

September 2025

Ministerial Musings



This month's topic may sound a bit nonsensical, but it was inspired by a memory I have. My mother was obsessed with moving around the furniture in our apartment. At least every other month we would return home to find major pieces including appliances situated in a different part of a room or even in a different room. I have no idea if she was inspired by boredom or creativity. Regardless, it provided fodder for the entire family to poke fun at mom.

One day my mother completely rearranged the furniture in my parents' bedroom. In the middle of the night, my dad got up to go to the bathroom. It was a cold night and given that we had one space heater to warm the entire apartment, I personally can attest that our apartment was much colder than chilly. Coming out of the bathroom my dad wanted to get under the covers as soon as possible. Forgetting that mom had moved things around, he took a half-running lunge to where the bed used to be. Poor dad ended up on the floor in the corner with a small lump on his head and was spewing forth a sequence of expletives that cannot be shared here.

Moving furniture around is not a simple task. Things like dressers, beds, sofas, TVs, washing machines, tables and chairs – none of which were on wheels – are pretty substantial. The kitchen stove was safe only because it was hooked up to a gas line. My mother was pretty sturdy. (If only she could have afforded a pair of roller skates, she might have been a roller derby queen.) Still, sturdy or not, much of the furniture she dragged across the rooms weighed quite a bit.

I think the whole phenomenon of moving furniture around is analogous to our Spiritual journeys. Since all that we think and do is somehow connected to our Spiritual journeys,

this is not much of a reach. Springing from an inner knowing that our most significant foundations can become stagnant, we have urges to seek out newness. This applies both to form and substance as the two are interdependent. Any real change of heart always results in an outward manifestation of some sort. Without showing up differently in the visible realm, we are only thinking about how nice it might be to move the furniture. Consistency and status quo only have value when they entertain new possibilities.

Moving heavy pieces of furniture around comes with some serious resistance. There is the concerted effort required, but even more to be considered is the push-back from others. These “others” often like things the way they were are not hesitant to be critical. It can be more tiring than the physical work of moving things.

We all are children of the Universe, and the Universe is all about motion. Our beautiful planet does a full revolution every twenty-four hours and a full orbit every 365 days. In this month of September, we will move from summer to fall as we celebrate an equinox. You may argue that all of this sounds pretty repetitive and routine. But the lesson here is that it is stability based upon ever-constant movement. Over the course of months, some furniture in our apartment occasionally ended up occupying a space where it once had been before, but change was still blatant.

I invite you to “move things around” this month. Brush your teeth with the other hand. Drink from a glass using your non-dominant hand. Be daring and wear your favorite sweater or some other article of clothing inside out. Read a newspaper article out loud. Perhaps the Spiritual value may not be evident, but you will have fun with it. In fact, you will have a blast just thinking of new things to do every day. And having fun definitely is Spiritually rooted and fed.

As sidebar to this article, I noted that September 7th is National Lazy Mom’s Day. You gotta love the irony. Way to go mom!

Rev Mike
revmike@unityoffoxvalley.org



Notes from the Board

At the August Board meeting we approved the July minutes and Treasurer's Reports.

Fundraisers will be necessary to insure the future of our home at Unity of Fox Valley. As well as continual expenses over income, due to an aging building, we have sprinkler repairs, probably electrical update, and insurance increases.

We will have another drive thru BBQ Fundraiser and a general Fundraiser, "Investing In Our Future" to raise \$15,000. We need all to help with the Drive Thru Fundraiser: volunteer to help and sell or give tickets as gifts. Invest in our Future here during our general fundraiser. We brainstormed other fundraising ideas and decided to focus on two. We can only maintain our home here if we do it together. If you know anyone new to the area or who might benefit from attending...give them a card with information or ask them.

Rev. Mike and Mickey will attend the Batavia Councilors' Collaboration meeting in September bringing cards (created by our Marketing committee for people moving into the area) with Unity information to pass along to clients who might find a home at Unity of Fox Valley.

Activities...Summer concert attendance was low and next year instead of multiple concerts; one concert will be an event. 19 People have signed up for CPR/First Aid class in August. Lizzardo Museum may be scheduled on a Sunday afternoon after Service and food; Judy will contact Mary to discuss this being also a family event. Abbey Farms is on the Fall agenda as is possible Halloween party and Spring Event at Unity of Fox Valley.

Discussions continue about renting space; charging for additional expenses and a possibility of looking into sharing space.

As The Board continues to get to know each other better, this months question asked something we could all take a look at: "If you knew that in one year you would die suddenly, would you change anything about the way you are living now? Why?"

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

Youth Education for a Younger Crowd

In September, our younger youth will explore the **Power of Order**, symbolized by the color dark **Green** and represented by the disciple *James*, son of Alphaeus. Together, we will discover how Divine Order helps bring balance and harmony into our lives. In addition to our classroom lessons, the children will also explore the Power of Order outdoors through nature walks, experiencing how God's orderly patterns are reflected in creation.



Our teens are hosting a **Bake and Art Sale** to help support their upcoming October Fall Retreat. Please join us after the 10 am service on **Sunday, September 21st**, for a delicious selection of homemade bake goods and one-of-a-kind artwork created by our talented teens.

This is a wonderful opportunity to treat yourself and show your support for our youth as they prepare for a weekend of spiritual growth, connection, and fun. Your generous love offerings will help make this retreat an enriching experience for them. Thank you for supporting our teens.

On *Sunday, October 12*, our youth will be presenting their Intergenerational Service, **Where You'll Go, I Will Go**, during the 10 am Service. The youth will lead portions of the service and present a heartfelt play based on the timeless Bible story of Ruth and Naomi. Through this story of love, loyalty, and faith, the youth will share powerful lessons about friendship, trust, and God's guidance in our lives. We encourage the youth to attend practices on *Sundays, September 21 and 28, and October 5*. We will have a dress rehearsal on *Saturday, October 11, at 9 am*. Any questions or concerns, please contact me at marynowroozi@comcast.net We are looking forward to this uplifting memorable performance.



With gratitude and blessings,
Ms. Mary, LUT, CSE
marynowroozi@comcast.net

Please click [here](#) for the Youth Ministry website.

Prayer Chaplain Ministry



The relief from July's sultry weather didn't extend very long into August, and as I write this, it seems the start of September will follow a similar pattern. Hopefully we'll have a pleasant *summery* day for our picnic on the 7th! My hope is the hot, humid pattern has ended as we officially move into fall.

Order is our *Power* for the month! Who in Unity hasn't heard the phrase, *Divine Order!* Order seems a good power for September, as we shift from summer's "lazy, hazy days" to the more organized consciousness of fall, turning our thoughts to new beginnings - school, work/hobby projects, fall excursions, and the fast approaching holiday season.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1

The following poem is from the booklet, "Music of the Soul: Treasured Poems from Unity." This is the first of 47 poems which span "nearly 100 years of Unity publications" - *Daily Word, Unity Magazine, and Wee Wisdom...* - and transcend time with their poignant messages for people of all faiths and all generations."

Begin Your Good by R. H. Grenville

"God sends the thread for a web begun,"
The words of an ancient proverb run.
So whatever it is you hope to win,
Create, or accomplish, or be - begin!

The fruitful harvest for which you pray
Is locked in the seed that you sow today;
The joyous journey you long to make
Begins with the first firm step you take.
So lift your eyes to your special star
And step out boldly from where you are,
Beginning the task that you long to do -
And God will help you to see it through.

As this new season begins and you "begin *your* good," I invite you to contemplate, and maybe even adopt, the words that Rev. Mike used a few weeks ago to begin our traditional pray-in before service:

"Prayer is the doorway..."

If you feel in need of more support during these times, we invite you to reach out to your Prayer Chaplains - Denise Hage, Wanda Faye Holmes, Marie Manella, Luna Ninò, Bobbi Severson and Pam Skaar.

We make periodic Caring Calls to support you, our spiritual family, with your prayer needs. And 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 and Bobbi or Marie will be in touch.

Praying for a spectacular and serene September!!!

Blessings,
Marie, author
Bobbi, editor

Please join us in the UFV Sanctuary on Thursday, September 11th, at 10:00AM as we celebrate the 32nd Annual **World Day of Prayer**! This year's theme is "Be Still & Know." The affirmation, "In the stillness, I awaken to divine wisdom," helps each of us to apply it to our lives.

The sacred prayers used by the Unity Prayer Ministry this September.

Inner Peace - I express as peace in every circumstance of my life.

Order - I relax knowing all is in right (divine) order.

Release - Joy-filled, I release that which no longer supports my highest good.

Prosperity - I experience prosperity in every area of my life.

World Harmony - I give of my love to a world that works in harmony.

Please click [here](#) for the Prayer Chaplain website.

Office Closed

Monday, September 1st
& the 29th. The Church Office will be closed. Enjoy the day off!

Subject to change without notice.

Please click [here](#) for the church calendar.



ONLINE Men's Group



**1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7pm, ONLINE
September 2nd & 16th**

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**

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

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.

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

Safe Space

**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 Safe Space website

Name Tag Sunday

**NAME TAG
SUNDAY!**



Sunday Service & Annual Picnic



**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

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

1st Sunday of the Month

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

EVERYONE is invited!

For the whole family!

Sunday Service & Church Picnic

**Sunday, September 7th
10am: Service 11am: Picnic**

*Bring a dish to share!
Bring a friend!*

Fabyan Forest Preserve - West
This is just North of Fabyan Parkway
on Route 31. At the shelter.
Look for Unity of Fox Valley signs.

For more info., please contact Bobbi Severson: bsever4785@gmail.com



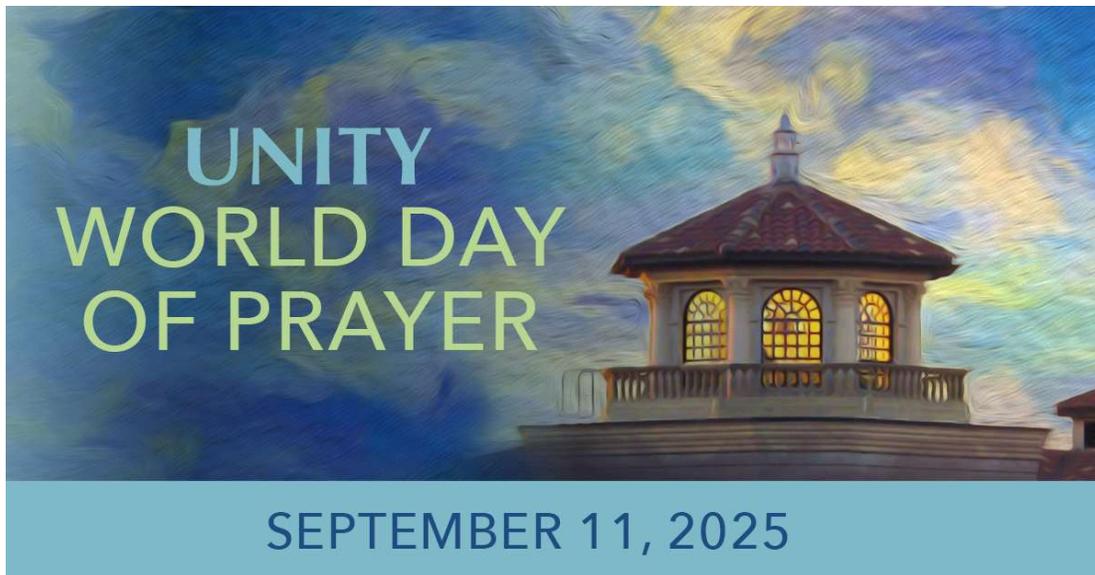
We will need volunteers to help set up and clean up. If you are willing to help, please contact Bobbi ASAP and find out what needs to be done.

For more info., please contact
Bobbi Severson:
bsever4785@gmail.com

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



World Day of Prayer



Unity celebrates the 32nd Annual World Day of Prayer

UWM Opening Ceremony

Wednesday, September 10th, online

Please click [here](#) to register on the Unity Worldwide Ministry website.

UFV Prayer Chaplains

Thursday, September 11th, 10 am, UFV Sanctuary

[Safe Space](#) will be held at 11am this day.

This year's theme is "Be Still & Know"

The affirmation helps each of us apply it to our lives:

"In the stillness, I awaken to divine wisdom."

Please contact Bobbi Severson (bsever4785@gmail.com) or Marie Manella (mleduc7@yahoo.com) with any questions.

Please click [here](#) to take you the World Day of Prayer website.

World Day of Prayer Prayer Requests

During World Day of Prayer, you and your loved ones will be reverently held in prayer in our 24-hour prayer vigil.

There are three ways to turn in your Prayer Requests:

- Submit your Prayer Request straight to Unity Worldwide Ministries. Just click [here](#)!
- Write your Prayer Request on the blue *paper* by the Prayer Box & place it in the Prayer Box. The church office will send it on September 8th, 11am to the Village.
- Email your Prayer Request to the Church Office **by September 8th, 10am** & we will get it to the Village: churchoffice@unityoffoxvalley.org

Healing & Wholeness Service



HEALING AND WHOLENESS SERVICE

Friday, September 12th, 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

This Service will not be Live Streamed.

Please click here for the Healing & Wholeness website.

Women's Retreat

Unity of Fox Valley Women's Retreat 2025



Saturday, September 13th, 8 to 5pm[^]

NAZARETH SPIRITUALITY CENTER

717 North Batavia Avenue, Batavia, IL 60510

Register after
Sunday Service
in August **BEFORE**
SEPTEMBER 1st!

Join us for a day full of music, camaraderie,
fun, play, and tools to let loose!



- Discover more about each other.
 - Experience what it's like to let go.
 - Build courage muscles
 - Sleep enhancement
 - Yoga & meditation
- \$60 Cash or Check^{*}**
- Cash or Checks only
 - Make Checks to 'Unity of Fox Valley'
Memo: 'Women's Retreat'
 - Scholarships are available!
 - Optional: + \$50 overnight
& private room⁺

[^] Later if you want to stay

^{*} Limited Scholarships available

⁺ 1st come, first served-limited #

Contact Mickey Koziol with any questions or to register: RMKoziol@aol.com

Please click here for more information about the Nazareth Spirituality Center.

Contact Mickey Koziol with any questions or to register: RMKoziol@aol.com

Please click here for the Women's Retreat website.

Sunday Service



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.

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](#) for the Sunday Service website.

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.



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 or Dawn Staszak, Teen Youth Director:

dawn_311@yahoo.com

Please click [here](#) for the Youth Ministry website.

Fundraiser



2025 Fundraiser

Our expenses are more than our income

Significant Insurance Increase

Very Costly Sprinkler Repair

Inflation (utilities...)

Building Updates Needed

Unity of Fox Valley needs YOU!!

Goal \$15,000

Help move our home out of the red, into the Black!

There are several ways you can donate:

Cash or Check:

- Envelopes are provided for your convenience right outside the Conference Room.
- Cash – Please write your name on the envelope if you would like your donation to show on your Contribution Statement.
- Checks – Please write 'Investing in Our Future' in the Memo section of your check.
- You may deposit this right outside the Conference Room or mail it in (address is below-we do not recommend sending in cash).

Credit or Debit Card:

- Just click [here](#).
- 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.
 - Please write 'Investing in Our Future' in the Memo section of your check.

Please contact Mickey Koziol with any questions: RMKoziol@aol.com

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

Fall Equinox & Pet Blessing Celebration

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20
11 AM**

FALL EQUINOX AND PET BLESSING CELEBRATION

We will honor the harmony of nature and the special bond we share with our cherished animal companions. If the weather doesn't cooperate, it will take place indoors in our fellowship area. Together, we will offer our gratitude and blessings through uplifting music and reflective prayer, honoring the unconditional love our pets bring to our lives and the beauty of the changing seasons.



We look forward to sharing this sacred ceremony with you, celebrating the gratitude and interconnection of all life.

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



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Please click [here](#) for the Fall Equinox & Pet Blessing website.

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**

Saturday, September 20th, 7pm

Joey Nelson tyloredurden@aol.com

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

Bake and Art Sale



Bake & Art Sale

Sunday, September 21st

The Uniteens/Y.O.U. will be sponsoring a combined Bake/Art Sale after the Service to help contribute toward assisting them in participating in their upcoming Unity Teen Regional Fall Retreat to be held in Elkhorn, Wisconsin the weekend of October 24-26.

They will be offering a delicious array of treats, including brownies, cookies, and cupcakes, as well as their own artistic creations.

Contributions are purely on a love offering basis.

Stop by after the Service!
Your loving support is greatly appreciated.



For more information, please contact Dawn Staszak: dawn_311@yahoo.com

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Please click [here](#) for the Bake & Art Sale website.

Soup Sunday



**THE FIRST SUNDAY
OF EVERY MONTH**

**IT'S GONNA BE
DELICIOUS!!**

**SIGN UP TO BRING
YOUR YUMMY SOUP
TO SHARE!**

**CONTACT BOB ANTHONY
WITH ANY QUESTIONS:
BANTHONY103@COMCAST.NET**



Please sign up for Sunday, October 5th
No Soup Sunday in September due to the Annual Picnic!

Contact Bob Anthony with any questions: banthony103@comcast.net

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

Volunteer Ministry



Coming to you from the great PNW as I wind down my vacation. So, this will be a "Reader's Digest" version.

SEPT 7th is the **Annual Picnic**, and I am grateful for all that have stepped up to help in whatever way they can! So come, enjoy, eat and stay to chat and relax! Don't feel like you need to rush off!

SEPT 11th is UFV'S **World Day of Prayer Service**, join us, as we gather to send loving, healing, prayerful energy to the World.

SEPT 12th Join us for our Monthly **Healing & Wholeness Service** we are so blessed by our special Music Team that leads us with music and meditation for this time to refresh and renew.

SEPT 13th is our **Women's Retreat**, and we thank Mickey Koziol, Deb McQuaid, Susan Renard and Susan Wohl, for all of the planning that goes into coordinating an exciting time for our ladies.

WOW! September is turning out to be a pretty busy month and none of this can happen without our dedicated volunteers! So, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts,

Short and to the point, but long on gratitude!

Bobbi
bsever4785@gmail.com

Click [here](#) for the Volunteer Ministry website.

Housekeeping



HOUSEKEEPING SCHEDULE!

Fridays, 11-2pm

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

Lawn Mowing



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

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:

- 'Keep Calm and Rock On' sign.
Click [here](#) for photo.

CURRENT REQUESTS:

- I'm looking for the entire 4T Prosperity Program. Preferably on

- Batavia Bulldog sign. Click [here](#) for photo.
- 7 – 10" Cake boards. Click [here](#) for reference photo.

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.

Sue has brought 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**

**Do you need us to order anything?
Place your order with Susan Korpan by the 12th of each month!
auntsuz@gmail.com**

Please click [here](#) for the UFV Young Living website.

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.

September holds my anniversary here at Unity of Fox Valley. On the 23rd, it will mark my 12 years of service here! How exciting! But there are many more years of unending events, services, and fun ahead of us!

So what else is going on with me? Nothing much - My daughter is embarking on her last year of college. My husband continues to be an outstanding representative of all gentlemen out there. And I? Well.... stay tuned!



**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 the 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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