



# In Unison

The monthly newsletter of Unity in the Olympics

July 2015

## ***The Dynamic Laws of Prosperity***

July: Chapter 10

**“Systematic giving opens the way to systematic receiving.” Catherine Ponder**

This month we read about tithing. This seems to be a hot button for many of us, no matter what side you fall on. Eric Butterworth approaches tithing from the standpoint of the Law of Giving and Receiving. What most people fail to notice is the order of that law. It is giving and then receiving.

There is always controversy over what is a true tithe. Does it have to be a full 10% to be a tithe? That is a line that will not be drawn here. The more important point is that you must give to receive. And whether it is 10% or some other amount, the intention is more important. A tithe should be for the support of God’s work. Catherine tells us, “Giving must be done in a certain way: through the consistent sharing of your tithes with God’s work and workers at the point or points that you are receiving spiritual help and inspiration.” Whether that is the church of your choice, a minister, licensed teacher, spiritual counselor or practitioner, giving in this manner allows for the uplifting of humankind.

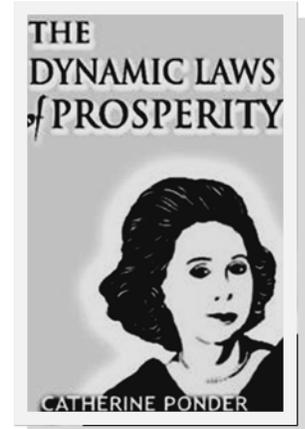
There are many get-rich-quick schemes out there but they usually fail because they are based solely on getting—not on giving. They have no spiritual foundation, thus do not acknowledge God as the Source of all good in our lives. The ancient cultures intuitively knew that giving, sharing, and putting God first financially was the first step to permanent, enduring, growing prosperity. Because when you put God first financially, you open your mind, body, and affairs to the goodness of the universe; to its infinite life, love, wisdom, power, and substance.

Prosperity is more than money. Catherine always tells us, “You are prosperous to the degree you are experiencing peace, health and plenty in your world.” So how prosperous are you?

It is also important to remember that giving is more than just money. Stretton Smith’s 4T program says it is sharing of your time, talents, and treasures. Time, nowadays, is a valuable commodity, especially to your church. So find somewhere to volunteer. Sharing your God-given talents like music, children’s ministry, or even marketing are so important in your spiritual home. Moreover, before donating an item to the church make sure it would be a treasure to them. For example, an outdated organ is not a real treasure, if the church has to find a place to recycle it.

### **What the Bible says:**

“We obligate ourselves to bring the first fruits of our soil and the first fruits of all fruit of every tree, year by year, to the house of the Lord; also to bring to the house of our God, to the priests who minister in the house of our God, the firstborn of our sons and of our livestock, as it is written in the law, and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks; and to bring the first of our dough, and our contributions, the fruit of every tree, the wine and the oil, to the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God...” Neh 10:35-37



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# THANK YOU!

Duane, Marguerite, Charlotte, Elaine  
for gardening

Jan for working on the newsletter  
and watering plants

Barbara for kitchen duty

Charles & Pat for being Prayer  
Chaplains

Charles & Pat for donating a handi-  
cap toilet and installation

Pat, Charles, Alice, Charlotte and  
Teia for being Worship Assistants

All of our guest speakers

Alice for her contributions to the  
newsletter & bookkeeping skills

Lisa & Steve, Karen Jensen and  
Char for helping provide flowers

The Fence Angels  
(See article page 8)

**Our community church**

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

7<sup>th</sup> Leslie Menia  
8<sup>th</sup> Myrle Harding  
11<sup>th</sup> Alice Alexander  
15<sup>th</sup> Diane Duncan  
22<sup>nd</sup> Nancy Kilgore  
28<sup>th</sup> Patsy Adams



When asked why he still practiced the cello at age 90+, Pablo Casals said, "I'm beginning to notice some improvement."

**Happy Birthday...  
and keep practicing!**

## MISSION STATEMENT

Unity in the Olympics provides an accepting place in which to experience the Peace, Love, and Oneness of the Christ within so that we may more fully express these gifts in the world.

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## SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Meditation 10:00 - 10:15 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Fellowship time following service

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Teia Stitzel, President  
Duane Morris, Vice President  
Janice Wyman, Secretary  
Alice Alexander, Treasurer  
Steve Schach  
Charles Mawson



## LICENSED UNITY TEACHER

Margaret Denstad

## Our Church Finances

May Income		April Expenses	
Tithes/Offerings	\$ 4,298.20	Guest Speakers	\$ 900.00
Rent	670.00	Advertising & Promotion	62.04
Book/Literature Sales	26.00	Copy Machine	212.80
Fundraising	4.00	Insurance	184.24
Classes/workshops	0.00	Kitchen/Building Supplies	16.59
		Office Supplies	43.08
		Worship Supplies	112.82
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 4,995.20</b>	Payroll	849.01
		Telephone	82.48
<b>Tithes (April, paid in May)</b>		Janitorial	100.00
Silent Unity	\$ 100.00	Utilities	265.91
Northwest Region	50.00	Music	100.00
Unity World Wide	25.00	Computer & Internet	75.90
MANNA	50.00	Tithe Expense	276.00
Dream U	26.00	Scholarships	300.00
TAFY	25.00	Lawn Care	35.00
<b>TOTAL TITHES</b>	<b>\$ 276.00</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 3,615.87</b>

Like any family, we are always in need of certain staples:

- ♥ Cough drops
- ♥ Toilet paper
- ♥ Paper towels
- ♥ Paper napkins
- ♥ Tissues (small)
- ♥ Postage stamps



# POTLUCK

**SUNDAY, JULY 12th**

**The Board is supplying Taco Fillings  
(For Carnivores & Vegetarians)**

**See a Board Member if you'd like to bring  
Shells, Salsa, Cheese or other Taco Fixings  
Or bring a Salad, Side Dish or Dessert**

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“Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake.” Deut 15:10

“And he said to them, ‘Pay attention to what you hear; the measure you give will be the measure you get, and still more will be given you.’” Mar 4:24

“...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.” Luk 6:38

“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Cor 9:7

### **What Unity says:**

“In your spiritual quest, you are seeking to establish yourself in an unitative relationship with the divine flow. You can never really achieve this level of consciousness until giving becomes the main thrust of your life.” Eric Butterworth, *Spiritual Economics*

“When you realize that you can give a tithe to God, you are rich though the tithe be a very small one.” Lowell Fillmore, *New Ways to Solve Old Problems*

“By the act of tithing, men make God their partner in their financial transactions and thus keep the channel open from the source in the ideal manifestation in the realm of things.” Charles Fillmore, *Keeping a True Lent*

“Tithing can be a way of getting into a giving consciousness, but it is not a substitute for a giving attitude.” Eric Butterworth, *Spiritual Economics*

### **Ideas for practice:**

- Consider this quote from Catherine: “Giving must be done in a certain way: through the consistent sharing of your tithes with God’s work and workers at the point or points that you are receiving spiritual help and inspiration.” Do you agree? How important is it to you to give in a certain way, i.e., to God’s work? Why do you think Catherine speaks so definitely about this? Does it change how you see and practice tithing?
- Make a commitment to start a tithing practice. If you just cannot begin with a full 10%, start somewhere. Try 2% for a period of 2 months. Lay out a plan for yourself of how you can incrementally increase your tithing with a goal of 10%.
- Notice when, and in what ways, prosperity shows up. As you give, do you feel you have given up anything? At what point? What have you gained, and at what point? How do you feel about tithing under Catherine’s definition, vs. giving to any other worthy charity (i.e., the Humane Society)?
- Consider the passages quoted above. Select one, perhaps one with which you are less familiar, and meditate on it. How does it challenge your thinking? If not, what resonates with you? Take the most powerful phrase and repeat it throughout your day. Journal about any difference this makes in your day, and how you can carry this forward.

With your prayer partners, bless together all of your tithes as they go out. Share with each other how this process has worked.

# Where We Tithe

Unity Friends.

We have come to the last of the series of "Why we tithe to Certain Places". The Salvation Army covers a lot of services in the Port Angeles area. They recently opened a new center on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street that provides shelter for the homeless from 10 pm to 8:15 am and breakfast. They also provide lunch from 12 to 1 seven days a week. A lot of community volunteers help staff the new facility.

The "Soup Kitchen" is open Monday through Friday and provides lunch from 12 to 1:00. These meals are served in the brand new facility on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

The food pantry is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays where those in need can get some food.

They also have youth programs for 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade children where the kids can earn badges for skills learned. The groups are called the Sunbeams for the girls and the Adventure Corps for the boys.

The women have two organizations they can participate in: Women of Worth (WOW) and the Home League.

The Salvation Army is motivated by the love of God and its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in his name.

We at Unity in the Olympics feel the Salvation Army does much good for the community and are proud to be a part of their organization by tithing to them.

Thank you to all who give your tithes and gifts to our church so that we can help those in our community who need help.

Next month we will have a new series of articles, so be sure to watch for the August issue.

Blessings, Alice



DOING THE MOST GOOD



## Wanted: Pianist

We are holding in prayer that perfect person who can step into the spot that Jorge Pasamar has so wonderfully filled while he has been an exchange student here from Spain. If you have the skill and experience we are looking for to become our next pianist, please apply today. Or, if you know of someone who might "fill the bill", please encourage them to contact us. This position has a stipend paid for each Sunday or Special Event.

Please call 360-457-3981 for more information. Thank you!



**Jan Wyman**

**W**e are so grateful to Jan for all that she does to make this place of Spirit, loving and welcoming.

## ANGEL OF THE MONTH

Even though you may not see her, Jan is a quiet, sneaky Angel. She dedicates a portion of her time to help Unity in the Olympics in many ways.

- ♥ She is our indoor plant Angel.
- ♥ Newsletter guru
- ♥ Assistant Flower Arranger
- ♥ Decorates the tables before Sunday Services
- ♥ Makes wonderful dishes to share after services
- ♥ Gives regularly of her "Treasure"
- ♥ Newly elected Board Member
- ♥ Secretary of the Board
- ♥ Cleans and organizes the Library
- ♥ Operates the music board
- ♥ A devoted spiritual supporter
- ♥ Helps paint fences

## Notes from the Board



The Board met on June 21 with Teia Stitzel, Steve Schach, Charles Mawson, Duane Morris and Alice Alexander present. Char Coachman was sitting in as Secretary.

**Finances:** The May tithe of 511.60 will be allocated as follows: Silent Unity \$100, Unity NW Region \$100, MANNA \$50, UWWM \$50, Dream U \$50, TAFY \$50 and Salvation Army \$111.60. Alice reported a \$1500 surplus in checking: \$750 each was allocated to the Minister's Search and Bathroom Remodel funds.

**Administration:** The Board approved funds for two people to attend one day of the NW Region Fall Conference in Federal Way. Also approved was the order of 20 copies of UWWM booklet "Change Your Thinking, Change Your Life". Bids for the Sewer Project and Bathroom Remodel were discussed. There's a possibility that new handicap toilets for one or both bathrooms will be donated.

**Outreach:** A \$400 budget for a booth at the county fair was approved. Charles is making cards for those who may want home visitation.

**Garden/Grounds:** Duane submitted receipts for \$213.30 for auto timers for the garden soaker hoses. The Board approved the \$13.30 spent over the \$200 budget already approved. A \$100 budget for fence painting and repair was approved.

**Next Board Meeting:** Sunday, July 19th at 12:30 p.m.

## LONG JOURNEYS END...



Tom, his Mom and 2 of her close friends.

Mid day on July 1st, Tom Swanson crossed the finish line in Panama, NY. 33 days (far less time than he had planned) and \$73,000 later he arrived to a group of excited friends and family complete with a finish line ribbon and his 84 year old Mother waiting to hug

him.

Tom's main objective has always been to raise awareness and funding for education. We are proud to have followed his journey and believe that he has certainly done both.



Big smile at the finish line.

It's not too late to donate or read about Tom's trip.

Go to <http://www.revitalizeportangeles.org> under Cycling for Children.



SUNDAY JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 1:00 P.M.

MELODIES OF THE HEART

A Sacred Time with Spirit

**Join Niobe Weaver after service on July 5th at 1 pm for a healing workshop.**



### Garden Consultations:



Duane Morris (No relation to Cisco), who does such a beautiful job on our gardens here at church, is offering

his expertise in landscape design for your garden. The Cost: A donation to the church in any amount you choose.

You can reach Duane at:

duanemorris@wavecable.com  
360-461-1293

### Bremerton's South Sound Unity Rededicates it's Ministry

On Saturday, June 20th, Teia and Charlotte attended the rededication for South Sound Unity. This involved letting go of their old venue and dedicating a new one, and also letting go of the past to embrace a new vision. With readings, candles and pictures, their newest minister, Rev. Rosella Turner, engaged the energy of the congregation in accomplishing so much in readiness for this dedication. Teia read a letter she had composed for the gathering. Both Teia and Charlotte were happy to have been in attendance for this beautiful ceremony.



# Our New Old Fence

Thanks to Duane Morris and Carl Alexander for buying paint and supplies, and shoring up and prepping the fence for the facelift.



Kudos to Duane, Teia Stitzel, Steve Schach and Jan Wyman for spending five hours on a hot day painting the initial 2/3 of the fence. Doesn't the color make it look almost brand new?

If you'd like to help finish the job, contact any of the above to coordinate a time.

# FATHER'S DAY

*The greatest gift  
I ever had  
came from God  
I call him Dad*



**Carl Alexander**



**Steve Schach**



**Vern Reidel & Dale Wilson**

