



January 2018



**Upcoming Events and Classes at
Unity of Fox Valley**

Sunday Service and Youth Education
Come join us at 10:00 am

Ministerial Musings

Dear Spiritual Family,

A very happy and abundant New Year! I always look forward to the challenge and adventure of new beginnings, and isn't that what we celebrate as the old year closes and the New Year dawns?

2018 starts a new adventure here at Unity of Fox Valley. Rev Mike Korpan is coming on board and I'm excited to be sharing this beautiful ministry with him. It's been fun to bounce ideas off him and get different points of view.

We have been calendar planning and there are classes, special performances, and workshops on the calendar. We are also open to your ideas and needs and input so I hope you will share them with us. What can we do differently? What can we do better? What can we add to bring more joy?

Rev Mike and I stand ready to serve and make 2018 the best year ever for Unity of Fox Valley.

With love & blessings,

Rev. Jan



A Little Something to Keep in Mind

We have always been a congregation of “Huggers.” However, not everyone is as outgoing – some of us are a little more shy.

To those in the “Hugger” camp – please be mindful, to those in the “Shy” camp. If you are someone who isn’t up to a hug, when you see a potential hugger bearing down on you – just hold out your hand for a shake.

Everyone is different and isn’t that a wonderful thing?

Turning the Page

A good novel sometimes is described as a “real page turner.” If you ever enjoyed the experience of reading such a story, you can appreciate the reference. You get so caught up in the intrigue, the character development, and the urgent curiosity to learn what is going to happen next. You barely can wait to turn the page.

This serves as a good analogy from my perspective for Unity of Fox Valley, and I barely can wait to turn the page as we move into 2018. Having been gone for a couple of years, I eagerly want to become familiar with all that I have missed. More importantly though, I am absolutely intrigued by what is on the next page. There are just endless possibilities. It is with great enthusiasm that I can hardly wait to see the many and new ways that we will grow both individually and as a church community. All of our characters are constantly in development with excitement lurking in the background. The author of course is Spirit, and it promises to be a happy never-ending ending. All we need do is dare to do that to which we are called.

Rev. Mike

Note from the Board

The Board took up a suggestion to hold a cyber session on using Amazon to benefit the church and using social media; discussion of office space for Re. Mike Korpan and other space usage; to be decided in January. Current officers to remain in place and Judy DeVoe will become the new treasurer. Fundraising total was \$20,312.

The Board

Youth Education for the Younger Crowd

Take a Bow, Youth Ed!

I am so proud of our youth for their magnificent performance of A Magical, Metaphysical Christmas that was presented on Sunday, December 17! All the performers: Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, the Donkey, the Sheperdess and her sheep, the Star, the Angels, the Queens and their Camel not only brought to life the Nativity Story as told by the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, but they also portrayed how each character reflects our own inner Christ Light qualities. The messages for us were further enhanced with outstanding solo violin/violist and singing performances and with the conclusion of everyone enthusiastically singing "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree"! We really rocked!

I am deeply grateful to the youth, to their parents who brought them to rehearsals and assisted as Narrators and Stage Hands, to Warren Wakerlin and Rick McKay for sound/Power-Point and to Rob Orland and the Music Team for their awesome music accompaniment. Furthermore, I truly appreciate Rev. Jan Little and Kathleen Malick, our Business Manager, for their encouragement and support. Last, but not least, I genuinely appreciate Jen King who not only this year, but for the past several years, has assisted with making our Pageants ever so memorable! Thank you, Jen.

Now, onto the New Year! On Sunday, January 7th, we will be ringing in the New Year with our own small and safe [Burning Bowl Ceremony](#) by letting go that which is no longer needed in our lives and then by welcoming a new outlook for the coming year. For the rest of the month, we will reflect on the Power of Faith; color is **Dark Blue** and the disciple is Peter. To offer a greater understanding of this power, we will explore one of the miracles

of Jesus when he walked on water which is surely a testimony of faith and one of our favorite parables, the House Built on Rock.

As the year progresses, we will keep everyone informed of our upcoming Spring Intergenerational Service as well as other exciting events such as our Roots and Wings Ceremony and Vacation Bible School.

Happy New Year! May it be prosperous, joyous and healthy!

Blessings,

Ms. Mary, CSE, LUT

marynowroozi@comcast.net

Men's Group



Tuesday, January 2nd & 16th, 7:00 pm

The Men's Group meets the first and third Tuesday of each month, September through May at church. All men are invited to join!

Healing and Wholeness Service



HEALING AND WHOLENESS SERVICE

Please join us on Friday, January 5th, 7:00 pm

Please join us in our once-a-month service filled with music, chant, prayer, and hands on healing conducted by members of our music team and our prayer chaplain team.

If you've ever wanted a time and place where you could just be open and surrendered to the healing power of Spirit this will a wonderful opportunity to be surrounded in love, prayer, and peace.

First Friday of every month!

For more info., please contact Rose Maxson: singingalong77@gmail.com

Burning Bowl



Burning Bowl Service

Sunday, January 7th, 10am

The Burning Bowl and White Stone Service has become a tradition for members of the congregation opting for spiritual reflection as a way to let go of the old and whatever baggage has been holding them back.

Christmas Un-Decorating



**CHRISTMAS
UN-DECORATING**

Sunday, January 7th, after the Service
*Please stay after the Burning Bowl Service and help us
UN-Decorate the church from it's Christmas Decor!*

More hands make quick work!

Volunteer Fair

UNITY OF FOX VALLEY

VOLUNTEER
FAIR



**Sundays,
January 14th & 21st
After the Service**

We will be having our Volunteer sign up!

We will have tables set up in the Fellowship Hall.

Please stop by and see what interests you and sign up. Even if you are currently on a team, we would like you to sign up again.

We are so blessed by our many volunteers and want you to know just how grateful we are for your time and talent!

For more info., please contact Bobbi Severson: bsever4785@gmail.com

Oil A Day Class



Oil A Day

2nd Sunday of the month
11:45-12:15pm
Adult Ed Room

We will be picking an oil a month and have a brief 30 minute class as to where the oil comes from, how it is diffused, the properties it contains, what it can be used for and how to apply/diffuse it.

*For more information, please contact Lisa Carpenter:
630-632-2105 or familyof3plus2@sbcglobal.net*

Game Night

MONTHLY GAME NIGHT

Please join us on Friday, January 19th, 7:00 pm

Let's have some fun together! We have Rummikub, Quirkle, Oh Hell, Scrabble, & of course, Dominoes. We also encourage you to bring your own favorite games and share them with us. Children are welcome with a responsible Adult. Light refreshments will be provided, but we won't mind if you bring a snack to share!

For more info., please contact Mickey Cowles: 630-937-4338

Lessons in Truth



**Five Week Class: Wednesdays,
January 24th–February 21st, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

[*Lessons in Truth*](#) is a clear, concise representation of New Thought philosophy and metaphysical Christianity. The spiritual concepts presented in these lessons show us how to increase our personal empowerment and enhance our spiritual growth.

Each chapter of this book initially appeared in "Unity Magazine" as a compilation of Truth articles. Dr. H. Emilie Cady, a metaphysician and homeopathic doctor of the nineteenth century affirms that in order for us to have a real understanding of our spiritual nature, an inner revelation of the divine Beingness we are needs to occur. Dr. Cady says that once we understand our divinity, we will inevitably follow the path for our spiritual fulfillment. For more than 100 years, Dr. Cady's teachings have been the first step for many Unity students on their individual path to claiming their True Self. Whether you are a longtime Truth student or you are new to Unity metaphysics, you are invited to a journey of self-discovery full of rich rewards.

Come join us!

Required Text: *Lessons In Truth* by H. Emilie Cady

\$16/each. *Orders & payments needs to be received by Sunday, January 7th*

Class can be taken for S.E.E. credit. Suggested Love Offering is \$10.00 class.

Presenter: Rev. Michael Korpan

Green Team

The Green Team will begin events in 2018 with the fourth Sunday in January, which will be **January 28**. We will begin following both the Sunday service and time for food and fellowship.



We will meet eight Sundays during 2018, January through April and July through October, the fourth Sunday in each case, except in March when we will move to the third Sunday in deference to the Easter Feast. We will increase our recycling awareness for the Easter Feast.

Additionally we plan to attend the annual **Green Movie event** conducted by Batavia Environment Commission (BEC) at the Batavia City Council Chambers Saturday, March 10. More information will follow.

Meanwhile, we continue to accept all polystyrene, or, styrofoam recycling in the container adjacent to the Green Team food table. We can help the cause one person and one event at a time.

Green Team is an advocate for all of us. Participation in paramount.

Volunteer Ministry



THANK YOU!!! TO EVERYONE!! Who helped decorate and make our Spiritual Home beautiful for



Christmas!! It went fast with such high powered ELVES and then we enjoyed great chili and goodies!! As we all know, it can't stay up all year, so join us again on Sunday, January 7th for the [Un-decorating!!](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for **January 14th and 21st** for our [VOLUNTEER FAIR](#). This will be an opportunity to learn more about our dedicated teams and to get more information on a ministry that might be pulling at your heart!! REMEMBER if you are currently on a team and plan to help out again this year, please sign up so that we have all of your updated information. We couldn't do it without you, so make 2018 your year to Volunteer!!!

TIME TO PURGE??? We will be having our Book Sale again this year **February 24th and March 4th** so be thinking about books you might want to pass on that you have enjoyed. WE WILL LET YOU KNOW when to start bringing them in.

SHOUT OUT TO BETH JOHNSON!! Beth has done a wonderful job with her team coordinating our outreach program for 2017. We just finished the December Food Drive for the Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry and the [BEAR BRIGADE](#) is back starting in January. See her article on more information about this fun event!!

Have a wonder-filled, joy-filled, and prosperous New Year!!!

Blessings Everyone!!

Bobbi Severson, bsever4785@gmail.com

Prayer Chaplains

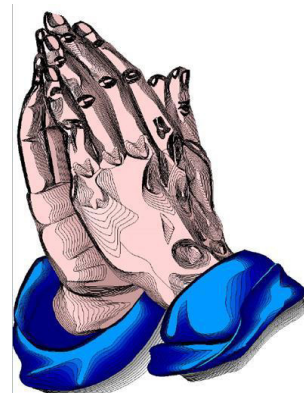
2018 Prayer Chaplain Training

Saturday, Feb. 10th, 8:00-4:00 pm

Friday, Feb. 13th, 6:30-8:30 pm

Friday, March 9th, 6:30-9:00 pm

Saturday, March 10th, 8:00-4:00 pm



If you have considered becoming a prayer chaplain, this training is an opportunity to enrich your spirituality through service to our members. Both women and men are welcome to walk this spiritual path.

The requirements for applicants are that you be a current Unity of Fox Valley member, demonstrate an understanding of Unity principles, have a willingness to pray with others, and have taken a prayer class. No former experience in praying with others is necessary.

If you are interested in joining our prayer ministry or have any questions, please contact me at margeorchard@gmail.com or see me or one of the other chaplains after service on Sundays. Application forms will be emailed to all applicants. Interviews will be held on January 14th after service.

Peace,

Marge Orchard, L.U.T., Prayer Chaplain Coordinator

Young Living



Did you know that when you purchase Young Living products Unity of Fox Valley benefits in more ways than just the cost of the item purchased? Young Living products are the highest quality and have many health benefits.

We have a good selection of Young Living Products available for sale. From agave nectar to an array of toiletries and cleaning products! We also have Essential Oils available for calm & healing.

Do you need us to order anything?

Place your order in the Fellowship Hall by the 15th of each month!

Bear Brigade

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**Sunday,
February 4th**



Please bring in cuddly stuffed teddy bears and other creatures starting December 31st. We will hug them and fill them with love during our Sunday services throughout the whole month. They will be delivered to Mutual Ground, Inc. in Aurora.

Let the Bear Brigade Begin!

For more info., please contact Beth Johnson
bethmjohnson@comcast.net

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner



Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Friday, February 9, 2018

6-9pm

**We absolutely could not exist and do the things
we do without our wonderful volunteers.
Knowing that and acknowledging
that we want to celebrate you**

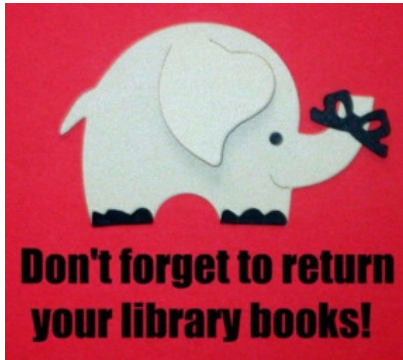
**If you have volunteered this past year, in any way,
please sign up and let us know you will be there.**

**There'll be food, fun, camaraderie and yummy
desserts. Be there so our Unity of Fox Valley Board
can say thank you and take special care of you.**

Please RSVP by Sunday, February 4th.

The Sign Up Poster is in the Fellowship Hall.

Library



Please remember to return your library books!

If you have books out from the Library and you have had them for awhile, please remember to return them!

AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Unity of Fox Valley every time you shop, at no cost to you.

AmazonSmile will donate a percentage of the purchase price of eligible products to Unity of Fox Valley!



Just click on the link below and make a purchase!

Use this link over & over all year round!

Please click on this link next time you need something & help raise money for Unity of Fox Valley!

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2889899>

News from the Church Office

A section in the Newsletter to fill you in on some of the fun doings of our Business Manager, Kathleen Malick.

Happy New Year!



Did we all survive December? Are we ready for January?! I'm feeling strong and ready to take on the New Year! If anyone ever needs a push, an accountability partner or needs support towards a healthier you, please never hesitate to contact me. I'm struggling along with you but I have never quit on myself and I KNOW you won't either!



*Please remember that it is never too late to eat right, get up and get moving! Love yourself by **treating your body right. It's the only one you have!***

Happy New Year my Unity Family!

[Kathleen Malick](#)

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<https://www.facebook.com/unityoffoxvalley>

On Going Activities

- [A Course in Miracles](#) - 7:30-9:00 pm every Thursday evening, Unity of Fox Valley facilitates A Course in Miracles discussion group. This is an ongoing class rain or shine. Each week a new topic is discussed. Everyone is welcome at any time and the class is always open to new attendees.
- [Alcoholics Anonymous](#) meeting. Tuesdays at 6:00pm.
- [Men's Group Meeting](#) - the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm, September through May.
- [Overeaters Anonymous](#) meeting. Sundays at 5:00pm.
- [Women's Group](#) - Stay tuned for upcoming events.

- [Unity Green Team CommUnity Event](#) - 4th Friday or 4th Sunday, January through April and July through October.

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