



In Unison

December 2018

The monthly newsletter of Unity in the Olympics



Returning Christmas to Our Hearts

By Rev Donna Little

Christmas is a time of remembering and reconnecting with the Love and Light of the Christ within us – the Divine spark and blueprint that identifies each of us as a Child of God. We plan and participate in events and activities that reopen our Hearts and Minds to the true “Reason for the Season”, experiencing our ONENess with the ONE Power and ONE Presence, God the GOOD, Omnipotence.

So, here are some of the events we would share with you at Unity in the Olympics.

- ♥ **Decorations of Light** – Our Church Home has been transformed with Love and lots of Light, throughout the building. Come savor the warm glow of Christmas in our Home.
- ♥ Pick up a copy of the Unity Advent booklet for 2018 -**A World of Hope**. We have a few copies in our entry area, available for a Love Donation. Or, you can access it online at: <http://www.unity.org/publications/resource-materials/world-hope>

♥ Advent – The four Sundays prior to Christmas are the season of Advent, when we prepare for renewal of our Spiritual Life. We will light a candle on our **Advent Wreath** for the theme of each of the Sundays, and our speakers will inspire us with a message of the season. And, this year, we will be visited by characters from the Christmas Story, sharing their experience from their own perspective in the story. The **Advent Visitors** will appear week before the Advent theme they represent, as a Prelude.

<u>Advent Sunday</u>	<u>Advent Visitor</u>
12/2 – Hope and Faith	11/25 - Mary, Mother of Jesus (Allie)
12/9 – Peace	12/2 – Joseph, a Carpenter (Erik)
12/16 – Love	12/9 – Herod, the King (Duane)
12/23 – Joy	12/16 – Shepherd (Tim)
	12/23 – All 4 Visitors return

- ♥ As always, we will be remembering our Community: **Items to be delivered on 12/17**
 - **Giving Tree** in the Lobby – pick up the name of a child to GIFT or make a Donation to the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program through UitO.
 - **Food Donation Container** in Lobby – please bring non-perishable food items to be shared through the Food Bank.

♥ Plan to attend our 2018 **Christmas Program and Party** on Saturday, December 22, 2018. Our Program begins at 6:00 pm with Candle Lighting and Carols.

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Following the Program, stay to **Party** – Food, Fellowship and a “Gift Exchange.”
Please check other articles in this Newsletter for other events and what you can share!

Christmas is coming; it is ALMOST here! Let us **Open our Hearts** to the essence of our Christ Consciousness and **Share our Light, Love, Peace and Joy with our World.**



**Thanksgiving
Pot-Luck.**

**Seated in
foreground:**

**Duane Morris
& Kim Perkins.**

**Tim West
standing.**

**Ruth Zinter
laughing.**



Message from the Treasurer

Finances for October 2018

The October 2018 financial reports show a Net Income of \$71.99.

No transfers to savings were authorized by the Board of Trustees this month.
 All accounts payables have been paid.

38/38 Vision update: Attendance in October was 21 people average per Sunday.
 Average tithe per person was \$39.60.

Tithes for the month of September, paid in October, totaling \$480.00 were given to Silent Unity, Unity Northwest Region, Unity Worldwide Ministries, TAFY, Sequim Food Bank and Port Angeles Food Bank.

Opportunities for Giving:

Gravel needs to be delivered and spread to make our parking area safe during the winter months (estimate \$1,900 but can be done in increments of \$250 each).

If you would like to contribute, please see me or Duane Morris or Rev. Donna. Any donation would be greatly appreciated!

Blessings and thanks for your continued support of this ministry, **Kim Perkins**

Our Church Finances

October 2018 Income	
Tithes/Offerings	\$3,408.00
Rental Income	115.00
Book/Lit Sales	10.00
Classes & Workshops	210.50
Fundraising	10.76
Special Events	00.00
Memorial	00.00
Misc.	00.00
TOTAL INCOME	3,754.26
Tithes (September paid in October)	
Silent Unity	80.00
Northwest Region	80.00
Unity Worldwide Min.	80.00
TAFY	80.00
Serenity House	00.00
Hospice	00.00
Rose House	00.00
First Step	00.00
Sequim Food Bank	80.00
PA Food Bank	80.00
TOTAL TITHES	480.00

September 2018 Expenses	
Advertising & Promotion	\$94.00
Book & Literature Expense	104.65
Computer Expenses	25.00
Conferences	00.00
Copy Machine	156.12
Excise Taxes	00.00
Gifts	00.00
Guest Speakers	350.00
Interest Expense	16.67
Internet & Phone	92.85
Janitorial	200.31
Lawn Care	55.00
Minister	1067.00
Misc.	00.00
Music	00.00
Office Supplies	15.36
Payroll	830.28
Tithe Expense	480.00
Utilities	185.27
Website	82.97
Worship Supplies	60.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,682.27



If every day were Christmas, how different life would be, if not one day but all the year were ruled by charity. Had we the faith in miracles a child has Christmas morn, each day would be love's manger and Christ would be reborn in us again to change and heal our outworn wars and ways— had we a child's or shepherd's gift for wonderment and praise! Yet every day is Christmas when we have learned to live by love's law, learned not how to get but only how to give; and like a child can wonder and like a child can pray, but have the grown-up wisdom to give ourselves away.
James Dillet Freeman



Thank you

-To ALL who made our Thanksgiving Pot Luck a delicious success. Especially to Tim & Sandra for setting up food service and table decorations.

To Tim for baking the ham and to Pat for baking the Turkey and making gravy. And to everyone who brought awesome food and desserts.

To Teia and friends for setting up all the Christmas decorations. (Friends include, Scott, Duane, Erik, Del, Haylie, Jacob & Donna.

To those sharing Poinsettias for decorating the sanctuary and lobby.

To Charles Mawson for coordinating the electrical repair in the Minister's office.

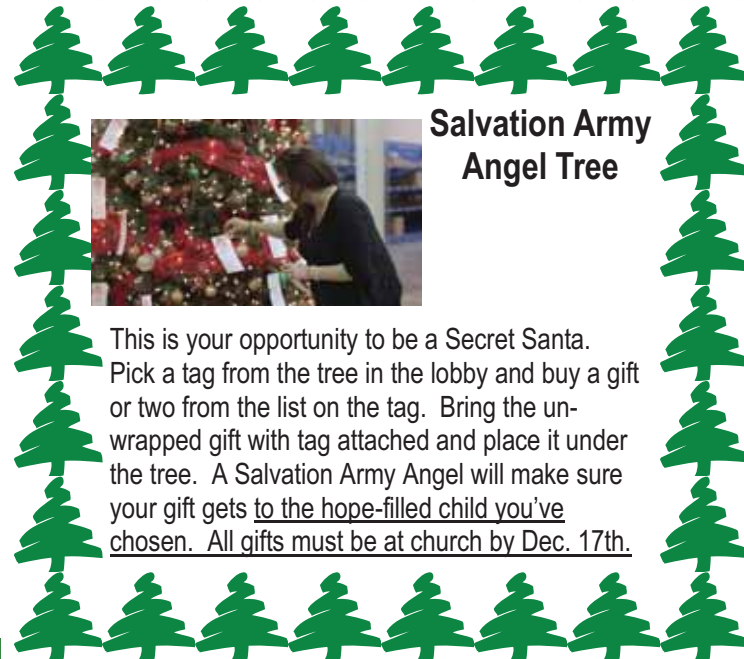
To the "angel" who donated funds to repair electric in minister's office.

To everyone who has taken pictures and sent them to me. Robbin



December Happy Birthdays!

- 2nd Carol Clark**
- 7th Cathleen Moore**
- 18th Judith Coates**



Salvation Army Angel Tree

This is your opportunity to be a Secret Santa. Pick a tag from the tree in the lobby and buy a gift or two from the list on the tag. Bring the unwrapped gift with tag attached and place it under the tree. A Salvation Army Angel will make sure your gift gets to the hope-filled child you've chosen. All gifts must be at church by Dec. 17th.



Coming up: UitO

"Christmas Program & Party"
Saturday, 12/22/18 @ 6:00 pm

"Candles & Carols"

Gift Exchange: Bring a gift (about \$10) & finger foods

Burning Bowl

UitO Burning Bowl Ceremony
December 30, 2018
Clear you Mind & Heart
Set intentions for 2019



Calling all Photographers! Please email some of your pictures of the church (inside and out), our family, our activities for sharing in the Newsletter and with our Church Profile for New Minister. **Thank You So Much!**
P.S. Thank you to those who are already sending pictures...they're great!



Coming Up in December: Sunday Celebration Service

For the next 5 Sundays, we will be celebrating the Holiday Season. This year, we will have visits from four characters of the Christmas Story. Each visitor will share about the weekly quality for Advent that will be the Topic for the next Sunday. Please join us!

Reverend Donna



Share your bounty with those in need. Help fill the basket in the foyer with non-perishable food.

- ∞ Canned proteins
- ∞ Canned fruits & veggies
- ∞ Rice, pastas, oatmeal
- ∞ Flour, sugar, cooking oil
- ∞ Nuts & nut butters
- ∞ Holiday ingredients

Your gifts are a blessing.



Hold this date: Ruth Zinter's Party

Date: **Saturday, 15th of Dec**
Time: **2 pm**
Where: **472 Leighland Ave., #16**

Directions: **Take Leighland Ave (east of the east Safeway on south side of Highway 101) to the top of the road and turn right. Go thru the trailers until you see 472, #16.**

Her trailer is decorated and lit up. She makes homemade candy and homemade clam chowder. Her home is always beautifully decorated and all are welcome!



Birthday Wishes:

Marguerite Snell celebrated her 98th birthday November 26th. Marguerite is the last of three of our special Unity in the Olympics ladies in their nineties. Both Muriel Faunce and Lou Lawrence have left us. Marguerite has retired several times from the gardening project at the church, but she still keeps watering and pulling weeds whenever she comes to the church. Duane Morris, who is our new garden chairman, says he can't keep up with her. We love and bless Marguerite and hope we will help her celebrate her 99th birthday next year.

We have several folks are in their eighties, and who are creeping up on their nineties...we celebrate all of our guides!



P.S. Allie Winters was 18 on Wednesday! Happy Birthday Allie

Alice Alexander



Reminder : Prayer Force, Wednesday, December 26th, 1:00 pm.

"For where two or more are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them."-Matthew 18:20

Please Join Us!



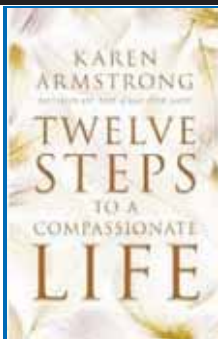
LISTENING

By Margaret Denstad

Reflecting on my training as a Licensed Teacher in 1990, the focus on listening was in the group work at the last phase of our certification. It seemed to happen by osmosis. As a result, I realized that listening was definitely the larger part of teaching. The objective is not to react but to understand what has been said. When we listen, we make no effort to change the ideas of other people. We listen to understand the reasons why others have different viewpoints than we do. We listen to their story, not to correct them or think of a better resolution for them. If needed, we ask for clarification. Without interruption we offer an open mind and heart so other people know they are being heard. It is often surprising to find how many ideas are similar to our own and how often differences are minimal. The art of listening deserves to take first place in any discussion or debate.

Margaret Denstad and her husband, Einar, moved to Sequim in 1999, where they took on the roles of Licensed Unity Teachers for Unity in the Olympics. They taught Unity classes in Sequim.

Einar made his transition in 2013, and, Margaret has continued to support UitO. She now focuses her teaching attention on Interfaith work in Clallam County. She facilitates a Class during the Interfaith Annual Community Read and she facilitates monthly Listening Circles in Sequim where people can share their perspectives on various life topics.



Book Study at Uito, 2917 East Myrtle Street, Port Angeles, WA

Join us in **January for Community Read 2019**, our book selection is "Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life", by Karen Armstrong. "In this important and thought provoking work, Karen Armstrong--one of the most original thinkers on the role of religion in the modern world--provides an impassioned and practical guide to helping us make the world a more compassionate place." The Washington Post.

Sponsored by : [The Interfaith Community of Clallam County](#)

Details for the UitO and other Study Groups will be available soon..

Sign up to vote your preference of Wednesday at 6:30 pm or Tuesday at 2:00 pm. Class Time



**CHARTER FOR
COMPASSION**

Interfaith Community of Clallam County

We are sponsoring:

The Charter for Compassion for Clallam County.

"This effort is a world-wide program we want to foster for our communities. We are starting with the creation of a Compassion Leadership Team and want YOU to be a part!"

**December 3rd, 7:00-8:30pm, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,
301 Lopez Ave. Port Angeles. For more information go to: CharterForCompassion.org.**

**Spiritual Community Reads Continue, 4th Sundays, 3:00-5:00pm, Olympic Unitarian Universalist
All are welcome!**

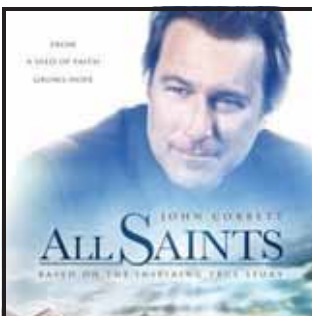


When I found out Duane was going to London to see his son and his family I asked him to take some pictures. Look at what he sent me! Robbin

From Top Left to Right Bottom

1. Crick Howell Wales
2. Tintern Abbey
3. Natural History Museum
4. Morris Family in Cotswold
5. Borough Market

Pictures Courtesy of Duane Morris



Oakbridge University Activities for December

Heartfelt Movie Night Series, this month we will be showing, **“All Saints.”**

December 15th, 7:00 p.m., Charles and Pat Mawson's home, 11 Redbud Court, Sequim.

Free. Come and enjoy!

Vision Statement

"We are Spirit Expressing as Lives Transforming for Good!"

Sunday Celebration Schedule

December 2nd : Rev. Pat Coughlin Mawson

"Faith and Hope." Advent Visitor-Joseph

December 9th: Kim Perkins

"Peace." Advent Visitor-Herod

December 16th: Tim West

"Love. "A Heart-Felt Christmas Story."

Advent Visitor-Shepherd

December 23rd: Rev. Eva McGinnis

"Joy to the World."

Advent Visitors-Mary, Joseph, Herod, Shepherd

December 30th, Rev. Donna Little

"Burning Bowl" & Letters from God."

Meditation 10:00 - 10:15 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship time following service.



Also at Uito:

"Way of Mastery Class," On Hold
We Will resume in February.

Christmas Shopping

If you are not a shopper, Uito will collect and forward designated gifts to the Salvation Army, Sequim Food Bank, Port Angeles Food Bank.

Merry Christmas!



Silent Unity December 2018 Affirmations

Inner Peace

Divine peace is my path and my true nature.

Guidance

I follow the star and respond to the light of divine wisdom.

Healing

God is the flow of life within my body and being.

Prosperity

I rejoice in abundant possibilities.

World Peace

The Christ born in me is a gift to the world.



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Rev. Donna Little

LICENSED UNITY TEACHER

Margaret Denstad

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DAILY WORD

Friday,
November 30, 2018

Zeal:

"I care for myself and others with passion and enthusiasm."

"Zeal is a gift that motivates us to share with others and to seek and share spiritual truth."

Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work."-John 4:34

Peace,
Robbin

MISSION STATEMENT

WE WELCOME ALL

To Spirit Awakening within

Through the Wisdom of Love, Peace and Joy.

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