

Awakening Souls, Transforming Lives!



Spiritual Tools For An Abundant Life- "The 12 Powers of Man"

Using the Powers, One Month at a Time

FEBRUARY—Love

The ability to attract, unify and desire.

I am a radiating center of love.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

The Board continues to be very excited and enthusiastic about the manifestation of our Spiritual Leader. This month, we will be interviewing two ministerial candidates. Reverend Ron Palumbo will be with us on February 4-5, 2017. The following weekend, February 11-12, 2017 Reverend Grace Caputo will be interviewing with us.

Reverend Palumbo and Reverend Caputo will both present a lesson on the Sunday that they will be here. The Board encourages you to be present and participate so that your opinions will be heard. We are requesting that you provide feedback to the Search Committee regarding your experience of the candidates. Again, each Sunday lesson will be followed by a luncheon, where you will meet the candidate and ask questions that are of interest to you.

The Board is also launching a new initiative. We are revitalizing the use of the Prosperity Bank. This is a longtime practice of Unity and it focuses us on building a Prosperity Consciousness. We will be reintroducing this practice and asking you to make a commitment. The startup date for this program will be March 1, 2017. We will introduce the practice to you at church on February 26, 2017. So please come to service so that you can get involved in this practice.

At our last Board meeting, we had the election of officers. Our new officers are:

Lawrence Johnson, President

Rudolph Clay, Treasurer

Kellie Mayhew, Secretary

When you see these Spiritual Lights, please congratulate them and give them a big Unity HUG.

Please know that the Board of Trustees continues to feel honored and privileged to serve you, our Spiritual Community.

Let Us continue to Affirm:

"Divine Order is working in, through and as us to manifest the Right and Perfect Spiritual Leader for Unity Christ Church."

*Blessings to You All,
The Board of Trustees*

THOUGHTS FROM THE HEART

It's Valentine's Day, and I can feel the vibration of Love in the air! As I look around, I observe all the many forms that represent Love. I observe the Love of a Mother and Father for their children; the Love that occurs between friends; the intimate Love between romantic partners and of course the Love that occurs within families. All of these many manifestations of Love are simply miniature representations of the Love that God has for us all. As I contemplate this Idea, it causes me to remember that there is nothing in this Universe but the Love of God. As this thought enters my mind, I am filled with an overwhelming sense of Peace and a Desire to know and experience more of the Love that God Is.

As I contemplate this Idea of Love, I am reminded of the scripture, "Love is the Fulfillment of the Law" (Romans 13:8-10). As I think more deeply about this bible passage, the question becomes, "What is the Law and what does it mean? Does it mean that Love fulfills everyone and everything? Or does it mean that Love is the Law of Being?"

Well of course as you all know by now, when I need a little clarification, I turn to our Co-founder Charles Fillmore to get a clearer explanation. According to Mr. Fillmore in *The Revealing Word*, Law is "that faculty of mind that holds every thought and act strictly to the Truth of Being, regardless of circumstances or environment." He goes on to say, that "the Laws of Mind are as exact and undeviating as the laws of mathematics." So this says to me that regardless of what the appearance might be, we must keep our thoughts and actions at the level of Truth in order to be in harmony with the "Laws of Our Being."

So with this explanation, another question comes to mind, "How does Love fulfill the Law?" Well, according to Mr. Fillmore, Love is "The pure essence of Being, that binds together the whole human family". In Divine Mind, Love is the Power that joins and binds in Divine Harmony the universe and everything in it; the great harmonizing principle known to man." Mr. Fillmore further states that "Divine Love is impersonal; it loves for the sake of loving. It is not concerned with what or who it loves, nor with the return of love. Its' joy is in the shining forth. Divine Love is the great harmonizer and healer. Divine love will bring your own to you, adjust all misunderstandings and make your life and affairs healthy, happy, harmonious and free. "

So as I take in Mr. Fillmore's explanation of Love, I begin to wonder, "How can I fulfill the Law of Love in terms of my Being?" I must first and foremost hold my thoughts and actions to the standard that reflects the Truth that I AM a Spiritual Being, made in the Image and Likeness of God. With this knowing, I must allow God's attribute of Love to flow in and through me, and that this Love will always encompass everyone and everything (even those people who I may perceive to be my enemy). I must Love because like God, my Father, it is my nature to Love, expecting nothing in return but the joy that comes from loving. I must see Good and only Good in everyone and everything, and particularly in those persons and situations that bring challenges to me. I must see all these persons and situations as Good and know that they are for my growth and are leading me to my Highest Good. I must allow myself to look beyond appearances and recognize that beneath that façade of personalities I see, lives the Christ of God in everyone I meet. I must always recognize this Truth that (if I allow It), the Divine Love of God corrects, adjusts and harmonizes everything that concerns my life and my way of Being. And of course, I must recognize and know that Love indeed is the fulfillment of God's Law.

So as we think about all those people that we love: our Mothers, Fathers, Sisters, Brothers, Children and all other Relatives and Friends, let us know and recognize that we are all Children of God and therefore we are Brothers and Sisters by Divine Law. And let us aspire to Love one another in the way that God Loves us all: Totally, Completely, Fully, Freely and Unconditionally. Therefore, I believe, that as we resonate this State of Being, Love will indeed be fulfilled through You and Me.

Have a Happy (Love) Valentine's Day!

Let of Daily Affirm: "*I Am the Divine Love of God in Expression*"

*Blessings on Your Spiritual Journey,
Juankee J. McKinney*

(Reprinted from the February 2014 *Reflections*)

FEBRUARY LESSON TITLES**February 5, 2017****Putting God First****Ministerial Candidate:**

Reverend Ron Palumbo

Musician:

Alan Ernst

February 12, 2017**The Greatest Love****Ministerial Candidate:**

Reverend Grace Caputo

Musician:

Doug Erwin

February 19, 2017**The Healing Power is in You****Guest Speaker:**

Reverend Leslie Venable

Musician:

Mitzi MacDonald

February 26, 2017**TBA****Guest Speaker and Musician:**

Trina Bunk

FROM THE PRAYER MINISTRY:

Dear Friends,

Traditionally, the month of February is acknowledged as the faculty of Strength. However, someone in Unity had the idea that since Valentine's Day fell in the month, we should celebrate LOVE. So I'm taking the opportunity to celebrate them both in the month of February, 2017.

Strength gives us the ability to endure, to support, and to accomplish. This power allows us to carry through our intentions and will toward God. But without LOVE, our strength is just a human force, not the true POWERHOUSE of SPIRITUAL STRENGTH endowed to us by our creator. With LOVE as the harmonizing power, WE CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS US.

1 John 4:16: *And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.*

Affirmation: **The love of the Lord is my strength. I am the love of God in expression.**

Prayer: *Sweet loving Spirit, Pour your Love into my heart. Strengthen my spirit to receive your will and your ways.*

*Yours in Christ,
Mary E. Biggs, LUT*

P.S. Recommendation book for the month – **The Prospering Power of Love** by Catherine Ponder.

AFFIRMATION FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. (1 Corinthians 13:1)

FEBRUARY WEEKLY AFFIRMATIONS:

February 5: Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. (1 Corinthians 13:4-5)

February 12: My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. (John 15:12)

February 19: We love because He first loved us. (1 John 4:19)

February 26: And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13:13)

LOVE

Charles Fillmore

Dynamics for Living, Pages 251-252

Your thoughts should at all times be worthy of your highest self, your fellow man, and God. The thoughts that most frequently work ill to you and your associates are thoughts of criticism and condemnation. Fill your mind with thoughts of divine love, justice, peace and forgiveness. This will pay your debts of love, which are the only debts you really owe. Then see how quickly and easily and naturally all your outer debts will be paid and all in-harmonies of mind, body, and affairs will smooth out at the same time. Nothing will so quickly enrich your mind and free it from every thought of lack is the realization of divine love. Divine love will free you quickly and perfectly from the burden of debt and heal you of your physical infirmities, often caused by depression, worry, and financial fear. Love will bring your own to you. Adjusts all misunderstandings and make your life and affairs healthy, happy, harmonious, and free, as they should be. Love indeed is the "fulfilling of the law."

In the kingdom of Truth and reality, ideas are the coin of the realm. You can use the new ideas that divine wisdom is now quickening in your mind and start this very moment to pay your debts.

REFLECTIONS

Reflections is a newsletter published each month by Unity Christ Church. Its purpose is to inform and inspire our spiritual community. Submissions for publication are welcome and should be sent to the church office for review.

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2016 CD's

The bookstore has a small supply of 2016 CD's that were not sold during the year. They are free for the taking. If you would like to have one or more of them, they are located in a basket behind the bookstore desk, marked "2016 CD's" or see Kathy Mandel.

INCLEMENT WEATHER




In the event weather conditions become serious enough to cancel the **Sunday Services**, we will notify **KTVI** (channel 2), **KMOV** (channel 4) and **KSDK** (channel 5) of the cancellation of services. We will also send out an email alert. If the weather is questionable, please check one of the above stations or your email before heading out.

Happy Valentine's Day

February Birthdays

2/05 Henry Randle
2/10 Meg McClelland
2/11 Juankee McKinney
2/16 Ron Thompson
2/17 Lucille Collins
2/23 Mary Norton

FEBRUARY 2017 at Unity Christ Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
Prayer and Meditation Service—9:45 AM Ministerial Candidate: <i>Reverend Ron Palumbo</i>				NA GROUP 7 PM	6:30 PM—Centering Prayer & Meditation 7 PM—ACA	9:30 AM—ACA 11 AM 12-Step Centering Prayer & Meditation
		7	8	9	10	11
12 Prayer and Meditation Service—9:45 AM Ministerial Candidate: <i>Reverend Grace Caputo</i> Toastmasters' Club—7 PM				NA GROUP 7 PM	6:30 PM—Centering Prayer & Meditation 7 PM—ACA	9:30 AM—ACA 11 AM 12-Step Centering Prayer & Meditation
		14	15	16	17	18
19 Prayer and Meditation Service—9:45 AM	13 			Board of Trustees Meeting—7 PM	6:30 PM—Centering Prayer & Meditation 7 PM—ACA	9:30 AM—ACA 11 AM 12-Step Centering Prayer & Meditation
	20  <i>Church Office Closed</i>	21	22	23	24	25
26 Prayer and Meditation Service—9:45 AM Toastmasters' Club—7 PM				NA GROUP—7 PM	6:30 PM—Centering Prayer & Meditation 7 PM—ACA	9:30 AM—ACA 11 AM 12-Step Centering Prayer & Meditation
		28	 Sunday Celebration Service and Youth Education—10:30 AM Fellowship after the service in the Lobby. (See reverse side for times and locations of classes and events)			

REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLASSES, GROUPS AND EVENTS

Sunday Celebration Schedule

Prayer and Meditation Service

9:45 AM in the Prayer Room. Please come and join us for a quiet time of healing and renewal. Bring your prayer requests and get prayed up!

Youth Ministry

10:30 AM in the Art Gallery, all children through age 12

Sunday Celebration

10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Sunday Fellowship (after service)

11:30 AM in the Lobby

CD's of each Sunday's service are available at the book desk following the service.

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families

Fridays at 7 PM in the Fellowship Room

Saturdays at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Room

NA Meeting

Thursday at 7 PM in the Fellowship Room

Spiritual Support Group

Wednesdays at 7 PM led by Juankee McKinney

Toastmasters-Voices in Unity

Second and Fourth Sundays at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Room

12-Step Centering Prayer and Meditation Groups

Fridays, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Room

Saturdays, 11 AM in the Art Gallery

Additional information is available on the website (www.unitychriststl.org) or by calling the office at 314/727-6478.