

Christ Unity Church

April 2008

Discover the Power Within You

Happy Spring! As Sophia and I left our house one fine morning a few weeks ago, we heard the singing of a robin. Looking up, we saw the robin perched high atop our neighbor's roof, singing for all she was worth; welcoming the sun, welcoming the warmth, and welcoming the time for new life. The robin's song reminded me that when we pay attention to the earth as it comes back to green life, we are encouraged to allow a new consciousness, a new life, a new enthusiasm to be born in us. When we pay attention, we are reminded in every moment we have the power to be reborn, to regenerate and to greet our lives with joy and expectancy.

Our goal is to help us all remember this great truth. Join us Sundays in April and May (and the first week in June) as we explore the book *Discover the Power Within You* by Unity Minister Eric Butterworth. Rev. Butterworth's book is a primer for Unity theology and philosophy and is a must-read for every Unity student.

What Rev. Butterworth explores in his book and what we strive to teach here at Christ Unity Church is that all of what we need to live a fulfilling, successful spiritual life is within us. Many of us have learned in our childhood traditions that God is something outside of us. The truth is that God, Spirit, Divine Source is only accessed from within us. Rev. Butterworth says, "*Discover the Power Within You* will introduce you to the Gospel of Jesus in a new context, with repeated emphasis upon the great idea of 'Christ in you'."

There is no better time than now to fully realize that truth. As a matter of fact, this is an incredible time to be a Unity student! Oprah Winfrey, in a class broadcast on the web, is exploring the book "*The New Earth*" by Eckhart Tolle. More than 1 million people have been involved either in the web-cast or in downloading the pod-cast. Many of you know that Oprah mentioned the book "*Discover the Power Within You*" during her first web-cast as a book that changed her life. She said this in 2000, "**This book changed my perspective on life and religion.**"--from *O Magazine*.

We are absolutely on the launching pad of a new world. Our prayer and our affirmation is that we are co-creating a world where everyone will know their intrinsic worth, where we all discover our power to let our light shine, where we all will discover how to love unconditionally, how to live in harmony and peace, and how to realize and share our spiritual gifts. Discover the power within you!

In love and unity,
Rev. Judi

"Come, ye blessed... inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" Matthew 24:35

April Services

"DISCOVER THE POWER WITHIN YOU"

April 6 ~ 10:30 am
**The Quest, the Discovery,
the Decision ~ Part 1**

Rev. Ross

April 13 ~ 10:30 am
What is God? What am I? ~ Part 2

Rev. Judi

April 20 ~ 10:30 am
Be-Attitudes ~ Part 3

Rev. Ross

April 27 ~ 10:30 am
I Agree! ~ Part 4

Rev. Judi



HEALING SERVICE

Wednesday April 30th
7 pm

Please join us for this
sacred service.

Revs. Judi and Ross, along with our
Prayer Chaplains, will pray with you
and for you.



PEACE TEAM MEETING

Monday, April 21st ~ 7 pm

Wish List

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.

Additional expenses to support and defer cost of

Appreciative Inquiry meetings and trainings:	\$ 5,000.00
Upgrade to projection system in Sanctuary	\$ 8,400.00
Upgrade of lighting and cooling in Sanctuary	\$ 4,000.00
Upgrade in sound & recording equipment	\$ 2,000.00

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

Board Corner

It is with joy and appreciation I write April's newsletter article. Once again I feel so much excitement as I reflect on what we as a church family are doing with the Appreciative Inquiry E³ process. The Design Team training was great and everyone's response to what is theirs to do is amazing. The day after the training, your Design Teams were already meeting to begin the work of the next five months to design plans that will move us forward in the five areas you all identified during the interview process. Is this not an expression of the power within – the power within our church, the power within each of these people as they share their talents and passions to do this wonderful work? We, your Board, are all participating in this process and very much appreciate your input and support. Feel the energy and excitement as you participate in our church's activities – you can't miss it.

Blessings

Letitia (Tish) Hardwick

President, Board of Trustees

Christ Unity Church Prosperity Report

February 2008

Income	\$22,758
Tithes Paid Out	\$ 1,993
Expenses (Less Tithes)	\$27,418
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ (6,653)
Year to Date Net Gain (Loss)	\$(13,955)

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.



AN EVENING WITH GEORGE BURNS: Life, Laughter and Love with "God!"

Sunday, April 6th ~ 7 pm

Join us for this fun and engaging one-man show starring Dean Hinmon as George Burns, the beloved comedian who lived to be 100 and who starred as God in the hit movie "Oh, God!"

The show covers Burns' rags-to-riches life with his humor, songs and even a bit of soft-shoe. Hinmon also works in portraits of some of Burns' contemporaries, including Al Jolson, Jimmy Durante and, of course wife Gracie.

After 93 years of performing, George Burns imparts what he has learned about love, our connectedness, the power of thoughts and the secret of happiness.

Performed more than 240 times across the country, this hit show is guaranteed to both make you laugh and touch your heart.

\$10 Love Offering

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

From Our Spiritual Power Tools:

April: Wisdom/Judgment

Color: Yellow

Body Location: Solar Plexus (The pit of the stomach.)

Apostle: James the son of Zebedee

Judgment has two basic parts. One is listening to God for guidance, using our intuition by listening to the "yes" or "no" in the pit of the stomach. The other is the ability to come to conclusions through discernment. To choose what is "right" or "good" for me now.

Affirmation: I slow down and think wisely.

Bible Verse: "Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment." – John 7:24

Kids BOOK CORNER book review:

"Everyone's Mandala Coloring Book"

By Monique Mandali

"Everyone's Mandala Coloring Book" is the first in a series of coloring books for all age groups from preschool to seniors. Mandala is a Sanskrit word meaning center or circle. It conveys the idea that any center is tied to its circumference and any circumference is always determined by its center. Together they represent wholeness. Traditionally, mandalas have been used as a spiritual teaching tool, for establishing a sacred space and as an aid in focusing attention during meditation. This book and the others in the series give us a ready-made opportunity to experience the peace and harmony that comes from working with mandalas. They may even inspire us to release our own creativity. I invite you to come explore the magic of coloring mandalas as you release your "inner child"!

YFM Teachers' Meeting for April is scheduled for Sunday, April 27th after fellowship, in the Fellowship Hall. Snacks will be served. All current YFM volunteers and YFM staff are strongly encouraged to attend.

A Note from YFM

Essence is the true nature of everything. It is not accidental or illusory. It is the heart of who we are, the immutable aspect of Divine love and creation imbued with our own individual and unique qualities.

The power within is the subject of many books, classes, meditations, and workshops. All are wonderful tools for learning to connect with that power. Feeling called to investigate these activities shows a readiness to explore the power within, openness to connect with the essence of who we are and learn the "art of being".

As the E3 design process continues and we form new personal growth classes, we are encouraged to connect with our individual inner essence and the inner essence of the church. It is a busy time for Christ Unity Church!

Adults often find it easy to immerse ourselves in the pursuit of personal spiritual growth... and that can be a "good" thing. The down side is, we often forget that children are souls yearning to connect with their personal essence as they too, learn the "art of being". It is easy to fall into error by thinking children are too young to understand this process. Interaction *with* children will sometimes even lead us to believe this is true.

In reality, children hear every word we say to them. They may choose to ignore the words; they may choose to dismiss them; wonder-of-wonders they will sometimes even choose to follow them. In the end, the lesson is there when their minds are ready to accept and their souls are yearning to fly.

Over the next months, as you connect with the power within and learn the "art of being", share this newfound understanding with your children or grandchildren. They may not share your understanding now, but when the time is right for them, the tools will be in place!

Love & Blessings,

Linda Adams Bridges Director

Youth & Family Ministry 292-1998 or 949-510-7857

April Events

- 1 The Artist's Way Part 2 6:30–9 pm
Parenting With Heart 7–9 pm
- 2 Wednesday Meditation & Class 6:30 pm
- 3 Saving Jesus Class 7 pm
- 4 Movie "The Moses Code" 7 pm
Uniteen "Box-A-Thon" 6pm
- 6 An Evening with George Burns 7 pm
- 7 A Course in Miracles 7pm
- 8 Real Love Men's Group 7:30–9 pm
The Artist's Way & Beyond ~ Part 2 6:30–9 pm
Parenting with Heart 7–9 pm
- 9 Wednesday Meditation & Class 6:30 pm
- 10 Crystal Darkness Documentary 6:30 pm
- 12 Chaplain Training 9 am
- 13 A New Earth Book Study 1:30–3 pm
- 14 A Course in Miracles 7 pm
Peace Team 7 pm
- 15 Artist's Way & Beyond Part 2 6:30–9 pm
Parenting with Heart 7–9 pm
Board of Trustees 6:30 pm
- 16 Wednesday Meditation & Class 6:30 pm
Newsletter Articles Due 5 pm
- 17 New Member Class 7 pm
- 18 Spiritually In Tune 7 pm
- 20 A New Earth Book Study 1:30–3 pm
- 21 A Course in Miracles 7 pm
- 22 Real Love Men's Group 7:30 pm
Artist's Way & Beyond Part 2 6:30–9 pm
Parenting with Heart 7–9 pm
- 23 Wednesday Meditation & Class 6:30 pm
- 24 Newsletter Folding Day 10 am
New Member Class 7 pm
- 26 Chaplain Training 9 am
- 27 Spring 2 X 4 After Service & Lunch
A New Earth Book Study 1:30–3 pm
- 28 A Course in Miracles 7 pm
- 29 Artist's Way & Beyond Part 2 6:30–9 pm
Parenting with Heart 7–9 pm
- 30 Healing Service 7 pm

Parenting with Heart

Tuesdays, April 1st–29th ~ 7-9 pm



Science meets Spirituality in this class that uses a Unity principles perspective while exploring the latest in neuroscience research on how the brain learns and changes. Whether you are a birth, foster or adoptive parent, this class will enhance your parenting skills as you learn to nurture, support and guide the children in your care. So often we get caught up in the tasks of raising children that we forget to nurture the emotional connection we have with one another. Research is showing that the emotional connection between a parent and child is the most important factor in raising an emotionally healthy individual.

Our very own Michele Coleman Sharp will facilitate this class. Not only is Michele our Service Ministry Director, she is also a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist who has started her own agency specializing in using neuroscience to help children and families bring about a change in behavior through relationships that change the brain. Come join us as we learn more about what makes us feel connected to one another.

\$10 Suggested Love Offering Per Class

Wednesday Meditation/Class

Meditation 6:30 pm ~ Study Group 7-8pm



Join us for a dynamic mid-week inspiration. This powerful gathering includes meditation and a discussion of Wayne Dyer's book, "Change Your Thoughts, Change Your Life."

Living the Wisdom of the Tao".

All are welcome. Love Offering.

"Spiritually In Tune"

April 18th - 7 to 8:30 pm.

"Spiritually In Tune". A monthly gathering of Guitar Players to play, teach, learn and share music.

Tune up the old six string or twelve string and join in the fun.



All levels of guitar players welcome!!

SERVICE MINISTRY

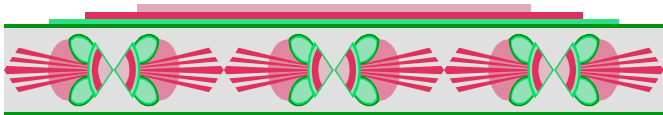


As we get in touch with the Power Within, there builds this incredible energy to express this Power through our words and actions in service to others. So often we come from a place of feeling disconnected and separate from God, and yet when we heal this perspective and realize the truth that we are always connected not only to our Source, but to one another as well, there is a desire to nurture this connection.

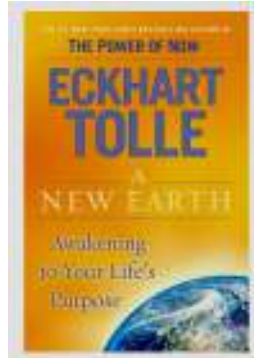
There are many ways to nurture our connection to one another. We can fellowship together, we can worship together, and we can pray together. We can also be there when someone is in need of support. As we learn, heal and grow, we can share our knowledge of truth with those who are searching. All of these are ways in which we can serve one another and all of these ways of serving are found in CUC's Service Ministry.

As you Discover the Power Within You, and look for ways to express this Power, I invite you to consider service to your spiritual community as one way of expressing this Power. There are several service opportunities available which support Sunday worship and our spiritual community. If you would like to explore these opportunities, stop by the Service Ministry Table following Sunday service and let's talk.

**Michele Coleman Sharp,
Service Ministry Director**



Lifting you in the light as we all journey together, learning to love and serve by living from our passion. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at serviceministry@christunityabq.org or call me at 292-1998.



A NEW EARTH

Sundays, April 13th—May 4th

1:30 — 3:00 pm

**Facilitated by Janis Pullen
and Rev. Ross Campbell**

Christ Unity Church is offering a four week book study in conjunction with the world-wide class taught by author Eckhart Tolle and Oprah Winfrey. You do not have to be involved in the on-line class to participate. We will study and discuss this consciousness-raising, transformational book.

Call Janis with any questions at 281-2625.

Please sign up in the foyer.

Love Offering



ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

The annual CUC Women's Retreat will be October 17th, 18th & 19th
Mark your calendars for this special time.

More information to come!



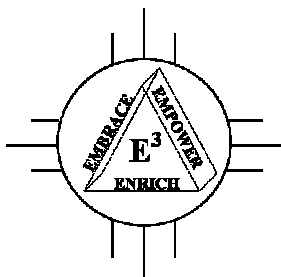
THANK YOU!

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

wouldn't have been so successful without the help of Margaret Dolan. She helped with sign-ups, was a host twice and was there to do the assignments.

Thank you to all the hosts from October '07 and February '08: g2 & Rhonda Buffett, Brenda & Joe Sandberg, Michele Benedict, Margaret Dolan, Chris Goodwin, Rita & Louie Martinez, Carolyn & Bill Stone, Jeanne Wynn, Geri Saunders, Gayle Martin, Barbara Bloch, Vincent Coca & Dana Jones, Leslie Everett and Jeanette & George Buffett. There wouldn't be a Guess Who's Coming to Dinner without our gracious hosts.

Jeanette Buffett, Chairperson



Progress Report

We are now in the Design Phase of the E-3 process. This phase addresses HOW we will move forward. The Design Phase will provide all participants in the church a road map for the directional shift that is taking place. Each design team will develop a plan around a particular Intentional Strategic Priority. Once the Design Phase is completed and final decisions on options are made, the next phase will be to implement the plan into the ongoing operations of Christ Unity Church and enjoy our Destiny!

The Design Team Strategic Priorities Are:

1. Facilities
2. Small Group/ Connection/Education
3. Community Presence/Marketing
4. Outreach Ministry
5. Creative Arts Ministry

TO ALL OF YOU FROM ALL OF US.....

Thank you to all the Design Team members for your time, dedication and service to this process!!

Important Dates of E3

August 23, 2008

Design/Decision Making/Destiny Day—Everyone

[E³ Advisory Team](#)

If you would like to know more about E3 please contact one of our E3 Advisory Team members:

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Prayer Chaplains

Dear CUC Family:

“There is a palpable response within us to the activity of Spirit in every fiber of our beings. As we pray for and with other children of God, we bless them and we are blessed” (Daily Word, 10/2005). The power within each of us blesses ourselves as well as others. Awaken to your power within, just as the earth is celebrating another magnificent Spring and our church community is bursting forth with growth and love! You are God’s beloved and powerful creations. Celebrate!

We continue our series for your enjoyment: profiles of our Prayer Chaplains who answer the questions:
(1) What prompted you to become a Prayer Chaplain?
(2) What impact has it had on your life?

Blessings on Your Journey,

Sharon Maughan McBride

Chrishann Goodwin

Team Leaders, Prayer Chaplain Ministry



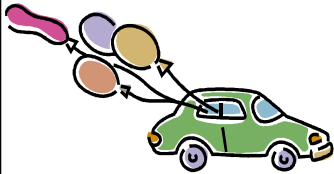
KATE BENNETT, PRAYER CHAPLAIN:

I decided to become a Prayer Chaplain because devotion to my prayer life and spirituality has always been important to me. I felt that being a Prayer Chaplain would strengthen my prayer life and I would learn to be a “pray-er”.

As I participated in the program this year, I gathered many other blessings as well. For one, I have had the wonderful community of my fellow chaplains to gather with and enjoy. (I also have to thank so many of them for their kindness when my car was totaled and I needed rides.)

Along with the community, it has been my joy to pray with members of the congregation and to share the light of that spiritual experience with them as we prayed together. Each person I prayed with was a blessing to me and I hope I was a blessing to them.

Christ Unity Ridesharing Ministry



Need a ride?
Can share a ride?
Want to rideshare?

What is ridesharing?

Ridesharing is carpooling. We are starting a Ridesharing Ministry because some of our members cannot always get a ride to church. They may not have a car, may not be able to drive, or may not have consistent transportation.

Why rideshare? It is a great way to:

- * Help someone get to church
- * Enjoy companionship / make new friends
- * Support the environment * Save money on gas!
- * Reduce traffic congestion in our neighborhood and parking lot.

Please see the Ride Share Map and additional information at the Service Ministry table.

Note: this is a voluntary program and is self-service. You may participate as little or as much as you like. For more information, please contact Linda at 298-7839 or Anthony at 872-2114.

**Movie Night Friday—April 4th—7pm
“The Moses Code”**



Some of the most incredible miracles in history came from applying a simple code God gave to Moses 3500 years ago, activating the power of the creative force of God in the world. In *The Moses Code* movie, some of the best known spiritual teachers in the world join James Twyman, offering tools on how you can apply the Moses Code to your own life. This is the foundation upon which the Law of Attraction is built. The film focuses on the power of “Soul Manifestation,” drawing upon your own innate spiritual connection to produce miracles everywhere you go. The Moses Code focuses on using the Law of Attraction to “give” from your soul, automatically attracting spiritual blessings into our lives and transforming the planet. View the film April 4th, then activate the code on April 6th at CUC with a global prayer vigil for peace before the service. Please join us!

\$10 Love Offering

HELP WANTED

Are you interested in having fun with some great Uniteens? This is a really wonderful opportunity! Our Uniteens are collaborating with the youth of Habitat for Humanity in their annual Box-A-Thon fundraiser. A number of students from our Uniteen group are participating in activities to learn more about the issues of homelessness and sub-standard housing. As a result, they have chosen to raise funds and awareness by sleeping overnight in a box (that they've decorated). In addition to pledges, adult volunteers are “wanted” to facilitate games and activities as well as stay overnight.

In July 2008, money raised from this event will be used to build a home for a family in Tecate, Mexico. The cost of this home will be approximately \$5,000.00 USD. Your generous support of time and money are appreciated and very much needed to make this a successful event.

Who: Youth of Habitat for Humanity and CUC Uniteens

What: Habitat for Humanity Box-A-Thon Fundraiser

When: April 4-5, 2008, Starting at 6:00pm Friday and ending at 2:00pm on Saturday

Where: Christ Unity Church Pledge information is available in the church foyer. Mark Ayers is facilitating this event and can be reached at mayersabq@yahoo.com or 505-804-4251 for additional information.

SPRING 2 X 4 ~ Sunday, April 27th

After Sunday service and lunch on April 27th we will gather to spruce up our church. Join us as we give the inside and outside some tender, loving care.

Please come to church in “cleaning clothes” and bring whatever cleaning supplies you’d like to share. We’ll pull weeds, wash windows, polish woodwork and make our church home sparkle!

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED



“A Course in Miracles”

**Facilitated by Chris Schmille
Mondays—7-8:30 pm at CUC
Love Offering**

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**Wednesday Meditation
 and Class**

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