



News from Unity of Greater Cleveland

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From Our Minister

Forgive and Love

Dear Friends,

In *A Course in Love* I wrote: "We are not here to create a hell out of God's holy ground. We are here to love each other to create heaven here together." As I write this letter months ahead of schedule, I am a support person in a friend's divorce. These are two people who by all appearances once loved each other deeply. As I observe other couples here in the court house, I imagine that nearly all of them also once loved each other dearly.

Of course each case has its own story, but a common denominator is that what once was is no more. Where do the shifting sands of life begin to form in hateful patterns? Where does the erosion of love begin?

It begins in the mind of the individual who is not loving self or the partner in a way that can sustain the couple over time, over the ups and downs, over the highs and lows along the pathway of life. A slight is felt, a jab delivered, an expectation unmet, and love is withdrawn rather than extended.

To turn this hurtful way of being around, to lift and transcend this consciousness, will take a major shift in our perception. *A Course in Miracles* teaches us that the miracle lies in the shift of our perception. Our preceptors are just that—ours. Of themselves they are not true or false; they just are.

Here's a brief personal story on healing perceptions. Over the holidays one of David's relatives was having an enormous family gathering. All invited were partaking of a weekend of festivities. They were flying in or driving 12 or more hours to all stay in the home of the host family. Distant relatives were coming, but we were not. Why? Because we weren't invited.

I was miffed, majorly annoyed. David was nonplussed about the situation. In a calm moment I asked him that since this was his family, didn't he feel even the slightest twinge of upset. "No," he in his sage mind replied. "You let yourself be upset by people's actions or non-actions. I don't, so I'm truly not upset and you are. Just send them all love, and we'll have a lovely holiday with just us."

Oh! I knew he was right, so I followed his advice and just sent a blessing of love every time the thought of it came to mind. Forgive and love. Forgive and love. Forgive and love. I repeated it until the shift in perception came,

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Jobs Support Group on February 28

On Sunday, February 28, our church continues the monthly prayer support group with the express purpose of boosting both the confidence and consciousness of those seeking new employment. The group will meet after the service at 12:30 p.m. for about one hour.

There is no fee for the group, however you may wish to give a gift to the church once you are receiving a salary once again.

From the Bookstore

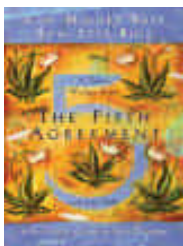
The Fifth Agreement

By Vivian Miller
Bookstore Manager

The Fifth Agreement by Don Miguel Ruiz opens with a recap of the first four agreements which gives the reader a chance to refocus on them with "new eyes." The fifth agreement is "be skeptical, but learn to listen."

This book is simple, basic and an easy read but is one that, if carried to its obvious conclusion, leads to complete freedom. This is a book to practice and live. Don Miguel has a knack for taking "keep it simple stupid" to the optimum. This is truly a book that keeps on giving.

Get it. Read it. Live it.



Cleaning Good for the Soul

Thanks to all who commit their Saturdays to help keep our building clean. The team will meet on Saturdays, February 6 at 10:00 a.m. and February 20 at 11:00 a.m.

Sign up on Sunday or call the office at 216-751-1198 to assist. We appreciate your help.

From Our Minister

[Continued from page 1] *miracle mindedness entered. Our two-person holiday was so much more peaceful than the chaos that results from 20 people under one roof, including big dogs and lots of kids. Instead of feeling hurt, I should have been on my knees and thanking God we weren't invited.*

We often make up stories that create perceptions that result in either upset and hurt or joy and happiness.

I'm choosing joy. I pray that you do too.

Prosperity Breakfast Set for February 20

To revitalize our congregation's abundance consciousness the Prosperity Breakfast continues on Saturday, February 20, at 9:30 a.m. It is held in the River City Grill at the Marriott Hotel in Warrensville Heights. The address is 26300 Harvard Road, just off I-271.

At the breakfast support will be given to all attending through the sharing of prosperity stories, masterminding, and prayer. The first of these renewed breakfasts produced powerful, positive results for all attending.

Board Co-Chair **Sandy Deck** and former Board Chair **Barbara Hill** head the breakfast. Please sign up at church. At the breakfast you may either order off the menu or take advantage of the buffet that is offered.

Rev. Joan's Sunday Topics All About Living Fully in February

Forgiveness, love, happiness and health are **Rev. Joan Gattuso's** four topics on February Sundays. Come and hear them all.

February 7: "Forgive My Unforgivenesses." Learn how to practice forgiveness all of the time and how to deal with the most difficult one in your life to forgive.

February 14: "It's Always All About Love." You may ask myriad questions along your path of life. The answer is always "love."

February 21: "Twelve Steps to Happiness." Having a spiritual practice is absolutely necessary in becoming a happier person.

February 28: "How to Stay Well." It's not all about doctors, chiropractors, Reiki or self-medication. Discover ten steps to your personal health.

Blessings,



4T Prosperity Program Begins in February

The 4T is back! This popular, life-changing program returns to Unity of Greater Cleveland for 12 Tuesdays beginning February 16 at 7:00 p.m. Our church joins with many other New Thought churches who present this wonderful abundance series.

The program is facilitated by **David Alexander**. You're the one who must do the work in this wondrous course, but if you are ready for something completely different and mandatory for the serious truth student, schedule this money-back-guaranteed series that will change abundance in your life on all levels.

The classes are presented in an innovative way to learn the truth. When you pay the \$39.50 materials fee for the class, you receive a 12-tape audio album and a word-for-word accompanying workbook. You'll learn by hearing and reading.

This is a course in prosperity transformation. You are asked to tithe of your time, talent and treasure for prosperity and fullness of life. This is a course in commitment. You can expect a renewal of mind and a change of consciousness that expresses in the manifest realm.

Virtually all of the 300-plus who have taken this series at our church, and the over 30,000 who have taken it worldwide will attest that their lives changed for the better as a result of taking the 4T. Talk with anyone who has completed this series, and find out first hand how enthusiastic they are about their experience.

A video tape preview is required for first-time students. It will be shown after church services, or you can make arrangements to see it by phoning **Rudi Barnes** at the church office at 216 751-1198.

Coming in March:

Vince Gentiluomo returns from India to present a powerful healing session on Sunday, March 20.

Coming in April:

Carolyn Hart facilitates the "Awakening the Dreamer" symposium to encourage responsible living on our planet on Sunday, April 19.

Unity of Greater Cleveland Volunteer & Staff Directory

Founding Minister: Joan M. Gattuso

Board of Advisors:

Co-Chairs - Sandy Deck and Elaine Sleas

Secretary: Connie Machan

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Prosperity Partners: Paul Barr, Freddy

LaTorre, Al Manger, Andy Miller

Licensed Teachers - Gloria Ross,

Karen Shepherd

Practitioners - Rudi Barnes, Marcia Bufford,

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Assistant: Felicia Martinez

Administrative Assistant: Rudi Barnes

Accountant:

Minister's Sunday Assistants - Paul Landis,

Rudi Barnes

Youth Education Directors - Chrystal LaTorre,

Marcia Bufford

Nursery (0-3 years old) - Michelle Federico, Betsy

Coss

Lower/Upper Elementary (4-10 years old) -

Marcia Bufford, Felicia Martinez, Betty Phillips,

Janet Wasserman

Uniteens (11-13 years old) - Freddie LaTorre

Y.O.U. (14-18 years old) Sponsor - Chrystal

LaTorre

Bookstore Manager - Vivian Miller

Volunteers - Ranonda Jones, Karen Owens,

Michael Powers, Joyce Shaw

Greeter Coordinators - Detlev von Schwerdtner

and Liz Parks

Sound System - Felicia Martinez

Florist - Blooms

Hospitality - Paul Landis, Todd Mueller

Meals on Wheels - Open

Web Site Manager: Tim Machan

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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February 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 10 am - Volunteer Cleaning Crew
7 10 am - ACIM 11 am Service: "Forgive My Unforgiveness" (Rev. Joan Gattuso)	8	9 6:00 pm - Toastmasters	10 6:30 pm - Yoga 12:30 pm - Unity Prayer Service	11	12 7:00 pm - Drum Circle	13
14 10 am - ACIM 11 am Service: "It's Always All About Love" (Rev. Joan Gattuso)	15	16 6:00 pm - Toastmasters	17 6:30 pm - Yoga 12:30 pm - Unity Prayer Service	18	19	20 9:30 am - Prosperity Breakfast 11 am - Volunteer Cleaning Crew
21 10 am - ACIM 11 am Service: "Twelve Steps to Happiness" (Rev. Joan Gattuso)	22	23 6:00 pm - Toastmasters	24 6:30 pm - Yoga 12:30 pm - Unity Prayer Service	25	26	27 11 am - UGC Book Club
28 10 am - ACIM 11 am Service: "How to Stay Well" (Rev. Joan Gattuso) 12:30: Jobs Support Group						



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For information on upcoming events: www.unitygreatercleveland.com