



July 2019



Upcoming Events and Classes at Unity of Fox Valley

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

Ministerial Musings

The Journey Called Unity

I spent the week of June 17 – June 21 attending the Unity International Peoples Convention in Overland Park, Kansas. I thought it might be of interest to share a bit about what is happening in our Unity movement.

For me, it was a great week. I had an opportunity to reconnect with former classmates and friends. This was personally rewarding and educational. It gave me an opportunity to exchange experiences and ideas. I also got to listen to the music of Daniel Nahmod, Sue Riley, Richard Mekdeci and Faith Rivera; all of which were terrific. And perhaps most significantly, I was able to earn Continuing Education Credits by attending four very interesting seminars.

Over the past couple of years, the governing bodies of Unity have undergone a series of changes. Last year Unity Worldwide Ministries and Unity Worldwide Headquarters announced publicly a joint agreement to try to unite with one another and become a singular organization. In fact, they were hoping to bring a unification resolution to the voting body this year. While they were not prepared to do this at this time, they did report that continued progress was being made.

The CEOs of both organizations both gave status reports as to what activities had taken place as well as what was forthcoming. UWM announced new strides in its educational

efforts and officially welcomed Africa as a new Unity region. They also ordained approximately 30 new ministers that week. UWH reported several changes that had taken place at Unity Village along with some future plans that include the opening of a new café in the Unity Inn.

All in all, it was a good week. Aside from learning a lot, I believe there is much to be celebrated and to look forward to in the near future. Many retreats are taking place at the Village. Perhaps it is time for UFV to think about scheduling one soon?

Rev. Mike

revmike@unityoffoxvalley.org



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?

Note from the Board

Hello from the Board!

We are looking in to using cold patch for improving the condition of the parking lot. Discussions began for the possible sale of the adjacent property to our church. Money from the property sale would be used for the parking lot improvement. We are also working on ideas for church trips / outings / events. Any ideas for this can be put in our suggestion box at church.

The Board

Hospitality



In case you have not noticed, our hospitality service downstairs after the service has evolved into quite a wonderful experience. There is plenty to eat of different foods and desserts, almost all of which are the result of the generous loving efforts of volunteers. In addition, it has grown into a time of camaraderie, giving our church family members an opportunity to bond and share.

Please do come and join in the fun. **Please also note that the hospitality service begins after the service ends.** This is important as our children's program on occasion has been interrupted if people come downstairs for hospitality early. Your understanding of this is much appreciated.

Youth Education for the Younger Crowd

For the month of July, our Youth Ed will be exploring the **Power of Understanding**. The disciple for this month is Thomas and the color is brilliant **Gold**. Through Bible and contemporary stories and by creating a dazzling golden Power of the Month Board, we will guide the youth to come to an understanding that the Light of God is the loving, brilliant, dazzling force in and through all things. Wear Gold for Power Sunday, July 14!

Batavia Creamery Ice Cream Outing, Sunday, July 21: We encourage all youth to join us for our annual Ice Cream Outing. We will leave the church around 10:30 am (during 10:00 am service) and walk to the Batavia Creamery which is approximately 2 1/2 blocks. We plan to return around 11:30 am. All youth and sponsors are welcome to get a treat of their choice (dairy-free options are available such as slushy, ices, shaved ice and fruit smoothies). The cost will be covered per Youth Ed funds, and permission slips are available downstairs in the Youth Ed area. We envision everyone having a fantastic time enjoying their cool, yummy treat while socializing with their church peers!

A Day of Fun in the Sun Vacation Bible School, **Saturday, July 27, 2019**: We are encouraging another fun activity for youth ages four and up. This will be a one day experience from 10 am to 3 pm for the youth to explore Biblical stories through role-play, songs, games, and crafts. The youth will learn one to two songs that they will present to the congregation during the following morning, July 28, church service. The cost is free! Please register your youth before the deadline on Wednesday, July 24. Registration forms are available in the Youth Ed area or can be emailed by contacting Mary at marynowroozi@comcast.net.

Any YOU/Uniteen can earn service hours by assisting the younger ones! This “Day of Fun” promises to be spiritually inspiring, creative; and, of course, lots of fun!

Looking forward to another fabulous summer here at Unity of Fox Valley!

With gratitude and blessings,
Ms. Mary, LUT, CSE
Youth Director
marynowroozi@comcast.net

Music Ministry

SUMMER PRACTICE

During the Summer, the Music Practice will be held on
Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm.

If you have any questions, please contact our Music
Director, Rob Orland: simplesoul60@gmail.com



Office Closed



The Church Office will be closed the following days:

- Wednesday, 7/3
- Thursday, 7/4
- Monday, 7/8
- Monday, 7/15
- Monday, 7/22

Subject to change without notice.

Bhagavad Gita Class

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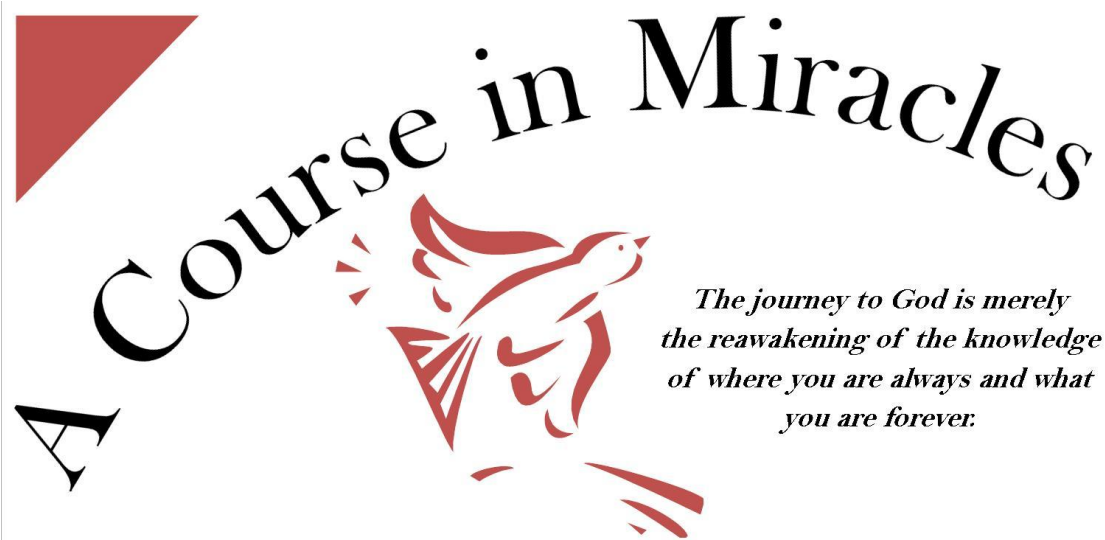
1st & 3rd Sundays, 11:45-1:15pm

Adult Ed Room, July 7th & 21st

The Gita is the essence of the perennial wisdom of the Universe. It maps the stages of the mystical journey of our soul as we travel, each on our individual path to knowing we are all part of the interconnectness and oneness of the Creation. The class is based on the American teacher, Sat Shree's commentary on the Gita.

For more info., please contact Carl or Lucy Klemaier: colonelklay@yahoo.com

A Course In Miracles



Every Thursday, 7:30pm - 9:00pm

There will be NO ACIM on Thursday 7/4

The emphasis for this session will be the Workbook from A Course in Miracles.

Everyone is welcome - you may join in at any time!

The class will be facilitated by Warren Wakerlin: wwakerlin@aol.com

Oil of the Month



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**Sunday, July 14th, 11:45-12:15pm
Conference 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.

In this class, we will explore how commonly used essential oils like lavender and peppermint can repel biting insects and keep you happy outdoors this summer.

For more information, please contact Barbara DuRocher: barbarajdurocher@gmail.com
or Nancy Gouch: nancygouch@att.net

Women's Wisdom Group

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The Sunday, July 21st Meeting is CANCELLED!

Ladies! Join us to inspire, listen, celebrate, and support each other in all our “seasons” of life. We have so much to share with each other, as we all need love and positive encouragement in our daily lives.

Any questions can be directed to Donna Bailey: Baileynova@gmail.com
or Laura Schreiner: LauraSchreiner@hotmail.com

Handle With Prayer



**Wednesdays, July 24th to August 7th
6:30 to 8:30 PM**

There will be a three week class called HANDLE WITH PRAYER. The class will be officiated by Rev. Mike. Unity was founded on prayer, and prayer continues to be the fuel for the Unity movement. The class is intended to provide an overview of the nature of prayer, and its practical usage in everyday life.

All are welcome, so please sign up!

For more information, please contact Rev. Mike: revmike@unityoffoxvalley.org

Vacation Bible School

A Day of

Fun



Unity of Fox Valley Vacation Bible School

Youth Education

Saturday, July 27th, 2019, 10-3pm

Ages: 4 and up ⚙ Cost: FREE!

Any YOU/Uniteen that assists with the younger ones will earn service hours required for upcoming retreats!

Registration forms are available in the Youth Ed area.

Please contact Mary, LUT with any questions:

marynowroozi@comcast.net

Green Team

The **Green Team** will return **Sunday, July 28**, the first of four consecutive events the fourth Sunday of each month through October.

Carl Klemaier of Unity of Fox Valley will present Deep Ecology at **11:45 a.m.** Sunday, July 28 following the 10 a.m. service and food and conversation downstairs.

Deep Ecology is an essence of Green Team activity. We should make it a learning experience.



The Just Food Initiative of the Fox Valley will make a presentation in August. The September event will be a presentation by a member of the Conservation Foundation which covers counties of Kane, DuPage, Will, and Kendall.

We continue to bring contributions of polystyrene to Dart Container in North Aurora. All No. 6 containers, packaging foam and food containers, can be dropped off downstairs in the dining area. Look for the container with the label Styrofoam. No packaging peanuts, please.

See you July 28!

Think Green in 2019!

For more info, please contact Carter Crane: cartercrane@thevoice.us

Healing and Wholeness Service



HEALING AND WHOLENESS SERVICE

There will be no Healing & Wholeness Service in July.

Friday, August 2nd, 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

Prayer Chaplains

What is a Prayer Chaplain?

- A Prayer Chaplain acknowledges and calls on the presence of God
- A Prayer Chaplain lovingly listens
- A Prayer Chaplain prays from the heart
- A Prayer Chaplain holds in confidence what is shared



If you have ever thought about becoming a prayer chaplain, we invite you to embrace this opportunity to enrich your spirituality through service to our members. We welcome both women and men 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, we invite you to contact Bobbi Severson bsever4785@gmail.com or Marie Manella mleduc7@yahoo.com.

Carl Klemaier and Rev. Mike invite any men who might be interested to talk with them to get an idea of what is involved. Their emails are colonelklay@yahoo.com and revmike@unityoffoxvalley.org.

*"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Volunteer Ministry



THANK YOU to our **Hesed House** volunteers for June! Beth and Judy, we really appreciate your continued support of this outreach opportunity.

VOLUNTEER DINNER was a huge success, we had close to 40 volunteers show up! Thank you to the

Board for the wonderful dinner and spoiling us!! Also a big shout out to Kathleen for her fun and lively decorations that always adds ambiance to our celebration!! We are so blessed by our Board and Volunteers for all that they do!!!!

SO. We have three very important volunteer positions to fill. Beth Johnson, after many years of being our **OUTREACH CHAIR** will be stepping down very soon and we need someone to take this on. You can contact me or Beth Johnson for details of this ministry.

This is one of our key ministries for outreach to our community and a way of letting people know about UFV. And a very Heartfelt THANK YOU to Beth for putting your heart and soul into this ministry for these past years!! We have been so blessed by you!!!

AND We do not have a chair for our **MARKETING TEAM** this year!! It is Rev Mike's goal to have this ministry really actively promote our events around the community. If you love meeting people and talking about UFV, this is the place for you!!! Please feel free to contact me at anytime for more details!!!

We have a volunteer table downstairs where we will be highlighting volunteer opportunities coming up. Have you noticed it??? It is right next to the Welcome/CD table. Which brings me to OUR THIRD NEED. We are looking for a **Concierge/Ambassador** to host our guest speakers/musicians that may be putting on an event. Please see the description on the table!! You wouldn't have to do them all, let me know what might appeal to you, chauffeur, dinner host/hostess, tour guide?????

Blessings to all and many, many thanks for all that you do!!!!!!

See you in August, this Volunteer is taking a much needed vacation to the Pacific Northwest!!!

Bobbi Severson

bsever4785@gmail.com

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!

For more information, please contact Barbara DuRocher barbarajdurocher@gmail.com

Women's Retreat - Save the Date



Save the Date!

A Women's Retreat for Unity women and friends...

"Who Have You Come to Be?"

A Mind, Body and Spirit Celebration!

Saturday, September 7, 2019

8:30 am-5:30 pm at Unity of Fox Valley

· Early Bird Rate until August 4th: \$50.00

· After August 4th: \$60.00

Please make checks out to 'Unity of Fox Valley' and write 'Women's Retreat' in the memo.

Please contact Laura Schreiner: lauraschreiner@hotmail.com
or Diane Crompton 630-254-6788 dianelcrompton@gmail.com for more information.

The Butterfly/Hummingbird/12 Powers Garden

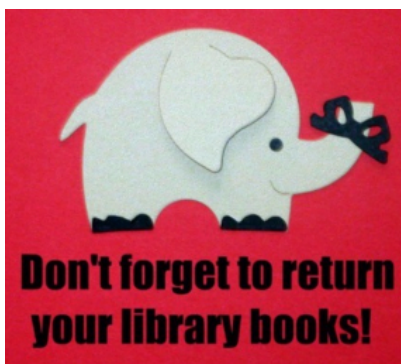


The fenced garden on the lawn by the parking lot has been serving its purpose in providing food for Monarch butterflies, who come for the nectar in the flowers and hopefully lay their eggs, and for hummingbirds, who also visit for the nectar. Besides the 5 varieties of milkweed, several red flowers were planted to attract the hummingbirds. The monarchs and caterpillars are easy to photograph, not so the hummers.

For more info or any questions, please contact Larry Sheaffer
larrysheaffer@sbcglobal.net

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!

Looking Ahead



- 8/2: Healing & Wholeness Service
- 8/4 & 18: Bhagavad Gita Class
- 8/25: Green Team Event

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& help raise money for Unity of Fox Valley!

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Occasionally, we need to restock our supplies. You can help!

Just click on the [here](#) to see what we need!

News from the Church Office

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

I'm not one to normally use my vacation time but this year I'm trying. This year I'm hoping to use them all! Maybe not in one shot, but here and there. We are planning a big trip before Ava leaves for college (we have at least 3 years before that happens) so I better work on my vacation body now? LOL!!

My daughter will be leaving for her Dad soon for the summer and I'm gonna miss my partner in crime. Luckily, she is only gone a few weeks. In this pic, I'm wearing her headband. She took it off me



and placed it back on me the 'right' way so I wouldn't look 'stupid' HA HA HA!! I think it's too late!

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!

Blessings!

[Kathleen Malick](#)

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Connect with us on Social Media by liking our Facebook page! There you will find updates on our events and general news.

<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. **There will be NO class on 7/4**
- [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.
- [Unity Green Team CommUnity Event](#) - 4th Friday or 4th Sunday, January through April and July through October.

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