



Spring/Early  
Summer 2026

*Celebrating 50 Years of Spiritual Growth  
— through Love —*

Ministerial Musings

**The Age of Aquarius**

As you read this yet another season of newness is upon us. We barely have said goodbye to winter. We have almost three full months of spring which is just upon us. It is a meteorological time which ushers in new beginnings. Plants and some animals have ended their pause and are ready once again to blossom and thrive. Trees begin to sprout their leaves and will complete yet another fullness before the longest day of the year passes. Plants will display their beauty in shapes and colors. Is it somehow all a reminder that God never breaks a promise?

I recall vividly being filled with joy, optimism and love as I treasured the dawning of the Age of Aquarius. I still treasure the wonder of being a part of it and the exhilaration of joining the Fifth Dimension in song. My knowledge of both astronomy and astrology was and is virtually nil, but I was all in with the moon being in the seventh house and Jupiter aligning with Mars. I was filled with youthful enthusiasm and convinced that peace would guide the planets and love would steer the stars. What an incredible time to be alive!

What a difference a few decades make... Things look very different now than they did back then. Given current outward appearances, it would seem that any celestial celebrations in the 60's and 70's were a bit premature. There is no need to enumerate painful details which are obvious and of which we are aware. It just seems as though somehow the moon missed its target and ended up in some other house. So, now what?

*A  
Positive  
Path  
For  
Spiritual  
Living*

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Special points of interest

- Spring Cleaning, April 11, 10 am
- Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, April 24, 6 pm
- Bike Safety Day, May 16, 9-11 am
- BBQ Fundraiser, May 26, 3-7 pm
- Aurora Pride Parade, June 14 12

Darkness, pain, uncertainty, injustice, frustration, death... While such experiences of these and/or awareness of the likes of these may strike fear, these certainly are not places to dwell. But neither are they places to flee from. Rather they are places to leap from. As paradoxical as it may sound, the same circumstances that have brought us down also may serve to raise us up.

I have come to realize that the dawning of the Age of Aquarius was more than a time to celebrate. It was a call to direct my zeal to actively participate in the new age and not just bask in it. It never was intended to be something that merely came upon us; it was something that we were intended to help materialize. It never was reliant upon the alignment of the stars and planets. Peace and love always are reliant upon the alignment of our consciousness with Spirit. If there was a loss of momentum in the bringing forth of a new age, it was because we relaxed. Maybe we just were leaning too much not only on the stars but also on "God out there somewhere," instead of the God within.



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The timing is fascinating. This year Good Friday, a day in which most of Christendom mourns, a traditional day of darkness, falls very early in the spring. In Unity we find goodness in Good Friday. While it may commemorate pain and darkness, we choose to bless it, celebrate it really. It is followed after a couple of days by the Resurrection, perhaps the single most significant elevation of consciousness in human history. It is a day that proclaims that nothing, not even death, is insurmountable.

On the heels of these two holy days, we will experience longer periods of daylight every day for nearly three months. It is a perfect period to commit to an expanded enlightenment within. It is a time to become more aware of nature manifesting newness and reminding us that God never breaks a promise. It is a perfect time for us to reawaken to the truth that Life can never be lived for us.

I did a tiny bit of research on the Age of Aquarius. I came to understand that it is not an overnight event. It is something that calls for patience as it moves across the universe slowly and deliberately. It is oblivious to a 24-hour day. It is something more easily understood the more we are able to embrace our own eternity. Our spiritual journeys parallel it.

I smile as I come to realize something truly remarkable. The moon and the stars are exactly where they are supposed to be. We are – I AM the Age of Aquarius. Sing it, pray it!

Rev. Mike

## Youth and Family Ministry

To welcome the beauty and renewal of the spring season, we will begin by celebrating Easter on Sunday, April 5. Through meaningful storytelling and hands-on crafts, our youth will reflect on the story of Jesus' resurrection and its message of hope, renewal, and new life. We have found that over the years, several of the youth ask questions pertaining to the story of Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection and we remain committed to creating a safe and friendly environment where they can share openly in discovering their own spiritual insights.

After class on Easter Sunday, the excitement will continue with our annual Easter Egg Hunt! The youth will explore the church grounds in search of plastic eggs filled with nut-free, wrapped chocolates, and a special guest – famous for long ears and joy-filled hop – will make a delightful appearance. It's a tradition filled with laughter and connec-



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*“With grateful hearts, we thank all of you for your continued love and support for our youth.”*

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tion, and we look forward to celebrating it with the entire congregation.

As the season blossoms, we will carry that joyful energy into May. On the first Sunday, our youth will take part in our cherished May Day celebration with music, movement, and the beautiful Twelve Powers May Pole, adorned with twelve colorful ribbons, each representing a spiritual power. This tradition reminds us of the spiritual qualities expressed through Jesus' disciples and invites us to embody them in our daily lives.

As we move into June, our classes will gather for one of our most meaningful milestones – the Roots and Wings Ceremony. This heartfelt celebration will honor the dedication and spiritual growth of our youth and their teachers. Everyone will walk the symbolic Twelve Powers Path and receive a flower as a sign of love and appreciation. Any of the youth moving forward

into the next age group will be recognized with a commemorative certificate, celebrating their continued spiritual journey.

Following the ceremony, we will come together for a yummy Ice Cream Social, offering a variety of both dairy and non-dairy options for all to enjoy. The fun continues with our “Skate in the Lot” event, where a designated area of the parking lot will be set up for safe and enjoyable “skating,” such as roller blades, scooters, skateboards, and even small tricycles are welcome! For everyone's safety, we kindly encourage everyone to wear helmets.

With deep appreciation, we are looking forward to sharing this vibrant and meaningful spring season with you and your families.

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## Youth and Family Ministry *(Continued)*

Last, but not least in honor of both Mother's Day and Father's Day that will be celebrated this spring, I'd like to share the following prayer:

*Divine Spirit,*

*With grateful hearts, we pause with thankful hearts for the mothers and fathers in our lives, and for all of those who offer care, guidance, and steadfast love in ways both seen and unseen. We honor the many expressions of this love through parents, grandparents, relatives, mentors, and dear friends who help shape and uplift the lives of others. We affirm for them renewed strength, gentle wisdom, patience, and grace as they continue to nurture and inspire.*

*May they feel supported and renewed by Your Presence within them, trusting that every act of love makes a lasting difference. And for those who have longings or tender emotions, we hold them in compassion, surrounded by Your patience and comfort. With sincere gratitude for the gift of love expressed through so many, we give thanks and so it is. Amen.*

Blessings,  
Ms. Mary, LUT, CSE



### JOIN US!!

**April 12th**—we explore self care talk and plan future meetings

**May 10th, cancelled** so you ladies can enjoy Mother's Day with your families

**June 14th** come walk with us at the Pride Parade in Aurora

**July 12th**—Alex's hands on presentation for Cars 101. In the parking lot. All you ever wanted to know about your car upkeep, but were afraid to ask. (Alex is not only great in the kitchen, but he knows his car stuff!!!)

### Women's Group



Many thanks to our ladies who stepped up and led us at our Feb and March meetings. In February Laura led us in a discussion with short clips on Black Women of Courage in honor of Black History Month. In March we chatted and did a visioning board guided by Krista Sheridan. This was a great way to connect and create.

Take a look at our upcoming meetings on the right. For all meetings we will gather around noonish with a location to be announced.

**SPECIAL REQUEST:** If you would like to see the Women's Group continue, we need someone to take the lead and keep us going!!! We will be discussing this at our **April meeting**.

Blessings,  
Laura and Bobbi



## Prayer Chaplain Ministry

It is not an easy task to follow in Marie's footsteps in writing our Prayer Chaplain article for this quarter. She always put her heart, soul, and research into inspiring us through her prolific writing and words of wisdom. She would credit me as "editor", but I very rarely had to change a thing. As you know by now, Marie is stepping down this year as a Prayer Chaplain Coordinator and Prayer Chaplain. We were a team on this venture in so many ways, complimenting each other's strengths as we led our Chaplain ministry. I am more than grateful to have walked this Spiritual Path together. But as we say, "once a Prayer Chaplain, always a Prayer Chaplain" and she will be one of our distinguished Emerita. Not always at the forefront, but in the shadows with love and support for all of us!! She continues to bless us with her grace, prayers and love and we are grateful!! (She may even grace us with her words of wisdom from time to time in writing this article).

Easter is right around the corner, but as I write this article, we have "sprung" back to winter with blowing snow and cold!! Which can be a great metaphor for life, because we as humans "spring" back and forth sometimes in our faith and spirituality, especially during these challenging times. We are always reminded that we have the Source within us and all around us. That we are never walking this path alone. We used the Lenten Season as a time of reflection and we will use Easter as our Resurrection to infinite possibilities and trust. From the *Daily Word* for Easter Sunday, we are reminded "*..That the resurrection is a divine energy pulsing through every heartbeat and breath.*" And further in the reading. *.. "Easter is not just Jesus' story; it is mine too. His resurrection is a reminder that the power to rise above*

***"Resurrection is a divine energy pulsing through every heartbeat and breath..."***

***"the power to rise above struggle and limitation is alive in me. I am a new creation. I rise."***

### *The Prayer of 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.*

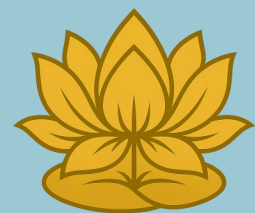
*The presence of God watches over us;*

*I AM presence.*

*I AM Divine.*

*Wherever I am/we are, God is!*

*And All is well!*



Sacred prayers used by the Unity Prayer Ministry this April

**Inner Peace**—  
Breathing in, peace.  
Breathing out, peace.

**Faith**—With every step forward, I am faith-filled and faithful.

**Wholeness**—Attuned to divine life, I heal and live fully.

**Strength**—By the power of spiritual strength, I stand steady and ready.

**Harmony**—Centered in divine love, I am a harmonious presence.

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## Prayer Chaplain Ministry *(Continued)*

*struggle and limitation is alive in me! I am a new creation. I rise."*  
We rise above the everyday challenges by relying on all of our divine attributes (within) to guide us on this bumpy road of life.

I also invite you to call upon your prayer chaplains; Wanda Faye, Denise Hage, Pam Skaar, Luna Nino and Bobbi Severson. We are here to pray with you every Sunday and to connect with you through our monthly prayer calls, holding all that is said in confidence and in the light and love of unlimited possibility. We are

honored to hold this Sacred space with you!!

Join us on May 17th as we dedicate our current Prayer Chaplains and honor our Emeriti.

Love and Blessings,

Bobbi

And your Prayer Chaplain Team

## Board of Trustees News

During the past couple of months, the Board has discussed and decided the following items.

The BBQ Drive-Thru Fundraiser will be held May 26, 4-6 pm. The emergency sprinklers downstairs have been repaired. We will replace our old projector in the sanctuary with a large TV monitor which will be less costly and provide better visuals. Research is underway for a new copier. A deep-cleaning day is scheduled for April 11, to get the church ready for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration later this year. The sanctuary carpeting will be cleaned.

Volunteers are needed for the Fundraiser, church cleaning and

various 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. Sign-up sheets with activities were available after service in recent weeks. Volunteers to chair the activities are needed. Only activities with sufficient interest will be pursued and some may become part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Please contact anyone on the Board if you are interested in volunteering!

Question to ponder—*If you could follow your heart right now and do one thing that you otherwise wouldn't be inclined to do, what would it be?*

Blessings,  
Mickey

## Volunteer Ministry

### APRIL:

**April 11th**, Church Spring Cleaning (signup will be available)

**April 24th @6:00PM** "Volunteer Dinner" Just be there (you don't do a thing) (Signup sheet available soon) Let us celebrate YOU!!

### MAY:

**May 3rd**, Taco Sunday. More details to follow via Wanda Faye

**May 16th**, Bike Safety Day. Sponsored by UFV in conjunction with the City of Batavia Police Dept, We will need a few volunteers to help with this event, both inside and outside. Contact Bobbi Severson, [bsever4785@gmail.com](mailto:bsever4785@gmail.com)

or Susan R at [susansplaymail@gmail.com](mailto:susansplaymail@gmail.com)

**May 26th**. BBQ Fundraiser. Signup sheet is in the Conference Room or contact Mickey Koziol, [RMKoziol@aol.com](mailto:RMKoziol@aol.com)

### JUNE:

**June 14th**, Pride Parade. Contact Dawn Staszak, [dawn\\_311@yahoo.com](mailto:dawn_311@yahoo.com) for more information, (signup sheet available soon)

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*"If the only prayer you say is 'Thank You' let that be enough"*

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**IN CLOSING--** I must be honest, writing a quarterly newsletter article is a bit more challenging than a monthly one, although I do enjoy the two month break. I hope I haven't forgotten anything important! I encourage you to check the board at the top of the stairs as you come up. Events and happenings are posted there, including what might be going on at other Unity Churches or in the community. Special events that pop up will be announced with signup sheets if needed, so read the bulletin and check out the website.

### **Quote for the day:**

*"Be careful of someone driving a mack full of crazy" (FROM THE BOOK, WILL'S RED COAT, AUNT MARIJANE). I think we all feel that we are hit by that truck every single day!! So, keep yourselves sane, walk in nature, call a friend, watch a sunset and by all means, BREATHE!! Oh and as Marge would say, "pray and meditate"!!*

Blessings,  
Bobbi

### SHOUT OUT TO—

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#### **Everyone!!**

Come and let us celebrate YOU at our Annual Volunteer Dinner where we can truly thank all of our Volunteers for all that you do!! So mark your calendars on April 24th come and relax, and have some fun!!

#### **Our Decorating Team**

Who have been challenged with changing things out from Christmas to Lent and then the quick turnaround for Easter!! Thanks ladies for your time and talents and hard work!!

#### **All of our Kitchen Sacred Grounds Cafe volunteers**

Especially Bob and Alex who minister to us every Sunday morning. Thanks to everyone that helped with the special St Paddy's Sunday brunch. We are so abundantly well fed and blessed.



## Pictures!

*lark&laurel* shared their beautiful acoustic harmonies with us on Sunday, March 1



Daniel Nahmod blessed us with his musical gifts and unique uplifting message on Sunday, March 15



Kitty and our musical team gave us a special Palm Sunday

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## Calendar Highlights

April 3	Friday 7:00pm	Good Friday Service
April 5	Sunday 10:00 am	Easter Sunday Egg Hunt at 11:15am
April 11	Saturday 10:00 am	Spring Cleaning—join us as we freshen up our sacred space. Many hands make light work! Food will be served!
April 24	Friday 6:00 pm	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
May 3	Sunday 11:-00 am	Taco Sunday!
May 16	Saturday 9—11 am	Bike Safety Day—UFV Parking Lot
May 26	Tuesday 3—7 pm	BBQ Fundraiser—UFV Parking Lot
June 14	Sunday 12—2 pm	Aurora Pride Parade

### Ongoing Classes & Events

- Youth Education: Sunday School Sundays, lower level, 10am Nursery through High School Ages
- Men’s Group—ONLINE, Meeting the 1st & 3rd Tues of each month at 7pm
- Women’s Group—2nd Sunday of the month at 12pm, Sanctuary
- Music Team Practice— Every Thursday at 5-6:30pm & Sunday at 8:30am
- A Course in Miracles—ONLINE Every Thursday at 7:30pm



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