

Christ Unity Church

June 2008

How Do You Serve God?

This month at CUC we're celebrating our volunteers and the spiritual gifts they share with our community.



What are spiritual gifts? A spiritual gift is something you can do that fulfills you. A spiritual gift serves God, serves you and serves your community. Claiming your gift helps you feel like you are "in the flow," like you've just found the perfect fit for a puzzle piece. You may say that you like helping people and there's nothing special about that, or you may say that you're good with numbers and that's not so special. We tend to think that artistic gifts or the gift of speaking to large groups of people or singing a solo is *really* special. But the truth is that when you identify and use your gifts, you *are* special. You are being spiritual. Spiritual gifts are anything that you possess that when used, makes the world a better place.

Some gifts are big in appearance and dramatic in their effect. They are easy to identify and easy to praise. Other gifts are more subtle, more ordinary in appearance, and have their impact over the long term rather than in the instant. It doesn't matter to Spirit which category you are in. All of us have spiritual gifts, all of us can serve. And to put it more boldly, we believe all of us *must* serve. We must use the gifts of our Creator to bless each other and our world. It is our firm belief that this is a sure path to happiness and prosperity. Serve God, yourself and the planet and all will be right in your world.

This month we invite you to be on the lookout for your spiritual gifts. And then use them to serve the world. And if you don't know what your gifts are, I invite you to say yes to something and if that doesn't pan out, say yes to something else - again and again and again.

In loving service,
Revs. Judi and Ross

...Love God ..., walk in all God's ways, do what God has commanded, embrace God, serve God with everything you are and have." Joshua 22:5

June Services

June 1st ~ 10:30 am
A Master Formula for Healing
Rev. Ross

June 8th ~ 10:30 am
Compassionate Communication
Tejal Murray

June 15th ~ 10:30 am
Father's Day
Gentle Strong Love
Rev. Ross

June 22nd ~ 10:30 am
Unity—A Stand for Service
Rev. Judi

June 29th ~ 10:30
Unity—A Stand for Oneness
Rev. Ross

Welcome! New Members of Christ Unity Church

*Christine "Chris" Acklen
Daniel Barrera
Michele Benedict
Dean M. Burns
Iris P. Coleman
Lisa Driscoll
Patricia "Patty" Duncan
Kim Eagle
Kendra Golden
Diane Della Johnson
Dana Gene Jones
Janet King
Lauriel Lynar
Erma L. Riggs
Steve Satterfield
Charles Frank Vivian
Giselle Felicia Vivian*

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY ~ June 22nd

Please join us in recognizing those who so lovingly give their time and talents to our ministry.

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
Replacing Air Conditioning Unit in Sanctuary	\$ 1,000.00
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

Good morning and greetings from Orlando, Florida—I am here for a work-related conference. The theme for this month is service and without being on the receiving end of service, I would not even be writing this note. I had challenges connecting to the internet without which I could not send this article to the church office. The lady who helped me "get connected" was very pleasant and did not treat me like the computer-challenged person I am. I hope she felt as good about helping me as I felt getting the assistance I needed.

Service is a two-way street and your Board and I feel blessed to be serving all of you, and I hope you know the blessing your support is to us. We honor and appreciate the service so many of you give to Christ Unity Church, as that service is what is moving our church along the exciting path to our future— however that manifests.

I just recently read Marianne Williamson's book "The Age of Miracles" in which she said "One of the ways you know you're in the flow is if you're seriously of service and seriously enjoying yourself at the same time. It feels right because it is right. At the deepest level, our needs are all one." I invite you to be of service in ways that are meaningful in your life and thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Blessings to you all,

Letitia (Tish) Hardwick
President, Board of Trustees

ANNUAL YOUTH OF UNITY GARAGE SALE



Saturday, June 14th 7am-2pm
Sunday, June 15th—Before & After Service
In the Church Parking Lot

Drop off your donations at the church in labeled rooms only. Items will be accepted in the parking lot on Sunday, June 8th

Items cannot be accepted prior to Sunday, June 8th due to limited space

You can preview all the treasures on Friday night, June 13th from 5 pm-9pm

If you have questions or would like to help our YOU, please contact Kathy Gee: Kterenagee@aol.com, 856-1222 or Mark Livingston: imliving@gmail.com, 217-9268

Christ Unity Church Prosperity Report

April 2008

Income	\$26,162
Tithes Paid Out	\$ 1,791
Expenses (Less Tithes)	\$28,878
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ (4,507)
Year to Date Net Gain (Loss)	\$(12,938)

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.

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:

June: Imagination

Color: Light Blue

Body Location: Between the eyes (to the pituitary gland)

Apostle: Bartholomew

The Gift of Imagination is your spiritual tool to co-create with God. If you "see" it in your mind, "believe" that it already exists, and "feel" as though it is real, then it will be!

Affirmation: "My mind creates my world."

Bible Verse: "So God created man in his own image...And God saw everything he had made, and behold, it was very good," - Genesis 1:27, 31

Using Our Gift of Imagination!

The current volunteers have a vision for the YFM Program and we need your help to make it happen. We ask that you take a moment now, and use your gift of imagination. Imagine... all the volunteer positions are filled for all Volunteer Teams within the church. Each YFM classroom has two adults, each and every Sunday. The kids are happy and having fun as they learn to co-create their lives with God. The teens are happy and having fun as they grow in consciousness, strength and leadership. The adult volunteers are happy and having fun learning as they empower the children and teens in their adventure. The parents are happy and having fun learning and growing in the big church. Thank you God, life in commUNITY is so good. We are blessed, as we shower our blessings on others. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Volunteers Are A Blessing!

It is clear that Mahatma Gandhi understood the value of service when he said, "I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

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Ask any of our Youth & Family Ministry Volunteers why they enjoy serving and the most common response is that they "get so much enjoyment from their time with the kids." It has become the "highlight of their week" for many of our adult volunteers. They often say that, "the kids teach me!" I know I personally feel the best way to learn Unity Basics is through the elementary curriculum!

There are opportunities right now in Nursery, Pre-school, Elementary and in Uniteens. Committing to even one Sunday a month will bless our children.

I invite each of you to search your hearts. Do you believe in the importance of Unity and its teachings? If you do...then you have something to offer in service to the children and teens in our ministry. Sit in on a class just to see what it is like. Even if teaching is not your particular gift, there are other roles you can play. Talk with me. Together, I am sure we can find the perfect fit. You just might find it is what has been missing in your life!

Love & Blessings,

**Linda Adams Bridges, Director
Youth & Family Ministry
Church: 292-1998 Cell: 949-510-7857
Email: yfm1@msn.com**



A Standard Youth & Family Ministry application applies to all positions with children and is located in a wall bin above the YFM bulletin board next to the church office. Weekday data entry and craft support is always welcome.

YFM Teachers' Meeting for June is scheduled for Sunday, June 29, 2008, after fellowship. Snacks will be served. All current YFM volunteers and YFM staff are strongly encouraged to attend.



Help Children in Need of School Supplies

**Buy a backpack and fill it with supplies.
(Lists are located in the Church Foyer)**

**Please bring the full backpack to church by
Monday, July 28th.**

We will distribute them during the first week of August.

**If you feel you cannot put together a full backpack,
ask a friend to share a backpack with you.**

CUC is grateful for you!

June Events

- 1 New Member Installation
Compassionate Communication 2-4 pm
- 2 A Course in Miracles 7pm
- 4 Wednesday Meditation & Class 6:30 pm
- 6 Movie Night 7 pm
- 9 A Course In Miracles 7 pm
- 10 Real Love Men's Group 7:30 pm
- 11 Wednesday Night Meditation/Class 6:30 pm
- 14 Y.O.U. Yard Sale
- 15 FATHER'S DAY
Y.O.U. Yard Sale
- 16 A Course in Miracles 7 pm
Peace Team Meeting 7 pm
- 17 Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 18 Wednesday Night Meditation/Class 6:30 pm
Newsletter Articles Due
- 19 Spiritual Economics Class 7 pm
- 22 Volunteer Appreciation Day
- 23 A Course in Miracles 7 pm
- 24 Real Love Men's Group 7:30 pm
- 25 Wednesday Night Meditation/Class 6:30 pm
- 26 Newsletter Folding Day 10 am
Spiritual Economics Class 7 pm
- 27 Chaplain In Service 7 pm
- 29 Board of Trustees Installation
YFM Teacher Training 12 Noon
- 30 Compassionate Communication 6:30 pm
A Course in Miracles 7 pm



PEACE TEAM MEETING

Monday, June 16th ~ 7 pm

The Peace Team is a non-partisan, volunteer group promoting the passage of a resolution by the City of Albuquerque in favor of a Department of Peace and Non-Violence. Visit www.thepeacealliance.org and join us in creating a culture of peace in New Mexico.

Unity stands for peace in our lifetime.

“Spiritual Economics”

Facilitated by Rev. Judi

June 19th - July 24th ~ 7 pm

Available for SEE Credit

Love Offering

“A Course in Miracles”

Facilitated by Chris Schmille

Mondays—7-8:30 pm at CUC

Love Offering

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.



ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT

The Men's Retreat will be August 1st, 2nd & 3rd

The Spiritual Renewal Center
Please mark your calendars

More information to come!

SERVICE MINISTRY

Service as a Path to God. This month we celebrate our volunteers who show up on a regular basis and support our spiritual growth and celebration of God within. We will have a barbeque after Sunday service right on our front lawn where everyone is invited. Please check the insert with the names of those who have served. If you have volunteered over the past year and do not see your name listed, please contact me directly so you too may be honored on June 22, 2008.

As we serve others, being that smile, that ear that listens, that inspiration, joy and support, not only do we serve them, but we too are served as our spiritual growth is deepened in the process. We have no idea how prayer is answered through us when we simply do as we feel called to do. Ram Dass, from "How Can I Help You" states, "There's more to the deed than the doer and what's been done. You yourself feel transformed and connected to a deeper sense of identity." I would like to share the story that opens the book, because it touched me at a deep level and I think demonstrates how connected we all are to everything. It also reminds me how important it is for me to show up, because through small acts, great things are accomplished. The chapter is titled, Natural Compassion.

I was in about forty feet of water, alone. I knew I should not have gone alone, but I was very competent and just took a chance. There was not much current, and the water was so warm and clear and enticing. But when I got a cramp, I realized at once how foolish I was. I was not very alarmed, but was completely doubled up with a stomach cramp. I tried to remove my weight belt, but I was so doubled up I could not get to the catch. I was sinking and began to feel more frightened, unable to move. I could see my watch and knew that there was only a little more time on the tank before I would be finished with breathing! I tried to massage my abdomen. I wasn't wearing a wet suit, but couldn't straighten out and couldn't get to the cramped muscles with my hands.

I thought, "I can't go like this! I have things to do!" I just couldn't die anonymously this way, with no one to even know what happened to me. I called out in my mind, "Somebody, something, help me!"

I was not prepared for what happened. Suddenly I felt a prodding behind me under the armpit. I thought, "Oh no, sharks!" I felt real terror and despair. But my arm was being lifted forcibly. Around into my field of vision came an eye-the most marvelous eye I could ever imagine. I swear it was smiling. It was the eye of a big dolphin.

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Looking into that eye, I knew I was safe. It moved farther forward, nudging under, and hooked in dorsal fin under my armpit with my arm over its back.

At the surface, it drew me all the way in to shore. It took me into water so shallow I began to be concerned for it, that it would be beached, and I pushed it back a little deeper, where it waited, watching me, I guess to see if I was all right. I relaxed, hugging it, flooded with relief. I felt that the animal was conveying security to me, that it was healing me as well as lifting me toward the surface. My stomach cramp went away as we ascended, and I relaxed with security, but I felt very strongly that it healed me too.

It felt like another lifetime. When I took off the weight belt and oxygen, I just took everything off and went naked back into the ocean to the dolphin. I felt so light and free and alive, and just wanted to play in the sun and the water, in all that freedom. The dolphin took me back out and played around in the water with me. I noticed that there were a lot of dolphins there, farther out.

After a while it brought me back to shore. I was very tired then, almost collapsing, and he made sure I was safe in the shallowest water. Then he turned sideways with one eye looking into mine. We stayed that way for what seemed like a very long time, timeless I guess, in a trance almost, with personal thoughts of the past going through my mind. The he made just one sound and went out to join the others, and all of them left.

Lifting you in the light as we all journey together, learning to love and serve by living from our passion.



**Michele Coleman Sharp,
Service Ministry Director**

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at serviceministry@christunityabq.org or call me at 292-1998.

"At the heart of every silence is prayer. At the heart of prayer is faith. At the heart of faith is life. At the heart of life is service."

Mother Theresa

Prayer Chaplains

Blessings on Your Spiritual Journey!

Your Prayer Chaplains at Christ Unity Church are pleased and honored to serve you. As such, we are here to hold sacred space, to hold the high watch and pray for our CUC community, for you and those you love, worldwide. God knows no boundaries. Sharon Connors writes that "Prayer is always only a thought away. In any moment a thought turned Godward takes you into the fourth dimension of existence—the realm of the sacred and the infinite creative power of the Divine. *It will minister to you right where you are, for just what you need.*" To be a part of these extraordinary moments and blessings is, indeed, a gift from Spirit and we are blessed to serve you.

WELCOME, Returning Prayer Chaplains:

Carol Chambers, Vincent Coca, Norita Filz, Chrishann Goodwin, Tish Hardwick, Vivian Leslie, Vicki McNown and David Fletcher!

WELCOME, New Prayer Chaplains:

Dana Jones, Lauriel Lynar, Judy Madonna, Giselle Vivian and Frank Vivian!

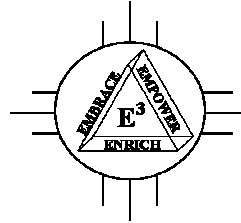
Beloved CUC Family, we invite you to pray with us: your heart's desires and yearnings; your joys and thanksgivings. You will be ministered to, right where you are, for just what you need. Can there be a greater gift?

Always In Love,

Sharon Maughan McBride

Chrishann Goodwin

Co-Team Leaders, Prayer Chaplain Ministry



FACILITIES DESIGN TEAM PROVOCATIVE POSSIBILITY STATEMENT:

We are a vibrant thriving multifaceted environment that fosters a sacred space for our spiritual community to connect with God and each other. This facility empowers the spiritual beacon emanating from our oneness with God. As stewards we create a sustainable facility, maximizing resources utilized in our current spiritual home as we envision and create a manifestation of our future spiritual home that supports our mission, vision and values.

"GOD'S LOVE PROVIDES ME WITH A PERFECT HOME "

(Daily Word, Saturday, April 20, 1963)

As I stood there during those final moments of the E3 Summit filled with a great sense of community and enthusiasm, I was certain I wanted to continue to serve and participate in the E3 journey. I found within me a passionate inner calling, leading me to support the manifestation of our perfect spiritual home.

As a member of the Facilities Design Team and an E3 interviewer, I have had the pleasure of making new friends and the privilege of bearing witness to the great love and appreciation members of our spiritual family share for this wonderful community. Answering Spirit's call to serve, pray, grow and facilitate the unfolding of God's truth for Christ Unity's spiritual home has been a personally and spiritually enriching experience. Our design team is made up of individuals who hold sacred our task and are committed to allowing God to work through us as stewards of this endeavor.

As part of my research, I had the opportunity to read about Unity's unfolding presence in Albuquerque since 1939 and all that lead to the birthing of Christ Unity Church. I invite you to join me in the spiritual journey before us as we allow Spirit to lead us to our "perfect home". Here's another Daily Word (Saturday, August 6, 2005) that called to me for this sharing, I invite you to affirm with me:

MOVING FORWARD

"Spirit within is guiding me to greater good."

Blessings,

Giselle Felicia Vivian, Co-Leader
Facilities Design Team



The Design Teams held in Prayer:

- Facilities
- Small Group/Connection/Education
- Community Presence/Marketing
- Outreach Ministry
- Creative Arts Ministry

WE THANK YOU, WE SUPPORT YOU, WE BLESS YOU!

Important Dates of E3 ~ August 23, 2008

Design/Decision Making/Destiny Day—Everyone

Christ Unity Ridesharing Ministry



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

What is ridesharing?

Ridesharing is carpooling. We started a Rideshare 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.

Please see the Ride Share Map and additional information in the South hallway.

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.



ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

The annual CUC Women's Retreat will be October 17th, 18th & 19th

Immaculate Heart of Mary Retreat Center of Santa Fe

Facilitated by Rev. Judi

Special Musical Artist: Susan Clark

Mark your calendars for this special time.

More information to come!

Movie Night

Friday—June 6th—7pm

"For the Bible Tells Me So"

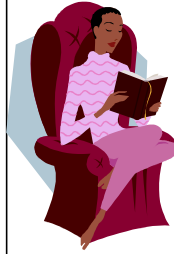


Does God really condemn loving homosexual relationships? Is the chasm separating Christianity from gays and lesbians too wide to cross? Is the Bible an excuse to hate? These questions and more are answered in this award winning documentary, which brilliantly reconciles homosexuality and Biblical scripture—and reveals that religious anti-gay bias is based almost solely upon a misinterpretation of the Bible.

Offering healing, clarity and understanding to anyone caught in the crosshairs of scripture and sexual identity, this landmark film "boldly takes on a loaded topic and examines it both intellectually and emotionally; the result may well leave you blinking away a few tears.

Love Offering ~ The YOU will offer refreshments

THE READING CORNER



This month the newsletter initiates a new feature with the first in a series of monthly book reviews, alternating new books from the bookstore with Unity "classics" like "Lessons in Truth." Tish Hardwick is providing us with our first review, Marianne Williamson's new book "The Age of Miracles" .

If you want to recommend a book to be reviewed or write a review yourself, please contact Geri Saunders at peridot2835@yahoo.com. We also welcome the names of children's books for possible review.

The Age of Miracles Embracing the New Midlife by Marianne Williamson

In her newest book Marianne Williamson shares with us a new way to look at and embrace Midlife. ". . .we can forge a new vision, a new conversation, to take us beyond the limited thought-forms that have defined its parameters for generations." "No matter what did or did not happen in your past, the present remains an endless fount of miraculous opportunities. . ."

Yes, we experience our bodies slowing down, some aches and pains, but there is a reason for this. We have worked very hard "doing" during the first part of our lives. This may include creating a home, building a career, growing a family, accumulating wealth, dealing with the day to day challenges of living. By the time we reach midlife we have accomplished a lot more than just the achievement of these goals. We have accumulated much wisdom and experience that can now help us make some important decisions about where we go from here. We can slow down, be more present, pay more attention to "being" and move into a deeper experience of the world.

Ms. Williamson shares that now there is a wonderful opportunity to create meaning in our lives that is connected to the shift in consciousness that is sweeping the planet. "If in fact the highest, most creative work is the work of consciousness, then in slowing down we're not doing less; we're doing more." "We are shifting from the outer to the inner not in order to begin our demise, but to reseed and regreen the consciousness of the planet." And we need to use the wisdom and experience we now have to make the choices we've always had but were moving too fast to see. Now is the time for expressing kindness and compassion for ourselves and for the planet. Midlife is a time of new beginnings, not the beginning of the end.

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**Wednesday Meditation
 and Class**

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