



June 2022

Ministerial Musings

Solstice Time



This month we welcome the summer solstice. Every year I look forward to this with delight and great anticipation. While I always try to be upbeat, the smiles seem to come easier when the days are longer.

I do not know how many may share my summer disposition, but I am sure Mother Nature does. We bless the dormancy of winter in the knowing that spring and summer will reveal the glory and the rebirth of life on a grand scale. Everything is green. Flowers are in bloom and decorate our world. So far I have been thrilled to see woodpeckers, orioles, cardinals, blue jays and finches all outside my bedroom window thanks to the multiple bird feeders my neighbors put out.

There is a metaphysics to the seasons. I believe that the outburst of summer should reflect an inner outburst of awareness. We are not separate or apart from nature. It is not a time for us to put on our pajamas by 6:00 PM. Summer is the time to soak in the life in which we are immersed. Summer is the ideal time to birth all of the joy and love that has been seeded in us. If it is not happening, you may have to “force bloom” the splendor of life within. That it is there, there is no doubt; every breath you take is living testimony of your inner creation waiting to be made manifest. Every flower is unique, gorgeous and beautiful; you are no exception.

But wait, you ask, “What about the sweltering hot days with high humidity that are lurking?” Personally, I thrive in them, but I realize for others they are torture. That is okay. There are plants that do better in the shade, and many of God’s creatures choose

to take a siesta in the middle of the afternoon. After all, "It's summertime and the living is easy."

As for me, I will be going into my music library and pulling out my summer favorites. There are way too many to list, but my two favorites are *Summer* by War and *In the Summertime* by Mungo Jerry (Shaggy also does this one of you feel like boogying.). 'Tis the season to be blooming, Fa-la-la-la-la, La-la-la la!

Rev Mike

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Youth Education for the Younger Crowd

As we all well know, spring is here with exceptionally warm, sunny days; birds chirping joyously; and blossoms galore! To honor in the delight of spring, we will explore the Power of *Imagination!* **The Disciple for this month is *Bartholomew*, and the color is **Light Blue**.** We will be seeking our inner imaginative powers in bringing forth our God-given creative potential through crafts, stories, songs, and outside activities such as group games and meditative walks.

Speaking of "walks", our youth will be walking up the aisle during the **10 am service on *Sunday, June 5***, in a ceremonial fashion to celebrate their **Roots and Wings Service**. This event is a very sacred time when we honor in appreciation all the youth and teachers for their spiritual endeavors. Everyone will walk the "Twelve Powers Path" and will receive a flower. Those who have "winged-up" to the next age group (for example, from Children's Church to Juniors) will receive a special certificate recognizing their spiritual growth as they continue forward on their spiritual journey.



After the ceremony, we will celebrate with a yummy **Ice Cream Social** and with a fun opportunity for all youth to participate in our first-time ever **"Skate in the Lot"**. Now, that we have a beautiful, newly-paved parking lot, we'd like

to give it a try! Our church insurance company approved that we designate a safe area on the lot with the provision that parents sign a waiver and be present while their youth are skating (roller blades, roller skates, Heelys, scooters, skateboards). Safety is our major concern, so helmets are a must for all those participating! We affirm that this event will be uplifting for everyone!



Lastly, on **Sunday, June 19th** we will honor and bless all the “fathers” in our lives: dads, step-dads, dads-to-be, grandpas, uncles, teachers, ministers, mothers who serve in dual parenting roles, and the list goes on and on...

We truly love and bless you all!



Thank you all with many blessings,

Ms. Mary, L.U.T, C.S.E.

marynowroozi@comcast.net

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.

Sunday School



Every Sunday, 10:00 am, In Person & Online

Dear UFV Family & Friends,

Come and join us as we explore wherever God and Spirit may lead us. Our coming together is an affirmation to answer that call collectively.

Part of our responsibility in answering that call is a mindfulness of the world around us, and doing what we can to insure the safety and well-being of all who join in our Sunday worship.

We also remind everyone to adhere to the [Covid Protocols](#) that have been set in place. Your understanding and cooperation will contribute to being able to continue to meet in person.

Subscribe to our
You Tube Channel

If you cannot attend the service in person, you still can be a part of it by tuning in to our YouTube channel. All you have to do is click [here](#).

Whether you opt to join us in person or online, we look forward to having you with us.

Peace,
Rev. Mike

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

Sunday Services



Every Sunday, 10:00 am

We are welcoming youth of all age groups to join us for an hour of uplifting spiritual connection through prayer, story, meditation, songs, game, and craft:

Nursery (3 months to age 2)

Children's Church (ages 3 to 6 – preschool to 1st grade)

Juniors (ages 7 to 10 – 2nd to 5th grade)

Uniteens (ages 11 to 13 – 6th to 8th grade)

Y.O.U. (ages 14 to 18 – 9th to 12th grade)

Parents are welcome to join in on the fun, too!

Any questions/concerns, please contact

Mary Nowroozi: marynowroozi@comcast.net

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

Roots & Wings/Ice Cream Social/Skate in the Lot



“Celebrate Good Times”

Sunday, June 5th, 10:00 am

This is a very sacred time when we honor all the youth and teachers for their spiritual endeavors. Everyone will walk the "Twelve Powers Path" and will receive a flower. Those who have "winged-up" to the next age group will receive a special certificate in recognition of their continual spiritual journey.

After the ceremony, we will celebrate with a yummy [Ice Cream Social](#) that will include dairy and non-dairy treats!



Also, the youth will have an exciting opportunity to participate in our first-time ever [“Skate in the Lot”](#). A safe area will be designated in the parking lot. Parents will need to sign a waiver and be present while their youth(s) are skating (roller blades, roller skates, Heelys, scooters, skateboards). Safety is our major concern, so the youths must wear a helmet!

We are looking forward to this memorable fun event!

For more info, please contact Mary Nowroozi: marynowroozi@comcast.net

Please click [here](#) to take you to the Roots & Wings website.

Volunteer Opportunity - Hesed House



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Mondays, June 6th & June 20th
10:00am to 1:00pm



**659 South River Street
in Aurora**

***3-5 volunteers
are needed
for each date!***

Volunteers will assist with preparing and serving lunch, assisting with laundry, and general cleaning. Special projects can also be done at this time such as lawn care, gift wrapping, moving furniture, and more. **All volunteers must have at least 2 shots of the COVID-19 vaccine and be masked while on-site.**

***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 Kathleen: churchoffice@unityoffoxvalley.org

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

Healing & Wholeness Service



HEALING AND WHOLENESS SERVICE

Friday, June 10th, 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.

SECOND Friday of every month!

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

This Service will not be [Live Streamed](#).

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

Prayer Chaplain Ministry

*"June is bustin' out all over!
All over the meadow and the hill,
Buds're bustin' outa bushes,
And the rompin' river pushes
Every little wheel that wheels beside a mill.*



*The feelin' is gettin' so intense
That the young Virginia creepers
Hev been huggin' the bejeepers*



Outa all the mornin'-glories on the fence.

Because it's June!

June - June - June

Fresh and alive and gay and young.

June is a love song, sweetly sung..."

Summer seems a magical season - graduations, weddings, vacations; a season for fulfillment of hopes, dreams and plans made during the long months of late fall and wintertime. One website I googled says, "(the word) 'Summer' came from the Old English name for the season "sumor", which in turn came from the Proto-Germanic *sumur-, which itself came from the Proto-Indo-European root *sam-, ... (which) seems to be a variant of ... *sem- meaning "together / one". (Aren't you glad you asked!)



These lyrics from Rodgers & Hammerstein's musical, *Carousel*, express the exuberance I feel when I'm outside enjoying the warming days as we move into the *summer* season!

In Unity we learn that we can live in the "summer season" all year, all life, long - through our spiritual practice of ***prayer and meditation!***

Speaking of prayer...

If you have considered becoming a prayer chaplain, we will be offering our **Prayer Chaplain Ministry Training in October 10/14 & 15, and November, 11/18 & 19** - one Friday evening and Saturday each month. 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. The classes needed to meet these requirements are "in the works" and will be announced soon.

If you are interested in becoming a part of our Prayer Chaplain Ministry or have any questions, we invite you to contact Bobbi Severson (630) 632-2368

bsever4785@gmail.com or Marie Manella (630) 803-1630 mleduc7@yahoo.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

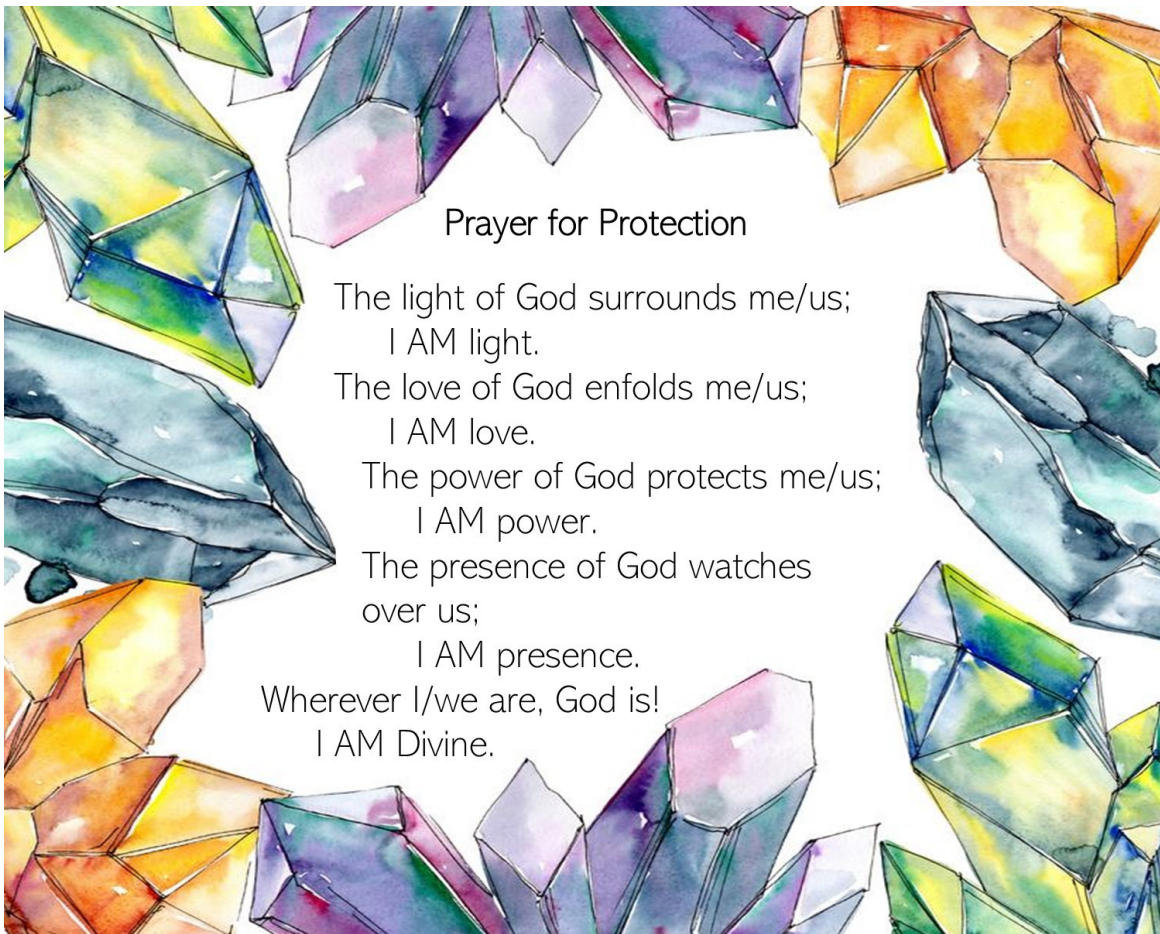


Your Prayer Chaplains, Wanda Faye Holmes, Maria Cosentino, Mary Nowroozi, Denise Hage, Bobbi Severson and Marie Manella, are committed to making periodic Caring Calls to support you, our spiritual family, with your prayer needs. When we pray with you, we hold everything said in confidence, placing your requests in the sacred space of limitless possibilities in 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 send an email to churchoffice@unityoffoxvalley.org and a PC will be in touch.

Blessings and hugs,
Marie and Bobbi

**"I and the Father (God) are one!
In this summer season, and in all the seasons of my life,
we are Together / One - and All is Well!"**



Prayer for Protection

The light of God surrounds me/us;
I AM light.

The love of God enfolds me/us;
I AM love.

The power of God protects me/us;
I AM power.

The presence of God watches
over us;
I AM presence.

Wherever I/we are, God is!
I AM Divine.

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

*Please reach out to the contact person
directly. The church will not be managing
any transactions.*

CURRENT OFFERINGS:

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CURRENT REQUESTS:

- Pressure CANNER:

churchoffice@unityoffoxvalley.org 3/30/22

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

Garage Sale



Garage Sale 2022

May 6th and 7th proved to be another successful fundraising endeavor! Thank you to all who donated so many sellable items including our very own fairy godmother, Marge Orchard, who personally delivered donations from Unity of Rockford. Marge is an example to us all. Our participation in the annual Batavia Community Garage Sale showed where our church is physically located and that we are a vital part of Batavia, as well as the surrounding communities. So far, we raised \$2132.96. There are donated items being sold on ebay that are valued above garage sale prices such as collectable Barbie Dolls, Precious Moments, and an American Girl doll.

This was Unity's first attempt at such a large sale and the volunteers assured it ran without a hitch. They also offered solicited comments and suggestions for future community sales. Great ideas everyone!

A special thank you to our special volunteers. Thank you for your time, effort, patience, humor, and sincere dedication to Unity.

Bob Anthony

Donna Biechel

Sami Fletcher

Wanda Faye Holmes

Jennifer King

Mickey Koziol

Kathleen Malick

Rose Maxson

Deb McQuaid

Joey Nelson

Lynette Newman

Pam O'Brien

Louise Meyer

Dave and Sue Rolison

Marie Manella

Larry Schaffer

Michael Mays

Blessings and Peace,

Sharon and Bobbi

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

AmazonSmile



Support Unity of Fox Valley with your Amazon Purchase!

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Unity of Fox Valley every time you shop, at no cost to you. Just click on the link below and make a purchase!

AmazonSmile will donate a percentage of the purchase price of eligible products to Unity of Fox Valley.

Please click on the following link to start shopping & help raise money for Unity of Fox Valley!

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2889899>

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Shop Now

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

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

or, copy and paste this link:

https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/l/5I9LM5FXITZG/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl

Tithes & Offerings



Nothing is possible without your commitment and generous financial support. Thank you so very much!

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

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

- 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.



Galen & I bought a new house! It's my dream coming true. My Forever Home!

- 1.5 acres
- Includes a 30x75 foot 2 level barn
- 2nd kitchen
- French doors to the living room
- Hardwood floors throughout

This home isn't close. It is far which brings my commute to over an hour one way. This has

been in the works since February and have been working towards the closing date since.

In other news, my daughter looked STUNNING at her prom, and (by the time this newsletter is published) she just graduated High School. Just a week prior, she had a wonderful Senior Art Show where she came in first in her medium.



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](#)

If you click on my photo or my name above, it will take you to my Instagram page for more photos of my life. (FYI - This is my personal IG account. Although it is quite tame, please know that I do not censor it for anyone.)

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

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.
- [**Unity Green Team CommUnity Event**](#) - Events to be determined

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