

June 2025

## Ministerial Musings

### BUNKER HILL DAY



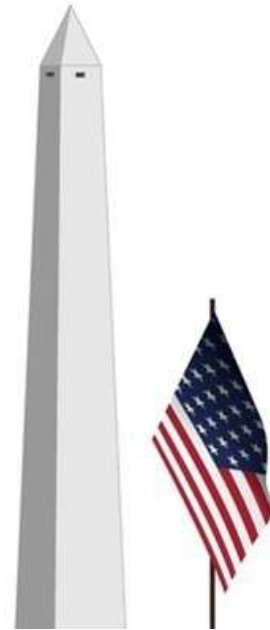
There are so many holidays celebrated in June that it is difficult to pick one. The one that really caught my eye was Bunker Hill Day. Many times, in my life I have heard the expression, "Bunker Hill," but I never knew the full story.

It is a holiday that is celebrated principally in Massachusetts. The battle took place in 1775 during the revolutionary war. Colonial military captured Boston and learned that the British planned to take over Bunker Hill strategically located on the Charleston Peninsula. American troops built a small fort and fortified the areas around the peninsula.

On June 17, the British learned that American troops had taken over the hill and decided to attack that day. The British army unit had over 2200 soldiers and outnumbered American troops by over two to one. Colonial troops were ordered not to fire until the British soldiers were only just a few yards away. It was a successful strategy that forced the British troops to retreat.

A second attack was launched and again the British troops were unsuccessful. However, on the third attempt the Americans were low on ammunition and were outnumbered, and they were routed in hand-to-hand combat. The Americans were forced to retreat to Cambridge, and the British took the hill.

After reading the historical account, I thought it was weird that the people of Massachusetts every year celebrated what ultimately was a losing endeavor. After giving it some thought, I concluded that while colonists indeed had lost the battle, the battle helped pave the way to winning the war. By showing up as they did, colonial soldiers put a large dent in the British army and created a consciousness of, "Hey, we can win this thing." In so doing, surely the British army must have come to realize the resilience and determination of the colonial army, and a knowing that winning the war was not a given.



There is a Spiritual aspect to this story. God never promised that things we are called to do would be easy. Surely, it was not easy for Noah to build an ark especially since it was likely that he did not have a clue what a cubit was. Plus, how long must he have had to search to find a male and female mosquito?

Ultimately, resilience and resolution come to us through the realization of who and what we are coupled with an understanding and commitment to our purpose. This is not an easy place to get to both in our minds and hearts, particularly when the circumstances and adversaries try to convince us we have no chance. The lesson for us is that outcomes and consequences are secondary to consciousness and Spiritual growth.

These days we all face challenging times. Eventually they all become personal, and the battles that ensue always are between our fears and our very being, aka our Spiritual integrity. Sometimes discretion may be the better part of valor and there is wisdom in knowing when to pick your battles. That all is well and good providing they do not become convenient strategies that choke off living and loving.

Surely the colonists who fought at Bunker Hill did not think that battle alone would determine the outcome of the war. But they must have understood that if they did not fight the battle, their purpose and the war already were lost. Sometimes you just have to "Bunker" down.

Rev Mike

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## Notes from the Board

- At our May meeting after the usual report review and approvals, we continued to address expenses over income.
- Around \$5000 will be the cost of stage one to repair/replace sprinkler system.
- We are trying a fundraiser which involves purchasing a dinner rather than asking for just donations. The Drive Thru BBQ fundraiser is well under way.
  - Kathleen Malick and Susan Korpan with the Marketing Team have done a superb job supporting the effort with advertising, social media, flyers, and a

card about Unity and thanking the “customers” all in a reusable Unity bag with the ordered food.

- We will be organizing social adventures meeting for three of Batavia summer concerts.
  - August 29 night Cougar game and fireworks will be another social event offered.
  - CPR/First Aid class will be scheduled awaiting more responses of those interested in best times to participate.
  - Those interested in going to the Lizzardo museum will also be contacted for a time to go when the most could attend.
  - Abbey farm fall event will also be offered again.
- A special thanks to all those who have volunteered their time to help with the fundraiser; this is the kind of event, if successful, would likely grow in profit each year.

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

## Youth Education for a Younger Crowd

It's that time of year again for our **Roots and Wings** Ceremony, which will be held during Sunday Service on June 1. This special event will invite us to recognize the heartfelt devotion of our youth and their teachers on their spiritual journeys. Each youth and teacher will walk along the symbolic “Twelve Powers Path” and will receive a flower as a gesture of love and recognition. Those advancing to the next age group will be honored with a commemorative certificate, marking their continual spiritual growth and dedication.



Following the ceremony, we'll enjoy an **Ice Cream Social** offering a variety of delicious treats – both dairy and non-dairy will be available. Adding to the excitement, our youth and any adventurous parent are invited to take part in the “**Skate in the Lot**” event. A secured section of the parking lot will be set up for skating fun – roller blades, scooters, skateboards, Heelys, and even small tricycles! For everyone's safety, we're encouraging both the youth and parents to wear a helmet.

Lastly, we'll be venturing out during our class on June 22 for our annual **Batavia Creamery Outing**. It's approximately a three-block walk. We'll invite not only the youth, but their parent(s) as well to enjoy a refreshing cool treat!

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### A prayer for Father's Day:

Divine Spirit,

We give thanks for the fathers and all those who lovingly take on fatherly roles in our lives. On this Father's Day and always, we honor not only dads, but also grandfathers, uncles, brothers, and mentors, and cherished friends who offer support, encouragement and steadfast care. We bless them with patience, strength, clarity, ease, and grace as they nurture and guide the next generation.

May they be uplifted by the joy of their calling, knowing your loving presence is within them each step of the way. For those who hold the memory of a father in their hearts today, we surround them with comfort, peace, and the warmth of your love. As we lift up all who embody the spirit of fatherhood, we trust in your unwavering grace and wisdom flowing through them.

With deep gratitude, we say amen and amen.

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Blessings,  
Ms. Mary, LUT, CSE  
[marynowroozi@comcast.net](mailto:marynowroozi@comcast.net)



## Prayer Chaplain Ministry



It seems I say this for every new month, but it's hard to believe June is already here! As summer officially begins, we'll have opportunities to celebrate it with graduations, weddings, vacations, outdoor concerts, fun festivals, picnics and so on. So, in the midst of all that's happening in our world, I invite us to welcome summer and *cherish* the many joys our lives will bring us these coming months! Quoting Mary Oliver, "Keep room in your heart for the unimaginable!"

In Maria Shriver's *Sunday Paper* this morning Maria, in Rome (after accepting an *unimaginable*, unexpected invitation) to attend Pope Leo's inauguration, wrote about her dinner with Cardinal Mario Grech from Malta. He shared with Maria and the other guests "what the conclave was like." He said that after a Pope is elected, "a cardinal stands before him and asks him if he wants to accept the job - a job that will change ... his life." Cardinal Grech went on to say, in effect, that being a Pope is not a job. "It must be a calling..."

On May 25th, the last Sunday of meteorological spring, we had our 2025 Prayer Chaplain Dedication during the service. At the dawn of a new season, we welcomed a new chaplain - Luna Ninò - to our Ministry, and spoke our commitment to being a Prayer

Chaplain for the coming year. Altho a Prayer Chaplain's "job" does not have the "enormity and complexity of the job" of being a Pope, it is a *calling* and one that we must "say yes to every day thereafter" that we choose to serve...

**Here I am, Lord. 'It is' I, Lord!  
I have heard you *calling* 'in my life.'  
I will go, Lord, 'as' you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

Your Prayer Chaplains - Wanda Faye Holmes, Denise Hage, Pam Skaar, Luna Ninò, Mary Nowroozi, Bobbi Severson and Marie Manella - are committed to making periodic Caring Calls to support you, our spiritual family, with your prayer needs. There is at least one prayer chaplain available after service each Sunday, too. 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](mailto:churchoffice@unityoffoxvalley.org) and a PC will be in touch.

***May you have a joyous June!!!***

Blessings,  
Marie and Bobbi

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A special note to all who receive Prayer Chaplain Monthly Caring Calls - When Luna has completed her "apprenticeship" and is ready to make calls on her own, we will need to re-assign congregants. Bobbi, myself, and your current chaplain will let you know, via email and/or phone call, when that time comes. We appreciate your understanding, patience and flexibility.

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### **Maria Shriver's Prayer of the Week**

Dear God, help us stay humble and open to the call of the unimaginable 'that calls to us in our lives.' Guide our hearts to unity, our words to healing, and our steps toward peace. Amen

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### **The sacred prayers used by the Unity Prayer Ministry this June.**

Inner Peace - My thoughts are anchored in divine peace.

Wisdom - The discerning power of divine wisdom is my inner resource.



Faith - In faith I am free.

Prosperity - Freely I give, and graciously I receive.

World Order Holding my thoughts in order, I serve the world.

## Roots & Wings



### **“Celebrate Good Times” Sunday, June 1st, 10am**

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 annual **"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](mailto:marynowroozi@comcast.net)

Please contact Mary Nowroozi with any questions:  
[marynowroozi@comcast.net](mailto:marynowroozi@comcast.net)

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

## Name Tag Sunday

**NAME TAG  
SUNDAY!**



### 1st Sunday of the Month

Before the Service, please stop  
& write up your name tag!

## Online Sunday Bulletin

Our Sunday Bulletins are available online!

Just click on the link [here](#) and scroll down to  
the Online Bulletin section.

The bulletin will be updated on Thursdays,  
& all content is subject to change without notice.



## Soup Sunday



**Please sign up for Sunday, June 1st**

Contact Bob Anthony with any questions: [banthony103@comcast.net](mailto:banthony103@comcast.net)

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

## ONLINE Men's Group



## **1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7pm, ONLINE**

This group explores spirituality and religion in diverse and exciting ways.  
Newcomers are ALWAYS welcome!

**Please contact the Church Office with any questions & to request the login  
information: [churchoffice@unityoffoxvalley.org](mailto:churchoffice@unityoffoxvalley.org)**

**If you have trouble accessing the meeting, please contact Zoom:  
<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us>**

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We are asking you to use your 1st & last names for your Zoom account. Please  
click [here](#) for instructions.

If you want to invite a friend/guest, please let the Church Office know ASAP so they  
know to admit them into the Zoom meeting.

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Please click [here](#) for the Men's Group website.

**Coffee & Tea  
with Myrtle & Me**

**ONLINE A Course in  
Miracles**





**Every Thursday, 10:30 am**

Dear UFV Family & Friends,

Please come and join us! Bring 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!

Peace,  
Mike

Please click [here](#) to for the Coffee & Tea w/Myrtle & Me website

**Sunday Service**



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

Dear UFV Family & Friends,



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

The emphasis for this session will be the Workbook from A Course in Miracles. The Course invites us to retrain our minds so that we can experience more peace in this world.

***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](mailto:wwakerlin@aol.com)**

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

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.



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 School



**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, Youth Director:**

**[marynowroozi@comcast.net](mailto:marynowroozi@comcast.net) or Dawn Staszak, Teen Youth Director:**

**[dawn\\_311@yahoo.com](mailto:dawn_311@yahoo.com)**

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

## Aurora Pride Parade



**Sunday, June 8th, Noon-2pm**

***Unity of Fox Valley is marching this year!***

Celebrate love, equality, and diversity at the 6th annual Aurora Pride Parade!

Expect a day filled with colorful floats, incredible performances, and an amazing sense of community. Aurora Pride, founded in 2019, is a 501c3 organization whose mission is to promote LGBTQ+ acceptance and community in Aurora, IL.

Pride parades, which are part of LGBTQ+ Pride Month, are held to celebrate the social and self-acceptance, achievements, and legal rights of the LGBTQ+ community, while also serving as a reminder of the ongoing need for equality and justice.

If you want to march with us, please contact  
Dawn Staszak: [Dawn\\_311@yahoo.com](mailto:Dawn_311@yahoo.com)

Unity of Fox Valley, 230 Webster Street, Batavia [unityoffoxvalley.org](http://unityoffoxvalley.org)  
Find more information and parade route here: [www.aurorapride.org](http://www.aurorapride.org)



If you want to march with us, please contact Dawn  
Staszak: [Dawn\\_311@yahoo.com](mailto:Dawn_311@yahoo.com)

Please click [here](#) for the UFV Aurora Pride Parade page.

**Women's Group**

**No Meeting this month!**

**Join us at the Pride Parade!**



“We are a heart-based circle of women committed to empower, explore, and expand our spirituality both socially and in service to others. We do so in consciousness, while affirming Divine Presence inherent within ourselves.”

**Any questions? Please contact Bobbi Severson, [bsever4785@gmail.com](mailto:bsever4785@gmail.com)**

Please click [here](#) for the Women's Group website.

## Healing & Wholeness Service



## HEALING AND WHOLENESS SERVICE

**Friday, June 11th, 7pm**

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](mailto:singingalong77@gmail.com)

Please click [here](#) for the Healing & Wholeness website.

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

## Game Night



***3rd Saturday of the month,  
7:00pm, Dining Room***

**Let's have some fun together!**

We have Rummikub, Quirkle, Oh Hell, Scrabble, &, of course, Dominos. 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 Joey Nelson:  
[tyloredurden@aol.com](mailto:tyloredurden@aol.com)**

**Saturday, June 21st, 7pm**

**Joey Nelson [tyloredurden@aol.com](mailto:tyloredurden@aol.com)**

Please click [here](#) for the Game Night website.



## Volunteer Ministry



### SHOUT OUT!!

Thank you to Mickey Koziol and her wonderful team of volunteers for all of your hard work and effort to make the BBQ Fundraiser such a success!! We couldn't have done it without that team work!!

Taco Sunday was fun and yummy! Thank you, Wanda Faye, for organizing and for everyone that brought their favorite Mexican dish and pastries to share. And for the cleanup crew!!

Deb McQuaid did an excellent presentation for the Women's Group entitled "May the Force be with you! We had great conversation and sharing on the comparison between the Star War Trilogies, characters and sayings to that of Unity teachings. Thank you Deb for leading that discussion.

Thanks to all of our volunteers who show up always and in all ways! We are blessed beyond measure.

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### EXCITING HAPPENINGS!!

**COME MARCH WITH US!!** We are participating in the Aurora Pride Parade on June 8th! Dawn Staszak graciously stepped up to organize this event. Please contact Dawn to let her know if you will join us so that she will have an idea of how many of us there will be or if you need more information. Many churches and organizations participate in this event to show support for the LGBTQ+ community. This will be our first March and hopefully not our last!

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### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!!

**REPEAT REQUEST.** . . I keep asking and hopefully it will resonate with someone looking for a way they can be of service. We really need Greeters!! No prior experience necessary, training available, only one Sunday a month (if we could get enough volunteers), great way to meet people, & benefits unmeasurable. Please contact Bobbi with questions and more information. [bsever4785@gmail.com](mailto:bsever4785@gmail.com).

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### IN CLOSING...

And in then infamous words of Porky Pig. . . *That's That's all folks!!*

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

## Housekeeping

### NEW HOUSEKEEPING SCHEDULE!

***Fridays, 11-2pm***

The cleaning crew will have priority  
of the church during this time.



## Lawn Mowing



### NEW LAWN MOWING SCHEDULE!

***Tuesdays, 8am***

The lawn crew will have priority  
of the church grounds during this time.

## Just Ask Ministry



### Ask and you shall receive!

Do you need something?  
Do you have something to offer? Let us know!  
[churchoffice@unityoffoxvalley.org](mailto:churchoffice@unityoffoxvalley.org)

**Please reach out to the contact person directly.**  
***The church will not be managing any transactions.***  
(unless the item is offered by the church)

**CURRENT OFFERINGS:**

**CURRENT REQUESTS:**

- A small desk for the small landing just inside the parking lot at Unity. We will have a welcome area for new visitors. Contact [RMKoziol@aol.com](mailto:RMKoziol@aol.com) 4/21/25

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

## 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.

*In the next weeks Sue will be bring samples of fragrances for anyone to test that heal and clean among others.*

**For more info or questions on the products, please contact Sue Rolison:  
[sue.rolison@comcast.net](mailto:sue.rolison@comcast.net)**

**Do you need us to order anything? Place your order with Kathleen in the Church Office by the 12th of each month: [churchoffice@unityoffoxvalley.org](mailto:churchoffice@unityoffoxvalley.org)**

## Amazon Lists

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

**charity lists**  
amazon smile

**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://a.co/6W4z8xs>**

## Tithes & Offerings



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

Please click [here](https://www.paypal.com/biz/fund?id=44UC5B8W64KBQ) 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 doing of our Business Manager, Kathleen Malick.*

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I can't tell you how proud I am of my husband, Galen. On top of his corporate cog job, he also acts as one of his many hobbies. He just completed another beautiful performance! I'm thankful for the people in the congregation that have taken a chance and took a drive to see him in his many plays. He is amazing and once you see him, you will agree.

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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!**

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.)



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