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Sunday's at Unity are a time of celebration, inspiration and community.

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June 2009

**Unity Institute
Graduation & Ordination**
Unity Village
Thursday • June 4
2:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Annual Membership Meeting
12:30 pm • Sunday, June 7

Unity Peoples Convention
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Rev. Sallye Taylor
9:00 & 11:00 am • July 12
Workshop 1:30-3:30 pm

Unity Youth Summer Camp
"I Spy the Christ Within"
July 14 – 17

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with Daniel Nahmod
Friday, July 17 at 7:00 pm

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9:00 & 11:00 am • July 26
Workshop 1:30-3:30 pm

Rev. Edwene Gaines
9:00 & 11:00 am • August 9
Workshop 1:30-3:30 pm

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

*Living with Nothing and No One Against You**"If God is for us, who is against us?" Romans 8:31 (NRSV)*

by Rev. Patricia Bass

Most Sunday mornings, we lead into our time of meditation with these words: "There is one presence and one power in the Universe, God, the Good, Omnipotent." Have you ever stopped to ponder the true meaning of these words?

If there is only one power, and that power is good, then that means that we live in a friendly Universe that wants only good for us. There is no opposing force against us. Not "The Devil." Not our boss. Not our neighbor. Not our elected official. There is nothing to fear, because there is only God, the Good.

On one level, we may accept this as true. But on another level, there are days (sometimes weeks or even years) when it seems like the Universe is conspiring against us. A lost job. A sudden illness. A traffic accident. Where is God, the Good, then?

In "The Art and Practice of Living with Nothing and No One Against You," Gary Simmons and Rima Bonario write, "Life can only be against who you are not."



Gary Simmons



Rima Bonario

When we are not coming from our true authentic self, the world seems very scary and threatening indeed. But when we are coming from our Christ Nature and living who we have come here to be, the Universe is viewed as a Divine partner – more like a friendly teacher, always coaching us back into the expression of our true self.

We see conflict as "useful rather than threatening, and begin to notice how it is for [us] and not against [us]." Challenges become mirrors that reflect back to us how we may not be coming from our essence. Fears don't necessarily go away, but they become welcome opportunities for growth and new awareness of the Divine.

Simmons and Bonario say, "And so it falls to us then, to allow ourselves to see the Divine everywhere, to know that there is nowhere God is not – including within us." What a life-changing discovery!



Abundant Blessings, Patricia

Join Gary and Rima for a 21-day adventure in their class beginning Thursday, June 11.

Seven exciting transformational classes offered this month, go to www.ucop.org to learn more.

"You cannot have what you want until you want what you have."

–Gary Simmons and Rima Bonario

Just Do It Sunday Series Wraps Up This Month

Don't miss the 3rd part of the series – Living Fearlessly. You'll learn how to move through the fear and take all you've learned over the last several months and put it into action. Live in harmony with the Universe and there is nothing to fear.

June 7 – ***Nothing and No One Is Against You***

Soloist James Wright

June 14 – ***Getting High***

Soloist Kelly Potter

June 21 – ***Just Do It! with God***

Soloist Bukeka Newby Shoals

Spirit Groove Concert

With Daniel Nahmod

Friday, July 17 at 7 pm

Purchase tickets online at

www.ucop.org

To learn more about Daniel, Los Angeles-based Singer/Songwriter and

Humanitarian, visit

www.danielnahmod.com.



*Annual
Membership Meeting
June 7 • 12:30 pm*

Youth Summer Camp Spy Kids Adventures: I Spy the Christ Within

JULY 14-17 (REGISTRATION ENDS JUNE 14)

There is still time to register for our annual Unity Youth Summer Camp being held at One Community Spiritual Center (formerly Christ Church Unity on Barry Road). Campers will be meeting at Unity Church of Overland Park and will travel north together. This year we have lots of fun and exciting activities planned including: laser tag, swimming,

yoga, Bible lessons, science experiments and crafts. Registration packets can be downloaded from www.1communitysc.org or picked up in the YFM Resource room upstairs. All registration forms and payment must be turned in no later than June 14! Please call Brandon Nagel at 913.649.1750 x 3009 if you have any questions.



A spiritual commitment to act
Unity People's Convention
DoubleTree Hotel
Overland Park, Kansas
June 8-12, 2009

Time to Fly! Time to Thrive!
Don't Miss It! Register now!

The annual Unity People's Convention is a gathering of Unity people from around the world - ministers, licensed teachers, musicians, laity and children. Keynotes: Bishop John Shelby Spong • Lynn Twist • Marilyn Muehlbach

Thank you to all the volunteers who make it possible to welcome convention attendees from around the world. Volunteer questions, contact Lyn Madaghiale at 480.495.7153.

Go to www.unity.org/convention to register.

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

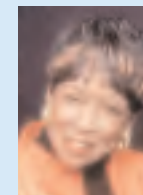
20% off all Unity Books in June

Save the Date Summer Guest Speakers

9:00 & 11:00 am

July 12

Rev. Sallye Taylor

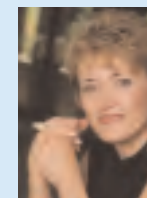


Living Prayed-UP
Afternoon Workshop -
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
It Works If You Work It

July 26

Rev. Mary Manin Morrissey

Being the Difference
Afternoon Workshop -
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
*Standing Firm when Your
World Is Shaking*



August 9

Rev. Edwene Gaines



Riches and Honor
Afternoon Workshop-
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
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Celebration Services: Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am
Nursery Care and Sunday School is available.

UCOP Music at Unity Institute Graduation & Ordination

JUNE 4, 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM • UNITY VILLAGE CHAPEL



Music is a significant part of life. This certainly holds true for me and I hope it is true for you as well. It is without doubt an important aspect of ministry, and the students at Unity Institute at Unity Village know this. That is why members of the UCOP Music Team will be participating in the Graduation and Ordination Ceremonies.

The Graduation Ceremony will take place at 2:00 pm, with singer Teri Wilder and myself providing the music. A reception will follow the Graduation Ceremony, and I will be playing piano in the background.

The Ordination Ceremony will begin at 7:00 pm. Teri and I will be joined by drummer Keith

Mallory and bassist James Albright, along with Devotion, the well-known duo from Colorado. All events are open to the public, so feel free to come support our growing Unity family. Love and blessings,
Fred Albers

Eileen Stulak Becoming Ordained Unity Minister

June 4 will be a sacred day of celebrating accomplishments and new beginnings in my life. What a blessing it is for me to share this day with you and begin my ministerial service at Unity Church of Overland Park. I hope to see you there!
Blessings,
Eileen



New Staff Member – Service Ministries Coordinator

We are extremely excited to welcome Genevieve Normand as our new Service Ministries Coordinator. In this role, Genevieve will support our congregation in fostering service consciousness and experiencing spiritual growth and transformation through sacred service.

Genevieve relocated to Kansas City in January 2009. She is an ordained New Thought minister, graduating from and later teaching at the Lola Mays New Thought Seminary in Mesa, Arizona. She graduated from Fayetteville State University in North Carolina, with a BSBA and a concentration in Accounting and Systems Analysis.

Genevieve has served the Unity communities in Dothan, Alabama, as a board member; Chandler, Arizona, as a Women's Ministry & retreat team member; Atlanta, Georgia's healing ministry & choir; Louisville, Kentucky's healing

ministry; and as a guest speaker/teacher for Unity churches in Alabama, Georgia, Florida and Kentucky.

Along with her deep commitment to Unity and sacred service through volunteering, Genevieve brings with her extensive training and volunteer management experience from her successful 20-year career as a federal employee. Her experience in the family support arena included working with large teams of volunteers in the delivery of quality of life programs for military members, civilians and their families, stateside & overseas.

A native Texan, Genevieve has 5 grown children and 7 grandchildren. She looks forward to a long future in service here at UCOP.



Strategic Visioning

Unity Church of Overland Park's Action Planning teams continue to come together in the creation and implementation of our six strategic goals. The projects are helping us manifest our Vision and Mission while creating a time of building community.

The community of volunteers who have made the decision to be members of the teams are forward thinking, richly experienced and deeply committed to the growth of the ministry.

The "first wave" of goals runs the gamut from Compassionate Care Giving and Inspirational Celebration Services to development of Policies and Procedures manuals.

The six strategic goals being developed are:

Inspirational Celebration Services

(Co-champions, Rev. Patricia Bass & Fred Albers)

Positive Spiritual Community for Children

(Champion Brandon Nagel)

Vibrant Young Adults Program

(Champion Brandon Nagel)

Congregants Grow Through Life's Challenges and Celebrations

(Champion Eileen Stulak)

Organizational Excellence

(Champion Rev. Bob Barth)

Beautiful Building and Grounds

(Champion Jane Sauvé)

It is not too late to join the process. If you would like to be part of any of the teams, or if you have any questions about the teams, please contact Rev. Bob Barth (rbarth@ucop.org, or phone extension 3018).