



**February 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,

I've been in a whimsical mood. So I thought I'd share some of my favorite quotes from famous people. Hope they give you a smile and second thoughts.

We all know light is faster than sound.

That's why certain people appear bright until you hear them speak.

- Albert Einstein

Success is stumbling from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm.

- Winston Churchill

When a thing is funny,

Search if carefully for hidden truth.

- George Bernard Shaw

Your assumptions are your windows to the world.

- Isaac Asimov

To the above quote I would add – Our expectations, also.

Everything that is faced can be changed.  
But nothing can be changed until it is faced.

- James Baldwin

Some thoughts to ponder from minds more brilliant than mine.  
Hope you enjoy my little hobby of collecting interesting quotes. Let me know if you have any that you particularly like.

Wishing you a month filled with joy, love, and abundance,  
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?

## Chicken

Most of us are familiar with the game of “Chicken.” In the classic version two cars would go forth on a head on collision course until one of the drivers would be “chicken” and veer off making the other driver the winner.

As kids we would on occasion play this game on our bikes. At times, we would realize that perhaps this was not the smartest thing to do since we would spill onto the ground and suffer some serious cuts and bruises.

However, there was one boy who took the game to whole new level. His claim to fame was to play “Chicken” with the stationery mailbox on the corner in front of Elsie’s candy store. And making things even crazier, this boy whose name was Leonard but came to be known as “Crash,” never chickened out. I personally witnessed this disaster three times along with the consequences which were two demolished front wheels and one broken collar bone.

As zany as it sounds, perhaps we have done similar things on a metaphysical level. I confess that on more than one occasion I have played “Chicken” riding my ego at full speed right into my Truth. At times I was aware, as Crash must have been, that the results very likely were going to be difficult and unpleasant, if not disastrous.

Our Truth is our Truth, and is more solid and fundamental than any mere mailbox. Those occasions in which we refuse to embrace our Truth in reality is when we are being “Chicken.”

Rev. Mike

## **Town Hall Meeting**



**Sunday, February 18th, after the Service**

Please stay and attend because we want your input!

## **Note from the Board**

The Board reviewed the finances for 2017 and the budget for 2018; approved \$10,300 for constructing Rev. Mike's office, meeting and classroom space in rear of Fellowship Area; approved fund of \$900 for patching and striping of parking lot in the spring; [Volunteer Dinner](#) set for February 9th and [Town Hall Meeting](#) for February 18th; reviewed church mortgage status; discussed plans and activities for 2018; established meeting dates for 2018 through June with next meeting February 12th.

*The Board*

## Youth Education for the Younger Crowd

For the month of February, the youth will be exploring the "Power of Love". The color **Pink** and the disciple John are associated with this Power. All classes will listen and delve into the three following inspirational parables of Jesus that surely reflect this Power of Love:

"The Lost Sheep", "The Ten Coins" and the "The Prodigal Son". The Juniors will create a "Pink" Power Board filled with affirmations and Bible verses that enhance the deeper spiritual meaning of this "lovely" power, and all classes will explore the Children on the Quest "Love" lesson.

We are looking forward to an exciting upcoming Spring in our Youth Program; we are planning another fun Family Movie Night for March as well as we will be leading an Intergenerational Service in April that will most definitely be heartwarming and inspiring.

We are very grateful to all those who signed up at January's Volunteer Fair to be of loving service for our youth, and we thank Bobbi Severson for organizing the Fair with such enthusiasm!

Happy Valentine's Day!

May Valentine's Day and every day throughout the year be filled with much love and many blessings for all!

Ms. Mary, CSE, LUT

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

## Healing and Wholeness Service



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**Please join us on Friday, February 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](mailto:singingalong77@gmail.com)

**Bear Brigade**

# Bear Brigade

**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

## Men's Group



**Tuesday, February 6th & 20th, 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!



## Volunteer Appreciation Dinner



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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.

## Book Sale



### Sunday, February 11th

Please start bringing in your books, tapes, CDs, etc.

Tables will be out for you to sort your own books.

Please place your items in the appropriate category!

### Sundays, February 25th & March 4th, after the Service

Please stop at the Fellowship Hall and take advantage of the Book Sale.

We have a large selection!

For more information, please contact Carl & Lucy Klemmaier: [colonelklay@yahoo.com](mailto:colonelklay@yahoo.com)



## Oil A Day Class



**Sunday, February 11th, 11:45-12:15pm**

**2nd Sunday of the month - Adult Ed Room**

We will be discussing the blend Release which may help facilitate the blocks we have blocking our Abundance.

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...

Please register at the Sign Up Table ~ Love Offering Basis.



**Sunday, March 11 11th, 11:45-12:15pm**

In March we will be hosting Rita Cyncar who has graciously offered to come and do Zyto scans for your personal road map on your oils journey. Typically the cost is \$65 dollars but Rita will be gratefully accepting \$20 a person for this personalized information.

Please reserve your space at the Sign Up Table.

For more information, please contact Lisa Carpenter:

630-632-2105 or [familyof3plus2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:familyof3plus2@sbcglobal.net)

## Game Night



**Please join us on Friday, February 16th, 7:00pm**

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

## Hesed House

*There is a volunteer opportunity  
to be involved in helping*

## **HESED HOUSE SOUP KITCHEN**

To feed the hungry ...clothe the naked ... shelter  
the homeless. To give people the chance to hope again.  
A not-for-profit coalition of religious ministries  
serving the very poor in the Fox Valley area.



Located at 659 South River Street in Aurora.  
On **Mon., February 19th & Fri., February 23rd**,  
Unity of Fox Valley is committed to serve  
in the Soup Kitchen at Hesed House  
from **10:00AM until 1:00PM**.

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

This is a wonderful way for families  
to volunteer together.

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

**Green Team**



The Green Team will hold a February event, **Sunday, Feb. 25** in the church building. The January 28 event was the movie by Al Gore, "An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power".



Future events will include presentations on information relevant to protecting our environment and learning how to be good stewards of Mother Earth, including recycling. Events will be the fourth Sunday through April and July through October.

We will participate in the **Batavia Environmental Commission movie Saturday, March 10**, "Wasted" which is the story of food waste. The vendor fair will be at 6 p.m. and the movie at 7 p.m. at the Batavia City Council chambers on Island Avenue.

The polystyrene (Styrofoam) program has been successful. The bin adjacent to the Green Team food table downstairs has been filled most Sundays. Anyone is welcome to drop in the bin both food containers and packaging foam.

Green Team movies for free viewing with a sign-up sheet are on the Green Team table. Going Green in 2018.

## Volunteer Ministry



I would say that our VOLUNTEER FAIR was a huge success. We had over 90 signups to cover 15 different Ministries. Many people are supporting multiple ministries. I will be getting your names to the Chair Person(s) and they will be contacting you or setting up a group meeting to talk about goals and objectives. Again, thanks to all that signed up, we can't do it without you!!! We are truly blessed and a big THANK YOU to everyone who signed up. If for some reason, you missed our signup Sundays, please don't hesitate to contact me. We will also have brochures available that list the different ministries and a form that you can turn in with your preference.

Don't Forget about the **VOLUNTEER DINNER** on Feb. 9th at 6:30. If you volunteer in any way, we want to appreciate and honor you!!

Thank you to everyone who brought in new furry friends for the **BEAR BRIGADE** that we have filled with lots of love! They will be departing after Feb 4th to bring that energy to their new homes!!!

On Feb. 25th and March 4th we will be hosting our **BOOK SALE**. Please feel free to bring in your used books starting on FEBRUARY 11th!!

We have **HESED HOUSE** opportunities coming up on Feb 19th and the 23rd. Please see the sign up sheets!! We need at least 4 people for eachday. This is such a wonderful outreach ministry that really tugs at your heartstrings!!

Blessings to all!!!

Bobbi Severson, [bsever4785@gmail.com](mailto:bsever4785@gmail.com)

## Prayer Chaplains



# Prayer Chaplain Training

**February 10, 8:00-4:00pm**

**February 13, 6:30-8:30pm**

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,  
we invite you to contact Marge Orchard: (847)-912-4457 [margeorchard@gmail.com](mailto:margeorchard@gmail.com)

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my  
family, you did it to me." - Matthew 25:40

## 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 info, please contact Lisa Carpenter: [familyof3plus2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:familyof3plus2@sbcglobal.net)

## Save The Date



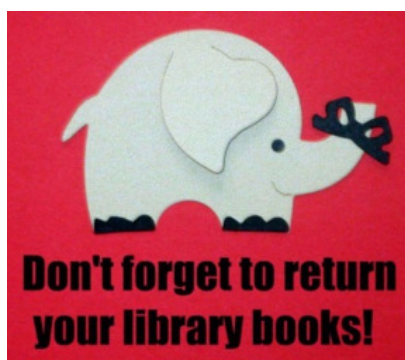
**Saturday, May 5, 7:00pm**

**Daniel Nahmod ~ Megon McDonough ~ Sue Riley**

Stay tuned for more info!

Tickets can be purchased now by clicking [here](#).

## 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!

**<https://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.*

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Ok, what's going with me? I managed to make it through January so YAY there! Celebrated 8 years with the hubby, Galen turned another year older and I'm still having a fun time at work. Next up, is my daughter's birthday. Ava will be 14!

This year I vowed to take all of my vacation days. I took one this past month and we road tripped to the LAST Mr. Donut in the U.S. Godfrey, IL. We made it there 20 minutes before it closed. 11 hours in the car making memories with my family? OH YES! Take your vacation time and have a mini adventure!



*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.
- [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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