



Unity of the Shenandoah

DECEMBER 16 TH, 2011

THIS WEEK AT UNITY

Sunday, January 18th

Service begins at 10:00am

Message – "Healing: It's All Relative".

Nothing exists outside of relationship. Without a point of reference outside ourselves, we cannot define ourselves. What is your point of reference for who and what you are? This Sunday talk will examine right relationship with the creative force of the universe and illustrate common error thoughts that keep us from healing and living into our divine legacy.

Guest speaker Rev. Dr. Thomas Capshew

Thomas Capshew is a Community Based Counselor in Fredericksburg, Virginia. He has attended Unity services for several years and was a Prayer Chaplin for Unity of New York in 2008-2009. He is an Ordained Interfaith Minister and also is trained in and practices shamanic work, energy work and spiritual direction. He is the author of "Divine Warrior Training: Manifesting the Divine in Our World."

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Recordings of our Sunday presentations (including that day's) are available on CD in our bookstore for \$4.

Prosperity Group

Diana Eldridge, LUT

Message from the Board

Happy Holidays to all. At the last Board meeting we scheduled our Annual Membership meeting to be held Jan. 22, 2012. Chris Young and Susan Mills are the nominating committee team for new Board members. If you are interested in serving US with your time and energy for the benefit of our church community please contact either Chris or Susan, or email David in our office and he will notify them. Also, we are working on "tweaking" our By-laws. The next Board meeting on Jan. 8 will focus on By-law revisions. If you have a suggestion/concern/ideas about our policies and procedures please contact a Board member. The revisions should be ready for full membership review before our annual meeting and placed on the agenda for a vote at that time.

We will host another Italian Dinner with Chef Frank on Jan. 13. Diana is to begin her Bible Studies classes soon and we have more fun activities planned for 2012.

We recently welcomed four new members into our congregation. We are blessed to have thought provoking speakers each Sunday, including several Unity ministers and will continue to rotate their visits. Maintenance and repairs continue to be made to our church building. Sale and dividing the property (discussed on last page of this newsletter) is in the works. Dr. Chris and the Choir are doing a wonderful job!! Thank you for a wonderful concert. And thank you to Susan and Mary for the great fellowship afterwards (we ate, we drank and all seemed quite merry). We still would like to have a volunteer manage the bookstore, there are so many nice things waiting to be arranged.

All in all, I would say we are thriving in our Unity Community. All that we have, all that we are and all that we give comes from Source through you and we are grateful to each and every one of you. I hope you take time to enjoy this glorious season knowing all is well. Amen

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Prosperity Corner from the Treasurer

In the October Newsletter I reported that we met with an attorney for assistance in filing the Board of Trustee names with the Clerk of the Court and that the attorney would also make an offer to the bank for settlement on the property. The Board of Trustee names have been registered with the Clerk of the Court, and the attorney has made progress toward a settlement with the bank.

As of this date a draft contract for the sale of the house and a portion of the land is in preparation, and the proceeds from this sale will be applied toward the existing mortgage. In addition, the bank has agreed to refinance the Church property with the addition of the land behind the church (0.5 acres) as payment on the remaining balance of the exiting mortgage. Although the details remain to be finalized, it is projected that we will reduce our total mortgage obligation from approximately \$261,000 to \$120,000. The total monthly mortgage payment will be approximately \$815 (it is currently \$1923, but was \$2174). Since nothing has been finalized, please continue to hold the vision of our thriving Church Home in your thoughts and prayers.

In other related activities; the entrance doors have been renovated as a donation from a member, the gutters and downspouts will be replaced and paid for from available funds, the fuel tank was filled and paid for, and for the first time in years we have sent a tithe to Unity Village. With the exception of the overdue house mortgage payments, we are up-to-date on all our obligations. We now have an accurate indication of our income and expenses year to date, and feel confident that we will be able to fund and complete much-needed repairs and maintenance to our church building and property.

Please continue to keep the vision for a timely and favorable resolution of the property release process.

"...we live the truth we know..."

Regular Monthly Programs

Al-Anon – Sunday evenings at 6:30pm. Contact Stephanie at stehanie.stell@gmail.com or 517-930-2201. 540-320-4266

Drum Circle – Second Saturday of the month, 3-5pm. Contact Kerstin Budlong at kbudlong@frontiernet.net.

As the Sunday Service Team continues scheduling Sundays in the future they will be looking for more Unity based programs and are looking to have a regular rotation of Unity ministers and speakers to bring this about.

Prayer Chaplains Corner

Although the Prayer Chaplain program is on hold, the Prayer Team continues to hold those in prayer who have requested prayers. The Team prays over each request for 30 days, and it is then sent on to Silent Unity for an additional 30 days of prayer. Leave your request in the prayer box at church or leave a message on the church phone.

If anyone has questions about the Prayer Chaplain program, please contact Kerstin Budlong at kbudlong@frontiernet.net or 304-724-8784.

Spiritual Counseling is available by Rev. Michael Mills or Diana Eldridge, LUT. Contact Michael at aneaglessoul@aol.com or Diana at hantayo0210@yahoo.com.

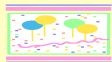
Angel Acts:

Many thanks to our Music director **Dr Chris Romich**. For her music that enriches our lives each **Sunday**. Also for her hard work in teaching the **Choir**, to be better musicians and vocalists.

Community Outreach

Church Office Hours:

Monday 9:00AM - 2:00PM
Thursday 11:00AM - 4:00PM
Friday 10:00AM – 12:00PM



Happy Birthday

Babs Vance, Anne Morrisette,
Kyle Harding, and Virginia Janes



Music Department

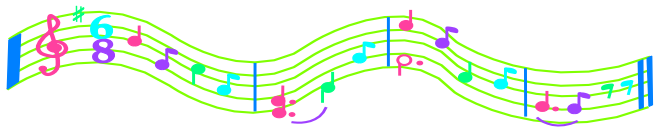
"I would like to take this moment to give a HUGE thank you to the choir members for an outstanding performance in the Lessons and Carol's service! We met every single weekend since October. All of the hard work and dedication really paid off - great job you guys!

Also, thank you to all of the readers for a wonderful job! The service was a big success, so everyone should be proud.

The choir will be off in January for a much needed break. I shall be providing the music for the month, so come on down and bring in the new year with me!

In the meantime, happy holidays! Blessings!"

Dr.CR



Share Your Original Piece Here....

A letter from Karen Gray to US.

Dear Friends

As we enter a new year, I am grateful for your presence in my life, and for the spiritual home we find at Unity of the Shenandoah. Surely, the blessings of Spirit are constantly flowing and growing in our midst and, in the words of a little song I learned from Rev. LaFayette Seymour, "I am Alive, Alert, Awake, Enthusiastic!"

At a time when our thinking tends toward the possibilities of the coming year, I encourage you to take stock in the generous NOW. Our Unity teachings remind us to spend every day in gratitude and with confidence in the blessings available to us.

Crossing into the new year, yes, let's refine our creative intentions for the future; and, let's bolster our resolve to make changes toward our Highest Good.

Still, let's also affirm the glory and perfection of the present moment, the abundance of peace and love and light available to us as soon as we so declare. Let's remember now that each step we take is on holy ground and every breath is sacred.

From the bottom of my heart, I wish you a Happy New Year, and especially, a Happy Now.

Sincerely, Rev. Karen Gray

Now it's your turn... send submissions to David at
unityshenandoah@verizon.net.
We look forward to your sharing.

CALENDAR

January 15th Rev Dr Thomas Capshew
January 22nd Rev. Christine Agnellini
January 22nd Annual Membership Meeting. All
are welcome to attend after service.
January 29th Roy Berkowitz
February 5th Rev. Nina Gibson

In sending a donation and prayer it will help bless God's message as it goes forth from our church home. Remember, all donations are tax-deductible.

"Jesus said, "Freely ye received, freely give." True giving is the love and generosity of the spirit-quicken heart responding to the love and generosity of our Father."

(From Charles Fillmore, *Prosperity*)

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