

# UNITY CHURCH OF PALMYRA

*A Positive Path for Spiritual Living*

*March/April 2014*

## **Thoughts From Our Minister “Coming Home to My Center”**

Dear Unity Family,

As I was reflecting on what to write for this newsletter, I turned to my morning reading in a beautiful little book I received as a Christmas gift this past year - *Prayers to Sophia: Deepening Our Relationship with Holy Wisdom*. (Sophia is a Greek word meaning wisdom). The theme was “Coming Home to My Center,” and these words touched my heart:

*“Keep me close to your heart where I know I belong. Direct me to you, my center, where I find peace, harmony, satisfaction, guidance, and all I need to travel the path of life well.”*

What a beautiful prayer for our Unity theme for the year - “Coming Home to My Divine Essence!” When we come home to our center/our Divine essence, wisdom, guidance, and all we need is there.

As we begin the Lenten Season on Wednesday, March 5th and journey towards Easter, I invite you to “come home to your center.” Take extra time for prayer, meditation, reading inspirational material, or whatever draws you closer to the God of your being. Let this season bring you new life, new understanding, and new joy!

With love and blessings,

*Rev. Julie*



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**For a message of peace, call Unity Church’s Dial-A-Prayer daily 24 hours a day at 717-520-9710. Messages are changed each day by Rev. Julie.**

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## Bracelets

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Support our Unity Ministry by wearing one (or all 3) of our new inspirational bracelets.

The first bracelet is a silver tone and is entitled "Footprints."

The inscription reads: "When you have seen only one set of footprints is when I carried you." This bracelet sells for \$10.00.



The next 2 selections are two-toned, silver and copper. "Angel Bless-ing" comes in a nice gift presentation on a bookmark and the inscription reads: "May your days all be blessed with the presence of an angel watching over you." The "Serenity Prayer" bracelet is also on a bookmarker and has the Serenity Prayer on it with two angels and two crosses evenly spaced on the bracelet. The 2-tone bracelets sell for only \$12.00. All three bracelets have a durable stretch and fit most wrist sizes.

The bracelets will make the perfect Easter present and they are selling fast, so get yours after church or reserve one now by contacting Gwen Ward at [Healthquest10@comcast.net](mailto:Healthquest10@comcast.net) or call (717)279-6489.

## Haystack Dinner

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### You are Invited to eat a Haystack! Unity Church of Palmyra Introduces the Haystack Meal.

So What's a Haystack?

A Haystack meal is a traditional meal served at large group gatherings, such as a barn raising. The meal is piled high and each person makes their own individual haystack from the items offered. For example, start with a bed of corn chips and/or rice, pile on hamburger and lettuce, then choose from green peppers, celery, onions, mushrooms and tomatoes, and top the whole thing off with melted cheese. If you go away hungry...its not our fault!

Ticket price includes one haystack meal and drink.

Bake sale items also available.

Tickets On Sale Now!

Purchase Your Haystack Meal Tickets

following Sunday services or call the church office at (717)838-7808.

37 E. Main Street, Palmyra

Friday, March 28, 2014

Meals served from 4:30-6:30p.m.

**Advanced Tickets:** \$8.00 (children under 10 \$6.00)

**Tickets at the Door:** \$9.00 (children under 10 \$7.00)



### **Ash Wednesday Service**

**Wednesday, March 5th at 7pm**

This service is an opportunity to begin the Lenten Season by releasing what no longer serves us and opening our hearts to experience the presence of God more fully.

### **Maundy Thursday Communion Service**

**Thursday, April 17th at 7pm**

An opportunity to participate in an informal heart-centered communion service celebrating the Last Supper of Jesus and His disciples. Scripture readers are needed. Sign-up in the information room.

### **Palmyra Community Easter Sunrise Service**

**Sunday, April 20th at 6:30am**

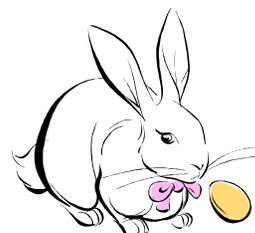
Gravel Hill Cemetery

### **Unity Church Easter Sunday Service**

**Sunday, April 20th at 10:30am**

Please join us for this special Easter Sunday service as we celebrate the joy of resurrection and new life. The message is "Easter's Promise" and the service will include an Easter flower ceremony.

Soloist: Natalie Keil



## Unity's Spring Community Gathering and Light Lunch

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We invite you to join us for our next Unity Community Gathering and Light Lunch on Sunday, April 13th following the service. The gathering is an opportunity for fellowship, hearing what is new here at Unity Church, and supporting our ministry with your suggestions for growing our church. Please bring a light lunch item to share.

## 2014 Unity Retreat at Mariawald

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### **“Coming Home to Our Divine Essence”**

Join Reverend Julie for our 2nd Unity retreat to be held Friday, June 27 to Sunday, June 29 at Mariawald Retreat Center in Reading, PA. Our theme will be “Coming Home to Our Divine Essence” and will include times for personal reflection, silence, relaxation, renewal, and reconnection with friends, old and new.

Room for 2 nights and 6 meals (beginning with dinner Friday evening and ending with lunch on Sunday): \$130 single occupancy; \$110 for a shared room, plus love offering for Unity Church.

Reservations plus \$50 non-refundable deposit are due March 20th. Sign up at church or email @ [unityofpalmyra@verizon.net](mailto:unityofpalmyra@verizon.net).

\*\*\*Only 3 rooms remaining\*\*\*



## Unity Nursery Coming Soon!

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Beginning in April, we will have a staffed nursery for babies and young children as a part of our ongoing effort to grow our church family. Please spread the word to friends and neighbors. At the moment we have 6 volunteers, but welcome more to join us.

Contact Linda Gettle at [lgettle@comcast.net](mailto:lgettle@comcast.net) with any questions or to volunteer.



## Unity Talent Show

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We are proud to announce our upcoming talent show on May 17, 2014.

In addition to our featured artists - Seasons, Dominick Cicco, Charles Lee, and Robert Siemers - we are looking for people to participate. If you can sing or play an instrument, this could be your chance to show off your gifts. Beginning in March, there will be a sign-up sheet for anyone wishing to be part of this event.

Volunteers will be needed to provide refreshments during the intermission as well as to greet people and collect admissions (love offering suggested - \$10).

Please consider offering your services.

For additional information, contact Charles Lee at [charleyit@yahoo.com](mailto:charleyit@yahoo.com) or 717-944-3444.



## Guest Speaker/Flutist ~ Pamela Whitman

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### Rev. Pamela Whitman Returns to Unity Sunday, March 16th

We are delighted to welcome back to Unity Church, Rev. Pamela Whitman, flutist and ordained Course In Miracles minister.

As hostess and producer of Course In Miracles radio programming in Asia, Central America, and the United States; principal flutist for the Ocean City Pops orchestra; and as guest speaker and soloist at New Thought Churches along the East Coast, Pamela shares a message of inner and outer peace incorporating music, prayer, guided meditation, and love.

At the Sunday, March 16th service here at Unity Church, Pamela will speak on "The Universal Happiness Plan" as she explains what lies beneath using stick figures and a spoon full of sugar. Pamela will also share with us with her beautiful music.

## Council Happenings ~ Sue Mitchell

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A Robin was recently spotted in Maryland. Hopefully this is a sign that Spring will be here before we know it. We thank everyone who has braved the weather and brought love and joy to our services. Also, a big thank you to everyone for their continued financial support.

Has everyone had the opportunity to visit our wonderful new web site? If you have not, please visit [unityofpalmyra.org](http://unityofpalmyra.org). We thank Dave Freas for the wonderful site he has created and maintains.

The bulletin board in the Rose room is being updated. We thank everyone for their suggestions regarding this project.

Thank you to our nursery volunteer team! Linda Gettle, Jan Glatfelter, Gwen Ward, Helene Heisey, Molly McClure and Bridgette Grieve-Carlson have done a fantastic job of organizing the nursery and obtaining volunteers to man it. Starting in April nursery services will be available. Please let all your friends and neighbors know of this availability.

Currently council is reviewing the By-laws and bringing them up to date with current practices.

Tithes for the preceding months were as follows: December – Sabbatical/Educational Fund \$100, Unity Worldwide Ministries \$223, Unity Eastern Region \$150, Palmyra Area Library (support for Phoenix Center) \$204; January – Sabbatical/Education Fund \$100, Unity World Wide Ministries \$360; Unity School \$360 and PACC \$260.

Thank you to every member of our church family for your continued support.

*The beautiful spring came; and when Nature resumes her loveliness, the human soul is apt to revive also.* - Harriet Ann Jacobs

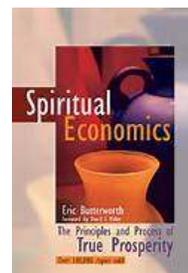
## Prosperity Class

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### Practice of Thriving: Opening to Divine Abundance

Learn how to...

- Work with the flow of life instead of against it
- Create a life of spiritual well-being
- Develop a prosperous attitude about money
- Create abundance through the power of giving



Based on the book, *Spiritual Economics* by Eric Butterworth, this class will explore developing a prosperity consciousness and living a life of abundance regardless of outer circumstances.

Wednesday evenings, March 26th - May 7th, 7 - 8:30pm

Facilitator: Reverend Julie Vance

Love offering appreciated.

Call 717-838-7808 or email [unityofpalmyra@verizon.net](mailto:unityofpalmyra@verizon.net) to register or for more information.

The book, *Spiritual Economics* may be ordered through Unity Church for \$13.95 + tax.

Hello Parents and Teachers,

I hope you all have survived this winter! I am looking forward to spring when we will be celebrating Palm Sunday and Easter together. Hopefully, the kids and teens can get together this spring for some fun activities and maybe some volunteer work. If you have any questions on anything to do with Youth Ed. please feel free to e-mail me or call.

Bridget Grieve-Carlson, Youth Ed. Director (867-4573)

Youth Ed. Events:

March 8th & 9th: YOU Leadership training, Unity of Gaithersburg, MD.

April 25 - 27: YOU Spring Rally at Camp Tockwogh, MD.



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## Birthdays

### **March**

- 2 Sally Hershey
- 11 Leslyn Keil
- 19 Ed Butchkoski
- 28 Linda Hitchcock



### **April**

- 2 Linda Haldeman
- 4 Peggy Marsicano
- 9 Randi Matson
- 21 Hannah Matarazzi
- 21 Carol Reiss
- 23 Bill Massar
- 25 Eileen Arnold

*If your birthday is not currently listed, please let us know the date so we can add you to our list.*

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## Daylight Savings



***Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 9th at 2:00am! Be sure to turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday night!***

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## Please Note

**Inclement Weather Alert** - In the event of inclement weather, call the church office at 717-838-7808 for cancellation message, or tune into ABC 27 ([www.abc27.com](http://www.abc27.com)) or CBS 21 ([www.whptv.com](http://www.whptv.com)). For evening classes, please call the church.

## Groups, Classes, Etc.

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**Women's Spirituality Group:** The Women's Spirituality Group meets every Wednesday morning from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Rose Room. Please join us for lively and challenging discussions! We currently support the Women's Shelter in Lebanon with prayers and weekly food donations. Contact Linda Gettle at 717-964-2292 for further information.

**Spiritual Awareness Group:** Everyone is invited to this discussion/meditation group which meets the second Sunday of every month from 1 to 3 p.m. Our current book is Awareness by Tony D'Souza. Tony is a Jesuit priest and was a student and colleague of Anthony DeMello, who is famous for his direct approach to awareness. Both men are great story tellers and combine Christian teachings with those of East. One and all are welcome to attend.

**Spiritual Book Club:** Everyone is welcome to attend Unity of Palmyra's Book Club whether you are a member of our church or not. This is a book club for men and women. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m., from September to June in the Rose room of the church. Look for the door with the Spiritual Book Club sign. There will be a small break in the evening for refreshments and fellowship.

March 13th - *The Untethered Soul: The Journey Beyond Yourself* by Michael Singer

April 10th - *Journey of Souls: Case Studies of Lives Between Lives* by Michael Newton

If you have any questions or would just like someone to know that you plan to attend, please e-mail Bridget at [bqcarlson@verizon.net](mailto:bqcarlson@verizon.net).

**Yoga Classes:** Monday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. **NO CLASS on March 3rd**

Kimberly Joy Hitchcock, Facilitator.

First Class is FREE; Individual Class Rate - \$7.00; Class Card for 8 Classes - \$40.00

(Detailed information at <http://yogajoystudio.com>)

**Spirited Discussion Group:** Meets the 4th Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:30pm. We listen to a CD of an interview of a Hay House contributor and discuss the content. Love Offerings appreciated. If you are interested, please contact Steve & Elaine Gingrich at 717-641-3311 or email Elaine@avalonianmoon.com.

March 27th - John Edward interviewed by John Holland, #50 *Facts and Fiction of the Spirit World*

April 24th - Marianne Williamson interviewed by Robert Holden, Ph. D., #72 *Wisdom from A Course in Miracles*

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**PODCASTS** of our Sunday Services are available to listen to or download from our website or **CD's** may be purchased for \$5.00 each by signing up in the Rose room.

**SPIRITUAL COUNSELING** is available on a love offering basis with Rev. Julie Vance. Please call the church office at 838-7808 to schedule an appointment.

**MINISTERIAL SERVICES** - Rev. Julie is also available for weddings, baptisms and memorial services.

*Unity Church*  
*37 E. Main Street*  
*Palmyra, PA 17078*



### **OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT**

Our purpose is to know and  
express *God's* peace, joy and love!

### **OUR VISION STATEMENT**

Open to Spirit  
Connected with Spirit  
Transformed by Spirit

## **Unity Church**

Reverend Julie A. Vance  
Jake Meyer, Admin. Assistant  
**Sunday Service & Youth Education**  
**10:30 am**

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### **Co-Creation Council:**

Reverend Julie Vance  
Sue Mitchell - President  
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Lori Spence - Member      Jan Glatfelter - Member

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