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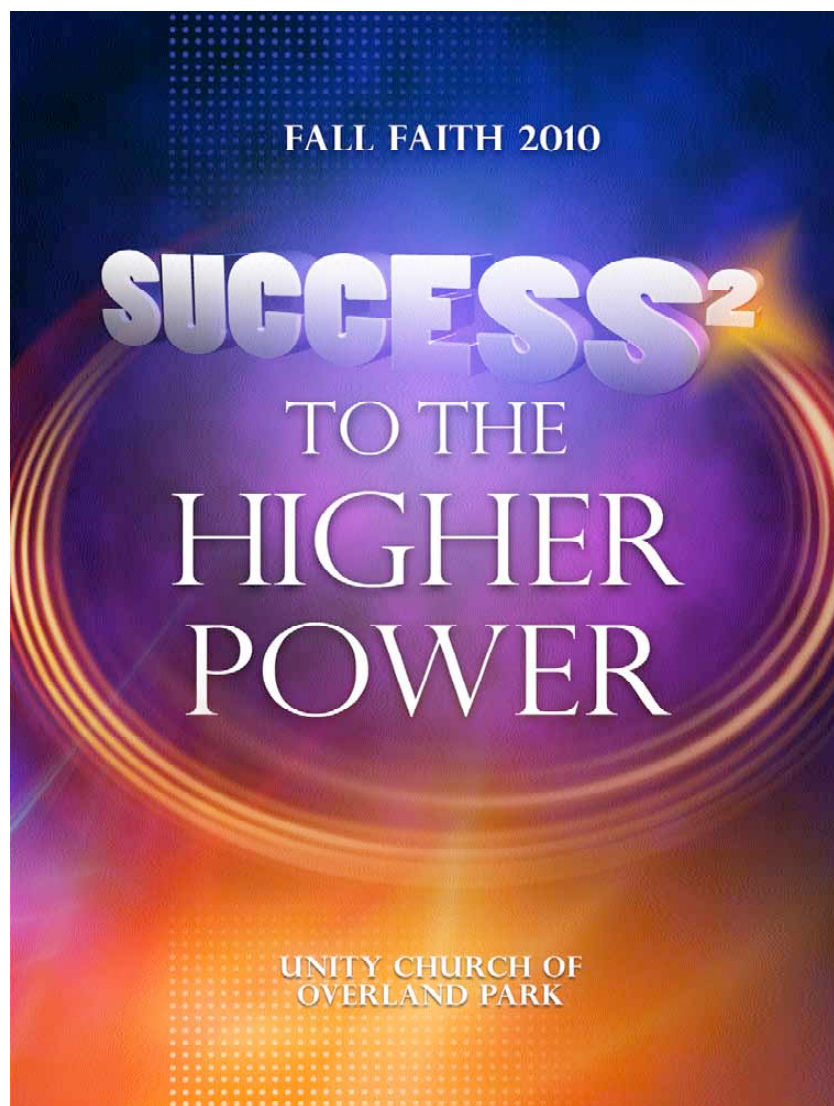
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Blood Drive
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Friday, November 12

Church Offices and Bookstore Closed
Monday, September 6

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

SUCCESS²:
Success to the Higher Power

What does success mean to you? There are probably as many definitions of success as there are people. For some it might mean earning a particular income. For others it might mean staying in a committed relationship. What would your life look like for you to regard it as a success? And more importantly, how will you get there?

Deepak Chopra says that "Success in life could be defined as the continued expansion of happiness and the progressive realization of worthy goals."

He says you will know the true meaning of success when:

- You begin to experience your life as a miraculous expression of divinity – not occasionally, but all the time.
- You know your own set of unique talents and gifts and offer them in service to humanity.

This is an exponential success like most people have never known. We're calling it, "Success²—Success to the Higher Power."

This year during our Fall Faith Season, we're using Deepak Chopra's book, *The Seven Spiritual Laws of Success*, as our roadmap. We'll be exploring these seven laws of life in our Sunday morning celebration services, during Wednesday evening small groups (Celebration Circles), and as we reach out in service to worthy organizations in our community. You'll also have the opportunity to share your own personal and spiritual success stories online.

Invite your friends and family to join us for Fall Faith 2010. Success—it is more than meets the eye.

Exponential Blessings,
Patricia

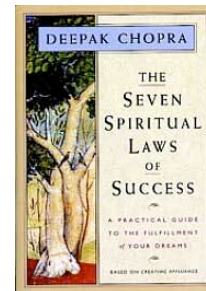


Rev. Patricia Bass

COMMUNITY Books & Gifts

September: 20% off
Fall Faith 2010 book –
*The Seven Spiritual
Laws of Success*

**Bookstore
HOURS:**
M–Th: 11:00–5:30
Sun: 8:30–1:00
(closed during services)
913.649.3875

*Sundays in September***SEPTEMBER 5**

Spend Labor Day weekend with us.
Freedom from Fear
with Rev. Patricia Bass
soloist Ron Gutierrez

SEPTEMBER 12

Men's Group Pancake Breakfast
Special youth musical performance
The Sun Will Come Out Tomorrow
with Rev. Patricia Bass
soloist Molly Hammer

SEPTEMBER 19

Prayer Chaplain Recognition Sunday
New music by Kelley Hunt
Living an Authentic Life
with Rev. Eileen Stulak
soloist Kelley Hunt

SEPTEMBER 26

Fall Faith 2010 begins!
POTENTIALITY² – Everything is Possible
with Rev. Patricia Bass
soloist Kelly Potter

*Are You Ready for
Some Pancakes?***PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Sunday, September 12
Sponsored by the Men's Group
Love offering

You've heard about it, wondered about it, and now is the time for everyone to enjoy the amazing Men's Group breakfast. Everyone is invited to join us after both services as the Men's Group cooks a pancake breakfast. Bring your appetite, wear red for the Chiefs football home opener on Monday and have a great time.

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Church office hours:

9:00 am–5:00 pm Mon–Thurs

Bookstore: 913.649.3875

Heartline: 913.649.3214

Website: www.ucop.org

Celebration Services: Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am

Nursery Care and Sunday School is available.

Closed September 6

Success to the Higher Power

FALL FAITH 2010 BEGINS SEPTEMBER 26

Start thinking about exponentially expanding your happiness and realizing your worthy goals. Fall Faith 2010 will kick off on Sunday, September 26, as we look at *Success to the Higher Power*.

Fall Faith Activities:

- **KICKOFF BENEFIT CONCERT**

7 pm, September 26 featuring

Greg Coles, Ron Gutierrez, Molly Hammer, Kelly Potter



and the UCOP Band.

\$15 Adult, \$5 Youth (18 & under) 50% of Concert profit to benefit Harvesters Community Food Network and KVC. A love offering will be taken. Get tickets beginning August 29.

- Powerful Wednesday evening **small group circles**. This is a time for deep study of the resource book and Sunday lessons, a time to determine what success means to you and an opportunity for rich connection with your spiritual community. Sign-ups begin September 5.
- **A magical event** on Friday, November 12, being held at the Ritz-Charles with dinner, dancing, an auction and special entertainment.
- Deepak Chopra's book: *The Seven Spiritual Laws of Success* as a resource
- An opportunity to support two **local outreach** programs, Harvesters and the KVC.

Mark your calendars for this year's Fall Faith activities. Watch for more details online at www.ucop.org.

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We are living expressions of Divine light
flowing forth into the world.

Join us in prayer on

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WORLD
DAY OF
PRAYER

Unity's World Day of Prayer is an annual celebration to affirm peace, abundance and love on an individual and global level. When we prayer we honor the sacredness of each individual and celebrate the divine expression of their Christ Nature.

Ways you may participate in this year's World Day of Prayer:

- Submit names you want held in prayer on Sunday, Sept. 5.
- Submit names online at www.worlddayofprayer.org/SubmitNames
- Participate in activities at Unity Village, details at www.worlddayofprayer.org/calendar
- Volunteer: Contact Rev. Therese Lee at revthereselee@gmail.com or 816.985.9898

This is a transformational global event. For more details visit www.worlddayofprayer.org

Green Star Award

NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

The Green Team is accepting nominations for the Green Star Award, honoring those who have made a positive contribution to protecting the environment. Nomination forms and the box for completed forms are on the environmental display rack in Harmony Hall.

Green Team's Sustainable Suggestions, with thanks to Bridging the Gap:

- Save an average of 50 gallons of water a week by not over watering your lawn.
- Water in the morning or evening which is better for the plants—and you'll waste less water through evaporation.
- Move your thermostat three degrees. Every 3° (up in the summer and down in winter) can help prevent the emission of almost 1,100 pounds of CO2 annually.
- Buy fresh, local produce and organic products as often as possible, reducing fuel needed to transport across the country and avoids pesticide use.
- Recycle your used glass containers at a Ripple Glass recycling collection site. To find one near your home, visit www.rippleglasskc.com.

Get Connected Online

Click on blue headings to link online.

SEPTEMBER SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT CLASSES

Make lasting connections with others. Discover your beliefs.

AFFINITY GROUPS

Find your place in small group ministry.

ONGOING GROUPS AND CLASSES

Develop your spiritual practice.

Youth & Family Ministry

YOUTH TEACHER TRAINING TO BE HELD AT UCOP SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 9 AM to 1 PM

Do you want to volunteer in Youth and Family Ministry, but you are not sure that you have the skills or experience to support our children? In October, Regional YFM Consultants Marygrace Sorenson and Joanne Burns will offer youth training especially for our ministry. Marygrace will offer training in the children's area of YFM programming and will focus on facilitating curriculum and managing your classroom in a loving and spirit-led way, while Joanne will offer training in the areas of cur-



riculum support and facilitation for our teen programs. Both sessions will be filled with a wealth of information that will help both current teachers to incorporate fresh ideas into their classes and new volunteers to feel successful as the step into service. For more information or to sign up for this exciting opportunity please contact Brandon at bnagel@ucop.org or 913.649.1750 ext. 3009.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS... BOTH IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM

With the training opportunity coming up in October this is a wonderful time to become involved in Youth and Family Ministry. We have many opportunities to get involved both in and out of the classroom. Perhaps you love working and playing with children, but teaching is not something that you feel called to do; an assistant position may be perfect for you. Perhaps your Sundays are filled with other activities at Unity Church of Overland Park, but you would love to create a new bulletin board during the week. These and many more opportunities exist for you in the exciting world of Youth and Family Ministry! For a current list of opportunities or to get involved, please contact Brandon at bnagel@ucop.org, 913.649.1750 ext. 3009.



Brandon Nagel,
YFM Director

Weekly Ministry e-mails Begin this Month

SUBSCRIBE TODAY!

This month marks our final monthly e-mail of the e-Visions newsletter and mailing of the paper Visions newsletter. Starting the end of September, UCOP e-mail subscribers will receive e-news each week about how we continue to fulfill our mission and about ministry happenings, events, spiritual development classes, minister's message and more! Those who are not currently receiving e-mail communication can sign up now by visiting www.ucop.org and clicking "subscribe."

We give a special thank you to Jody Drake, of Awakening World Art & Design, who has served UCOP for over a year with e-Visions newsletter design and layout. Prior to that, Jody supported our VISIONS paper newsletter with layout, design and editing, and her deep spiritual understanding was shared with all through her original cover artwork. Her exceptional graphic talent, artistry and gift of words are so appreciated. We bless you Jody and wish you continued success.

FEATURED OFFERINGS

Unity Spiritual Education

An Informational Evening with Unity Institute
7 to 9 pm
Tuesday, September 21
With Rev. Mark Fuss



Have you been feeling called further into your spiritual development? Are you considering a path towards becoming a Licensed Unity Teacher? Maybe you have felt Spirit inviting you into ordained ministry. Or, perhaps you are simply curious about classes that are available to you.

If so, please join us as Rev. Mark Fuss shares about the classes, programs, credentialing paths and opportunities for awakening that make up Unity spiritual education. Rev. Mark serves as the Admissions Representative for Unity Institute.

New Member Class

1 to 3 pm (1 to 4 pm Oct. 17)
Sundays, October 3, 10 and 17
New Member Sunday, October 24
with Rev. Patricia Bass, Rev. Bob Barth and Rev. Eileen Stulak

We will explore the teachings and history of the Unity Movement, as well as the history of our wonderful ministry. You will learn about ways in which you can serve and be served by the ministry and have the opportunity to make lasting relationships with others. To become a member of the church, attendance is required at the first class as well as at least one other class, and Membership Sunday on October 24.

To register for either class, email Pat Martin at pmartin@ucop.org