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# Christ Unity Church

April/May 2007

Greetings of Spring and of the Holy Easter Season! Ross and I are coming up on our second anniversary here at Christ Unity Church, and it is with great joy that we celebrate our anniversary as we celebrate the resurrection of the Christ within.

In Keep a True Lent, our co-founder Charles Fillmore says this: "Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. Its inner meaning and spiritual significance is the awakening and raising to spiritual consciousness of the I AM in [us], which has been dead in trespass and sin and buried in the tomb of materiality.

"I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly." The resurrection is the raising up of the whole [person]-spirit, soul, and body-into the Christ consciousness of life and wholeness. This Jesus did. The tomb could not hold His redeemed perfected body temple. Resurrection is accomplished by the quickening power of the Holy Spirit.

Every time we rise to the realization of eternal, indwelling life, making union with the Father [Mother]-Mind, the resurrection of Jesus takes place within us. All thoughts of limitation and inevitable obedience to material law are left in the tomb of materiality. Jesus was born into the race thought so that He might reconstruct it in conformity with the divine law. He thus became our Way-Shower, our Saviour, our Helper."

We invite you in this Holy Season to have a true Easter experience. We invite you to allow the presence of the Christ to bloom in you as easily as our desert flowers will bloom this spring. When the circumstances of our lives seem dark and changeless, it is up to us to remember that in the very depths of the darkness, there is light and hope in the resurrection.

By following the example of our Elder Brother Jesus, and through the application of the principles of Truth, we can focus on our own resurrection, our own rebirth. We are then presented with the opportunity to let the love and light of Spirit into any area of our lives that seems dead and unchanging. When we do this with faith, we can expect a joyful resurrection.

Charles Fillmore shares this affirmation in Keep a True Lent. May it bless you through this time of renewal and rebirth. "In unity with Christ I realize that I am resurrected into the life, light, and power of God."

In the spirit of rebirth,  
Rev. Judi

## April Services

### A Season for Nonviolence

#### Palm Sunday

April 1 ~ 10:30 am

**The Wisdom of Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Rev. Judi

#### The Miracle of Resurrection

April 8 ~ 8:45 am & 10:30 am

**Easter Sunday** - Revs. Judi & Ross

April 15 ~ 10:30 am

**The Secret-Part I** - Rev. Ross

April 22 ~ 10:30 am

**The Secret-Part II** - Rev. Judi

April 29 ~ 10:30 am

**Family Service**—Revs. Judi & Ross

## May Services

May 6 ~ 10:30 am

**The Magical Mustard Seed** - Rev. Ross

May 13 ~ 10:30 am

**The Mother of Us All** - Rev. Judi

May 20 ~ 10:30 am

**The Prodigal Son** - Rev. Judi

May 27 ~ 10:30 am

**The Good Samaritan** - Rev. Ross

## Good Friday Service

Join us on Friday, April 6 at 7 pm for this sacred communion service.



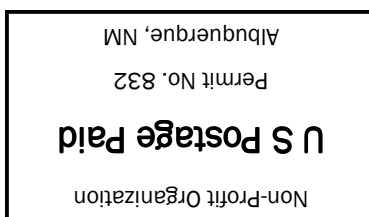
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Wednesday Night Alive!



Return Service Requested

Christ Unity Church  
A CHURCH OF POSITIVE PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY  
9800 Candelaria Rd. NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87112



# Youth & Family Ministry

**Our mission "is not to entertain the children but to call them out. To be always entertained is to be dwarfed and dependent. To be 'called out' is to follow the harmonious law of the soul's unfoldment."**

**-- Myrtle Fillmore, Cofounder of Unity, August 1893**

**Quiz:** How many volunteers does it take to serve our 35-45 kids each week? (Answer at the bottom of the page)

From Our Spiritual Power Tools:

APRIL - Wisdom  
Color: yellow  
Body Location: solar plexus (pit of stomach)  
Apostle: James, son of Zebedee

Wisdom is your spiritual tool to choose wisely in every opportunity. Believe you can!

May - Power  
Color: purple  
Body Location: throat  
Apostle: Phillip

Power is your spiritual tool to create – our thoughts, words and actions create powerful things!

Y.O.U. News:

Save your Spring cleaning treasures to donate to the **YOU Yard Sale** scheduled for **June 9<sup>th</sup>**. No donations can be accepted prior to the June. All proceeds go to the YOU fund to pay for travel expenses related to retreats & rallies the teens attend. Stay tuned for further details!

Uniteen News:

Mark your calendars for the **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** to bring in your change, aluminum cans and empty ink cartridges. Funds raised from recycling efforts go to the Habitat for Humanity. THANKS for helping our teens help others in our community!

Quiz Answer: It currently takes 15 volunteers each week to manage our 6 classrooms, which means it takes 60 adults to care for our kids! That's more adults rotating than the number of kids we currently serve! That's not including the PAID Child care staff for special events!!!

Join our team... the kids need you! Training, encouragement, support & love provided.

**Youth Ministry Volunteers:** (See Joanne Burns or Michele Coleman Sharp for more details, application & job description)

### Be an "Angel"!

"Angels" are the second adult in the classroom and fulfill our two-adult rule. They assist the teacher and youth as needed. Angels serve one or two Sundays each month. Volunteers receive a free tape or CD of the Worship Service on the days they serve in the classroom.

### 12 Angel Opportunities exist in the following classrooms:

- Infants (birth to 2) four Sundays open
- Preschool (ages 3 to 5) two Sundays open
- Elementary (Grades 3, 4, 5) two Sundays open
- Uniteens (Grades, 6, 7, 8) four Sundays open

### 4 Teacher Opportunities exist in the following classrooms:

- Preschool (ages 3 to 5) two Sundays open
- Elementary (Grades 3, 4, 5) four Sundays open
- Uniteens (Grades, 6, 7, 8) two Sundays open
- YOU (High School) two Sundays open

### Substitute Opportunities exist in ALL classrooms:

We need Teacher & Angel subs to have all their paperwork completed and on file to call upon when a teacher or angel is unable to be present. Ability to be present at short notice is required. Teaching experience is helpful but not required, just a love of kids is mandatory!

### YFM Volunteer Coordinator Opportunity:

If you like supporting adults who are fun and loving... this is the volunteer position for you! Join the team and support the YFM Volunteers by producing monthly schedules and keeping the up to date on the computer.

### PAID Childcare Staff Opportunity:

Christ Unity has made a commitment to offer childcare at many of their special services and events. To do so, we need a team of 6 or 8 people to work as a team to cover the many dates of our activities. Pays \$8.00 per hour. Please see Joanne or Ross to become a part of this team.

### Kids BOOK CORNER book review:

This Easter, give the gift of spiritual literacy. CUC Bookstore offers some nice Unity based books for children. Take a look at the award winning books by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso. These multicultural, nondenominational stories share timeless wisdom and compassion in a story written for all ages. Let the kid in you review these beautiful books and see for yourself!

Joanne Burns, CSE, LUT  
Interim Youth & Family Ministry Director, Church 292-1998  
Cell 512-635-0115 email: yfm1@msn.com

## The Sounds of Spirit

Our CD and Tape ministry is now offering an exceptional listening recording of a Sunday Lesson, along with a welcoming message, and information about Unity. This makes it easy for you to share our Unity message and ministry with others. Individual CDs and Tapes are available shortly following the Sunday Service for \$5 each. In addition to opportunities to purchase single Sunday recordings, we now offer the following subscriptions:

Weekly Sunday Services are available for subscription length of:  
1 month - \$26.00 6 month - \$156.00 1 year - \$300.00

We also offer a subscription for one Sunday per month - "best of the month" - 6 month -\$36.00 1 year - \$72.00  
Prices include postage & handling - available by CD or Tape

### CUC CD/Tape Ministry Subscription Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Ship to Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please check your subscription preference—  
\_\_1 month - \$26.00 \_\_6 month - \$156.00 \_\_1 year - \$300.00  
Subscription for one Sunday per month - "best of the month" -  
for: \_\_6 month -\$36.00 \_\_1 year - \$72.00

These prices include postage and handling and are available by CD or Tape—please select one below:

\_\_CD \_\_Tape

Please send completed form with your payment to: Christ Unity Church, 9800 Candelaria NE, Albuquerque NM 87112

## Newsletter Order Form

**We are now sending the monthly newsletter electronically, as well as by regular mail. If you would like to continue receiving this newsletter, and you haven't already done so, please fill out this form, indicating your preference, and return to us in the enclosed envelope.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate mail preference:

Email \_\_ Regular Mail \_\_ Remove from mailing list \_\_

Love Offering \$ \_\_\_\_\_

7. Bring your heart, passion for the ministry, and sense of humor when you volunteer.

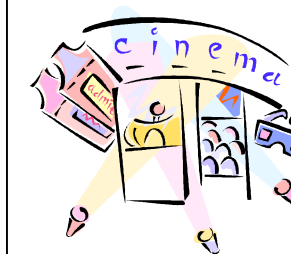
I continue to be greatly rewarded by serving in organizations where the volunteer opportunities are flexible and meaningful. It makes a difference in my community, the people I meet are extraordinary, and I feel good about my contribution. Our Unity ministries need committed, spiritually mature volunteers. Take advantage of the volunteer opportunities in your ministry, get the needed training and make use of your spiritual gifts. You will be happy you did.

If you'd like to read the complete issue of Contact magazine go to [unity.org](http://unity.org)

You can reach our Service Ministry Director, Michele Coleman Sharp at: [serviceministry@qwest.net](mailto:serviceministry@qwest.net)

## Service opportunities at Christ Unity Church

- \*Youth and Family Ministry
- \* Wednesday Night Alive! services-all areas
- \* Hospitality Angels for Sunday services
- \* Special events-all areas \*
- Facility Angels for tasks in & around our sacred space
- \* Usher/Greeter team—smiling faces to welcome all!



Movie Night continues

with:

# The Secret

Friday, April 13, 7 pm and also on

Sunday, April 15th, 1 pm

Join us for our Sunday lessons,

April 15 & 22, based on *The Secret*

## Living Luminaries

Saturday, April 28, 6:30 pm

Love Offering



**Welcome! New Members  
of Christ Unity Church**

- Kate Bennett
- Christine Brital
- Regina Brital
- Dennis Dwyer
- Billie Groot
- Carolyn Klinker
- Leo Klinker
- Terryn Kwesela
- Eileen Maddock
- Gayle Martin
- Deborah McLaughlin
- Joyce Neel
- Robert Neel
- Stephen Parsons
- Phyllis Piper
- John Vandermey
- Sandy White
- Kim Williams
- Jill Williams

# Prayer Chaplains

Below is a continuation of the responses from our Prayer Chaplains to the questions: (1) "What prompted you to become a Prayer Chaplain?", and (2) "What Impact has it had on your life?" We hope you enjoy the insights.

It is our pleasure and blessing to pray with you and hold you in sacred space! We encourage you to ask for a Chaplain if you do not have one. Your life will be enriched.

In Love, Light and Prayer,  
Sharon M. McBride, Team Leader

**Vivian Leslie**

There were several reasons I decided to be a chaplain. First, I appreciated the calls I received each month from my chaplain (thank you, Carol Sue). The prayers I received made a difference in a difficult situation for which I needed divine guidance. Secondly, I attended a class at CUC on prayer. We read Sharon Connors' book, Adventures in Prayer. I learned that any thought directed to God is a form of prayer and that particular prayer methods used for centuries seem to be very effective. I started to think more about the power of prayer and when I found out that a training program would be offered to become a chaplain, I welcomed the opportunity to serve.

What have I gotten out of being a chaplain?

I feel closer to the congregants in our church and have enjoyed getting to know the chaplains. I continue to grow spiritually as I practice the magical power of prayer.

**Tish Hardwick**

I volunteered to take the Chaplain training and become a Chaplain to learn other ways to pray and to enrich my personal prayer life. I love serving Christ Unity Church; this church community has given me so much that I want to give back however I can. It is such a special kind of trust when someone asks me to pray with them.

One of the most amazing experiences I've had is being the conduit from Spirit to the person I am praying with. The experience of the Christ within me connecting with the Christ in another is so uplifting and freeing—all the superficial trappings fall away. I also feel blessed to get to know and work with my fellow Chaplains—they are a special and amazing group.

# Board Corner

Your new board is off and running. First I would like to thank you for your support at our annual meeting February 25, 2007. The meeting went well and we have now welcomed the new board members onto the board. Your new board members met at the church the morning of Saturday, March 10, 2007, for a New Board Member Orientation. We reviewed Guidelines for Board Effectiveness, talked about priorities for the next year, reviewed the role of a board member and reviewed the bylaws. Then, on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> the entire board will spend the day in a Board Training Workshop. We want to be an effective team working together to create the church you want Christ Unity to be.

Because the Board of Trustees works on your behalf we invite and encourage input from you. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions we want to hear from you. We have a wonderful church family and we can only be effective if we talk to each other. So let us know what you think.

Letitia (Tish) Hardwick  
Board President



**Celebrate Abundance through Giving at Unity**

In Unity we know the experience of receiving the blessings of God through giving. We are so grateful for the generosity of Spirit that expresses through those who give of their time, talent and treasure at Christ Unity. Here is an opportunity to place yourself more into the flow of Divine Abundance by giving above and beyond your normal giving. Below is a list of items that we, the Ministers, Trustees and Staff have recognized as items that will help our ministry function more effectively and efficiently. If you would like to participate in helping us to attain any of these items please send your offering to Christ Unity Church and specify on the memo line of your check, "Wish List." That way your gift will be entered as designated income" and you will still receive the tax deduction. We thank God for all you are, all you do and all you give.

**Carpeting for Sanctuary and Foyer \$10,000**

Thank you! for Designated love offerings towards our carpeting project: \$10,625 received. We are blessed!!

**Speakers for Sound System (2)\$600 ea \$1,200**

Prosperity Affirmation: *I am one with the all-providing love of God that assures me of abundance.*

*"I have come that they may have life and have it more abundantly." John 10:10*

**Christ Unity Church Prosperity Report**

**January/February 2007**

Income	\$49,870
Tithes Paid Out	\$ 4,713
Expenses (Less Tithes)	\$44,305
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 852
Year to Date Net Gain	\$ 852

***God is our inexhaustible resource and all of our needs are instantly, constantly and bountifully met. From every direction, known and unknown, expected and unexpected, our abundant good comes to us now.***

***Thank you, God.***



**Greg Tamblyn**

**in Concert**

***Saving the World from  
Whiny, Victim Love  
Songs!***

**Music, Humor & The Co(s)mic Connection**

**Sunday, April 29th at 7 pm**

**Christ Unity Church**

**Suggested Love Offering \$12**

April Events



- 1 Palm Sunday  
Team Leader Meeting 12 pm
- 2 A Course in Miracles 7 pm
- 3 Compassionate Communication Class 7 pm
- 4 Wednesday Night Alive! 7 pm
- 6 Good Friday Service 7 pm
- 7 Men's Group Meeting 8:30 am
- 8 Easter Services 8:45 am & 10:30 am
- 9 A Course in Miracles 7 pm
- 10 Compassionate Communication Class 7 pm
- 11 Wednesday Night Alive! 7 pm
- 13 Movie Night "The Secret" 7 pm
- 16 A Course in Miracles 7 pm
- 17 Compassionate Communication Class 7 pm
- 18 Wednesday Night Alive! 7 pm
- 21 Chaplain Training 9 am-4 pm
- 22 Earth Day
- 23 A Course in Miracles 7 pm
- 24 Compassionate Communication Class 7 pm
- 25 Wednesday Night Alive! 7 pm
- 28 Chaplain Training 9 am-4 pm  
Movie Night 7 pm
- 29 Greg Tamblyn Concert 7 pm
- 30 A Course in Miracles 7 pm

May Events

- 2 Wednesday Night Alive! 7 pm
- 5 Men's Group 8:30 am
- 6 Volunteer Recognition Celebration 12 pm
- 7 A Course in Miracles 7 pm
- 9 Wednesday Night Alive! 7 pm
- 12 Chaplain Training 9 am-4 pm
- 13 Happy Mother's Day!
- 14 A Course in Miracles 7 pm
- 16 Wednesday Night Alive! 7 pm
- 18 Movie Night 7 pm
- 21 A Course in Miracles 7 pm
- 23 Wednesday Night Alive! 7 pm
- 28 Memorial Day—Offices Closed
- 30 Healing Service 7 pm



Wednesday Night Alive!



Join us for a dynamic mid-week inspiration. This powerful service includes an interactive lesson, contemporary music, prayer and meditation. Music provided by

Rev. Ross & Todd Lowry

Meditation 6:30-7 p.m.

Celebration service 7 to 8 p.m.

Fellowship following service

Childcare available

"A Course in Miracles"

facilitated by Chris Schmile  
Mondays 7-8:30 pm at CUC  
Love Offering

Men's Group Breakfast

Saturday April 7th, and May 5th 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of CUC. All men of the church are invited. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

Service Ministry

It has just been two Sundays, and already I am meeting new people and getting to know others even better. Thank you to everyone who has made the transition a smooth one for me. If you too are looking to get more involved in your church, or would like to meet some new wonderful people, might I suggest you consider volunteering? If you would like to know what opportunities are available, you can e-mail or call me, or even look for me Sundays, after church. I will be standing in the lobby outside of the sanctuary. I look forward to connecting with more of you as together we unfold an exciting year. In the meantime, please enjoy this article by Barbara O'Hearne.

Michele Coleman Sharp

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Article by Barbara O'Hearne

Volunteering as a Spiritual Practice

With the coming of a new year, many of us have made our New Year's resolutions. If you are still praying about yours, consider being a volunteer in your Unity church or center. Why? It's a spiritual practice that helps you to be a blessing to your ministry, a role model to family, friends and colleagues, and to continue along your spiritual path. Those of us who volunteer are making a difference in the lives of many people and in our own. What is a spiritual practice? According to Lewis Richmond in the book, Work as a Spiritual Practice, it is easier to describe than define a spiritual practice. "Spiritual practice is not a rehearsal but an end in itself, an activity that changes us inside and reverberates in the soul." Serving others through volunteering is a rich spiritual practice because it reverberates in the soul and we are transformed as a result of it.

Tips on Volunteering

If you feel a calling to volunteer in your ministry, consider the following tips. These are based on information from www.networkforgood.org, my conversations with people in field ministries, and personal experiences.

1. Take into prayer the areas or issues important to you within your church. If you have a passion for these areas this is a good place to start volunteering.
2. Take an inventory of your spiritual gifts. You may decide you want to test your gifts in new areas of interest, something you already enjoy as a hobby or something more closely related to your professional life or work.
3. Have new goals in your life? Try volunteering in areas where you want to achieve your goals. For example, one suggestion made for those seeking to lose weight is to find an active service that keeps you moving, like working with children or the building and grounds ministry team.
4. According to studies, the average American works 150 more hours a year than in 1910. Take into consideration short term volunteer activities you know you can fulfill. Over-committing yourself does not help you or the ministry and results in frustration. Organizations count on volunteers to show up and be of service.
5. Try virtual volunteering with your computer. Keep in contact with members of the church who no longer attend services. Type a term paper for a disabled youth or adults in school. Develop or keep the ministry's website updated.
6. Consider volunteering as a family. This teaches children about the value of giving their time and effort, and can introduce everyone to new skills and experiences. In addition to serving the ministry in areas of need, the family is a great role model for other families. I remember one single mother and daughter who volunteered in a church soup kitchen and experienced a profound impact. The young daughter met people who were experiencing challenges in life, learned to talk with them, served them healthy food, and more fully appreciated her many blessings.

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