

# Glad Tidings!



UNITY VALLEY CHURCH

*Thriving* in Unity

**May-June 2024**

### **Our Vision**

As a spiritual community, centered in Oneness, we transform through love, empowerment and inspiration.

### **Our Mission**

Unity of Hemet is a loving community inspiring peace and transformation through spiritual awakening

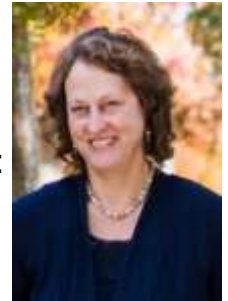
### **Meditation Service**

**Sundays at  
9:30 am**

**Sunday  
Celebration  
10:00 am**

"You may be able to ditch your resolutions, but you can't ditch your evolution." Rev. Dr. Jane Simmons, Unity Minister

Have you had a spiritual graduation lately? I'm referring to those times when something new awakens inside: a powerful creative idea flashes, an ancient grudge dissolves, a fresh understanding brings an enlivening perspective, an assurance of abundance arises, an unexplainable joy sparks your heart.



Rev. Robyn Plante,  
Sr. Minister

Another word for graduation is *commencement*, which means beginning. For each student, a graduation ceremony is a rite of passage to honor a one's **journey of becoming**, and it's also a recognition of an individual's growth and new identity, as they bring forth acquired skills, knowledge, and experience to the world.

In this school of life with "lessons, lessons everywhere," we continually are presented with a choice to resist or embrace the next level of expression of our divine wholeness. Which will you choose today?

We have a spiritual graduation each time we're able to skirt around pitfalls that don't align with God or serve the highest good, and instead, choose a different route of thinking and acting that fuels our sense of purpose and grants us more inner peace, wisdom, joy and ease with living.

God is doing a good work in you. God is doing a good work at Unity Valley Church! A heartfelt grati-

tude to all who participated in our three sessions of Visioning. Let us celebrate our community's graduation into a new era of Christ expression as we carry forth the God-inspired vision together.

With Love, Rev. Robyn



## Journey of the Soul

This journey we are living “refers to the theory that man’s soul emanates from Perfection and travels on the road of experience in order that it may return to Perfection, individualized. (A Dictionary of New Thought Terms)

“.... seek the Christ Truth and enter the true path to the ‘way of life’. (Journeying Onward, Lillian De Waters)

Perhaps the above references toss about in thought! Personally, I have adopted the phrase “onward and upward” as a commanding mental awareness of the ever presence of the Christ within (meaning: Christ is the perfect idea of God, Jesus is the perfect expression of the divine idea in thought, therefore, the union of the idea and the expression are ONE!)

This journey we travel, known as daily living, is a moment-to-moment action, re-action. It is often stated; “... is not for

the faint of heart.” I believe the journey of living life is a journey of healing. It requires an empowering action known as Spiritual Growth. Growing, requires nourishment, attentive care, awareness and experience identifying elements of LIFE living. Enhancement, a deepening in faith consciousness, is a 24/7/365 life living opportunity, BE here now!

In closing, remembering the hymn, “Just A Closer Walk With Thee”, brings comfort within my soul. Remembering, “Spiritual discernment reveals knowledge and intelligence are auxiliary to understanding.” (The Revealing Word Dictionary; Charles Fillmore – Unity Founder).

Onward and upward! We travel, this spiritual journey of the soul affirming, in unified consciousness: *Faith moves mountains, intelligence goes over them, wisdom goes around them, but love levels them.*

***Live, Love, Laugh,  
Learn, Leave a Legacy.***  
(Steven Covey)

Blessings of the day!

*Rev. Leora*  
(Spiritual Leadership  
Team member UVC)



**LOVE**



## Let us Pray

During the silence of meditation, I connect with the Living Spirit of God within me. In Divine presence, I know I am the consciousness of God. Vitality, wholeness, abundance, and well-being are mine to experience. Whatever and wherever God is, I AM. I am the consciousness of God. One with All That Is. I move and breathe deeply, with ease. With Faith and the Holy Spirit within my being, I move forward into action required to make my life enjoyable, meaningful, and fulfilled.

Jesus, our Master Teacher, often called upon God, "Abba!" (Father) come and be with me now! Sit with me in silence. Yes, We too can call upon the presence of God to sit with us to restore our strength, courage, and vitality to face all of life's challenges. So, just as Jesus asked his disciples to come and sit with him in prayer and meditation. I invite you to take time in your daily life to set a routine time to sit in prayer and silence to be with God. May you become aware of the rewards that follow.

Blessings,  
**Lucinda Moss,**  
 Unity Prayer Chaplain Trainer

*In the silence of the heart  
 God speaks.* Mother Teresa

## Upcoming Events

### Class Descriptions

\* **New Class: *Creating a Life of Prayer*, Thursday May 2, 16, 30 in the manse.** Need a faith lift? Join Rev. Robyn for this 3-session class to learn all about Unity's positive prayer method of affirmative prayer. Gain a deeper understanding of what prayer is, how it works, and the benefits of having a steady prayer practice. This class will include readings, discussion, reflection, and practice. Prayer support will also be available.

**Investment: \$30. Workbook provided.**

\* **Saturday Music Jam: Chant & Drum Circle**, May 11, 10:30 a.m. **in the chapel.** Bring a drum, instrument, or the instrument of your voice as we sing simple chants, play, and create together a river of sound and positive vibration. No experience is necessary. All are welcome! Rev. Robyn will be facilitating. Provided on a Love Offering basis.



\* **Saturday Poetry Playshop, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in the manse.** Have fun playing with words in a variety of creative writing exercises designed to spark your imagination and awaken your senses. Rev. Robyn will be sharing her best-loved poetry writing prompts from her years as a creative writing teacher. Let your inner child come out and play! Provided on a Love Offering basis.



## How to Increase Your Prosperity

Some tips from Rev. Bronte Colbert, Unity Minister on how to raise your prosperity consciousness.

### Give and give thanks.

Give from the heart, with love, not through a sense of obligation. Give where you feel spiritually fed or blessed, be it organizations or people. If you feel you have no money to give, donate your time. Give encouragement. Hand a flower to a friend. Offer a silent prayer. Remember to forgive. Don't give with the sole intent of receiving. Give because it feels good and it opens you up to receive. Give thanks. To whom can you send a thank-you card or note today?

### Watch your words.

Try to not speak of lack or limitation of any kind. Don't agree with worst-case scenarios that others may predict. Instead, turn the conversation to more positive subjects. Have answers prepared for those moments, such as "I know things will turn out just fine." Or consider whispering to yourself, "There is no lack or limitation in my life," because that's the Truth.

Remember:

*Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.—[Luke 6:38](#)*

## Vintage Unity

A reading suggestion for those of you interested in Prosperity the Unity way.



Unity Minister Rev. Georgiana Tree West was the author of the still relevant book, "Prosperity's Ten Commandments" published in 1996.

### Here are her 10 Affirmations for Prosperity

1. I look only to God for my prosperity
2. I make no mental images of lack
3. I speak no word of limitation
4. I let go and let God work in my affairs
5. I deal honorably with God and all His pay clerks
6. I keep my wealth circulating wisely
7. I use my wealth for good purposes only
8. I never strive to get something for nothing
9. I never talk poverty; I tell the Truth about God's abundance.
10. I take my eye off my neighbor's wealth; I claim my own!

**Yes!**



# Summer Fun!

Would you like to connect more with your church family, make new friends, and take part in activities you enjoy?

Consider signing up to host a one-time event where you can share an interest, talent, or hobby with others in our spiritual community.

These events are open to family and friends as well. Some possibilities include:

- \*Train trip to the ocean
- \*Dog friendly outing
- \*Bunko or Bingo
- \*Watercolor painting
- \*Crafting
- \*Singing
- \*Picnic at Bodega Park

Host Sign-ups through May 26 - Calendar will be out June 2.

*When scheduling please consider:*

- \***Dates:** June, July, August
- \***Guidelines:** non-alcoholic and non-substance social event or activity
- \***Cost:** Free (unless Admissions or Materials fee)
- \***Locations:** Congregants' homes, parks, public places or church grounds.





**The Birthday Bunch**  
**April 10, 2024**  
**Everest Golden Spoon**  
**Indian Restaurant**



## Visioning Dot Voting Results from March 2024

*Thank you for giving your input for the next step with Visioning. Your feedback will help us with focus and planning. The Spiritual Leadership Team has already put some of these items on our upcoming calendars.*

### Top Items Voted for:

#### **A. Classes on Saturday (see May & June calendar)**

- \* Saturday Afternoon Concert Fund-raiser (need a committee head)
- \* Game Day/Night
- \* Pet Blessings (October)
- \* Christmas cookie/cake walk (Nov/Dec)
- \* Streaming services (need a committee head)

#### **B. Next**

- \* Tea "Let's Talk" table (coming in May)
- \* Class on How Unity Began (coming in July)
- \* Drum Circle (chant & drum coming in May)
- \* Art as Meditation
- \* Mandala Drawing Meditation (April)
- \* Picnic
- \* Share UVC post with Hemet FB pages

#### **C. Poetry (coming in June)**

- \* Bus Trip
- \* Class on Gospel of Thomas
- \* Art Class (instructional)

\* Retreat

#### **D. Invite Friend/Neighbor (1 dot)**

- \* Class on Unity & Bible
- \* Spiritually directed workshop
- \* Mail Newsletters to "old members"
- \* Create "Event" page on FB
- \* Bake sale
- \* Talent Show
- \* Weddings
- \* Unexpected income program

#### **E. Zero dots**

- \* Concerts
- \* Quilt Raffle
- \* Movie night
- \* Hiking Trip
- \* Book Reading
- \* Attend ecumenical gatherings
- \* Asking for extra funds
- \* Young mothers support
- \* Lecture on spring flowers
- \* Spring Tea open to the public





**UNITY VALLEY CHURCH  
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
MINUTES March 24, 2024**

1. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Gloria Saporito, at 11:02 am.

2. **OPENING PRAYER:** Rev. Robyn Plante gave the Opening Prayer.

3. **READING OF THE MINUTES:** Mitzi Carver, Board Secretary, read the Minutes of the Annual Meeting from March 27, 2023 which were approved as read.

4. **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**—Gloria Saporito: Gloria thanked all our volunteers and members for their support of Unity Valley Church. Then she shared highlights of 2023:

A. We hired Rev. Robyn Plante as our senior Minister.

B. We also hired Lucinda Moss as the new Office Assistant.

C. Nancy Austin is our volunteer Facilities Coordinator.

D. Many repairs have been completed on our church grounds, including repairs to the roofs.

E. We continue to support Valley Restart with our Soup Stones team: Bonnie Januszewski, Jeff Barr, Dallas Needham and Char Marchbank.

F. There have been several weddings in our chapel.

G. We advertised our church in the Shopper to 33,000 readers.

H. Rev. Robyn has created a new church Facebook Page that includes recordings of her Sunday Services. The page is Unity Valley Church Hemet and has a picture of Rev. Robyn. I. There have been numerous classes taught by our Spiritual Leadership

Team; the classes are also posted on the Meet Up app. J. New members have been welcomed into our church family too.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**—Char Marchbank: Treasurer Char Marchbank shared an overview of 2023, including a list of all local non-profits to which our church donated to during 2023. Char also showed the actual yearly income and the major expenditures (See attached). The proposed budget for 2024 was reviewed. Char answered the questions members asked. Nancy Austin moved that 2024 Budget be approved; Lucinda Moss seconded the motion. The 2024 Budget was approved unanimously.

6. **MINISTER'S REPORT**—Rev. Robyn Plante: Rev. Robyn thanked the Board, Spiritual Leadership Team, all volunteers and church members for their support for Unity Valley Church. Rev. Robyn also mentioned the community organizations meeting at our church: Play With Your Food, NA, SAGE meetings, Girl Scouts and the San Jacinto Academy Awards Night. The Highlights for 2023 included the following:

1. Our Chaplain training and services directed by Lucinda Moss. 2. Taize mediation every other month. 3. New church Facebook page with audio recordings of the Sunday Services. 4. Mastermind classes on META. 6. Special Services and classes such as the Readers' Theater, White Stone Service, Prosperity Workshops, monthly classes, book studies. 7. Birthday Bunch and Men's Luncheons, Volunteer Appreciation Tea. 8. Visioning Process Days 1 and 2 and dot voting today.

2. Looking ahead, Rev. Robyn shared expanding our church outreach programs,



organizing the Summer of Fun activities and having more live music in church, and more joint activities with other churches.

Rev. Robyn's contract with the Unity Valley Church has been expanded from a half-time position to a three-quarter position per month and is up for renewal in August 2024.

7. BY-LAW CHANGE—Gloria Saporito: Gloria explained the Board's decision to revise the By-Laws regarding the number of members on the Board of Trustees. The current By-Laws state the Board will consist of the senior minister or co-ministers and six (6) other trustees elected from the active membership. Due to the changes in our church membership, the Board requests that the By-Laws be revised to state the Board of Trustees be composed of the senior minister or co-ministers and three to seven (3-7) other trustees elected from the active membership of the Unity Valley Church at the annual membership meeting. Mitzi Carver moved that the change in the By-Laws be approved; Char Marchbank seconded it. The motion to revise the By-Laws was approved with one vote opposing it.

8. BOARD MEMBERS RETIRING—Gloria Saporito: Gloria thanked the two retiring Board members, Bonnie Januszewski and Mark Balys, for their years of valuable service to Unity Valley Church with the presentation of parting gifts and grateful thanks from the members.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am. Submitted by Mitzi Carver, Secretary

## Money Matters

Unity Valley Church is very grateful to all who support our church and its ministries both financially and with your time and talents.

Our prosperity as a church is possible because of the generous support of our members and congregants. Our church is blessed because of the commitment, care, and love of all who assist our church to grow and prosper. On behalf of the Board of Trustees we bless you and thank you. We could not do this without you!



Char Marchbank  
Board Treasurer

### INCOME AND EXPENSES January –December 2003

INCOME	
Sunday Service	66,879.00
Classes/Workshops	3,294.45
Restitution	600.00
Variable Income*	7,885.00
* Rentals, Weddings, Play With Your Food	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>79,233.32</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>81,969.72</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>(2,736.40)</b>

#### TITHES 2024

Unity Worldwide	1,986.00
Unity Southwest	1,986.00
Local Non-Profits	1,986.00



## Unity Valley Church

### Board of Trustees:

Rev. Robyn Plante, Sr. Minister  
Gloria Saporito, President  
Dallas Needham, Vice President  
Char Marchbank, Treasurer  
Mitzi Carver, Secretary  
Jeff Barr, Trustee

### Spiritual Leadership Team:

**Senior Minister, Rev. Robyn Plante**  
Rev. Donna Maurice, Rev. Leora Nash,  
Pat McKeivitt, Licensed Unity Teacher,  
Lucinda Moss, Unity Chaplain Trainee.

Newsletter: Rev. Donna Maurice

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