



# News from Unity of Greater Cleveland

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"Every age has its teachers, who keep the eternal truths alive for all of us. In the case of Andrew Harvey the light he sheds is like a meteor burst across the inner sky." —Marianne Williamson

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## From Our Minister

### Miracles DO Happen

Dear Friends,

Today (October 25) was a landmark day at Unity of Greater Cleveland. The entire weekend was a spiritual joy. If you were not with us on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup>, you were not a witness to our tremendously joyous celebration.

What were we so gleeful over? After having tremendous challenges, difficulties and stresses with our banking institution, a miracle has occurred.

On Tuesday of the past week I walked into Representative Dennis Kucinich's office, told our story to an aide and asked for help. By Friday morning the monies that had been swept from our account by the bank had been returned.

We had been in foreclosure with our bank for some eight months, and the exciting—at the same time stunning—news was that the foreclosure had been dropped.

This response was so far beyond my most expansive imaginings that it took most of Friday to process the great good that had come to us after such a long time in the desert. God IS good. . . all the time.

I thank God that our faith had held out. Our rewards are deserving and plentiful. The good we have been seeking has finally found us! We have stood firm in our faith, and we all have seen the salvation of the Lord, to paraphrase scripture.

Principle always works, and we must work it always, even when we are burned out, stressed out and want to throw in the towel. Our power of faith calls us to stand firm, faint not and see the salvation.

In a couple of weeks the bank will be contacting us to renegotiate our mortgage and come up with a plan we can live with.

Thank you and bless you for your role in bringing forth this manifestation. Together let us move forward, rejoicing that it is so.

God has blessed us.

Love,



## From the Bookstore

### *Mistakes Were Made (But Not by Me)*

By Vivian Miller, Bookstore Manager



*Mistakes Were Made (But Not by Me)* is the tongue-in-cheek title of the purposeful book by Carol Tavis and Eliot Aronson. Its subtitle is *Why we Justify Foolish Beliefs, Bad Decisions, and Hurtful Acts*. For any truth student this is a must read.

Why do people dodge responsibility when things fall apart? Why the parade of public figures unable to own up when they screw up? Why the endless marital quarrel over who is right? Why can we see hypocrisy in others but not in ourselves?

Backed by years of research and delivered in lively prose, *Mistakes Were Made (But Not by Me)* offers a fascinating explanation of self deception—how it works, the harm it can cause, and how we can overcome it.

Reading it, we recognize the behavior of our leaders, our loved ones, and—if we're honest—

### *Drum Circle on November 6*

The drum circle led by **Baba Jubal Harris** is on Friday, November 6, at 7:00 p.m. This drum circle offers you the opportunity to learn to drum in the spirit of peace, love and unity. Bring a drum with you. If you do not have one, there will be instruments available.

## Thanksgiving Day Service

A joyful way to begin the Thanksgiving celebration is to attend Unity of Greater Cleveland on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26, for our 11:00 a.m. service.

This is the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this service at our Shaker Heights location, and we look forward to a happy throng attending.

The 11:00 a.m. service gives everyone present an opportunity to share what he or she is thankful for during the previous year. Love flows as each person gives thanks for her or his blessings. Please feel free to bring guests, whether or not they attend our church.

### *Gratitude Luncheon November 22*

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving we will have a luncheon of gratitude following the 11:00 a.m. service.

This celebration is a covered dish meal. The church will provide turkey and Tofurkey, and attendees are asked to bring a dish to serve eight. Everyone at church that day will be invited to join in this gratitude luncheon.

If you'd like to assist on the team preparing the feast, please call the church office at 216-751-1198.

### *Rev. Joan Shaker Community Speaker*

Unity of Greater Cleveland is honored to have **Rev. Joan Gattuso** giving the Thanksgiving talk, "Is It Possible to Be Thankful for Everything?," highlighting the Shaker Heights Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 22, at 4:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Church, 2860 Coventry Road in Shaker Heights. Their phone number is 216 921-3510.

We look forward to having a large turnout from our church supporting Rev. Joan on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### *Velvet Voyage Concert November 29*

Here's your opportunity to hear an early evening performance of Velvet Voyage, the ever-so-entertaining Vincent Veith's jazz group, on Sunday, November 29, at 5:00 p.m. at the church.

The event is entitled "Sacred Grounds" and will feature the professional, heart-felt sounds of the group. Everyone is invited, whether in our church or not. So bring your family and friends for this uplifting event.

We ask for a \$5 love offering at the door. Enjoy!

## Andrew Harvey Brings Passion and Power to Us



A spiritually powerful **Andrew Harvey** returns Sunday, November 1 to Unity of Greater Cleveland to give the Sunday lesson and present a must-attend workshop: "Passion in Action, Sacred Practices for a Dangerous World." The workshop begins at 1:00 p.m. The suggested love offering is \$40.00.

Says Andrew, "I believe that everyone has a direct connection to the Divine, and finding this direct connection is the clue to the kind of radical self empowerment that can help you become a passionate and peaceful and brave sacred activist."

He will share his vision of the four kinds of practices that he believes are essential for the transformation our times are calling for. Cool practices can help us connect with Divine Being and its great peace. Hot practices help us fuse with the heart of the Divine. Prayer practices enable us to keep constantly aligned with the beloved, and sacred body practices open the whole body to the subtle images of divine love.

Andrew's Sunday lesson title is: "Finding your mission, Sacred Activism and World Crisis."

Andrew Harvey was born in south India in 1952 where he lived until he was nine years old. It is this early period that he credits with shaping his sense of the inner unity of all religions and providing him with a permanent and inspiring vision of a world infused with the sacred. He left India to attend private school in England and entered Oxford University in 1970 with a scholarship to study history. At the age of 21, he became the youngest person ever to be awarded a fellowship to All Soul's College, England's highest academic honor.

By 1977 Andrew Harvey had become disillusioned with life at Oxford and returned to his native India, where a series of mystical experiences initiated his spiritual journey. Over the next thirty years he plunged into different mystical traditions to learn their secrets and practices. In 1978 after he began his long study and practice of Hinduism, he met a succession of Indian saints and sages. Later explorations immersed him in Sufi mysticism and helped him synthesize the whole of his mystical explorations and reconcile eastern with western mysticism.

He is the author and co-author of several books, including *The Tibetan Book of Living and Dying*. His most recent work is *The Pope, a Guide to Sacred Activism*.

### **Rev. Joan Joined by Andrew Harvey in November**

**Andrew Harvey** returns to Unity of Greater Cleveland, joining **Rev. Joan Gattuso** and kicking off the five-Sunday month of November. Here is the exciting lineup of life-changing lessons:

**November 1:** "Finding Your Mission, Sacred Activism and World Crisis" (Andrew Harvey). Hear Andrew's impassioned plea for saving our planet.

**November 8:** "We Are Already Enlightened" (Rev. Joan Gattuso). Enlightenment comes through recognition, not cognition. **[P.S. Today is Rev. Joan's birthday. She'll have a present for everyone in church.]**

**November 15:** "Open to Any Conclusion" (Rev. Joan Gattuso). You are not in control when you turn to the Infinite. You just relax and let go.

**November 22:** "I Constantly Thank My Father" (Rev. Joan Gattuso). We can learn to be always grateful for whatever shows up in our life.

**November 29:** "A Lotta Slippery (Take 2)." Pay attention to your radar. It's more proficient than you think.

# November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 am - ACIM 11 am Service: "Finding Your Mission, Sacred Activism and World Crisis" (Andrew Harvey) 1 pm - Harvey workshop			12:30 pm - Unity Prayer Service  6:30 pm - Yoga		7 pm - Drum Circle	
10 am - ACIM 11 am Service: "We Are Already Enlightened" (Rev. Joan Gattuso)		6:00 pm - Toastmasters	12:30 pm - Unity Prayer Service  6:30 pm - Yoga			10 am - Volunteer Cleaning Crew
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