

June 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,

Being a minister has its interesting moments and much goes on behind the scene that isn't obvious if you are only here on Sunday's. One of the things that fascinates me is the number of mailings, emails, and phone calls from people and companies who want to speak here, or sell their materials here, or want us to promote them and their business.

Well, a few weeks ago I was sent a laminated book mark as an example of items that our church might want to buy. I liked the saying on the book mark and it kept running through my head. The phrase on the bookmark was, "A Father's Influence Lasts Forever." Seeing as how this is June and the month we celebrate Father's Day I thought it was appropriate to ask a few questions. I was blessed with a terrific father and I was thinking about his influence on me, more by his actions than by anything he said.

If I were to describe my dad in just a few words I would say he was - a family man, hardworking, fun, honest, responsible, compassionate, spiritual, wise, intelligent, and grateful. There are other qualities but his sense of responsibility and gratitude and giving back to others are lessons that his children learned and carry on. If your child were to describe you – in 12 words or less, what do you think they would say about you? Honestly? What one or two words would immediately come to their mind? What legacies are you passing on as we celebrate the importance of fathers this month? "A Father's Influence Lasts Forever."

With love from a grateful daughter, 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?

A Path of Paradox

Well, which is it? "Absence makes the heart grow fonder," or "Out of Sight, out of mind?" These two scenarios seemingly are direct opposites of one another. But are they really?

During my career in business I used to travel extensively, taking at least eight trips abroad plus multiple domestic travels every year. During my travels I would miss my family very much, and my heart would grow fonder. Those times when I was unable to move on and get on with the business at hand were the times that were the most difficult. Other times when I was able to get into the life that was immediately before me proved to be some of my best life experiences. In those times was I betraying my loved ones back at home? Of course not!

The truth is that these two scenarios not only are compatible, but they also are complementary. An occasional absence from a loved one should feed the relationship. I was once advised not to water the grass so frequently so that the grass would be forced to grow longer roots in search of water. And that which is out of sight never really can be out of mind. Ideally that which is held deeply always dwells within us and enhances our perspective of what is right in front of us so we can do what needs to be done.

As we travel our spiritual paths, God at times seemingly is absent from what is going on. It is on such occasions that it is easier to dismiss that loving Reality and put it out of mind. It is in those times that our hearts should be growing still fonder of that Reality in our lives. It is in those times that we are called to answer to whatever is in front of us even if it is really painful. It is paradoxical but very spiritual in a given moment for Spirit not to be in the forefront of our awareness, yet always the power fueling our underlying consciousness.

Perhaps another axiom might help: "If you can't be with the one you love, love the one you're with." In so doing you will be with the one you love. More confused? Good!

Rev. Mike

Note from the Board

The Board selected the date of November 3rd for the Dinner/Dance. There was a profit of \$350 from the PosiPalooza Concert. The drywall for the build out will be done in the next couple of days. Discussed the cost of food supplies after Service. Discussed live streaming of Sunday Service with new cameras.



Youth Education for the Younger Crowd

For the month of June, all or our Youth will be exploring the Power of Imagination! The Disciple for this month is Bartholomew, and the color is Light Blue. We will be exploring our inner Divine creative powers not only through crafts, but also through dance, songs

and outside activities, all of which will be related to Bible and inspirational contemporary stories.

Very Important: Our "**Roots and Wings**" Ceremony has been rescheduled for Sunday, June 10th. Many of our youth and teachers will participate in this beautiful, memorable ceremony that will be held upstairs during service. At this sacred time, we will honor and celebrate all the youth and those involved with our Youth Ed program. Those who are "winging-up" to the next group will receive a special certificate that honors their spiritual growth from the previous group, and everyone will receive a lovely rose.

Also, due to the change in our "Roots and Wings" date, our Business Manager Kathleen Malick, rescheduled her "<u>Ice Cream Social</u>" to be held downstairs after our Ceremony on June 10th! We so greatly appreciate Kathleen for her understanding and accommodating her schedule! We love and bless you, Kathleen!

It is that time of year again for our annual <u>Vacation Bible School</u>. This year's theme is "Building our House of Faith" and will be held from Tuesday, 7/31, to Friday, 8/3, from 9:30 am till noon with an exciting and heart-warming performance held during Sunday Service on 8/5 at 10 am. Youth of all ages are encouraged to attend and the program is free! Registration forms are available downstairs in the Youth Ed area or can be available through email by contacting me at <u>marynowroozi@comcast.net</u>. All forms are due no later than Sunday, 7/29!

Many thanks and many blessings, Ms. Mary, LUT

Healing and Wholeness Service



HEALING AND WHOLENESS SERVICE

Please join us on Friday, June 1st, 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

Women's Ministry Meeting



Sunday, June 3rd, 11:45 am, Adult Ed Room

Women's groups are an ancient phenomenon. We've gathered together in villages, towns and tribes throughout the world to support each other and together celebrate childbirth and motherhood, marriage and living solo and later we've learned from the women who have gone before us about the challenges and incredible wisdom and joys of growing older.

If you are a woman 18-120 and interested in participating in a Women's Wisdom Group, we would love to hear from you about what interests you most in coming together with women of all ages to enjoy each other's company, learn together and have fun celebrating together, please join us!

> For more info, please contact Donna Bailey: <u>baileynova@gmail.com</u> or Bobbi Severson: <u>bsever4785@gmail.com</u>

Roots & Wings



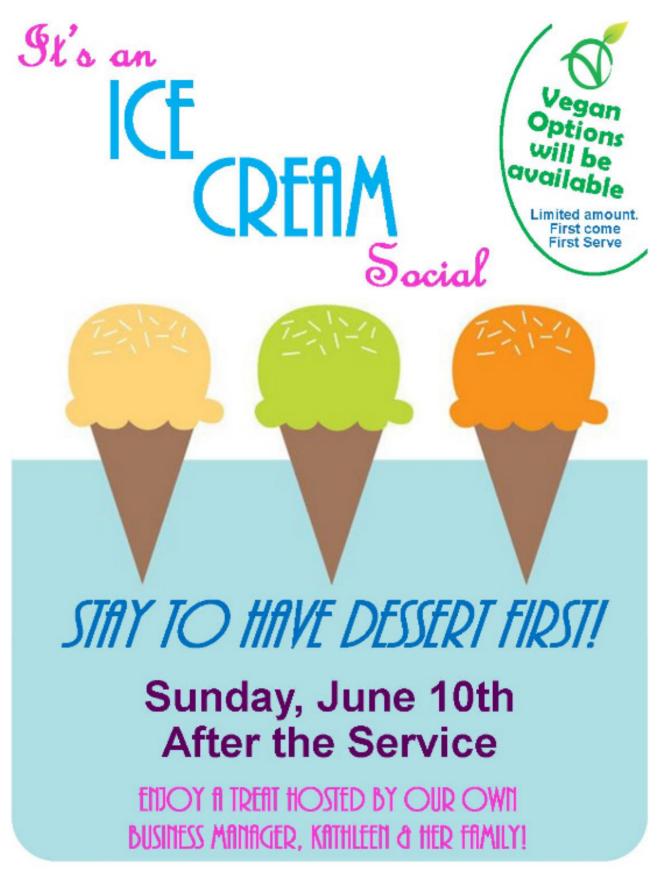
Sunday, June 10th, 10:00am

This will be a sacred, reflective time when we will honor and celebrate all the youth, teachers and aides. The youths who are "winging-up" to the next group will receive a special certificate that honors their spiritual growth from the previous group.

All youth and teachers will be given a beautiful rose after they walk The Twelve Powers Path.

For more info, please contact Mary Nowroozi: <u>marynowroozi@comcast.net</u>

Ice Cream Social



Oil A Day Class



Sunday, June 10th, 11:45-12:15pm

2nd Sunday of the month - 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.

The oil that we will be presenting for the month of June is the blend Valor. This oil helps one have courage and confidence, overcome fear, and feel empowered. It can bring a feeling of peace, calmness and relaxation. It can also be used to balance and align electrical energies within the body, and for some pain relief.

Walks ins are always welcome but signing up will help make sure there are enough materials for everyone. If your schedule frees up at the last minute we still would love to have you.

For more information, please contact Barbara DuRocher <u>barbarajdurocher@gmail.com</u> or Nancy Gouch <u>nancygouch@att.net</u>

Lisa Carpenter's experience with the oil 'Abundance':

I was doing research on Abundance to prepare for the class we were going to hold on Abundance. We were beginning to get our home ready to put on the market and I read that you could even put some drops of Abundance in the paint when you paint your house to bring Abundance into your home. So I started thinking hey I am going to put some in the paint we just bought to get the house ready to sell and set my intention for an Abundance of buyers and interest in my home ...Well the 1st day our house was on the market we received to 2 offers and I know it was the Abundance and the intention along with prayer that was set when I put the Abundance in the paint...My it bring everyone all of the Abundance you desire...

Volunteer Opportunity



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Monday, June 11 & Friday, June 15 10:00am to 1:00pm

6-7 volunteers are needed for each date! 659 South River Street in Aurora

To feed the hungry ...clothe the naked ...shelter the homeless. To give people the chance to hope again.

HESED HOUSE is a not-for-profit coalition of religious ministries serving the very poor in the Fox Valley area.

This is a wonderful way for families to volunteer together.



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

12 Powers+ Class



Wednesdays, June 13th - July 25th

(There will be no class on Wednesday, July 4th)

6:30 to 8:00pm, Adult Ed Room

Facilitated by Rev. Michael Korpan & Marge Orchard LUT

The class is called 12 Powers+ because in addition to teaching the 12 Powers we will be introducing some additional powers that we can exercise.

2 Required Books - Available on Amazon.com:

Don't forget to use our AmazonSmile link! Click here!

- <u>Charles Fillmore's 12 POWERS OF MAN</u>
- <u>Paul Hasselbeck's POWER UP</u> The Church Office can order these books for you for \$25 for both books. Orders & payments needs to be received by Sunday, June 3rd.

This class may be taken for SEE credit. The fee for this is \$45.00.

For more info., please contact Rev. Michael Korpan: <u>revmike@unityoffoxvalley.org</u> or Marge Orchard LUT: <u>margeorchard@gmail.com</u>

Kane County Cougars Baseball Outing



Purchase your tickets at the Sign Up Table. For more info., please contact Rick Dearborn: <u>dearborn_rick@yahoo.com</u>

Bradford Newquist Concert





THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK

CELEBRATING AMERICA'S SINGERS AND SONGWRITERS

SUNDAY, JUNE 24TH, 2PM

BRADFORD NEWQUIST along with his pianist **Bill Underwood**, will take you on a nostalgic musical journey through the world's favorite American music. It is a classic performance featuring composers such as Gershwin, Porter and Rogers and songs sung by vocal legends like Sinatra, Cole, Clooney and Martin. Bradford's delivery of these gems is clean and refreshing, giving a show that is packed with something for everyone.

Be certain that this show will be a hit with your audience as Bradford explores the music, the memories and the magic that makes us love **"The Great American Songbook".**

Purchase your tickets after Sunday Service or click <u>here</u> to purchase your tickets online

Green Team

Repeat emphasis of the <u>Green Team</u> recycling program continues to increase a function of polystyrene (styrofoam) participation in placing the No. 6 food container boxes in the bin adjacent to the Green Team food table downstairs. The bin will take packing blocks, however, no packing peanuts. Container loose lids are not accepted by Dart Container Corp. where he place the polystyrene items.



The Green Team movie, part two, of Earth Days, Sunday, May 27 was a special showing. **The next Green Team event** will be **Sunday**, **July 22**, the fourth Sunday of the month.

We continue to encourage viewing the DVDs available on the Green Team food table. One person signed out for a DVD, however, did not enter a name.

An honest and precise participation policy is best for all of us.

Continue to think Green.

Volunteer Ministry



A big THANK YOU to everyone that helped sell tickets for the Posi Concert!! And to those that brought a few snacks for our musicians. We have unsung heroes that always step up and help out when needed. Concert was a huge success!!

We still need a few people to help with ticket sales for the **Bradford Newquist Concert** on Sundays and at the door. Please let me know if you can help out!! Concert date is Sunday, June 24th, and we are selling tickets now thru the 17th.

A big shout out to Tony, Wanda, Larry, Pam, and Donna Beichel for all of your help with our send off party for Lisa, Julie, and Jacob and for those that brought extra goodies!! And to Kathleen for the awesome poster and decorations!! The table looked fantastic!! Thank you so much!!! **Hesed House** opportunity is coming up again June 11th and 15th. Please sign up if this is something you feel that you can help with.

In case you missed it last month, The <u>Landscape Committee</u> can always use extra hands to keep our grounds beautiful!! We can get you on their e-mail list so that you know the work dates. Or, if the mood strikes you, there are always weeds to be pulled at anytime!!

Calling all ladies!! We want to see if there is an interest in the <u>Women's</u> <u>Wisdom Circle</u> again. We bonded so well the last time we all met. We will have a planning meeting on June 3rd at 11:45. Please stop in for a few minutes, meet our new member, Donna Bailey, who has a desire to lead us once again. Donna has previously been involved in these types of groups and comes with some fresh ideas and enthusiasm.

Many blessings and have a great month!! Bobbi Severson, <u>bsever4785@gmail.com</u>

Prayer Chaplains

Prayer Chaplains are committed to making monthly Caring Calls to all our members. Caring Calls are made to support our members with their prayer needs. If you are a member and have not been receiving a call, please contact the office at 630-879-1115 or <u>churchoffice@unityoffoxvalley.org</u> and a Prayer Chaplain will call you.



Namaste!

Young Living

Did you know that when you purchase Young Living products Unity of Fox Valley benefits in more ways that 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 <u>barbarajdurocher@gmail.com</u>

Vacation Bible School



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

All ages from preschool through high school will have fun "Building Our House of Faith" through role-play, songs, games, and crafts. This program will conclude with a heart-warming presentation during Sunday service on August 5 where the youth will perform a skit and sing songs they learned in VBS.

VBS/Presentation Location: Unity of Fox Valley

Time: Cost:

230 Webster St., Batavia, IL 60510 VBS Dates: Tuesday, July 31 to Friday, August 3 9:30 am to 12:00 pm Presentation Date & Time: Sunday, August 5, during 10 am Service Free

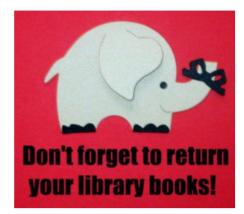
Anyone interested, please contact Mary at marynowroozi@comcast.net to obtain a registration form. All forms are due no later than Sunday, July 29.



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!



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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. What have I been doing?! Come visit my office! Thanks to a new coat of paint, removal of some big furniture and the addition of some new items, my office looks bigger, fresher and hopefully more efficient! **SUPER BIG THANKS to Joey Nelson and my husband Galen** for volunteering MANY hours of painting and moving MANY. MANY items. I'm grateful and humbled by all they gave to make my little piece of home more comfy! I'm honored to donate my mother's wood dining



room table that I inherited. It is perfect here and this will be it's new forever home. Thank you also to Revs Jan & Mike for giving me the paint for the much needed change.

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

Blessings!

Kathleen Malick

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On Going Activities

• <u>A Course in Miracles</u> - 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.

• <u>Alcoholics Anonymous</u> 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.
- <u>Women's Group</u> Stay tuned for upcoming events.
- <u>Unity Green Team CommUnity Event</u> 4th Friday or 4th Sunday, January through April and July through October.

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