

June 2019



## Upcoming Events and Classes at Unity of Fox Valley

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

## Ministerial Musings

### Fantasy Island

In the late 70's and early 80's there was a very successful TV show called Fantasy Island. It ran for seven years and featured actors Ricardo Montalban (Mr. Roarke) and Hervé Villechaize (Tatto).

The basic premise of the show is that people could go to the island, and have almost any fantasy fulfilled. It was kind of like The Law of Attraction but with a central base. There was a common pattern to almost every episode. Just going to the island did not automatically make the fantasy come true. Visitors to the island would encounter challenges that would test their character. Addressing those challenges was an intrinsic part of realizing their fantasies. Of course, the episodes always had a happy ending, usually resulting in the visitors to the island discovering something about life and about themselves in answering those challenges.

These days when we speak of the Law of Attraction, those two components: responding to challenges and learning about ourselves and life, generally do not get mentioned that often. For many the process begins and ends with, "I want my stuff." The Law of Attraction really does work, but there is a bit more involved.

The Universe is very powerful, and really responsive to us. However, at times we forget that prayer often involves doing the work. It's not that doing the work is the price for what

we want. Rather, it is an intensified affirmation or an invested affirmation of what we are trying to attract. If you really would like to win the lottery, at a minimum you may want to buy a lottery ticket. Making an effort to bring about what you are trying to attract will serve to make the universe or Spirit sit up and take greater notice of the seriousness and depth of your passion.

Rev. Mike

[revmike@unityoffoxvalley.org](mailto: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!

Hope everyone had a good Memorial Day. We are working on getting the issues with the sprinkler system fixed and getting estimates for the flooring on the bathrooms upgrades. And in closing, we hope that everyone can attend our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in June.

*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

Spring is here and we have a very busy, exciting one already planned for Youth Ed! We will begin by exploring the Power of Imagination for the month of June! The Disciple for this month is Bartholomew, and the color is **Light Blue** (wear light blue on Sunday, 6/2).

We will be delving into our inner Divine creative powers not only through crafts, but also through dance, songs and outside activities, all related to Bible and inspirational contemporary stories.

The Youth (ages 6 and above) would so appreciate if you would please join them at **Feed My Starving Children** Aurora Location on **Saturday, June 1, from 9 to 11 am.** Feed My Starving Children is a member of the Global Impact's charity alliance where volunteers pack meals for undernourished children to be distributed to over 60 impoverished countries worldwide.

This is an excellent opportunity for our YOU/Uniteens to earn service hours required for future teen retreats! Sign-up is mandatory for all volunteers. You can sign up downstairs or by contacting Mary Nowroozi at [marynowroozi@comcast.net](mailto:marynowroozi@comcast.net). All detailed information will be provided at sign-up.

Our annual "**Roots and Wings**" Ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 9th. 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 walk the Twelve Powers Path and will receive a lovely flower.

Also included on that same day, June 9th, after the ceremony, our Office Manager Kathleen Malick and her family will be offering a yummy “[Ice Cream Social](#)”! We so greatly appreciate Kathleen and her family! We love and bless them all!

It will soon be summer, and for this year, we will be offering A Day of Fun in the Sun [Vacation Bible School](#) on **Saturday, August 3, 2019, from 10 am to 3 pm**. The cost is free! Ages four and up will have fun exploring Biblical stories through role-play, songs, games, and crafts. They will also learn two songs that will be presented to the congregation during the following morning, August 4th, church service. Registration forms are available downstairs in the Youth Area and are due no later than Wednesday, July 31! Last, but not least, any YOU/Uniteen that assist with the younger ones will receive service hours!

Blessings,

Ms. Mary, LUT, CSE

Youth Director

[marynowroozi@comcast.net](mailto:marynowroozi@comcast.net)

## Bhagavad Gita Class



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

**Adult Ed Room, June 2nd & 16th**

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 Luck Klemaier: [colonelklay@yahoo.com](mailto:colonelklay@yahoo.com)

## A Course In Miracles

# A Course in Miracles



*The journey to God is merely  
the reawakening of the knowledge  
of where you are always and what  
you are forever.*

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

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](mailto:wwakerlin@aol.com)

**There will be NO ACIM on Thursday 7/4**

Healing and Wholeness Service



**HEALING AND WHOLENESS  
SERVICE**

**Friday, June 7th, 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](mailto:singingalong77@gmail.com)

**There will be no Healing & Wholeness Service in July.**

**Please join us on Friday, August 2nd.**

## Roots & Wings



**Sunday, June 9th, during the 10:00am Service**

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: [marynowroozi@comcast.net](mailto:marynowroozi@comcast.net)

## Ice Cream Social



It's an  
*Ice Cream*  
Social

*Stay to have  
dessert first!*

**Sunday, June 9th  
After the Service**

**vegan**  
**Vegan  
Options  
will be  
available**  
Limited amount  
First come  
First Serve

The graphic features a pink ice cream cone with a waffle cone base. A yellow banner with a green border wraps around the cone, containing the text 'Ice Cream Social'. The background is split into a white top half and a green bottom half. A circular logo with a leaf icon and the word 'vegan' is positioned on the right side of the green section. Below the logo, text states 'Vegan Options will be available' and 'Limited amount First come First Serve'.

Enjoy a treat hosted by our own  
Business Manager, Kathleen & her family!

Volunteer Opportunity

# Soup Kitchen

## Volunteer Opportunity

Monday, June 10th  
& Friday, June 14th  
11:00am to 1:00pm

659 South River  
Street in Aurora

*6-7 volunteers are needed for each date!*

***This is a wonderful way  
for families to volunteer together.***

*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.



*For more info., please contact Beth Johnson: [bethmjohnson@comcast.net](mailto:bethmjohnson@comcast.net)*

Volunteer Dinner

Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

## Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

**Friday, June 14th, 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, June 9th!***

[churchoffice@unityoffoxvalley.org](mailto:churchoffice@unityoffoxvalley.org)

### 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 [churchoffice@unityoffoxvalley.org](mailto:churchoffice@unityoffoxvalley.org) and a Prayer Chaplain will call you.



Namaste!

## Volunteer Ministry



WE WANT TO APPRECIATE YOU!! If you have volunteered in any way this past year, we want to honor you, so. . . .Don't forget to sign up for the [Volunteer Dinner](#) on **Friday, June 14th**, starting at 6:00pm. We so appreciate all that you do to support our Spiritual home!! We are so blessed!!

[HESED HOUSE](#) OPPORTUNITY!! On **Monday, June 10th and Friday June 14th** starting around 10:30. This is part of our Outreach program and a wonderful way to give back to our community. Unity of Fox Valley commits to helping twice a year. We participated in February, so this is our last commitment for this year. Please see the signup sheet for times and days that you would be available. You do not have to sign up for both days. Ideally 4-6 people each day is preferred. THANK YOU!!!

NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!! **Concierge Ministry!** We are looking for anyone interested in "hosting" our guest speakers or performers. This might entail picking up at the airport, getting them settled in their hotel room, possibly taking them to dinner or a home cooked meal, showing them around town, and just being their contact person during their stay with us. This can be an awesome opportunity and a way to get to know our guests a little better. We will let you know plenty of time in advance in order to prepare for their arrival. If interested please contact me or the office!! Thank you!!!

LANDSCAPE OPPORTUNITY!! As I mentioned last month, Spring is a busy time of the year to spruce up our outside. The [Landscape Team](#) has been busy little beavers already, but could still use some help. Bags of mulch are already strategically placed around the flower beds, waiting to be spread!! Pick an area and have at it!!! Or, the idea was presented that you pick a bed of flowers or an area and maintain that spot throughout the summer. Does that appeal to anyone?? Contact Larry Shaeffer or Cecilia Slade of our Landscape committee and they will assign you your very own garden spot!!

THANK YOU ALWAYS for the generous dedication of your time and talents!!! We are so blessed!! HAPPY JUNE!!!!

Bobbi Severson

[bsever4785@gmail.com](mailto:bsever4785@gmail.com)

## Green Team

The Green Team will resume its monthly events the fourth **Sunday** in July. **July 28** is the date and we will start around 11:45 a.m. after the service and food and community. It is likely we will have a speaker and will continue the following three months the fourth Sunday. through October. Thank you for your participation.



Thank you to Gary Mechanic of Friends of the Fox River for his timely and informative presentation at our April event.

The Green Team was represented at the Saturday, May 11 Friends of the Fox River clean-up in Batavia. More than 60 individuals were involved in the clean-up along the Fox River and along the trails on each side of the River.

The contributions of polystyrene downstairs in the dining area remains steady. Thank you. We take it to Dart to keep it out of the landfills. Perhaps some day there will be little production of polystyrene which is unhealthy and counter-productive. We accept food foam, packing foam, egg cartons, foam drink containers, but, no separate food lids, and no packing peanuts.

We can make a difference.

We are going Green in 2019!

For more info, please contact Carter Crane: [cartercrane@thevoice.us](mailto:cartercrane@thevoice.us)

## 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](mailto: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***

*50.00 per person EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION*

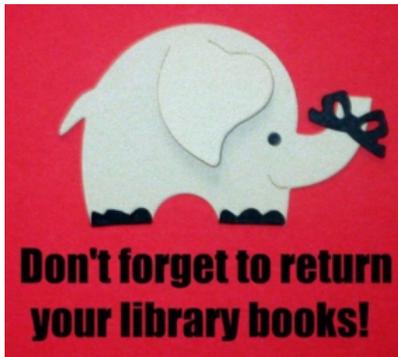
Please make checks out to 'Unity of Fox Valley' and write 'Women's Retreat' in the memo.

Please contact Donna Bailey: [baileynova@gmail.com](mailto:baileynova@gmail.com) or Laura Schreiner:

[lauraschreiner@hotmail.com](mailto:lauraschreiner@hotmail.com) for more information.

## 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



- 7/3-4: Office Closed
- 7/7 & 21: Bhagavad Gita class
- 7/14: Oil of the Month class
- 7/28: Green Team

## AmazonSmile

**Donate items from our Charity List  
Shop Now**

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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>**

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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.*

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My daughter Ava was on the Badminton Team this past year, Each time I attended a game, I brought a different poster to cheer her on. The girls really liked one of the logos I created and asked if they could use it on their Spirit Wear. So I was honored to have my artwork used and now it is on their hoodies and jackets! How cool is that?!



Ava also completed her Freshman year in High School. She was honored to be chosen to be a part of Graduation Band. This band provides all the music during the Senior Comm

encement. Since i have the floor here, let me take advantage of it to brag about my kid. She was chosen for Wind Ensemble next year (the best of the best musicians makes Wind Ensemble).& graduated with top marks on all her classes which happens to all be Honors Classes.

My husband Galen is in another play. He is playing the hotel manager in the comedy ['Suite Surrender'](#). It is in the Gallery Theater in West Chicago. I'm going to see it soon! Come be entertained and maybe I will see you there!

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***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](#)

## Follow us on FACEBOOK!



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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