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September 2009

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Sign-ups start September 6

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Starting September 22

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

A New Look

Have you ever tried a "new look," and noticed how wonderful it feels? Perhaps it is a new hair style (doesn't work for me), a new wardrobe, or perhaps a new car. Even a new coat of paint or wallpaper can change the whole complexion and feel of a room.

A new look, remodeling and upgrading are symbolic of a change in consciousness, attaining a new level of growth and spiritual unfoldment. In Biblical times a shift in consciousness was often symbolized by a new name. Notice how Abram became Abraham and Sarai became Sarah.

Unity Church of Overland Park is undergoing a "new look" with some remodeling and renovation. Some of it is obvious as you look around. Right now, all of the restrooms are being updated. Soon several of the rooms in the building will have fresh paint and new carpet. We are looking at new signage, and when you enter the building, you will notice that all of the porticos have been renovated. Outside, there are even plans for new landscaping.

Other changes are not so obvious. Although you can't see the new heating and air conditioning systems, it becomes obvious that they are in place doing that which is theirs to do. In an effort to be more environmentally friendly, we have installed a new computerized energy management system, allowing us to reduce utility costs and energy usage.

In thinking about the changes occurring in and around the building, I am wondering if it is coincidental that these changes coincide with the spiritual work that all of us have done. Together, we have revised our Vision/Mission/Values, and created action planning teams. Is it coincidental that the remodeling follows last year's Fall Faith series? I wonder if it is a coincidence that our facility renovation follows the inner activity we have done as part of our Spiritual Masters and Just Do It series?

Coincidence? I don't believe in coincidence. A new look reflects a new you.

If you are ready for a new look in your life, if you are ready to embark on an inner remodeling and renovation, then rejoice, for, "coincidentally," the world around you is going to change too.

Blessings, Bob



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

Nursery Care and Sunday School is available.

Welcome Rev. Patricia back from her Sabbatical!

September 13

Soloist Kelly Potter



Spotlight Gallery



Montana Wheat by Jim Walker

CAROLYN DVORAK
"THE NATURE OF GOD"
JIM WALKER
"INSPIRATION THROUGH
PHOTOGRAPH"

September & October

HOURS:

M–Th: 10:00–8:00

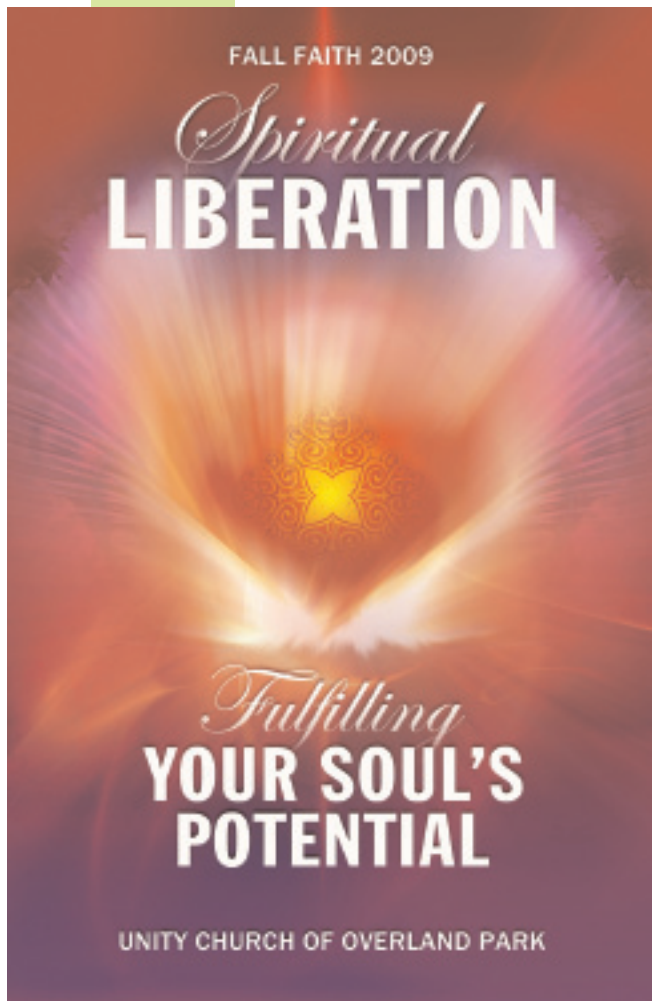
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Sun: 8:30–1:00

(closed during services)

Fall Faith Celebration: Spiritual Liberation

BEGINNING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4



What a wonderful response we have had as so many of you have stepped into service as a leader for one of our Fall Faith Core Planning Teams. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FALL FAITH CIRCLES

Now it's time to begin forming our wonderful Wednesday Night Fall Faith Circles – groups of 8 or so who will journey together in more concentrated study and sharing of *Spiritual Liberation*, our Fall Faith book.

Beginning on Sunday, September 6, and continuing each Sunday throughout the month, you will have an opportunity to sign up to be a part of a one of the 2009 Circles. Look for the Fall Faith Circles tables in Harmony Hall and sign up for what has always proven to be a transformative experience.



20% off CD's and Audio Books in September



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

Bookstore
HOURS:
 M–Th: 11:00–5:30
 Sun: 8:30–1:00
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Summer Jam 2009

HAWAIIAN SHIRTS, PANCAKES, AND SO MUCH MORE

Vacationing at UCOP was filled with all the great things of summer– food (lots of food), fun, play and of course, times of community with each other. Thank you to everyone who served and played with us this summer at guest speaker workshops, Sunday Celebration Service fun (Hawaiian Shirt and Pancake Day, Ice Cream Social and Dessert Auction Day), Spirit Groove Concert with Daniel Nahmod and Summer Jam Fun Night. How blessed we were to play with each other this summer!



JOIN US FOR FINAL SUMMER JAM SUNDAY:

9:00 & 11:00 am

September 6
Rev. Eileen Stulak

I Want To Celebrate

Soloist:

Bukeka Newby Shoals



UCOP Choir!

REHEARSALS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 22

Are you ready to sing? You've been asking for it, and so we are forming a seasonal choir. The new UCOP Choir, under the direction of Kelley Hunt, will rehearse four Tuesday evenings beginning September 22. Rehearsals will begin at 7:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary, and will end at 8:30. The choir will sing on Sunday, October 18 for both Celebration Services.

This is a "Stress Free Choir," so don't worry about being able to read music or pass auditions. Just

show up, be ready to sing and have fun with Kelley. To sign up for the choir or for more information, contact Fred Albers at albers@ucop.org or 913-649-1750 ext. 3015.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Our blood drive last March was a huge success! The UCOP Women's Group will be sponsoring our next drive on Sunday, October 25 in Harmony Hall. Donating blood is one of the easiest ways to help save another life. Help us support the Red Cross to continue their humanitarian efforts in our community and throughout the country. Be on the lookout for your opportunity to pre-register and reserve your time slot to give. More details can be found at www.ucop.org or your Sunday bulletin.

**Sunday,
October 25
9:00 am to
1:00 pm**



Pet Blessing 10:30 AM, OCTOBER 3

Mark your calendars for our 3rd Annual Inter-Faith Blessing of the Animals.

Processions of animals and their guardians of all faiths will be entering spiritual centers around the nation to honor the memory of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment.

We will again hold a special ceremony at UCOP, followed by individual blessings of each pet, deceased pets and even pictures of pets who cannot attend.

We invite friendly and well-behaved animals of all species.

Watch for more information at www.ucop.org or in your Sunday bulletin.



Jan Stanley blesses Jeannine Fox's precious Baby, as Pat Williams waits in line for her special blessing for Riley.

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WORLD
DAY OF
PRAYER
Reach in. Reach out.
We can change the world.
Thursday, September 10, 2009

Let's Unite in Prayer. The Peace in Action affinity group will be hosting an interactive prayer vigil during this year's World Day of Prayer. First we invite you to visit www.worlddayofprayer.org and submit your prayer requests. Then come join us in the sanctuary, any time, between the hours of 8am to 8pm on Thursday, September 10. We will be holding space and a prayer vigil in support of the Unity Village world-wide prayer requests as they stream via the Internet. We look forward to experiencing this annual event with you, in a new way.

Watch for more details at www.ucop.org or your Sunday bulletin.