

## We Are Unity!

It is always an insightful experience to take time to reflect upon our progress during the past year. I think about the definite progress we've made and I celebrate the growth, both inner and outer, that we've come to know. Our community has solidified through our continued work in building a new infrastructure and we've emerged anew, also blessed by our evolving consciousness as a whole. We can clearly say we are a spiritual community in every way.



Rev. Myra McFadden

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In this newsletter you'll find a wonderfully written article from our board president, Nancy Rafiner, that celebrates many of the changes we've made. It's quite inspiring to review how we've worked and prayed together this past year, but rather than expand on these major accomplishments, I'd like to share two essential things about us that have helped us to grow in our core identity: an emphasis on Unity teachings and a stronger tie with the Unity movement.

### Unity teachings:

All Unity communities benefit from a concentrated emphasis on the basic teachings and principles of Unity, and during this past year we've done this by focusing on Unity beliefs and principles. For example, for twelve weeks in the spring we explored *The 12 Powers* as defined by our co-founder Charles Fillmore, and then we continued on with these teachings through an emphasis on Unity principles through a six week series based on Emilie Cady's classic book, *Lessons in Truth*. One of the greatest ways Unity contributes to the world is through its spiritual emphasis on prosperous living, and as a community we focused on prosperity through a fall series for seven weeks on David Owen Ritz's program called, *Keys to the Kingdom*. These Unity teachings were all supplemented by evening classes that many of you participated in as participants and small group leaders, and together, we all went to even deeper levels of understanding and personal application.

The power of living Unity cannot be overstated. Any spiritual community must do its inner work while making commitments to spiritual growth if it wants to deepen and mature. I am so grateful for the many ways our community has grown in its understanding, consciousness, and expression of Unity teachings.

### Unity:

Along with our commitment to live Unity teachings, we've also strengthened our commitment and identification with Unity in the past year. We tithe monthly to various aspects of Unity World Headquarters (Unity Village), and Unity Worldwide Ministries (UWM) in order for Unity to carry on its great work that supports us and fellow ministries here and around the world.

Besides our tithes, we also do our part to stay connected in many ways. For example, many of our classes are available for credit to assist those who want to become Licensed Unity Teachers or ordained Unity Ministers. Our two ministerial students, Jacquie Lenati and Lonnie Vanderslice, are halfway through their studies already, so they are well on their way to becoming Unity ministers. We continue to support them through teaching, speaking and leadership opportunities and in any other way we can. We've had two ministerial students here for 10-week church internships this past year, and as you've probably noticed, we ask ministers and leaders from Unity Village

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3:30 PM  
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## Message from our Board President

I am sitting in my warm kitchen on this very cold, wintery morning considering the possibility of an early spring, and what challenges and opportunities 2014 will bring. I am sure each of you has had a similar experience.

As a Board member, looking forward, also reminds me of the opportunities for growth our community faced last year. In response, Rev. Myra and the Board of Trustees made decisions that will continue to positively shape 2014. This is what comes to mind:

- ◆ Reverend Myra formed “The Prosperity Together” team. This Ministry team will continue to promote stewardship and abundance in and through our church community.
- ◆ Reverend Myra, along with volunteer Youth and Family leaders, developed a very successful program for our youth. Many other Sunday school volunteers have stepped up in support. When a Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator is hired in June, this program will continue to be the cornerstone of our Youth and Family Ministry.
- ◆ The Board’s creation of the Financial Team continues to assist the board be more fiscally aware. They worked diligently on our budget using a format that is easily understood. This team will continue to explore financial opportunities outside the expertise of the Board.
- ◆ The Board proposed a change in Board of Trustee terms from 2 years to 3 years, with two board positions instead of three being elected each year. Thank you for supporting this change. We believe this action will focus attention to ongoing issues and provide a stronger, seamless transition as new members join the board.
- ◆ Our 2014 Budget reflects our abundance and prosperity not only by hiring a part time Youth and Family Coordinator in June, but also including a 3% raise in salary for our full-time and long-term part-time employees. We have learned first-hand the importance of maintaining our 50 year old building. There are some major repairs that need attention this year. We believe little stop gap measures may prolong the inevitable, but could ultimately be more costly to repair at a later date. Therefore, building repair costs have also been budgeted.
- ◆ In response to community input, the Board has made meaningful expense cuts, has designated our monthly 10% church tithe to go 50/50 outside and inside the church, and provides a monthly Board update in the Sunday bulletin.
- ◆ After more intense training on the “Community Centric” Model as proposed by Dr. Gary Simmons, the Board has determined this model is not a fit for our community at this time. We also believe we are not a Pastoral/Flock model but somewhere in between these two concepts. We will continue to be *Community Focused*, always acting through our Mission and Vision Statements.

These are some of the items we focused on this year. This coming year will undoubtedly bring other challenging opportunities – some known, some unknown.



Nancy Rafiner

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# Youth Ministry

By Jessica Brown  
Youth Team Co-Coordinator



Hello from the Youth Ministry!

We are excited to report that we've had a very successful transition into our new schedule *Youth Ministry Team* and leadership style as well as our room changes. We have also had several new volunteers join our ministry that we would like to welcome. Our newest additions to our teacher team are Lauren Rowe, Alicia Poole, Nicole Wood, Leslie Cafun, Bethany Hoff, Dana Oberfirst and Mackenzie Rowe. Each of these amazing volunteers have been so enthusiastic and eager to learn and teach. It is an honor to welcome them to our ministry.

We are also excited to add a new team to our ministry that we call our *Angels*. Angels are volunteers who lovingly devote at least one Sunday a month to assisting our teachers with our more energetic spirits. This new team consists of Nancy Shull, Dan Sprowl, Peggy Smith, and Camille Pukay. These Angels have been doing a wonderful job of being a simple, loving and guiding presence in the classroom. We are so grateful for their commitment to help every single one of our children have the most positive learning and growing experience we can give them.

Last but not least we've added a new team to the Youth Ministry leadership to handle our monthly events. The Events Team is headed up by Nicole Wood and includes Lauren Rowe, Jacy Navarro and Paula Wilkinson. We had a great group show up for our first monthly event to go tubing at Snow Creek and cannot wait to see what fun is in store for us in the coming months. We will be having an event the last weekend of each month so keep an eye on your bulletin for the next one!

## Y.O.U. (Youth of Unity) News

By: Eliasa Sabogal de Guerrero  
Y.O.U. Sponsor



In the summer of 1906, Charles and Myrtle Fillmore opened the Unity Inn, on the first floor of an old frame house at 913 Tracy. This restaurant was opened with good intentions and an understanding of gratitude for the community. Workers in the Inn gave out cards which read, "All the expenses of this house are met by the freewill offering of its guests. Freely you have received, freely give."

In this same tradition your Youth of Unity from Unity of Kansas City North will make a delicious meal out of love and gratitude. The Y.O.U. is so very grateful for all our community does to support us as we enrich our lives becoming the future of Unity. We invite you to break bread and enjoy fabulous spaghetti by marking your calendars for Friday, April 11, 2014 between 5:30pm – 7pm. A love offering will be accepted. Following will be our annual "Unity's Got Talent!!" This is sure to be a fantastic show with entertainers across generations. Whether you are 0 or 99 or anywhere in-between you are guaranteed to be entertained!!

I lovingly look forward to seeing you at all our events and on each Sunday!!

### Upcoming Events:

**Wednesday, February 5:** Cow Committee from 6:00 -7:30 PM at UKCN. Be prepared for an amazing time as our Chapter YOUers take Leadership Roles and plan events, work on lessons and chapter bonding. All YOU are encouraged to come. Supper is provided.

**Saturday, February 8:** Lock-in at UKCN. We will prepare baked goods and walking tacos for sale on Sunday.

**Sunday, February 9:** We will be selling a wonderful lunch before the annual meeting.

**Saturday, March 1 - Sunday, March 2:** Service Rally in Overland Park

# Events and Activities

## Family Skating Party Saturday, February 22nd

Noon—2:30 PM at Winnwood Skate Center  
(4426 N.E. Winn Road)



The February Youth Ministry family event will be a roller skating party at Winnwood Skate Center. This will be great fun for “kids” of all ages. Admission is \$4.00, and skate rental is \$2.00. Please sign up at the Connections Center so we’ll have an idea of how many to plan for.



Lots is happening at Family Promise as we prepare for the Grand Opening of the Day Center in April. Here’s what’s coming up:

### Workday at the Day Center

(4406 N.E. 45th Terrace, KCMO)  
Saturday: February 15th  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

### Hoops for the Homeless

Friday & Sunday, February 28th & March 2nd  
Park Hill Christian Church  
(6601 N.W. 72nd Street, KCMO)

### Wine Tasting & Auction

Thursday, April 3rd  
6:00 - 9:00 PM  
Belvoir Winery  
(1325 Odd Fellows Road, Liberty, MO)

For more information about these events and/or the Family Promise organization, check out their website: [www.FamnilypromiseNorthland.org](http://www.FamnilypromiseNorthland.org).

## *Annual Spaghetti Dinner &* **Talent Show**

**Friday, April 11th**

**Dinner in Friendship Hall beginning at 5:30**

**Show Begins at 7:00**

How do you spell “fun?” With a spaghetti dinner and talent show! To express their gratitude for the support they receive from this ministry, our Y.O.U. (Youth Of Unity) will serve a delicious spaghetti dinner in Friendship Hall beginning at 5:30.

Following dinner, we’ll move up to the sanctuary for a time of laughter and entertainment featuring adults and kids from UKCN. This is an evening of fun you won’t want to miss!

4TH ANNUAL SOME LIKE IT...

HOT

SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH  
GREAT FOOD AND FUN BEGINNING AT 5:00  
RAFFLES

LONNIE MCFADDEN IN CONCERT  
6:30 PM



## Join us for our Easter Celebration at Unity of Kansas City North!

This year we will immerse ourselves in the Easter experience during the weeks leading up to and following Easter Sunday.

- ◆ **April 6th: "The Man from Nazareth"** will feature a special presentation by our Creative Arts Ministry of "Those Who Knew Him." This is a series of short vignettes by the everyday people who encountered Jesus as they lived their lives
- ◆ **April 13th: Palm Sunday** will feature Rev. Myra's talk on "The Triumphant Journey" as well as special music from our UKCN choirs. (Our children will also have an opportunity for fun celebration, as we'll hold our annual Easter Egg Hunt immediately following 2nd service.)
- ◆ **April 20th: Easter Sunday.** Rev. Myra's talk will be "Rise Up!" A wonderful celebration in word and song!
- ◆ **April 27th: White Stone Ceremony.** It has become our tradition here at UKCN to experience the White Stone Ceremony on the Sunday after Easter. After the resurrection experience of Easter, we discern our "new name" and commit to living a new way as we write our name on a Jerusalem white stone.



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### President's Message (Cont. from page 2)

As I look forward to the next set of opportunities, I marvel at what it is that supports and guides us to be a positive force.

I believe it is the gift of Spirit that lives in each of us. This gift gives us the power, the guidance, and the knowing that we are blessed and strengthened by each and every challenge and opportunity that comes into our lives.

I would like to share a portion of January 14<sup>th</sup>'s *Daily Word* that speaks to just that.

*"I am ready. My life has prepared me for this present moment. Whatever comes my way, I know I am supported by the Spirit within."*

So as we move through 2014 together, let's celebrate all of the opportunities and challenges that face us. Let's remember to draw from the Spirit within for guidance and support.

Gratefully,

*Nancy*

# Sunday Services

## February Services

- February 2: *How to Speak Unity - Part 2*  
"A Spiritual Christian Path for Positive Living"
- February 9: *How to Speak Unity - Part 3*  
"The Power of Thought"
- February 16: *How to Speak Unity - Part 4*  
"Denials and Affirmations"
- February 23: *How to Speak Unity - Part 5*  
"Affirmative Prayer"

## March Services

- March 2: *Discover the Power Within You - Part 1*
- March 9: *Discover the Power Within You - Part 2*
- March 16: *Discover the Power Within You - Part 3*  
Rev. Joe Sloan  
Special Guest Speaker
- March 23: *Discover the Power Within You - Part 4*
- March 30: *Discover the Power Within You - Part 5*

## April Services

- April 6: "Those Who Knew Him"  
(A special presentation featuring members of our Creative Arts Ministry)
- April 13: PALM SUNDAY:  
"The Triumphant Journey"
- April 20: EASTER SUNDAY  
"Rise Up!"
- April 27: WHITE STONE CEREMONY  
"What Am I?"

We've also got some great music planned for the coming weeks, including Chris Foster, Valerie Mackey, Cheryl East, Molly Hammer, and Danny Cox. In addition, you'll be hearing a lot of our own wonderful UKCN Choir and Bell Choir.



## Doors to Open Soon!!



Family Promise of the Northland is planning their Grand Opening for the Day Center on Easter weekend. It has been a long and winding road between raising funds and renovating the Day Center space, but they will be hosting families soon.

JoAnn Quinn, UKCN  
Family Promise Liaison

There are two big fundraisers coming up that are a big part of the Family Promise operating budget. On Friday February 28<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 – 9:00 PM and Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:30 AM – 5:30 PM is "**Hoops for the Homeless.**" It is a basketball clinic and competition at Park Hill Christian Church. Come shoot or sponsor a shooter.

The second event is the "**Wine Tasting and Auction**" at the Belvoir Winery, 1325 Odd Fellows Road, Liberty, on Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 – 9:00 PM. If you have any items that you would like to contribute to the auction please contact JoAnn Quinn. For more information check out the Family Promise website at [www.FamilyPromiseNorthland.org](http://www.FamilyPromiseNorthland.org) or our website at [UnityKCNorth.org](http://UnityKCNorth.org).

UKCN agreed to be a host church which means we will have a maximum of four families, which can be no more than 14 people, for one week per quarter. Our guests will arrive here at 5:30 PM each evening (beginning on a Sunday) and leave the next morning for the Day Center at 7:30 AM. While they are here, we will provide them with lodging, daily meals, and hospitality.

In order to coordinate our volunteers, I am looking for about six people that would like to be on a team with me to organize the host visits. Many hands make light work and more fun. So think about what you feel called to do. There are many ways you can help, including cooking and serving meals, playing with children and helping them with homework, two people per night staying over, providing specialized services such as resume writing and fi-

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# Prayer & Meditation

## Chaplains

Our Chaplains are available to pray with you every Sunday morning before and after Sunday services. All members receive a monthly prayer call from their chaplain. These calls are also available to any non-members upon request. Please contact the office or let us know on a Connections Card if you would like to receive a monthly call from one of our chaplains.

## Moment of Meditation

24-Hour Prayer Line

816-436-0100

Call the Moment of Meditation prayer line any time for a two to three minute "spiritual break" to lift your soul . . . just when you need it!

## Sunday Morning Healing Prayer Circle

10:10 - 10:20 AM and 10:40 - 10:50 AM

Meditation Chapel

Come spend 10 minutes in quiet, reflective prayer on Sunday mornings. We pray for ourselves, for others, and for our world in this spiritual circle led by one of our Chaplains.



# Chaplain Corner

I have a book at home entitled, Myrtle Fillmore: Mother of Unity. I was browsing through it not long ago and came across a photograph of Mrs. Fillmore sitting at her desk. I thought, "Something in this photo sure looks familiar." Then I realized it was the desk. Because . . .

In the corner of our chapel here at UKCN is a dark walnut colored desk with a small brass plaque inscribed: "*Myrtle Fillmore's Personal Desk from Her Home.*" The photograph of Mrs. Fillmore at her desk really touched me because I have often sat at this desk when making my chaplain prayer calls. At these times, her spirit is present to me and I feel very blessed to have this gift. The photograph in the book and her desk in our chapel have given me a deeper sense of our historical and spiritual connection with Myrtle Fillmore, the co-founder of Unity.

With blessings from

*Gigi Cram*



**Myrtle's Desk in the  
Meditation Chapel**



From Myrtle Fillmore's manuscripts and personal papers on file at Unity Archives:

*"God is the one perfect life flowing through us. God is the one pure substance out of which our organism is formed. God is the power that gives us motive power; the strength that holds us upright and allows us to exercise our members; the wisdom that gives us intelligence in every cell of our organism, every thought of our minds. God is the only reality of us; all else is but a shadow that is cast by some foolish belief or unwise combination of thoughts and the elements of being. When we let light flood us with its sunshine, all clouds vanish and we begin to see ourselves in new ways of doing, which lead to wholeness and health and satisfaction and growth."*



# Adult Education Classes

Truth...growth...spirituality

## “Unleashing Your Creative Power”

**Monday Evenings**  
**Through February 24th**  
**6:30 - 8:00 PM**  
**Facilitated by Jacquie Lenati**

Creativity is your Divine inheritance! In this unique class we work with the first creation story from the book of Genesis as a springboard for exploring and igniting your creative energy in new ways.

Each week features an art form aligned with the seven days of creation, including photography, sculpture, painting, drama, drawing, mixed media/music, and reflection. This course is designed to inspire you to unleash your creative spirit while you examine the creative action of Universal Mind as told in scriptures. (No previous artistic skill or experience is required for this class. Just come and express!)

Although this class began in January, everyone is welcome to join in at any time as each weekly class stands on its own.

## “Discover the Power Within You”

**Wednesday Evenings**  
**March 5th - April 2nd**  
**6:30 - 8:30 PM**  
**Facilitated by Rev. Myra McFadden & Debi Overton**

This book, written by Eric Butterworth, is one of Unity's foundational texts and is new again every time you read it. So whether you're new to Unity or you've been in Unity all your life, this is a class you won't want to miss.

Rev. Myra will facilitate the class along with UKCN Chaplain, and L.U.T. Candidate Debi Overton. We'll cut through theologies, dogma and ritual to explore “what Jesus really taught” from our Unity perspective. We will look at the Gospel of Jesus in a new context with emphasis on the concept of “Christ in you.”

This is our spring class series, and a great opportunity to get to know others within our spiritual community. For those of you pursuing a Unity Spiritual Education and Enrichment path, this class will be available for S.E.E. credit.

## New Member Classes

Our next New Member Orientation classes will be late September/early October. To become a member at UKCN you must attend both Part 1 and Part 2 of the Unity Basics and New Member Orientation class. Each part of this 2-part series will be offered on a weeknight and on a Saturday morning. You may take a Part 1 during the week and Part 2 on a Saturday (or vice versa)...whatever fits your schedule the best. New Member Sunday will be October 6th.

### **Unity Basics and New Member Orientation – Part 1**

Thursday, March 27th  
6:00 – 8:30 PM OR  
Saturday, March 29th  
9:00 – 11:30 AM

### **Unity Basics and New Member Orientation – Part 2**

Thursday, April 3rd  
6:00 – 8:30 PM OR  
Saturday, April 5th  
9:00 – 11:30 AM

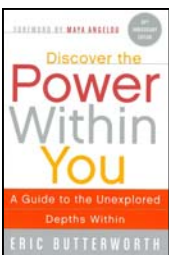
All classes facilitated by Rev. Myra McFadden

## “Living Your Dreams”

**3rd Sunday of each month**  
**12:30 - 1:30 PM**  
**Meditation Chapel**  
**Facilitated by UKCN Chaplains**

Come share your vision for the future and learn how to work toward those dreams using Unity metaphysical principles and prosperity teachings.

Upcoming sessions February 16th, March 16th, and April 20th.





## Adult Education Classes (Cont.)

### All About Food

4th Sunday of Every Month  
(February 23rd, March 23rd, April 27th)  
6:00—7:30 PM  
Friendship Hall



Join us on the 4th Sunday of each month as our own Mandy Pyle shares with us about nutrition and food. Mandy is a Certified Health Coach with extensive knowledge in living a healthy lifestyle in all areas including the fuel we put into our bodies.

She will present a different topic each month and will prepare foods related to her topic for participants to sample. In February, Mandy's topic is "Gluten: Friend or Foe?" Sign up at the Connections Center or contact the church office so she will be able to plan for an appropriate number of people.

### Kundalini Yoga & Meditation

**Mondays**  
**7:00 - 8:00 PM**  
**Meditation Chapel (Mondays)**  
**Facilitated by Elmari van der Westhuizen**

Through the art of self-healing and friendship, we practice loving kindness to ourselves and others.

\$12.00 per class, or 6 classes for \$60.00.  
Contact Elmarie for more information (816) 536-0024.



### Drumming Circle

**3rd Friday of Every Month**  
**7:00 - 8:00 PM**  
**Main Lobby Area**  
**Facilitated by Evans Chiganous**

Join us on the 3rd Friday each month for our drumming circle, facilitated by Evans Chiganous, a well-known drumming instructor/facilitator in the KC area.

This monthly event is open to all. No musical or drumming experience is necessary. Instruction and instruments are provided as needed. You are welcome to bring your own drum if you have one. Come and join in the rhythm of life!

## "What Did You Say?"

A column reflecting the thoughts and insights of a ministry leader at Unity of Kansas City North. This month we feature Tess Booth who coordinates our Unity Sisters activities and oversees our FaceBook page.

*Tell us a little about yourself and how you came to be part of this spiritual family.*

Dan was never going to go to church again and I had always attended church. So we had to find some place to meet in the middle. Even in the midst of seeming turmoil that was going on at the time (January 2011), this still felt like home to both of us.

*What is your favorite affirmation or spiritual saying?*

My favorite of all time is Hebrews 11:1 "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for; the conviction of things not seen." It gets me through everything. My other one is "I am."

*Which of the 12 Powers has particular meaning for you right now?*

Imagination because your life can only go in the direction your vision leads you.

*What do you appreciate most about Unity of KC North?*

The collective spirit of the people that make up the congregation. It reeks of authenticity, which I love and adore!

#### Class Notes:

- ◆ All classes are on a love offering basis (unless a specific registration fee is indicated) with a suggested love offering of \$10 — \$15 per class.
- ◆ Advance registration of at least 10 people is required in order for the Monday and Wednesday classes to be held. Sign-ups are available at the Connections Center or by contacting the church office.
- ◆ Childcare is provided for many classes **with advance registration**. Watch the bulletin and the "What's Happening" page on the website to see childcare arrangements for specific classes.



# Financial Snapshot and Tithing Update

We joyously affirm the increasing prosperity in our church and in our lives. With grateful hearts, we bless and appreciate all who give of their time, talents and treasures to this ministry. Together, we hold the vision for a prosperous, abundant and joyous future in our hearts...and so it is. **Thank you, God!**

## Financial Recap through December 31, 2013

	YTD Ended December 31, 2013	YTD Budget
<b>INCOME;</b>		
Class & Workshop Love Offerings	10,907.74	
Service Tithes & Offerings	318,986.26	
Other Income Sources	22,997.60	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>352,891.60</b>	<b>435,999.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Payroll & Employment Related	210,852.97	
General Administration	34,624.19	
Utilities & Maintenance	36,802.22	
Mortgage Interest	9,754.65	
Ministry	15,508.14	
Tithes & Outreach	32,152.88	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>339,695.05</b>	<b>407,790.00</b>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>13,196.55</b>	<b>28,209.00</b>

## Tithing Update

The Board of Trustees has authorized the following tithes for November, December, and January. These tithes have been sent forth with love and blessings to do God's work in our world:

### Outward Tithes:

- ◆ Unity Institute
- ◆ Unity Worldwide Ministries
- ◆ Unity World Headquarters
- ◆ Silent Unity
- ◆ Northland Assistance Center
- ◆ Red Cross

### Inward Tithes

- ◆ Music Ministry
- ◆ Facilities Team
- ◆ Y.O.U.
- ◆ Youth Ministry

**NOTE:** In addition to the mortgage interest expense indicated above, we have also made principal payments on our mortgage in the amount of 13,773.00 through December 31, 2013.

As we build a culture of prosperity together, we are mindful of our good and the positives that these payments represent: 1) a reduction in our overall liabilities; and 2) an increase in the equity value of our beautiful church property and grounds.

## Reserve Fund

<b>12/31/2012 Balance</b>	6,929.84
<b>YTD Deposits</b>	16,500.00
<b>YTD Withdrawals</b>	-5,000.00
<b>YTD Interest</b>	5.60
<b>12/31/2013 Balance</b>	<b>18,435.44</b>

## Prosperity Together! Team Update

With much gratitude for the wonderful support of this spiritual community here at Unity of KC North, our first annual Stewardship Campaign was a major success! For the first time our ministry actually has hard data on which to base our income budget. Here's a brief recap of the campaign results:

◆ Commitments Received:	59
◆ Total \$ Committed:	\$201,676.00
◆ Estimated 2014 Sunday Service Income (for budget)	\$333,267.63
◆ Actual 2013 Sunday Service Income	\$318,951.26
◆ % Increase 2013 - 2014	4%

A couple of notes to keep in mind regarding this information:

- ◆ These numbers reflect income from Sunday tithes and love offerings only. Class income, special services, and other income sources are separate line items for budgeting purposes.
- ◆ The budgeted Sunday Service Income number assumes that all giving other than the commitments received during the Stewardship Campaign will remain the same as 2013.

As we move forward in 2014, we know and affirm the words of our Prosperity Blessing: We express our divinity as we joyfully give and gratefully receive, creating prosperity for ourselves, our church and our community.

Look for more special events and information from your Prosperity Together! Team during 2014. May you be richly blessed by knowing the fullness of God's presence in your life in all ways.

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### Family Promise (cont. from page 6)

financial counseling. Most importantly, we want to be there for these families, showing them compassion, respect, and a sense of community.

A trip to Lawrence in February to see the Family Promise organization in action is in the planning. Also, the national Family Promise organization will soon provide training to Family Promise of the Northland, which includes Host Church Training. So if you are interested in being on the team, adopting a family, or volunteering in any way, please contact JoAnn Quinn by email [JoAnn@UnityKCNorth.org](mailto:JoAnn@UnityKCNorth.org) or by phone 816-436-0200, ext. 16



### 2013 Wine Tasting Fundraiser for Family Promise.

From left to right: Nancy Eastman, Becky Schatz, Bob Schatz, Ed Rippee

# Friends & Fun

## Unity Sisters

A wonderful group of Unity women attended our January meeting to plan some great events and activities for 2014. Here's what's coming up in February, March, and April....



### February 15th: "What Goes Around Comes Around!"

This month we will have our 3rd Annual clothing and accessory exchange, which is always such great fun! Come at 11:00 AM and bring your gently used clothing, accessories and/or knick-knacks to exchange. Lunch will be provided and then we'll have great fun "shopping" to see what treasures we can find. And the best part of this shopping is....it's FREE!!

### March 15th: Enneagrams with Anita Thompson

The Enneagram is a sophisticated and powerful ancient system for self-understanding and personal development. Join UKCN member Anita Thompson as she shares a basic understanding of what Enneagrams are and how they can help you communicate with and understand others.

### April 12th: Family Promise Workday

Although this date is still a bit tentative, the plan is to spend some time on the 2nd Saturday of April helping Family Promise put the finishing touches on their space in preparation for the Easter opening. Watch for more details in the weeks to come.



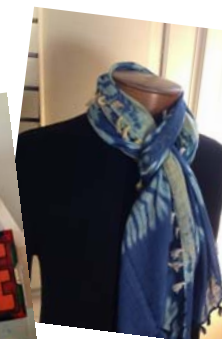
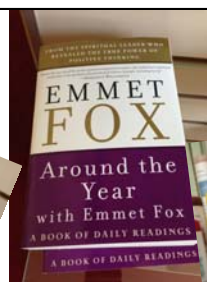
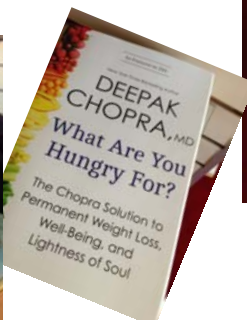
The Book Bunch meets every Friday morning at 10:00 to read and discuss a book that feeds us spiritually.

In February we begin a new book: ***The 4 Agreements*** by Don Miguel Ruiz.. After reading and sharing, the group goes for lunch on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Fridays, and we bring brown bag lunches on the 2nd and 4th Fridays. We always have a great time. *Come join us!*



Stop in to our Reflections Books & Gifts for that perfect Valentine for your special someone. We are always getting in lots of new inventory, so if you haven't been in lately be sure and check us out. Despite the cold temperatures, Spring is just around the corner. We have some great jewelry, scarves, and other items that will put a spring in your step.

And, of course, our selection of spiritual and new thought books is amazing. We have just the thing you're looking for, so come on in. In addition to Sundays, we are available for your shopping pleasure, Monday through Thursday during normal office hours!



# Joy -Filled and Grateful

*An on-going column, which provides an opportunity for individuals from our spiritual community to express gratitude for "What is up" with them.*

## ***From Catherine Bohm:***

When a person has a year like mine in 2013, where do you start in saying "I am truly joy-filled and grateful?"

Last January Russ and I were led in the decision to change insurance companies. This act saved us thousands of dollars this year. Thank you divine wisdom.

In May, I responded to a letter reminding me of my yearly mammogram in which Julie, the radiology tech, discovered a lump. Thank you God for your angels in human form. Now I am on a path of excellent doctors, nurses, and the best medicine known to man. Thank you for divine mind and order.

For a long time I only told our wonderful chaplains because they held me in that sacred space, being careful not to give me false hope or sadness, but they held me up, affirming God's healing and love. Thank you God for our fantastic chaplains.

Last but not least I need to thank Russ for his comfort and love watching his wife's body go through many changes and going bald. He never let me think this journey was impossible or lonely. Thank you spirit for the love of my life.

## ***From Dan Sprowl:***

One of the biggest things for me that brings me Joy and Gratitude is my 8 year old grand-daughter Quin. As I have gotten older in life I am finding out more and more that it's truly the simple things in life that matter most. Quin is my middle son's daughter and they live in Oklahoma City which makes it a bit of a challenge to see her. So she and I for the past couple of years have started talking on the phone at least 2 times a week. I so look forward to this and love to listen to her talk about school and crafts which are her 2 favorite subjects.

As she has gotten older our conversations last a little longer and she is always so happy and quick to share all that is going on in her life. It melts my heart each and every time we speak as she is so carefree and innocent. When I am able to travel to Oklahoma City to visit her, she follows me around like a little puppy dog talking non-stop saying PaPa lets go here and then here. So much fun! I would not trade those moments for anything. Talking to and seeing her helps remind me just how precious life really is and I am so blessed to have her as my granddaughter.

## ***From Cheryl East:***

Where does joy come from? For me, joy comes from my gratitude. I have so much to be grateful for especially within in the past five years since coming to UKCN. Our community here at UKCN has empowered me to take more control and responsibility of my life. The spiritual enrichment classes offered here have lead to many victories in my life as I have grown spiritually. Investing in me and spirit has brought joy in abundance. I know and accept that I have an important role to play whether in our community or the world. Joy did not just happen; it was not just given. I co-created it by faith in spirit, myself and my community here at UKCN. Everything in my life is at a new level spiritually, physically, financially and emotional wellness. Need more specifics? Well here's just my short prosperity list.

- ◆ I can tithe where I am spiritually blessed!
- ◆ I volunteer more as my health has improved
- ◆ I am singing and writing again
- ◆ I have improved family relationships
- ◆ My income has tripled
- ◆ I purchased a home alone for the first time
- ◆ I drive a safe, newer car
- ◆ **All Is Possible Through Spirit**



### March Birthdays

Michael Emery	03/01
Nicole Wood	03/04
Ralph Boudreaux	03/05
Greg Cenac	03/05
Tamara Dowell	03/05
Charles Emmons*	03/05
Shari Holland	03/05
Kai Vargas*	03/05
Pamela Fox	03/08
Abigail Bidwell*	03/10
Nancy Shull	03/10
Anita Thompson	03/10
Kathy Evans	03/11
Alex Datica*	03/12
Cody Datica*	03/12
Trenton Whiles-Ludwig*	03/12
Ethan Hoff*	03/13
Joyce McNerney	03/13
Kaila Harshman*	03/14
Aaron LaPuma	03/15
Frances Porter	03/16
Gavin Skellenger*	03/16
Neal Burdick	03/19
Steve Donley	03/20
Paul Murphy	03/21
Madeline Smith*	03/21
Carly Watkins*	03/21
Janice Levan	03/23
Gordon Shull	03/24
Marilyn Legler	03/25
Billie Collins*	03/26
Kye Anderson*	03/27
Miles Vargas*	03/30
Kersten Schatz*	03/31

### April Birthdays

McKenna Stephens*	04/01
Cherie Alexander	04/02
Terri Datica	04/04
Sue Kriley	04/04
Brian Chandler	04/07
Deborah Cruickshank	04/07
Jennifer Marchand	04/07
Kenneth Potter	04/11
Jason Frame*	04/14
Grace Godmaire	04/14
Roger Bidwell	04/16
Melvin LaGalle	04/16
Ehren Hoesly*	04/17
Noah Knutson*	04/17
Oscar Norris*	04/17
Carolyn Frame	04/18
Donna Stoway	04/19
Charity Stephens	04/20
Addison Fleming	04/21
Gracie Paige*	04/22
Alex Campos*	04/24
David Page	04/26
Eliasa Sabogal de Guerrero	04/27
Steve Hamilton	04/28
Jennifer Thompson	04/28
Fran Porter	04/29
Ed Rippee	04/29

\* Birthday Kids

### February Birthdays

Maria Baldwin	02/02
Sydney Saft*	02/05
Sarah Haberberger	02/06
Donna Henry	02/07
Connie Hull	02/10
Robin Benson	02/11
Becky Schatz	02/11
Patricia Ross	02/12
Kelly Haynes	02/14
Taylor Jones*	02/14
Richard Ortiz	02/15
Kinnick Sielaff*	02/15
Madi Duce*	02/18
Phillip Guerrero	02/18
Suzi Schulz	02/18
Cole Counts-Davis*	02/19
Eric Rippee*	02/19
Thomas Edmondson	02/20
Dave Hutcheson	02/20
Phil Fox	02/21
Erica Roberts	02/23
Aidan Pendergraft*	02/25
Alysa Pendergraft*	02/25
Maliah Rodriguez	02/25
Jeff Jans	02/26
Drew Blair*	02/28
Josie Lenati*	02/28
Jenevereth Martin	02/28
Drew Willis*	02/28
Sue Wright	02/28

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to speak or teach classes whenever we can. In addition, our great house band, Substance, frequently plays at Unity Village to assist ministerial students with their chapel services, and they recently provided music for the January conference for Unity ministers.

Our congregation had its first annual picnic at Unity Village this past July. It was a great time for all of us, and gave our people a chance to become familiar with Unity Village, located near Lee's Summit. In addition, a number of us also took the time to assist USCR (Unity South Central Region), the region our church is a part of, with their annual conference by decorating a beautiful stage for them and providing treats for an evening bonfire.

On a more individual note, we are very proud that our former board president, Melanie Dean, has recently joined the board of trustees of Unity World Headquarters. It was quite an honor for Melanie to be asked to serve, and we know she'll contribute greatly to their work ahead. And lastly, I'd like to share my own commitments with Unity that represented our community as your minister. I took on a leadership position for the first time with USCR, and began serving a four year term for UWM as a member of their L & O (Licensing and Ordination) ministerial team. This team meets twice a year for a week to evaluate ministerial students during their educational process.

As you can see, we here at UKCN have greatly supported the Unity movement in ways that honor our commitment and appreciation of them in this past year. We will undoubtedly continue to grow in our bonds with Unity, and through our connections and loving service we are all blessed and strengthened, for we are not only a spiritual community, but we are a Unity spiritual community in every sense.

I thank you all for your commitment to Unity and its teachings in every way. My joy and appreciation exceeds words, so just know that I'm truly thankful for all the ways we've made this beloved path our home in our hearts, our minds, and with our hands.

in love and great joy,



**Recommitment Ceremony  
February 7, 2014**

**Left to Right:  
Rob & Danille Collins  
Bill & Ida Clayton  
Kathy & Jerry Evans  
Nick Bran & Barb Stonner  
Norm Heyder & Linda LeMieux**

## *Join us for Sunday Services*

*9:00 & 11:00 AM*

### **Children's Ministry**

#### **NURSERY**

**1st Sunday Service: 8:45 AM - 10:15 AM**

Birth - 7 years

**Sunday Meditation Service: 10:15 AM - 10:45 AM**

Birth to 10 years

**2nd Sunday Service: 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM**

Birth - 3 1/2 years

#### **YOUTH EDUCATION**

**2nd Sunday Service: 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM**

Youth Classes Ages 3 1/2 - 12)

Teen Classes (Ages 13 - 18)

#### ***OUR MISSION:***

*We are a loving  
spiritual community  
that honors the  
Christ in all  
and expresses the  
Christ in all we do.*

#### ***OUR VISION:***

*We celebrate the  
world expressing  
oneness with all  
creation, united in  
love, peace, and  
abundance.*

*We are Joyful, Authentic, Grateful, Loving, Spiritual*

