

April 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 12:30 pm - Unity Prayer Service 6:30 pm - Yoga	2	3	4
5 10 am - ACIM 11 am Service: "A Reason to Celebrate" (Rev. Joan Gattuso) PALM SUNDAY	6	7 6:00 pm - Toastmasters	8 12:30 pm - Unity Prayer Service 6:30 pm - Yoga	9 7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Service	10 7:00 pm - Good Friday Service	11 10 am - Volunteer Cleaning Crew
12 10 am - ACIM 11 am Service: "The Call of the Light" (Rev. Joan Gattuso) EASTER SUNDAY	13	14 6:00 pm - Toastmasters	15 12:30 pm - Unity Prayer Service 6:30 pm - Yoga	16	17	18 12 noon - QiGong (Marilyn Payne)
19 10 am - ACIM 11 am Service: "Forgiven Up" (Rev. Joan Gattuso)	20	21 6:00 pm - Toastmasters	22 12:30 pm - Unity Prayer Service 6:30 pm - Yoga	23	24	25 10 am - Volunteer Cleaning Crew 12 noon - QiGong (Marilyn Payne)
26 10 am - ACIM 11 am Service: "Engaging Your Spiritual DNA" (Rev. Diana Repko)	27	28 6:00 pm - Toastmasters	29 12:30 pm - Unity Prayer Service 6:30 pm - Yoga	30		



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From Our Minister

Put Spring in Your Life

Dear Friends,

Spring, glorious Spring, is the ever cyclical promise of renewal. As I write to you, Spring is about to arrive. Through the hardened earth glorious shoots of green are sprouting.

Just when many feel they cannot bear one more snowstorm or one more scraping of the windshield or precariously walking on top of ice, the forsythia start to show their tender sprouts.

Ah hope! There is hope, in the darkest night, in bleakness and sorrow let our hearts turn to the Light of the Christ, turn toward hope. Whatever is occurring is impermanent. Pause and breathe in the

renewal of Spring, knowing that God is in this very moment, knowing that what occurs in the macrocosm round about you is also occurring in the microcosm within you.

When we engage our Spirit into positive action in our lives, we are activating our faculty of Faith. Faith forever offers us the truth of our being. We know that Spring will come, that we can rise out of any challenge or adversity.

Let us enjoy Spring this year. Let us be grateful for each sunny day and blooming plant and be reminded that our lives are transformed by the renewal of our consciousness.

God's blessings are blooming in you.

Love,



Come home for Easter!

Calling all members and friends whom we haven't seen for a while: Come home for Easter!

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Easter “Deeply Sacred Days of Rebirth”

Rev. Joan Gattuso calls the Easter season “deeply sacred days of rebirth.” It begins with Palm Sunday on April 5 and concludes with Easter Sunday on April 12.

Spiritual events include the Palm Sunday Service; Maundy Thursday Service on April 9; Good Friday Service on April 10; and Easter Sunday services.

Join Rev. Joan in making this a season to remember. Musically and spiritually none of the events of the season is to be missed. To round out this wondrous experience, there will be a visit by the Easter Bunny. Here’s the order of events:



Palm Sunday Service, April 5 (11:00 a.m.)

This is a Sunday of celebration and expectancy, as the Easter season begins for all of us at Unity of Greater Cleveland. Rev. Joan, whose lesson is entitled “A Reason to Celebrate,” sees it as an opportunity to go much deeper into your spiritual journey as it sets the tone for the remainder of this sacred week.

Maundy Thursday Service, April 9 (7:00 p.m.)

This metaphysical reenactment of the Last Supper is unique and very moving. The communion service includes the significance of the 12 Apostles and the ritual of purification in which Jesus and they engaged. Because of the nature of this service, you MUST sign up in advance. Please do so early, because space is limited. Please arrive early for this service centered and in a peaceful consciousness. A participant in a Maundy Thursday service wrote: “I want you to know how inspired and impressed I was at your Maundy Thursday program. I have been in churches all my life, but that program was unlike any I had participated in. Thank you.”

Good Friday Service, April 10 (7:00 p.m.)

This is the fourth year for the Good Friday Service to be held Friday evening, instead of during the day, so more congregants can be able to attend. Its format is similar to that of a regular Sunday service. You can continue to prepare for a glorious Easter by taking part in this inspiring service. Rev. Joan’s lesson title for the service is “Finding Meaning in All Things.”

Easter Sunday Service, April 12 (11:00 a.m.)

This sacred day brings us a renewal of spirit, a rebirth of consciousness. Make certain to attend this service guaranteed to bring the God light in us all to the surface. Rev. Joan’s title is “The Call of the Light.”

Give an Easter Basket, Bring Many Smiles

We will again be donating Easter baskets to children and adults in the care of Cuyahoga County Children’s Services. Please choose your egg from the display in the main foyer, write your name and the recipient information on the sheet provided, and bring your complete basket(s) by Palm Sunday, April 5. It’s a project designed to bring smiles to those receiving the baskets and another way to give in our very own community.

“The 4-Step Blueprint for Conscious Evolution” with Rev. Diana Repko April 26

You're committed to using spiritual principles to change your life. But do you run into these mental road blocks?



I want to get beyond the pain, chaos and drama of my life...but it consumes me.

I try to use what I've learned, but my life isn't changing fast enough.

I must be doing something wrong.

You're not alone! Often sojourners on the spiritual path feel stuck or overwhelmed. They do all the right things. But despite their best efforts, they fall short of fully living their good.

To achieve and succeed, you must consciously and intentionally use your God-given ability to co-create your life.

In her workshop on Sunday, April 26, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. , “The 4-Step Blueprint for Conscious Evolution,” inspirational speaker and Unity minister **Diana Repko** guides you through her proven 4-step process for conscious co-creation. You'll learn how to make important mental shifts to prepare for change. You'll practice proven techniques to tap into the amazing power within yourself. And you'll discover the pattern to making quantum breakthroughs that last.

In this workshop, you'll discover:

You are the creative force in your life.

You are hard-wired to *succeed at everything you do*.

Your inner resources – your innate tool box – is all you need to build your highest and best life.

As Diana says, “Right here, right now, you have all you need to direct your inner power to evolve. Believe it!”

Testimonials

“Diana brought me into the present, into conscious awareness of my values. I recommend her to anyone who need focus.” — M.B. North Ridgeville, Ohio

“Diana is extremely knowledgeable, very interactive, and uses great descriptions and real-life examples.” — L.S. Monterey, California

Become a New Member on May 24

Unity of Greater Cleveland will be accepting new members in May. This is an ideal time to further your spiritual commitment to yourself and your church. All you have to do is set aside the last two Sundays in May .

If you have been attending Unity of Greater Cleveland for at least three months consistently, you are eligible to become a member. There is an orientation session after the service on May 17 which you are required to attend. The new member ceremony will be held during the 11:00 a.m. service on May 24.

Then you can announce to yourself and your world, “Unity of Greater Cleveland is MY church.”

If you have any questions please call **Rudi Barnes** at the church office, 216 751-1198.

From the Bookstore

Read *The Shack* by William Paul Young

In a world where religion seems to grow increasingly irrelevant, *The Shack* wrestles with the timeless question: Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain? The answers Mack (the father in the story) gets will astound you and perhaps transform you as much as it did him. You'll want everyone you know to read this book.



Winona Judd read it and reported, "Reading *The Shack* during a very difficult transition in my life, this story has blown the door wide open to my soul."

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50/50 Raffle • Chinese Auction
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Saturday April 18, 2009
6:00 - Midnight
Patrician Party Center
33150 Lakeland Blvd.
Eastlake, OH
Dinner/DJ/Open Bar
Guest Artist
177
*** Your ticket number is your bidding number for the evening ***
\$50.00

“Breaking the Symbolic Code of Genesis”

“Break the Symbolic Code of Genesis” is the intriguing title of an all-day workshop Saturday, May 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with Unity Minister **Rev. Rebecca Lynne**.

Rev. Rebecca is a classmate of Rev. Joan who calls her “a wonderful and deep metaphysical teacher who has delved deeply into new spiritual territory for 40 years.” She presents a powerful program that includes:

- What God REALLY created.
- How God is individualized as you.
- How All Manifestation Happens.
- How Vibration Works to Create Your World.

This workshop is unlike any you’ve attended before. It is an exciting blend of metaphysics and scientific theory. You’ll discover quantum physics, holograms, sound waves, DNA structure, and how Genesis tells all. You will come away with a new view of yourself and your life’s purpose.

An accompanying book is required for the workshop. The book is \$33 and the suggested love offering is \$30 (no one turned away for lack of funds). There will be a lunch break during the workshop. Please register by Sunday, May 3.

QiGong Begins Again on April 18

QiGong, the ancient healing art from China, begins again with **Marilyn Payne** starting on Saturday, April 18, at noon. The noon series then continues for four consecutive Saturdays.

The benefits of QiGong are improved circulation, balanced blood pressure, increased relaxation, enhanced Immune function, increased energy, improved concentration and improved functioning of internal organs.

The ongoing classes are \$10 each. All are welcome

Andrew Harvey Returns This November

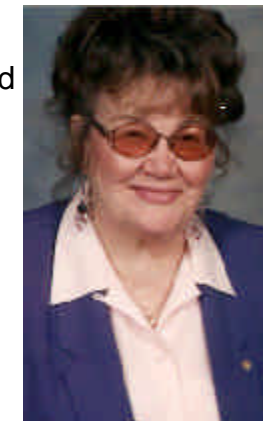
Godspeed to Millie Owens

By Rev. Joan Gattuso

A most beloved founding member of our congregation, Millie Owens, suddenly passed away in March. Millie was a light and a delight to all who knew her. And to know her was to truly love her.

Millie embodied our Unity teachings and way of life to the very end. I visited her a week before her passing, and she told me how, during her meditation the previous evening, she had glimpsed into the “other side.” When she came out of the meditation, she told me she had no fear of transitioning over. None of us knew it would be so soon.

Millie will always remain in our hearts. May her life continued to be an inspiration. Millie, your joy and humor and consciousness will be missed. Godspeed.



Millie Owens will be missed by all who knew her. The left photo is a current view of her. In the right photo Millie, who never seemed to age, is shown with Rev. Joan some 25 years ago.

Making Giving Even Easier

Unity of Greater Cleveland is blessed by generous givers. If we have enough folks signing up, we will make it even easier for you to give on a regular basis. To tithe or give a set amount each week or each month, you will be able to designate that amount and have it deducted automatically from your checking account.

The program will be administered by our bank, Huntington, and it is completely secure. Once you sign up you have total control over your deduction. You can increase it, decrease it, or eliminate it altogether at any time. Please let us know your interest by signing up on the sheet in the lobby.

Unity of Greater Cleveland Volunteer & Staff Directory

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Accountant:

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Sunday Service Time - 11:00 a.m.
Children's Church, including the Nursery, Lightstreamers, Uniteens, and Y.O.U. - 11:00 a.m.
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