



June 2021

Ministerial Musings

The Greatest Story Ever Told

Over the past several weeks thanks to vaccinations and protocols, the pandemic seems to have become much less menacing. In prayer we all hope this trend continues.

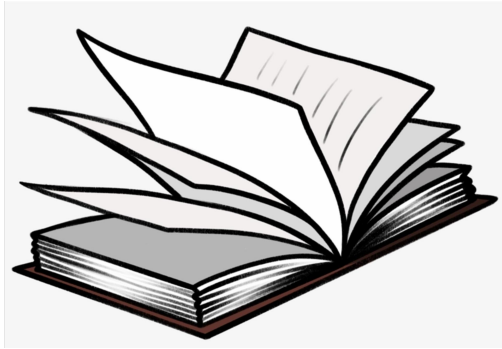
Over the past 15 months a frequent conversation that people shared with one another was to exchange recommendations as to the best movies and series to watch on Netflix, Prime Video, Britbox and so forth. Recently, while watching one of my preferred programs, I realized it was time to disengage from yet another habit. The obvious next question then was, "And do what?"

We all love a good story. I remember as a small boy having two or three storybooks that I read and reread until the covers fell off. One of my all-time favorite memories is when I would read stories to my daughters when they were little. I did this until they actually had come to memorize the texts of a couple of books. I know this because one night when I was really tired, I tried to cheat and turn more than one page at a time. My daughter, Lori, immediately busted me and let me know I had skipped something. I never tried that again.

I certainly do not want to discourage anyone from reading, or from watching TV for that matter. These actually can move beyond being escapism or entertaining. They can be meaningful, fulfilling and a source of growth. When I was young, I actually expanded my vocabulary by reading DC and Marvel comic books.

However, there is one book in particular upon which we all should focus. This is not the Bible despite that it is teeming with some really great stories. The story you should be putting your energy into is the story of you. Each of us is a walking, talking vault of life

experiences. We all have lived through adventures, love lives, comedies and yes, tragedies.



Most significantly, now is not the time to put the Book of You on the shelf and let it collect dust. It may be fun to go back over cherished memories, but the real excitement comes with deciding what will you write next. You get to write a new chapter every week or month. At the very least, you get to write a new page every day. You get to come up with a plot and then test it out with all of the characters in your

life. If it is playing out well, keep it going. If not, you have complete license to change it any way you wish. Just think of yourself as the leading character. And one more thing... Do not worry about the ending. It will write itself and it will be happy if you have been engaged in you, The Greatest Story Ever Told.

Peace,

Rev. Mike

revmike@unityoffoxvalley.org

Youth Education for the Younger Crowd

As we happily move along into the upcoming summer months, we will continue to offer our [youth lessons](#) on Zoom. Through our faculty of faith, we imagine our church opening relatively soon so that our youth and teachers can return to their classrooms in a welcoming, safe environment. Speaking of “imagine”, we will begin the month of June by exploring the **Power of Imagination**. The Disciple for this month is **Bartholomew**, and the color is **Light Blue**. In Unity, it is often said, “To set it right, see it right.” For our youth, we will empower them to “see it (their spiritual journey) right” by uplifting their unlimited, creative potential through the metaphysical exploration of Bible stories and related activities.

June is also the month of graduations, and we are delighted to announce that we have four **Y.O.U. 2021 graduates**: *Aria King, Erika Kothe, Ashton Schulze and Skye Schulze*! In honor of their magnificent achievements, we will commemorate them during our [June 6th 10 am service](#). Please join us as we celebrate these extraordinary young adults as they venture out into the beginning of a new, wonderful journey. Way to go, Aria, Erika, Ashton and Skye! We are so proud of you all!

As we continue to celebrate during this month, please join us for the [Ice Cream Social](#) to be held on **Saturday, June 12, at 11 am** in the church parking lot. Not only delicious cool treats will be served, but there will be plenty of fun games with prizes. Oh yeah, by the way, don't forget to stop by the "Soak the Minister" booth for we're sure Rev. Mike will be delighted that you did!

Speaking of Rev. Mike as our present-day father for our Unity family, we will honor and bless all of the fathers in our lives on Sunday, June 20. **Happy Father's Day** to all you dads, grandpas, and uncles out there! We surely love you and bless you all!

Again, congratulations to our Y.O.U graduates!

Ms. Mary, LUT, CSE



Online Raffle



A new raffle starts every Wednesday!

We invite you to participate in our Unity of Fox Valley FUNdraiser. You can do so simply by going to our [website](#) and clicking on the DONATION BUTTON at the bottom of the website. What makes it FUN is that an easy donation of \$5 automatically enters you into our weekly raffle. Each multiple of \$5 that you donate multiplies the number of times your name is entered. For example, a \$25 donation enters your name five times. Also, each week UFV will share your contribution with a selected charity.

Please contact Dawn Staszak for more information or if you have questions regarding this event: dawn_311@yahoo.com

Please click [here](#) to take you to the FUNdrasing website.

Online Coffee & Tea with Myrtle & Me



Every Thursday, 10:00 am, on the Church Lawn

Please come and join us! Bring with you a lawn chair, your drink of choice, a sweet treat perhaps, questions, ideas, curiosity, imagination and a friend or, you may just come to hang out for a bit. We hope to see you! All are welcome.

If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Mike: revmike@unityoffoxvalley.org

Please click [here](#) to take you to the Coffee & Tea with Myrtle & Me website.

Online A Course In Miracles



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

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

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

Just look for the weekly email with the login information sent out every Tuesday evening.

Please contact Warren Wakerlin with any questions & to request the login information: wwakerlin@aol.com

Please click [here](#) to take you to the ACIM website.

Online Healing & Wholeness Service



**HEALING AND WHOLENESS
SERVICE**

Friday, June 4th, 7:00 pm, Online

1st Friday of every month at 7pm. We all can use some healing as the events in our world give testimony recently. The service features prayer and music to realign ourselves with the healing power of Spirit that resides within us and surrounds us.

Just look for the email with the login information that will be sent out the Wednesday prior.

**Please contact Rev. Mike to request the login
information: revmike@unityoffoxvalley.org**

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

Please click [here](#) to take you to the Healing & Wholeness website.

Online Sunday Services



Every Sunday, 10:00 am, Online

Attend our Online Sunday Service from the comfort of your own home!

An email with the login information will be sent Thursday and Saturday morning prior to the Service.

**Please contact Rev. Mike with any questions & to request the login
information: revmike@unityoffoxvalley.org**

Please click [here](#) to take you to the Sunday Service website.

Online Sunday School

--ONLINE-- SUNDAY SCHOOL



Every Sunday, 11:30am, Online

We are encouraging youth of all ages - Children's Church, Juniors, Uniteens and Y.O.U. (Youth of Unity) - to join us for an hour of spiritual connection through prayer, story, meditation, and singing! ***Parents are welcome to join in on the fun, too!***

Please contact Mary Nowroozi with any questions & to request the login information: marynowroozi@comcast.net

Please click [here](#) to take you to the Youth Ministry website.

Online Bhagavad Gita Class



1st & 3rd Sundays, 1:30 pm, Online

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.

Please contact Carl or Lucy Klemaier with any questions & to request the login information: colonelklay@yahoo.com

Please click [here](#) to take you to the Bhagavad Gita Class website.

Ice Cream Social



Saturday, June 12th, 11 - 12:30 pm

Come join us in the church parking lot for a morning of delicious ice cream, uplifting music, fun games and more! We will be handing out individually wrapped [ice cream sandwiches](#) and [Bomb Pops](#) till supplies last (please register!).

In order to ensure a safe experience for all, we will comply with state requirements of wearing masks and social distancing even if vaccinated.

To attend, Registration is a MUST!

Please contact the church office **no later than Tuesday, June 1 by noon** with how many people will be attending: churchoffice@unityoffoxvalley.org

We are looking forward to a fabulous, fun family experience for all!

Please feel free to invite your neighbors, friends & family!

Please click [here](#) to take you to the Ice Cream Social website.

How to Live Unity

HOW TO

**Live, Grow, Share, Discover,
Pray, Be and Speak**



**Wednesdays, June 23rd - August 18th
(No class 8/11), 6:30-8:30 PM, Online**

Come join us on the Zoom platform for an 8-week journey exploring the many spiritual, uplifting basic aspects of the Unity philosophy. This program is presented in straightforward terms that can enrich Unity Truth seekers of all levels.

Required books:

- [How to Speak Unity](#) by Temple Hayes. Available on Amazon.com

We would so appreciate if you please use the AmazonSmile link below to buy your book. AmazonSmile will donate at no cost to you a percentage of the book purchase to Unity of Fox Valley. Thank you! You may find that link [here](#).

- **Workbook How to Speak Unity**

- Please send a check made out to 'Unity of Fox Valley' for **\$4**. Please write in the Memo 'Workbook How to Speak Unity'.

You may pick up this workbook at the church:

- Please contact Kathleen in the Church Office to coordinate a time during Office Hours.
- You may contact Wanda Faye or Mary to schedule a pick up time.

You can have it sent to you:

- **Please add an additional \$2.** Please contact Kathleen in the church office to request it to be sent: churchoffice@unityoffoxvalley.org

The classes will be facilitated by Wanda Faye Holmes, Unity ministerial candidate, and Mary Nowroozi, LUT, CSE. ~ Love Offerings will be greatly appreciated

To register, please contact Wanda Faye at geminiangoddess2000@yahoo.com or Mary at marynowroozi@comcast.net

Please click [here](#) to take you the class website.

Cleaning Crew



Saturday, June 26th, 10 am till Finished

We are in need of volunteers to help clean the upper level of the church and Sanctuary in anticipation of possibly opening in July.

We will wipe down all surfaces including all stair railings, clean the upstairs bathrooms, vacuum floors and chairs, and arrange the Sanctuary chairs in an acceptable manner to conform to CDC guidelines for social distancing. All cleaning supplies will be provided.

We will only be concentrating on the upper level at this time. Many hands make light work, so please consider helping with this project. Please contact Bobbi Severson, Bsever4785@gmail.com, if you are able to help a few hours.

Prayer Chaplain Ministry

June is about to start “bustin’ out all over!” Students are excited that “school’s out for summer” and graduation celebrations are being held this year. We all are *imagining* a return to a summertime more like pre-2020 years! Using our creative power of *Imagination*, we are beginning to *conceptualize and envision* a new normal starting with a summer filled with familiar warm weather activities - concerts, festivals, baseball games, water parks, golfing and just enjoying gathering with friends and loved ones.



The Unity Booklet, “The Comfort of Prayer,” has a poem written by Frank B. Whitney titled *Beginning Again*. The last stanza reads:

**Begin again? Another chance?
Can I even make an advance?
“You can begin again.”
Begin at once by taking heart
And knowing God - of you he’s part!
New life to you (God) will impart!
“You can begin again!”**

Are you ready to bust out of all you’ve been through the past 15 months and begin again? We invite you to use your inherent gift of imagination, knowing that “in God all things are possible,” to bring into your life all you need to begin again!

Your Prayer Chaplains, Eliza Sutherland, Wanda Faye Holmes, Carl Klemaier, Maria Cosentino, Mary Nowroozi, Denise Hage, Bobbi Severson and Marie Manella, are committed to making periodic Caring Calls to all our members. We make these calls to support you, our spiritual family, with your prayer needs. When we pray with you, we hold everything said in confidence, placing your requests in the sacred space of limitless possibilities of God’s love; that place we often are unable to see for ourselves. If you have not been receiving prayer calls and want to start now, please contact the church office at 630-879-1115 or churchoffice@unityoffoxvalley.org and a Prayer Chaplain will be in touch.

As we continue on in 2021 using our creative powers to shape our life, we encourage you to keep on taking good care of yourselves; wear your masks, if appropriate, in public spaces, practice physical distancing, and call on us if you need prayer support in between our calls. We also want to remind you Prayer Chaplains are available for private prayer on Zoom after Service each Sunday...

Blessings and hugs,
Bobbi and Marie

The Prayer of Protection

Written by James Dillet Freeman

The Light of God surrounds you.
The Love of God enfolds you.
The power of God protects you.
The Presence of God watches over you.

The Mind of God guides you.
The Life of God flows through you.
The Laws of God direct you.
The Peace of God abides within you.

The Joy of God uplifts you.
The Strength of God renews you.
The Beauty of God inspires you.
Wherever you are, God is!
And all is well. Amen.

A prayer by Ernest Holmes of Centers for Spiritual Living, offered by Wanda Faye Holmes

“When you become confused, stop and listen to your inner calm. Turn from the confusion to that deeper something within, and say:

I am submerged in peace.
I am surrounded in peace.
I am immersed in peace.
There is nothing but peace.
Peace-deep, calm, undisturbed.”

Volunteer Ministry

AGAIN A BIG THANK YOU to everyone that helped with the **Book and Plant Sale** in early May!! It was a great success!! We received a little over \$600 in donations. One of our biggest Book sales so far!! I think Kathleen's plants really helped and were a great addition to this event. Sometimes timing is everything, we did it in conjunction with the Batavia City Wide garage sale and joined their advertising campaign. We were so blessed by everyone that helped and by everyone that stopped by and bought a plant or a book!!



JUNE brings about more church activities and MORE volunteer opportunities!! The biggest event coming up is of course is our [Ice Cream Social](#). It is going to look a little different this year as we have added fun activities, such as SOAK THE MINISTER, TATTOO STATION, AND SPIN THE WHEEL. AND MUSIC, WE CAN'T FORGET THE MUSIC!!! HOSTED BY OUR OWN TERRY WOHL!! SO. . . . we still need a few more volunteers. We need someone to be the Station Lead for Soak the Minister!! Anyone want to step up and have some fun with this station??? Don't be shy, this is your time to shine

minister!! A few more volunteers to help set up and cleanup would also be appreciated. Contact Bobbi at bsever4785@gmail.com if you can assist in any of these activities!!! Your skills will be much appreciated!! **MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR JUNE 12TH 11:00 - 12:30!!**

COMING TOGETHER AGAIN??? We are getting closer to physically coming together again for our services. In order to do this, we need a [Cleaning Crew](#) to help get us ready. We will have a cleaning day on **June 26th, starting at 10:00 until finished!!** Contact Bobbi Severson. bsever4785@gmail.com if you can help spruce us up. All that is needed is your elbows (as in grease, get it, or is that just a saying my Mother used to use??). Thanks much for considering to help us ready the church. (UPSTAIRS ONLY AT THIS TIME).

I think that just about does it for another month!! As always, we appreciate you and all that you do for our beautiful church community!!!

Blessings and stay well & safe!!!

Bobbi Severson

bsever4785@gmail.com

Just Ask Ministry



***Ask and you shall receive.
People Prospering People!***

Do you need something? Do you have something to offer? Let us know!
churchoffice@unityoffoxvalley.org

CURRENT OFFERINGS:

- 5 cup rice cooker

CURRENT REQUESTS:

- I would like someone periodically help us with technical support for our PC computer.
- 15 baby jars with lids and 15 Junior jars with lid.

Please click [here](#) to follow up with any of the above or for more info.

Food Initiative

Dear UFV Family & Friends,



We have established a UNITY OF FOX VALLEY FOOD INITIATIVE. This is to assist those who may be facing difficulties due to the current coronavirus situation. The program is

being administered by a very small committee to try to main the privacy and anonymity of those in need. If you and your family are in need, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Blessings,

The [UFV Food Initiative](#) Committee

Rick McKay, Chair

Please click [here](#) to take you to the Food Initiative website.

RECIPIENTS: If you or your family is in need of assistance, please contact the church at churchoffice@unityoffoxvalley.com, and you will receive further information regarding the program. All of your communications will remain confidential.

DONORS: If you would like to participate as a donor, you may send a check to the church designating that it is to be applied to the UFV Food Initiative. We also will continue to collect non-perishable can goods in the bin at the parking lot door if this is the most comfortable way for you to participate.

Daily Word



The latest edition of the Daily Word has arrived and it is ready to be sent to you!

If you would like one:

1. Please email Kathleen and let her know if you would like the regular print or large print and your mailing address churchoffice@unityoffoxvalley.org
2. Once you get your email acknowledgement back from Kathleen, please send in \$6. Please make your check out to 'Unity of Fox Valley'. Please also write in the memo section of your check 'Daily Word'. We ask that it be a separate payment from your donations.
3. It will then be sent off to you!

There are limited copies of large and regular print. First come first serve.

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 with Kathleen in the Church Office by the 10th of each month!

For more info. or any questions, please contact Kathleen:

churchoffice@unityoffoxvalley.org

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Tithes & Offerings



***We'd so appreciate it if you please remember Unity of Fox Valley
financially at this time.***

Please click [here](#) or copy and paste the following link in your browser:

<https://www.paypal.com/biz/fund?id=44UC5B8W64KBQ>

- **Please DO NOT use this link to purchase Raffle Entries!** Click [here](#) for the raffle.
- You may contribute any amount and you do not need to have a PayPal account to contribute but you do need an email address.
- **Paypal does take a fee from your donation.** If you would like to be sure your entire donation is given to the church, feel free to mail in your donation: Unity of Fox Valley, 230

Webster Street, Batavia, IL 60510.

- ***If your donation is for a specific event, please be sure to write that in the Memo area of your check.***

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.



The [Landscaping Committee](#) had a call for volunteers and I asked to install a Cut Flower Garden in between the Butterfly Garden beds. I'm so thankful my request was approved! My husband Galen and I had a ballet among the bees trying to get the bed installed (if they would just leave us alone, they would see we are really trying to benefit them! HA HA HA!). Many bags of soil & MOO-nure were mixed in and with some luck and love, we should have a summer show of Dahlias, Gladiolas & Asiatic Lilies.

The [Landscaping Committee](#) still needs volunteers to help upkeep the property. If you are interested in lending a hand, please contact Landscaping Committee Chair, Larry Shaeffer: nshmn2@gmail.com or Volunteer Coordinator, Bobbi Severson: bsever4785@gmail.com

I'm physically in the office on Mondays & Tuesdays (subject to change w/o notice) and working from home on Wednesdays & Thursdays. If you need me, please email me: churchoffice@unityoffoxvalley.org

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!***

[Kathleen Malick](#)

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

On Going Activities

Please contact each group for more info. regarding their meetings. Click on any of the events below to bring you to their individual web pages.

- [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. Please contact AA for more info regarding their meetings.
- [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. Please contact OA for more info regarding their meetings.
- [Unity Green Team CommUnity Event](#) - 4th Friday or 4th Sunday, January through April and July through October.

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