



CHRIST UNITY CHURCH

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MEMBERSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

As you can see from the "looking Ahead" column we are adding events that you have requested! In addition to Fellowship following every Sunday service and the Birthday Pot Luck on the first Sunday of the Month beginning on Saturday March 17th at 5:30 pm you can participate in DINNER AND A MOVIE!

The first film offered will be "The Secret" There is a huge buzz going on about this fine film. Some of the teachers of "The Secret" have been on Oprah to talk a bit about the film and the principles being discussed. Those who have seen those TV shows (originally broadcast in February) reported that we have been teaching "The Secret" here at Christ Unity church for a long... long... long ... long time.

Discover what the buzz is all about on Saturday March 17th as we

explore "The Secret" together.

The second film scheduled is CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD which tells the true story of Neale Donald Walsch (Henry Czerny) who, at the lowest point in his life, asks God some very hard questions. The answers he gets from God/within become the foundation of an internationally-acclaimed book series.. The film chronicles the dramatic journey of a down and out man who inadvertently becomes a spiritual messenger and bestselling author.

The ministry is a member of The Spiritual Cinema Circle™ so we will have a wonderful selection of shorts and feature length films to explore in the coming months.

AND COMPLAINING SOLVES... WHAT?

By Shula Morgan

There is a large field by my house where I take my 3 dogs to let them run. Often there is litter and trash left by teenagers and young adults. At the beginning I was dismayed by this and criticized the parents and kids for allowing this kind of behavior.

Then I realized that if I didn't want to see the litter, it was up to me to pick it up. I pick up whatever I see now, and it has become a game to see how much I can retrieve. I now enjoy a much cleaner environment. Complaining didn't solve the problem... action did.

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LOOKING AHEAD

March Theme:

**"We align our heart-mind
with God"**

- 4th Alida Montegna
- 11th "Rest... Assured that I AM with you"
- 18th "The Greatest Power"
- 25th "I AM holding you up & lighting your path"

April Theme:

**"Our Essence is of God;
therefore YOU are good!"**

- 1st Palm Sunday
- 8th Easter Sunday
- 15th "Open Channel"
- 22nd "Ideas in Trust"
- 29th "Successful Trusting"

Special Services

April 6th Good Friday 7:00 p.m.

Special Events

- Dinner & A Movie
- March 17th "The Secret"
- April 14th "Conversations with God"
- March 24th **Uni-Teen/YOU**
Pizza & Movie 5:00 p.m.
- April 21st **Uni-Teen/YOU**
Pizza & Movie 5:00 p.m.

Special Music

March 4th – Larissa MacKinnon Soloist

SAY HELLO TO...

Janet Pugliano

Jan retired to the Rogue Valley from Livingston, Montana, in June of 1990. She was a school teacher who in her career taught in public, country (all grades) and parochial schools.

Being a very active person (she swims laps most every day and loves outdoor activities) retirement didn't last very long. She went to work in the cosmetics section of the JC Penny store here in Medford and remained for 10 years and retired, once again at age xx (*Editor Note: I said I would tell!*)

She was introduced to Unity through the Daily Word magazine given to her by nuns at a parochial school who used the magazine in their meditations. Later she discovered that the father of one of her students was the Minister of the Unity Church in Livingston.

It is interesting to note that Rev. Colleen Graham served as the minister in Livingston, Montana, however she and Jan didn't meet until they made contact here at Christ Unity.

Jan first came to our church in response to a September 1990 newspaper ad for the Course in Miracles class.

If you don't see Jan in church it's generally because she's off visiting one of her two sons who live out of the area. Or she's with one of her two daughters who live in the valley. Or making a point to touch bases with one or more of her 8 grand children or 5 Great-grand children.

Jan serves this ministry, first by her presence and secondly by being one of the volunteers from the **Contact & Communications Team** who sends off the cards and letters to members and friends who we haven't seen in a while to say "We Love You, We miss you, We look forward to seeing you soon"

It is well worth your time to say hello to
Janet Pugliano

HEAVENLY NOTES:



guest musician (local or otherwise) each month.

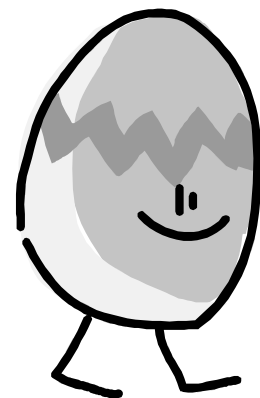
- We are planning a series of concerts which will take place once every quarter, featuring various local and guest musicians. Look for special announcements with more information in the future and plan to join us for these special events.

The music team at Christ Unity Church has been working hard at planning some exciting events and changes to enhance and expand musical participation in 2007 and beyond. Here are some of the highlights:

- The Easter Service on Sunday, April 8th, will feature more music, similar in format to the Christmas Candlelight Service.

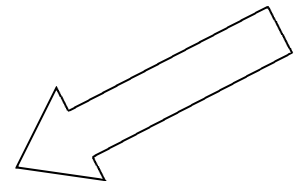
- More guest musicians will be featured during the regular Sunday Services, including artists like Anton Mizerak, Sarah Gottlieb, Larissa MacKinnon, Michael Mandrel, and many others. Our goal is to have one

As always, we are ready to welcome anyone who would like to become a member of the Unity Singers. It is such a fun group. You really don't know what you're missing! If you know of anyone who might be interested in singing with us, (including yourself), please give Shula a call. Don't be shy, now!



GOD'S GIFTS AT WORK

Father-Mother God, the Spiritual Power of Praise and Thanksgiving for manifest good and for yet to be Manifest good bless me and all whom I contact.



Sep 1, '06 - Feb 22, 07	
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Total Income	43621.98
Total Expense	31385.36
Net Ordinary Income	12236.62

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE...

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

Hospitality Team

We have room for you to serve on the Hospitality Team. One Sunday a month help set up for fellowship in Bosworth Hall following the service. See Maureen Henderson or call the office.

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.*) On Sunday take a minute to say hello to SHERIE PADILLA who has stepped forward to work with us!

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

First things First... **THANK YOU Janet Pugliano!** Janet is the moving force behind insuring that those

who we haven't seen at church receive cards to let them know we think about them.

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"

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.

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.

Membership

Connie Shields and the Membership committee are looking for new ideas and your input. Care to Serve?

Did we forget any Ministry Team? If so, let us know and we will find those who are willing to serve in that area.

And complaining solved ... what?
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There are people that I know that rant and rave about the government, their jobs, and their neighbors. You name it, complaining has become a way of life.

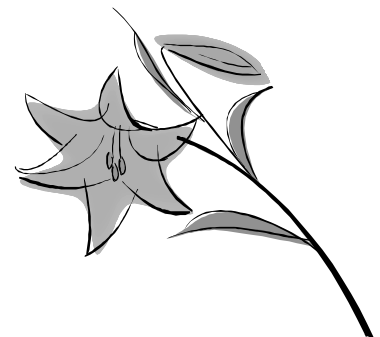
Since thoughts have a vibrational energy, they attract others of like mind. Groups of people then gather together to share their negative thoughts and feelings. They strengthen each other and soon you have a crowd just complaining their little hearts out. We're against this, we're against that. O.K., but what are you FOR?

What is the solution to the problem? What positive Action can you take to make the situation better?

Complaining may be fun, but it has never, ever solved anything. What action can you take today to actually change something?

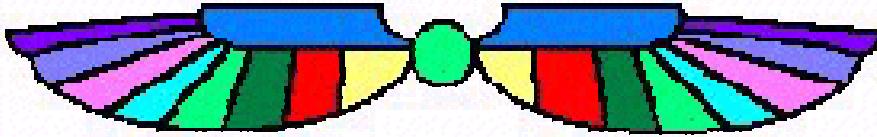
Pick up the trash that you hate to see. Call the humane society about that abused dog. Initiate a dialog with that person who offends you. Think in positives, not negatives. Raise the vibration of the world around you, don't keep dragging it down. Finally, be a part of a group of people that are making a difference in this world through positive means. You will see your world change dramatically.

Isn't that what we want?





Chicks and rabbits are the new life of springtime. The butterfly tells again how new and beautiful life can come from a dark cocoon.



YOU AND UNITEEN PAGE

If you're 14-18 years old and want to share your own divine spark with us, please join us at our church! We're a growing group and would love to have you.

Uniteens are students in 6th-8th grades, becoming aware of their spiritual nature, asking the big questions and finding some answers. Uniteens learn Unity principles and how to apply these guidelines in life.

Youth of Unity (YOU) is a spiritual youth group for high school aged teens, gathering each week to discover who we are as spiritual beings. Step through our door into a place where judgment, criticism, peer pressure, and negativity are left behind. We create a space where we are free to express who we are and to grow into who we want to be. Y.O.U is youth led and adult guided.

Statement of Faith for Unity Youth

(Adapted from *Statement of Faith for Unity Children*, c.1900)

God is my Father and I am his child;
 I am his image and likeness.
 I shall have no evil thought,
 because I am like my Father, who is all good.
 I shall have no unkind thought
 because I am like my Father, who is love.
 I shall have no thought of sin, sickness, or
 death,
 because I am like my Father, who is life.
 I am well, strong, happy, and wise,
 because my Father is all life, all strength,
 all love, and all wisdom.
 I have the mind that was in Christ Jesus.
 Because Christ Jesus was God's responsive
 child,
 I am God's responsive child.

WE HAD A GREAT TIME!

Saturday February 17th the Uniteens and YOUers got together for a PIZZA and MOVIE night.

Tami Graham, a former YOUer herself put the event together and with the support of Rev. Rob, Shirley Dempsey and Linda Wheeler hosted the evening. We had a half and half Pizza and then watched "The Emperor's Club" with Kevin Kline. The Emperor's Club is an adaptation of author Ethan Canin's short story, The Palace Thief. Tami brought several different selections, but this was the one we choose.

We had such a super time that we have scheduled two more PIZZA and MOVIE nights.

Mark your calendar and plan to be with us for the next event to held on Saturday March 24th. We meet at the church at 5:30 p.m.

Don't put your pencil away just yet. Add April 21st too.

Do you have an idea of which movie you'd like to watch with us?

Send an email to newsletter@unitymedford.org and mark it **Attn Tami**

Who wants to enter the Coloring Contest?

Color the picture on page four and bring it to church no later than Palm Sunday (April 1st)

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