hell, sin, salvation, the law of attraction, and much more. Plan to join us and invite your friends who are exploring the Spiritual Path. **Every Sunday is special at Unity...**

Easter Basket Outreach

This Easter over 200 in our metro community will receive a demonstration of your generosity in the way of a beautiful Easter Basket loving given by you! We thank you for your willingness to shop and create these baskets for elder citizens, foster children, and AIDS patients. New this year is the co-support of our Youth of Unity, sharing their energy and love in this worthwhile project. Come join us in the joyous delivery scheduled for **Saturday, April 7**. Meet in Harmony Hall at **8:45 am** to load up and then deliver your gifts of love.

WHAT IS THE ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES INTERNATIONAL?

We are a positive force for good as we serve our ministries, ministers, the community and the world.

Our mission as the Association is to pray, serve, educate and empower ministries and individuals worldwide to realize their spiritual potential.

As the International Association of Unity Ministries we believe in our common unity with all life and in the community of all human kind empowered by love. We teach the universal principles and spiritual values as revealed and demonstrated by Jesus and the continuing revelation of the Christ Presence. We practice prayer, meditation and service as our primary means of becoming conscious of our oneness in God.

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Finding Connection and Service in Chaplain's Role

INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS • MAY 13, 15, 20 & 23

For almost five years this spiritual family has enjoyed the loving support of our CHAPLAIN PROGRAM. These devoted individuals have answered the "call" from their higher spirit to step into a deeper level of service to this spiritual community and to their personal spiritual growth. They are thoroughly trained and receive all the resources necessary to assume and perform at this level of commitment. The blessings are too numerous to list, but certainly include a sense of fulfillment and validation that they are in the "right place at the right time" to bring forth the spirit of God in any given moment.

Becoming a Prayer Chaplain requires a strong commitment of time and energy. The training is required and hours of service each month means each one has made a serious, full year commitment.

I hope you will consider becoming a

Prayer Chaplain for the coming year. Take the question into prayer, go to your heart and listen to see if Spirit is "calling" you to step into a higher level of devotion to your own spiritual growth and into support of this spiritual community. Begin by attending one of our mandatory Informational Meetings scheduled in May. They will be held: Sundays, May 13 & 20 at 12:30 pm, Tuesday, May 15 and Wednesday, May 20 both at 7:00 pm. At these orientation meetings, Rev. Nancy Jerome will outline the service involved, the commitment to training, the costs, and you will have time for Q. & A.

Watch your bulletins for more details. Talk with any of the current Chaplains and ask them to share with you their experiences of serving as a Chaplain. Here are two quotes, one from a former Chaplain and one from a member of the current team:

"The connection to other faces and voices of God through the Chaplain Program is surely the presence of the Lord. There is a wonderful peace in the service."

Ellis Megee

"Being in service as a Chaplain warms my soul. It is an opportunity to invite my inner Christ spirit to behold the Christ in all whom I serve, blessing me every bit as much as I could possibly bless others. The prayers requested are often the very ones I need myself."

Judy Durrell

I look forward to answering your questions and giving you encouragement to embrace this opportunity for yourself and our spiritual community.

In Loving Service,
Rev. Nancy Jerome



To find light in the darkness is more important than trying to bring light into the darkness. ~K. Bradford Brown

Affinity Groups

Couples Connection

4th Friday • 6:30 pm

We welcome all couples to join us for fellowship and fun, to become more acquainted with others in your spiritual family. We will usually meet on the FOURTH FRIDAY of each month at someone's home for potluck, and details are listed in the bulletin. We also send information out electronically by e-vite.

To join our e-vite list or get more information about our Couples Connection, contact Jackie Megee at (913) 592-2303 or jackieam@kc.rr.com

The Green Team

2nd Tuesday • 7:00 pm

In keeping with their purpose and commitment to promote stewardship of the environment, the Team shares their commitment and information on how you can help on page 4. Contact Mike McCord at (913) 829-3854.

Kansas City Cancer Healing Project

with John Hoefler & other CoreStar trained energy healers

1st and 3rd Tuesdays

6:00—9:00 pm

Hands-on healing treatments are offered for those who have been diagnosed with cancer. Contact John Hoefler for more information or to

schedule an appointment at (816) 718-6358 or see www.kansascityhealingproject.org.

Men's Group of UCOP

1st Saturday • 8 am

The UCOP Men's Group meets for breakfast, networking and fellowship in Harmony Hall at 8:00 am on the first Saturday of each month. Following breakfast and fellowship we'll share about upcoming activities and listen to a featured speaker.

For more information about the Men's Group, please contact Joe Pap at 816-517-2440 or joeinkc2@ieee.org.

Recycled Teenagers

2nd Wednesday • See Sunday Bulletin

Do you feel like a recycled teen? This is a group of men and women of all ages who celebrate life with style! Many are retired but not all! For information about our next breakfast or lunch, please see the Sunday Bulletin, or contact Doris Milliken at dllmilliken@aol.com.

Reiki Circle

with Karen Harrison

2nd & 4th Mondays • 7:00—9:00 pm

Reiki is universal life force energy expressed through laying on of hands. This circle is open for practitioners as well as those who want to experience

ALL AFFINITY GROUPS SUPPORTED BY LOVE OFFERINGS & CHILDCARE.

Reiki for the first time. Come receive a 10-minute treatment and experience the healing energy. No pre-registration is required; love offering will be accepted. Childcare is available for this circle by calling extension 3059 at least 24 hours in advance, and children are welcome to attend the circle as well.

Women's Group of UCOP

3rd Sunday * 12:30 pm

The UCOP Women's group is for all women. We have a general meeting the THIRD SUNDAY of each month in Harmony Hall 3, and smaller subgroups who meet during the month, such as our book club. We also participate in service projects for UCOP and the community. We're currently collecting pop tabs from metal cans for the Ronald McDonald House, that you can drop off in the bookstore.

You can keep current with all of our activities by joining our email distribution list. For more information or to join our email distribution, please contact Linda Bedell at linda@bedell.org or (913) 631-6750.



UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

Supporting AIDS Walk Kansas City

Saturday, April 28

Be a part of Unity in the Community, by joining our UCOP walk team for AIDS Walk Kansas City, on April 28. This is a joint effort with other Unity Churches, to demonstrate our unified commitment to social action in the community. This will be the 19th Annual AIDS Walk, Saturday, April 28, 9:00 am at Theis Park, located at 47th and Oak Streets, just south of the Nelson-Atkins Museum.

As you know, thousands of women, children and men are afflicted with HIV/AIDS here in the Kansas City area. With your help, awareness and money can be raised to support local AIDS service organizations to provide shelter, medical care and emergency assistance. Service providers we can support include Good Samaritan Project, SAVE Inc., HARC Mart and Kansas City Free Health Clinic.

Here's how you can support Unity in the Community:

1. Join our UCOP AIDS Walk Team. Contact Bob Noll at 816-830-5303.
2. Come and cheer on our Unity walkers April 28.
3. Sponsor a walker. Visit www.firstgiving.com/unitykc07
4. Help spread the word by sending your friends a message and inviting them to join us or make a contribution.
5. Check with your company's "Matching Gift" policy. This could add to your personal pledge amount.

Please join us Saturday, April 28.

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

Stage entertainment and Welcoming Ceremonies commence at 9:00 a.m.

and at 10 a.m. sharp, WE WALK!

Should you have any questions, please contact Bob Noll at 816-830-5303 or Greg Coles at 913-649-1750 x 3056. Be the change you want to see in the world, and many thanks for your support.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

September 14-15

Unity Village

Mark your calendars now to attend our Women's Retreat in September at the beautifully designed Spiritual Life Center at Unity Village. Awaken to the wonder in you as you renew your soul and connect with other women on the spiritual path. Stay tuned for more details.



Youth & Family Ministry

the 10 commandments!

What do you think of when you read those words – Charlton Heston? a collection of inflexible rules? We want the chil-

dren in our Youth and Family department to think of Divine Laws, lovingly shared by Spirit, to bring our lives into alignment, abundance and virtue.

Whether we're discerning the empty idols from which we seek fulfillment in our own lives or discovering the subtle ways we can do violence to beauty within ourselves and one another, the Ten Commandments, properly applied, can help us navigate the pathways of healthy living that can lead us to the mountainous heights of true happiness!

If you'd like to check out (and per-

haps even learn from!) the current curriculum we're teaching, come by the "YFM News" bulletin board by the Kindergarten classroom and grab a free copy.

Blessings from Victor and Danette, Co-Directors Youth and Family Ministries

YFM Announcement

We have a few openings for loving, Spirit-seeking adults who would like to work with children or teens. We have a great introductory and ongoing training process, wonderful volunteers to work with and an exciting environment. For more information contact Victor or Danette at 913-649-1750 ext. 3009 or email velez@ucop.org



Danette & Victor Velez
YFM Co-Directors

Spring Festival & Easter Egg Hunt

Spring Festival & Easter Egg Hunt will be sponsored by the YFM department. Saturday, March 31 from 11:00 am—2:00 pm and includes a **POTLUCK LUNCH, MOONWALK, family-focused GAMES, EGG HUNT, EASTER BUNNY** and **CRAFTS!** Everyone is invited!



Three-legged Race at last year's Festival

Green Team NEWS

Green Team and Earth Care Ministry

For 2007, the Green Team's mission is to raise awareness of global warming and to present ways we can help to establish a cleaner, less-congested, healthier environment. April will be a big month for promoting Environmental Protection and for activities by the Green Team.

National "Step Up 2007"

April 14
"Step up 2007" is to bring environmental issues to the attention to the area lawmakers. This event is organized by the Kansas City Sierra Club at Southmore Park. Sign up at the Green Team table April 1 and 8.

Clean Stream Day

April 14
Help clean up a local stream. Sign up at the Green Team table on April 1 and 8.

Earth Fest

April 22 and 23
10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Shawnee Mission Park
Celebration of Earth Day and Arbor Day. There will also be a morning Earth Walk. The Green Team will participate again this year at the Earth Fest and will also be giving out tree saplings to the youth to celebrate Arbor Day, April 23.



Light Bulb Replacement

One of the easiest ways to help is to replace your incandescent light bulbs with fluorescent ones. UCOP was the second-highest pledge driver in both Kansas & Missouri, through EPA's, Energy Star, "Save a Light, Save the World" campaign. Our results were 78 percent of our pledge goal, \$67,962 savings per kilowatt energy savings, and 107,245 pounds of Greenhouse Emissions prevented from entering the atmosphere. The Green Team sold over 176 CFL light bulbs in December, generating \$481 for the church.

Recycling

Remember to bring your recyclables to UCOP. In Harmony Hall by the south door are barrels for recycling (1) your personal plastic water bottles with lids, which will be used as containers for shampoo at homeless shelters, (2) empty beverage cans and (3) used computer cartridges and toners. Place your newspapers, magazines and office papers in the bin in the parking lot.

The Green Team welcomes new members. Meeting time is the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at UCOP. For more information, contact Mike McCord 913-829-3854.



Fred Albers
Music Director

Meet the Band

By Fred Albers

Welcome to our second installment of "Meet the Band" at Unity Church of Overland Park! I would like to throw the spotlight onto Ken Lovern this time around. Ken plays the Hammond B3 organ with the band, and also acts as Music Director when I am absent.

Ken is the most recent addition to the group, joining us nearly 9 years ago as the keyboard player. It didn't take too long to realize where Ken's passion was, though, especially when he asked if he could bring a Hammond organ into the sanctuary and "just store it here." We have been blessed with his characteristic grooves ever since.

Ken has been a professional musician most of his adult life. Even before graduating from UMKC's Conservatory of Music, Ken began playing keyboards with

renowned Kansas City vocalist Ida McBeth. In the rock arena, Ken has been a member of regional jam bands such as L.A. Ramblers, 4: Score, and Pocket Space. Ken currently plays rock and roll for kids as a member of the Doo-Dads.®

Ken was named "Unsigned Artist of the Month" in the May, 2006 issue of Keyboard Magazine in recognition of his self-titled CD Ken Lovern's OJT (Organ Jazz Trio). Locally, Ken leads his own group at Kansas City's premier jazz venues such as Jardine's and the Blue Room. Ken and vocalist Bukeka Shoals have recently released a new recording titled OJT + B to rave reviews.

Ken has performed with national jazz talents such as Les McCann, Kevin Mahogany, Cecil Payne, and Eric Alexander.

Ken has recently performed on Hammond Organ and keyboards in the Kansas City Repertory Theatre production of *Love, Janis*, a musical play based on the life, letters, and music of Janis Joplin.

From the PIT



Ken Lovern at the Hammond B3

It continues to be my privilege to make music with Ken on Sundays, and to enjoy the pure heart and warm soul that he brings to our musical experience here at Unity Church of Overland Park.

Upcoming Speakers at Unity Church of Overland Park

Watch for more information about future speakers at Unity Church of Overland Park, including:

- Rev. James Trapp – May 13
- Rev. Alice Anderson – July 22
- Mary Manin Morrissey (tbd)

To learn more about Ken, his recordings, and his performance schedule, visit these websites:

www.KenLovern.com
www.myspace.com/kenlovernojst
www.myspace.com/ojtplusb

CELEBRATING THE VISION

MISSION



We are here to awaken and express the Christ Presence in individuals, families, our community and the world through prayer and meditation, joyful worship, spiritual education and loving service.

Unity Church of Overland Park's mission, values and vision have been created, and now the five vision pillars are manifesting.

Our mission, values, and vision are the guiding light leading the forward movement of the ministry. Every class, every group, and every new idea is an out-picturing of these co-creative principles.

Here is a sampling of what we have done :

- Hired a Director of Communications – allowing us to get the word out
- Sunday Lessons now on the web

Website Audio & Podcasts: Have you discovered our Sunday Talks online yet? We have recently begun broadcasting our Sunday Talks through our website at www.ucop.org. These "Podcasts" are available through several different methods. If you are using Internet Explorer 7, Mozilla Firefox, or Netscape, you can click on the "feed" icon on our homepage to access the streaming audio. You may also subscribe to the podcast through iTunes, or Yahoo.com.

- We continue to consult and share processes with other Unity Churches of the Association of Unity Churches International, including Unity Temple on the Plaza, Christ Church Unity in North Kansas City, Unity Church of Christianity in Houston, and Seattle Unity Church.
- World Religions Class
- Interfaith Night
- Fall Faith – powerful small groups focused on prosperity
- Youth & Family Ministries – Nursing Home Visitation
- Youth & Family Ministries – Youth of Unity involved with Easter Outreach
- Ended the year on a positive financial note
- Hired Rev. Bob Barth as Associate Minister – Adult Education/Strategic Planning
- Spiritual Education – new classes with outstanding facilitators
- Guest speakers series kicked off with – Rev. Richard Rogers
- Showing of the movie *The Secret*
- Conscious Evolution, a Gateway Group, formed with the purpose of moving humanity into a new paradigm.
- "As good stewards of God's blessings," we continue updating and maintaining our beautiful building by replacing the carpeting and painting the stairwells, front of the sanctuary, and second and third floor hallways.

...and we have the following in process:

- Welcoming Church – Our intention is to enhance our welcoming strategy for everyone whether it is someone here for the first time or someone who has been a life-long member.
- Ongoing & New Group Guidelines – To make sure that the groups at Unity Church of Overland Park are in alignment with our mission, values and vision, guidelines are in the final stages of being developed. These will be used in assessing new groups that want to meet here as well as helping guide the current groups meeting at Unity Church of Overland Park.
- Communication Strategy – for Unity Church of Overland Park to continue to grow, it must be recognized, and this will be done through a well-orchestrated communication strategy. The strategy will include a new logo, new looks to the bulletin, newsletter and website.
- Infrastructure – To better meet the needs of a growing, dynamic ministry, Unity Church of Overland Park must have a strong infrastructure. The infrastructure helps us to have a strong and firm base on which all of our programs and activities are built.
- Outreach Expansion – In addition to our Easter Outreach and COPP this Spring, we are partnering with Unity Temple on the Plaza for "Unity in the CommUnity," expanding our social action outreach to include the annual Kansas City AIDS Walk, April 29. (See the article page 3.)

This list is a dynamic one, with new ideas and concepts being added while the current actions are being refined and being prepared to be brought forth into manifestation. Keep watching for updates in the VISIONS newsletter, on the website, and on Sunday mornings.

Message from the Board

Spring is on its way and with its approach we are in the midst of growth and new beginnings. The plants and flowers awaken from their slumber and stretch to break through the cold and darkness of the earth. Reaching toward the light and warmth of the sun each flower becomes increasingly more beautiful, revealing their full potential to all that observe.



Danielle Keith

Unity Church of Overland Park is in the midst of growth and new beginnings as well. We are in the process of developing new initiatives that support our Mission, Vision and Values. It may seem as if there is nothing happening on the surface but we are about to unfold many flowers this spring and beyond.

You are the heart of our growth. Your input and acts of service will help us create the church home that feeds us today and into the future. There will be announcements in the *Visions* and periodically on Sundays to keep you up to date. Our Vision at Unity Church of Overland Park is a work in progress. I look forward to watching you and our church blossom.

Many Blessings!!
Danielle Keith

Sacred Vigil Ministry

Prayer is at the very heart of the Unity movement, this spiritual community and the lives of many of its members and friends. So, what better way to be of service in this spiritual community than expanding and sharing your prayer consciousness with others? Our intention is to have all of the worship services, classes, meetings and activities that transpire at Unity Church of Overland Park held in sacredness and prayer.

To this end, we have formed the Sacred Vigil Ministry and we invite you to become a member of our team. Sacred Vigil Creators will hold sacred space by entering into a meditative consciousness and become the vessel through which Spirit works to harmonize, heal, uplift and protect.

Those interested in joining the Sacred Vigil Ministry will enter a period of silence (e.g., 20-30 minutes), prayer or meditation during specific worship services or activities being held at Unity Church of Overland Park. Members of this ministry will have a great deal of flexibility in choosing their times of service. If you are interested in joining this new prayer ministry, or would simply like more information, please contact Rev. Nancy Jerome at the church office.

*"For God alone my soul waits in silence."
Psalm 62:5*

CALENDAR OF CLASSES

“Establish meaningful connections, while deepening your understanding of life.”

Important Note:
All classes are taught on a Love Offering basis. Your offerings support both UCOP and our teachers for their time and dedication. Pre-registration is also greatly appreciated! Thank you.

Call Rev. Bob Barth
(913) 649-1750 ext. 3056 to register—state your name, phone no., address and indicate the class(es) you desire to attend. Enjoy!



POWER OF YEARNING | Tom Anderson

4 Tuesdays, March 27, April 3, 10, 17 • 7:00—9:00 pm and Saturday, April 14 (all day)

You were born to greatness. This class is about your journey to wholeness. It is about coming to understand the power of yearning as it relates to its purpose on your journey. It is a journey of self-discovery and of finding the source of your yearning—your path to greatness. Saturday will be spent on an individual “Day Walk” in nature. To facilitate open discussion and sharing, the class size will be limited to 12 participants. Love Offering



THE HEBREW SPIRAL INTO CHRISTIANITY | Harv Morrow

8 Mondays, April 2 – May 21 • 7:00 —9:00 pm

Join this class in examining the writings of the Second Temple Era, the precursor to the New Testament. The collective search and yearning for new consciousness created a fertile ground for the teachings of Jesus, especially as preserved in the lost “Q” Gospel. Love Offering.



NEW MEMBER CLASS | Rev. Patricia Bass

4 Wednesdays, April 11 – May 2 • 7:00 —9:00 pm

If you would like to make a deeper commitment to your church family, then you are invited to attend our New Member Class. We will explore the teachings and history of the Unity movement and of UCOP and the ways you can serve and be served by the ministry. To become a member, attendance is required at the first class, as well as at least two other classes, and Membership Sunday, May 6. Pre-registration is strongly requested.



REWIRING YOUR BRAIN | Garland Landrith

3 Thursdays, April 12 – 26 • 7:00—9:00 pm

Dr. Landrith, whose pioneering research was cited in the movie *What the Bleep Do We Know?* has scientifically proven that we can create miracles with the power of our thoughts. These 3 classes include energy work, combined with nutrition, meditation and tapping acupuncture points (called Emotional Freedom Technique). Each student will receive a training manual and DVD illustrating this technique. \$5 materials fee plus love offering.



THE HEROES JOURNEY: POWER OF MYTH WITH JOSEPH CAMPBELL | Pamela Welch, MS

3 Mondays - April 16 – 30 • 7:00—9:00 pm

Myth is a metaphor for a mystery beyond human comprehension that helps us understand aspects of our mysterious selves. Campbell suggests that myth is not an untruth, but a way of reaching profound truth. Each week, we will view a select video presentation from the highly acclaimed *Power of Myth* series with Joseph Campbell and Bill Moyers. Together, we will explore our personal archetypes in *The Heroes Journey*. Love offering



UNITY BOOKS FOR SACRED SEEKERS | Eric Page, MHAMS

Tuesday, April 24 • 7:00—9:00 pm

This class will explore Unity teachings about God, the Bible, prayer, prosperity, health and other matters through the classics of Unity literature. You will leave with a better understanding of available resources and greater ability to make choices about what to study on your spiritual journey. A new UCOP teacher, Eric serves as Unity Archivist and Reference Librarian. Bring your favorite Unity book to class. Love offering



ANSWERING YOUR CALLINGS | Cat RunningElk

6 Tuesdays, May 1 – June 5 • 7:00—9:00 pm

Listen, as your soul calls you to realize your passion and true callings. Through exercises, meditations and sharing, this six week course will give you the concepts and the support you need to begin answering the callings of your heart. Love offering



POWER OF TRUTH (METAPHYSICS I) | Rev. Bob Barth

5 Thursdays, May 3 – May 31 • 7:00—9:00 pm

Unity is founded on five simple, yet powerful teachings. The purpose of this class is to explore these fundamental principles in depth and move them to a transformative level in our lives. Come as we examine the nature of God, the divinity of humankind, the power of thought, the role of prayer, and how to live the truth as we know it. Recommended before Metaphysics II. 10 SEE CORE Credits.



EDUCATIONAL PROSPERITY | Charley Green

3 Mondays, May 7 – 21 • 7:00—9:00 pm

Using principles of spiritual prosperity and practical information, this class will educate, inform and demonstrate how parents and students, working together, can achieve a college education in a fiscally responsible manner without long term student loans. Charley is the author of *Debt-free College education or a Debtor's Burden?* Love offering

Child Care

For all classes, childcare is available Monday – Thursday evenings. A \$5 love offering per child is appreciated.



SHADOW DANCING | Lisa Whitlow

3 Wednesdays, May 9 – 23 • 7:00—9:00 pm

Can you dare to love yourself? All of yourself? Even the parts of you that you carefully hide from others? Your secret dreams and wishes that you are afraid or embarrassed to articulate? In this three session workshop, we will explore the mystery of the “shadow” in our personalities. Carl Jung said that “hidden in the shadow is pure gold.” Come and find out what you’ve been missing! Love Offering



YOGANETICS | Wyatt Townley

18 Mondays & Thursdays (9 weeks), May 14–July 16

Mornings: 9:30-10:30 am • Evenings: 6:30-7:30 pm

For the fit and yet-to-be. Yoganetics is done on the floor with the eyes closed, unstressing joints and relieving backache while increasing strength, flexibility and well being. Pre-registration recommended due to limited space. To learn more, call (913) 381-1984 or visit the site at www.yoganetics.com.

On-Going Classes

SUNDAY BOUNDARY BUSTERS

You are welcome each Sunday from 10 – 11:00 am in the Library, for an open book discussion. This adult class examines books of the highest universal principles of love, peace and oneness. Please come and join us at any time!

WEDNESDAY DREAMS

Facilitated by David Hupe meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. This class/group will help you to interpret your dreams to understand your life.

JOEL S. GOLDSMITH— INFINITE WAY STUDY GROUP

Facilitated by Dwight Briggs on Wednesdays from 7—9 pm. Explore how the belief in two powers inhibits our demonstration of God Realization.

Classes are supported by love offerings.

THURSDAY A COURSE IN MIRACLES STUDY GROUP

Facilitated by Bill Frock, Thursdays, 6:30— 8:30 pm. A Course in Miracles is life-changing as participants learn to use wisdom and love, rather than guilt and fear. Materials available at CommUnity Books and Gifts.

UNITY MEN’S RETREAT MIDWEST

Facilitator Ron Jones, center ✱, changed lives with a transformative workshop on Masculine Spirituality.



More than 50 men attended our 2007 Unity Men’s Retreat Midwest at Unity Village this February. It was our most highly attended and successful retreats, developed by the UCOP Men’s Group, with participants from here and abroad. The UCOP Men’s group meets for breakfast, networking, and a speaker, on the first Saturday of each month at 8 am in Harmony Hall. All men are welcome.

COPP: Care of Poor People—Spring Break for the Poor and Homeless

Saturday, April 7, 2007 • Noon to 4:00 PM
2107 Central • Levitt Warehouse
Kansas City, Missouri

YOU CAN HELP!!! You are invited to help with the preparations for this annual event sponsored by COPP. Answer the call of your heart and “get involved.” How?

Help sort and organize clothes and set up tables beforehand.

Also on the day of the event, set out and serve the food.

Contribute: Summer clothes, men, women, children

Personal Care items: shampoo, soap, razors, diapers, etc.

Prepared food for the Pot Luck Lunch

Helping this worthy cause will help everyone, including you! To volunteer, please call Kim Zavelo at 913-888-5159 or email dogposse@aol.com.

See also www.coppinc.com or call Richard Tripp 816-483-4081.



SUPPORT GROUPS

Alanon

Tuesdays and Thursdays • 7–8 pm
 For families & friends of alcoholics

Alcoholics Anonymous

Mon, Wed or Thurs • 7:30–8:30 pm
 Tues. • noon

Last Monday of the month is the open meeting.

Codependents Anonymous

Tuesdays • 7–8 pm
 This is a 12-Step program that will help you face and work through your codependency issues. Come and join us. Then start a wonderful new journey of deeper self-understanding.

Narcotics Anonymous

Mondays • 7–8 pm
 This 12-step program is for those for whom drugs had become a major problem. Meeting regularly we help each other stay clean.

Overeaters Anonymous

Twelve-Step Program
 Wednesdays 6 – 7 pm • Thursdays 11:30–1
 We provide support in turning over your food issues to a higher power.

Stand-Up Parenting

Tuesdays • 7 pm
 Support for parents & family members struggling with unacceptable behaviors.

Wednesday Winners:

Debtors Anonymous

Wednesdays • 7–8 pm
 If you over-spend or under-earn, please join us! Our goal is living financially solvent one day at a time using the 12 steps.

manifest health!

Are you having health challenges? Do you feel your body has betrayed you with an illness or accident? With meditation and prayer, we can sometimes come to understand the underlying messages of our illness or accident. However, sometimes people use that to blame themselves for their problems. This has been referred to as “new age guilt.” Rather than using guilt, come to understand the potential meaning behind your illness in a loving way. Learn to visualize your body healthy and whole. For assistance in this process, you are invited to use a spiritual counselor through services offered by this spiritual community to our spiritual family. Please call Rev. Nancy Jerome at the church for an appointment at 913-649-1750 ext. 3018.



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Celebration Services:
 Sundays 9:00 and 11:00 am

Chaplain Ministry



Jerry Hirt



Brandon Nagel



Bob Noll



Blake Williamson

You are invited to get to know the Chaplains who serve our congregation.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Spring Festival & Easter Egg Hunt
 Saturday, March 31 • 11:00 am–2:00 pm

PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION
 April 1 • Greg Coles, soloist

Holy Thursday Communion & Candlelight Service
 April 5 • 7:00 pm • Kelly Schell, soloist

Easter Sunday Celebration
 April 8 • 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Bukeka Shoals & Jerome Johnson, soloists

Care of Poor People: Spring Break
 Saturday, April 7 • Noon to 4:00 pm • Levitt Warehouse

“Unity—A Spiritual Path for Our Time”
 Special Sunday Series • April 16–May 6

Earth Walk & Earth Fest • SM Park
 April 22 & 23 • 10:00 pm to 2:00 pm

AIDS Walk Kansas City
 SATURDAY, APRIL 28 • 9:00 AM • THEIS PARK
 Registration begins at 8:00 am

REV. JAMES TRAPP,
 CEO OF ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES INTERNATIONAL
 Sunday Speaker, May 13

PRAYER & Meditation

Our spiritual community is totally supported by prayer, which is one of our core values. At UCOP we have a Silent Prayer Team that prays daily over the prayer requests that are submitted each week. The people on this team do all of their work anonymously, but are a vital part of this important work of our spiritual community. If you would be interested in joining this team, please call Rev. Nancy Jerome 913-649-1750 ext. 3018 or email her at njerome@ucop.org.

Daily Noon Prayer
 in our Peace Chapel allows an opportunity to “come apart for awhile” from the busyness of the everyday activities.
 Mondays through Thursdays
 Noon —12:30 pm

with Rev. Nancy Jerome

Sunday Meditation

Our Peace Chapel is the sacred space in which you will find **silent meditation** each Sunday morning at 8:30 and 10:30. Also **individual prayer support** from our Chaplains is available throughout the building following each celebration service. They are trained to hold a spiritual space, keep a confidence and pray with you “on the spot.”



Bookstore hours:	913-649-3875 (closed during services)
M-W	11-5:30
Th	11-7
Sun	8:30-1



Perfect Reflection

Richard Gooch



Photography

April 1—May 27, 2007
 Hours: M-Th 10-8

Rene Kircher



Star Family



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