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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

A Celebration of Community

The word 'celebration' can bring to mind any number of things. We may think of various accomplishments or successes we have had in our lives. Or perhaps we remember a particular event or day that has had significant meaning for us. I don't have to look back very far in order to be filled with memories of celebration. In just the past two months, I have graduated from Unity Institute, been ordained into ministry, purchased and moved into a new home, and begun my service as an Associate Minister here at Unity Church of Overland Park. I have indeed had much to celebrate!

And yet, what has made all of these celebrations most meaningful to me is that each and every one has been shared in community with others. Be it family, friends, classmates, or sometimes a total stranger, I have been surrounded by some form of community. It has been through sharing these joyous experiences with others that I have come to more deeply realize the heart connections that can exist between and among people.

These heart connections can be seen throughout our church community as well. This month we connect heart to heart with our senior minister, Rev. Patricia Bass, as we continue holding her in our prayers during her sabbatical. We celebrate the steps she is taking to further her own spiritual exploration and growth. During her time away, we are celebrating the gifts and blessings being offered to us by our extraordinary slate of speakers and workshop facilitators.

But, most significantly to me, we continue to come together to celebrate 'us' and the wondrous ways in which Spirit is expressing in and through our church family. This summer, we join together in community to celebrate our Sunday worship services, to play and have fun at various Sunday morning and week-night activities, and to offer our gifts and talents in continued service and support of our church home.

The original use of the word church was never intended to be about a building or religious edifice. Church was defined as the people who gather together in community to celebrate God. I believe that Unity Church of Overland Park is a beautiful reflection and continuation of this initial intention. I look forward to coming together with you throughout the remainder of the summer. And right around the corner are Rev. Patricia's return and our annual Fall Faith event. Yes, indeed, let's Celebrate Community!

Abundant blessings,
Eileen



Rev. Eileen Stulak

Spotlight Gallery

NANCY BYRAMS "FABRISCAPES"
featured until August 27

HOURS:

M–Th: 10:00–8:00
F & Sat. Closed
Sun: 8:30–1:00
(closed during services)

*Board of Directors
President's Report*

Do you know your Board has an annual retreat? This year's retreat was guided by our own Tom Anderson. Tom took us to new depths in 'becoming present'; releasing old ideas so the new can emerge; exploring our gifts using questions like: 'who am I and what is my relationship with the "All"? What does it mean to be a Board member? and the seven Be – Attitudes. This retreat was truly a centering experience for our work as Board members.

Your Board is available to you to serve your questions or thoughts. You may have wanted to contact a Board member but don't know who we are or how to reach us. You can find our names printed in the bulletin each Sunday and listed on the website at www.UCOP.org. Please feel free to contact any Board member with your questions or comments. Each of us has a mail box located next to the Community Room and UCOP email addresses so you can write directly to any or all Board members from our ministry's website.

Blessings and Love,

Ellis Megee



Y.O.U. Rally

JUNE 26

UCOP Youth of Unity left the Metro Area June 26, traveling down to Talequah, Oklahoma for a Bi-Regional Rally. The Overland Park chapter had four Y.O.U.ers and four adult sponsors attending to add to the other two hundred magnificent teens and adults from the South-Central Region. The theme

of this year's rally was Fire of the Soul, with many workshops and "family groups" sharing their passions and zeal they find in their young lives. Along with a four-hour rafting adventure and music from Reverend Ross, our own Jessica Crabtree was elected as Co-Regional Officer for the Central Region!



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Fall Faith 2009
Spiritual Liberation,
based on book *Spiritual Liberation*
by Michael Bernard Beckwith.
Special Prices: Hardback book \$17.50,
Audio book \$30.00.

30% off Goddess
scarves and shawls
in August



Summer Guest Speakers

9:00 & 11:00 am

August 9
Rev. Edwene Gaines

Secrets of the
Understanding Heart
Afternoon Workshop-

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Riches and Honor

Edwene is a leading Unity minister in teachings on prosperity and has made a 100% commitment to the transformation of the abundance consciousness of the world.



August 23
Tom Anderson

What Haunts You?

Tom is devoted to the teachings that help people discover their deep souls' callings so that they might better serve themselves, their communities and the world.



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August 30
Garland Landrith, PhD.

Create Miracles with the
Quantum Field

Afternoon Workshop-

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
How to Manifest
the Life of Your Dreams
(EFT Tapping Level 1)

Dr. Landrith is a cutting-edge Quantum Field Psychologist/Healer whose research was cited in *What the Bleep Do We Know?*



New Keyboard



Thanks to funds generated from our Fall Faith Celebration last year, the Music Team has recently acquired a new Yamaha Motif keyboard. This musical instrument has already been heard in

our Sunday Celebration Services, especially during the meditations. As keyboardist Ken Lovern and I begin to ascend the "Learning Curve" inherent with new technology, many different sounds will be heard on Sundays. It will also be used as a compositional tool, and as a way creating our own background tracks for video and special projects.

I offer my gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of last year's Fall Faith Celebration.

Blessings, Fred Albers

Hawaiian Shirt & Pancake Day

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

SPEAKER – REV. BOB BARTH

Aloha! Wear your Hawaiian shirts to church and stay for pancakes after services, prepared by the Men's Group. Our Men's Group knows how to do breakfast so be sure to come and enjoy!



Ice Cream Social and Dessert Auction

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

SPEAKER – REV. EILEEN STULAK

Ice cream following 9 & 11 am Celebration Services 12:30 pm—Live Dessert Auction, emceed by Rev. Bob Barth.

Out-of-this-world desserts created by Unity Church of Overland Park volunteer team leaders and staff. Proceeds benefit our general operating fund.

All-Church Talent Show Tryouts

2 PM, SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

7 PM, TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

What is your talent? Are you funny? Can you sing or dance? What can you do to entertain us? Auditions last approximately 5 minutes. All ages and talents welcome. Contact Fred Albers with questions or to reserve your tryout time at 913.649.1750 x 3015

All-Church Talent Show

7 PM, FRIDAY AUGUST 28

5:30 PM TACO DINNER HOSTED BY Y.O.U.

DINNER TICKETS: \$10 ADULTS, \$5 YOUTH

(12 AND YOUNGER)

Tickets on sale Sundays starting August 9

Be entertained and have fun as the collective talents of our congregation, youth and adults alike, share their gifts and humor with us. The show is sure to bring thrills and laughter to our community so be sure to invite your friends and neighbors!

Unity World Day of Prayer

SEPTEMBER 10, 2009

Unity World Day of Prayer is an annual celebration to affirm peace, abundance and love on an individual and global level. This year's theme, "Reach In, Reach Out, We Can Change the World" reflects the importance of going within for guidance and then reaching out to help others. Together we can create heaven on earth.

The Peace in Action affinity group at Unity Church of Overland Park is coordinating our involvement in this event and you are invited to step into service. Contact Heidi Darrow at 913.593.1035 or gg_53@yahoo.com to find out how you can get involved. Watch for more event details in September e-Visions, in Sunday bulletins and at www.ucop.org.

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OUR WEBSITE HAS A FRESH,
NEW LOOK!

When you visit our ministry online you will notice a whole new look and much is due to Russ Swift, who generously gave his time and talent to "makeover" our website. Thank you, Russ, for your insightful guidance throughout the enhancement process and willingness to contribute many, many hours to create a website that's inviting and easy-to-use. Russ has been an integral part of our website maintenance since 1997.



One of my greatest joys in working on the makeover was being able to work towards fulfilling a commitment I made to make our website one of the best.—Russ Swift