



CHRIST UNITY CHURCH

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CLARITY OF VISION...

There is an article in the December/January issue of "Contact" (published by the Association of Unity Churches) which asks four very important questions as they apply to you and I here at Christ Unity Church.

As spiritual community;

1. Why do we exist?
2. What is it that we do that supports our purpose of existence?
3. What do we see ourselves becoming?
4. What are the values we adhere to that determine how we act on a day to day basis?

The answer to these questions become the guiding statements for the visioning process that we share every Sunday morning.

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Rev. Rob Wheeler,
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In my mind here is the heart of the discussion. WE...

It's very important that YOU know that YOU are this ministry. You are a necessary part of "WE." This isn't the "Boards" church, it's not just "Rob's" ministry.

You have a role in the success and growth of our church and its ministry. How? By answering the four questions above and sharing in our visioning circle held on every Sunday morning.

I know what thoughts I hold for the church and this Ministry. Several of you have contributed your thoughts which I have shared with the Board. We now have an inkling of what the collective might envision for the church as well. However, until we hear what you, dear readers, as members of this Spiritual Community envision the process will not as clear as it could be.

With clarity of vision and faith in the providing power of our Loving Father-Mother God there can never be lack or limitation for you personally or for this Spiritual community known as Christ Unity Church.

Let us know TODAY what you see!

POINT TO PONDER...

40 to 45% of American adults make one or more New Year's resolutions each year. Resolutions dealing with weight loss, exercise and giving up smoking are the most common. Also common are resolutions dealing with better money management and/or debt reduction. The following shows how many of these resolutions are maintained as time goes on:

- past the first week: 75%
- past 2 weeks: 71%
- after one month: 64%
- after 6 months: 46%

So will you make one or more resolution's and keep them?

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Puzzle Place

UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS

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2. garolupnyd _____
3. eyorenve _____
4. ipmjung _____
5. faulceyr _____
6. umpeiqnte _____
7. ebokatrdsda _____
8. iyapngl _____

ANSWERS: 1. recreation 2. playground 3. everyone 4. jumping 5. carefully 6. equipment 7. skateboard 8. playing

DID YOU KNOW?

It took several Centuries before **Valentines Day** became commonly celebrated and the first recorded Valentine Card was sent.

During the 17th and 18th Century in the UK handwritten letters and notes of love were exchanged, sometimes with gifts.

A Century later saw the first commercially produced Valentines Day greeting cards. This

was in America by Esther A. Howland in 1840. They were made out of ribbons and lace with color pictures.

The 14th of February was also seen as a day of romance because it was the day when birds would begin their mating season. It was thought that a girl or young woman could tell the occupation of her future husband from the

first bird she saw on Valentine's Day. If she saw a blackbird first she was destined to marry a Clergyman. If it was a robin she would wed a sailor, a goldfinch would see her marry a rich man, a blue titmouse meant she would marry a happy man and if it was a dove she would marry a good man. Women who saw a woodpecker were destined to never marry or find a man at all.

HEAVENLY NOTES:

On December 22nd, we had our Christmas Candle lighting Service. The Church was beautiful with little lights, wreaths and merriment. Faces were aglow with love, happiness and expectation.

The service started with Rev. Rob Wheeler giving the greeting and opening prayer. The congregation sang a rousing Christmas song or two. Rev. Rob and Joyce Larson proceeded to take turns reading the Christmas story. Each reading was then accented by a song from the Choir.

There were several nice solo's and duets. Larrissa Montegna sang the "Coventry Carol", followed by a Native American Carol, " 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime", sung by Shula Morgan.

Alida Montegna sang "Christmas Star". Cheryle Collins and Shula Morgan did a duet on "Away in a Manger".

The Choir was accompanied by Steve McManus on the Grand Piano, Gerry Pare' on the Cello, and her husband David Miller on the Double Bass. All of the music was very beautiful, the readings interesting and insightful, and the atmosphere peaceful.

The grand finale was when everyone in the church lit a candle. As Rev Rob says, "One Candle may not give much light, but add to that all the rest of your lights, and the room comes alive. When we add our lights to one another, we make a big, bright statement in our world."

We would like to thank the Musicians, Choir and Staff of Christ Unity Church for making this night so special.



**"YOU CAN TELL
A LOT ABOUT A
PERSON
WHEN
YOU KNOW WHAT
GIVES THEM
COMFORT"**

Plan to be here on
January 14, 2007
Sunday – 1:30 to 4:00 PM

INTENTION MAPPING®

This workshop is a wonderful opportunity to put your desires for 2007 into action.

Intention Mapping® is a mind/body experience that focuses your creative energy to bring about whatever you would like to have in your life: more clarity, your life work, relationship, balance, abundance. Bring your intention to create what you want. Line up your mind and body with your intention. Create heaven in 2007!

Facilitated By: Jo Anna Shaw

Jo Anna Shaw, past president and treasurer of Seattle Unity Church, is a mind/body coach, licensed Brain Gym® Instructor, facilitator, writer and all around multi-gifted individual whose love of life inspires many to achieve their goals.

More on the website www.unitymedford.org

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE...

These are some of the areas within the Ministry where your time and talent could be put to use:

Hospitality

Maureen Henderson is asking for additional volunteers to set the goodies and make the coffee for fellowship. One Sunday a Month would be GREAT!

Ushers & Greeters

You can play an important role! You are the first person new Folks meet. We want folks to be at home here, just as you were the first time you came. **Which Sunday's work best for you?** Please see Diane Coash the chair of this committee and we will put you in the schedule.

Sound Technician

Prepare the sound system for use prior to the Sunday service or special event to accommodate speakers and/or musical performances. Works with Steve, Shula and Rev. Rob on post-production work to prepare tapes and cd's for the "On the Road" program *(No experience necessary... we will teach the ease of use of the system.)*

Transportation Assistant

We have folks who would love to come to church, however, they are unable to drive. Would two Sundays a month work for you to ride share?

Multi-Media Crew

We are looking for people who either know or would like to learn Power Point, Microsoft Publishing (this newsletter) to support our staff as we grow. When we add a projector in the Sanctuary we will need people just like you every Sunday. **Would once a month work**

for you?

Contact and Communication Team

The Church supplies the cards, stamps and addresses. From your home You supply the love and a few minutes to say "We Love You, We miss you, We look forward to seeing you soon"

Platform Chairperson

Assists Rev. Rob and our Guest speakers during the Sunday Service by introducing the songs, leading the affirmation, presenting the opening prayer, welcoming visitors and presenting the announcements. We are so blessed to have Joyce Larson and Diane Coash in that position. There is room to add YOU as we grow and have the need for two (or more) services every Sunday.

WHAT IS GOD SAYING?

Did you say you're getting old

And not needed anywhere?

Who told you that?

God didn't.

Did you say you're forgotten

By those who used to care?

Who told you that?

God didn't.

O dear, beloved ageless one

You are His very precious heir

Who told you so?

God did!

Written by Luella B. Allen

Submitted by Lou Lowman

SAY HELLO TO...

Bill and Donna Hunt

Bill and Donna met in southern California many moons ago when they were just "youngsters" in their middle 40's.

With a smile on his face Bill said, "We both had experienced a divorce and because of the baggage we brought with us, the marriage at times was rocky ." Bill arrived in Oregon two years prior to Donna to be a partner in a dairy farm.

Donna was the first to discover Unity teachings and become a member of Christ Unity Church. "The teachings have made a huge difference in my Life," Donna said, "in a very good way."

Taking time to come to church just wasn't in the cards while Bill was farming. However, when he retired he not only came to church, he became a member and served on the Board of Trustees.

Bill and Donna serve as ushers on the fifth Sunday's. At least they did until recently when Donna fell and injured her hip. Surgery went very well and she is recovering nicely. It was great to see her back in church and she thanked all of us (you) for the cards and prayers she has received. Bill continues to fill in as an Usher when needed.

Donna has been doing the decorations on the table over the fold up chairs in Bosworth Hall. We look forward to her full recovery and the next great artistic idea she will bring to expression.

"We love the church. It has enriched our lives." The couple said, and we couldn't agree more.

MEMBERSHIP

Greetings from your Board of Trustees!

What an exciting year we are going to have! Your Board met on December 16, at Shirley Dempsey's home, where we had the beginning of several "Workshops" plus our regular "Board Meeting."

After great discussion, sharing, questions, recommendations, and some joyous laughter we decided to have a "Workshop" a few more times this year in which we will continue to work with and answer the questions from Rob's article on the first page, and the three "modes of governance" from the article by Barbara Herne. We will review our Bylaws, work on our Vision Statement, and review and possibly revise our "Partners in Ministry" program.

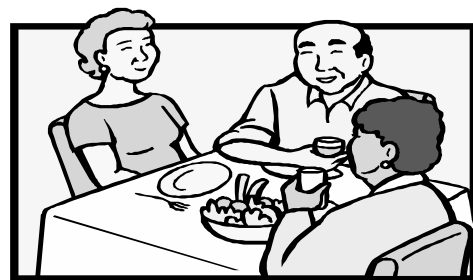
It was decided we should update our Mission Statement, so that will take place at our next Board Meeting (Jan. 8), and will be presented to the congregation the following Sunday.

I see both our board and membership growing in knowledge and activities this year. I encourage all of us to "get involved". It is fun and exciting and so very sat-

isfying. I would also encourage anyone interested, to pick up the December/January issue of "Contact" magazine and read through it. There is a "wealth" of information for us in this great little magazine. We, the Board, are grateful for each and everyone of you, and our plan is to keep you as informed as we possibly can.

We wish you a **GLORIOUS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Your Board President,
Joyce Larson



"A lot of times, people don't know what they want until you show it to them."
Steve Jobs

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday Lessons 11 a.m.

January Theme

"One Presence, One Power"

- 1/7 The Great Promise
- 1/14 **Courage** Jo Anna Shaw
- 1/21 You Are Unlimited
- 1/28 The Present Moment

February Theme

"Living the Truth you know"

- 2/4 God's Love
- 2/11 Love Will Meet the Need
- 2/18 The Secret of Happiness
- 2/25 Rise Above

Special Events

Birthday Potluck 1/7 in Bosworth Hall following service

Jo Anna Shaw Workshop
1/14 1:30 p. m.

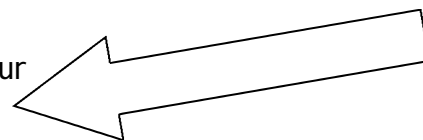
Birthday Potluck 2/4 in Bosworth Hall following service

Anton Mizerak 2/25 during service.

Membership
Connie Shields and the Membership committee are looking for new ideas and your input. Care to Serve? We will be working of the B-Centennial events!

GOD'S GIFTS AT WORK

We are truly Blessed to have all our needs, wants and desires fulfilled.



First Quarter Income/Expense	Sep 06	Oct 06	Nov 06	TOTAL
Income	3,284.47	4,053.79	27,614.29	34,952.55
Expense	3,899.82	4,587.44	6,693.48	15,180.74
Net Income	-615.35	-533.65	20,920.81	19,771.81

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God and
the Rogue Valley

