

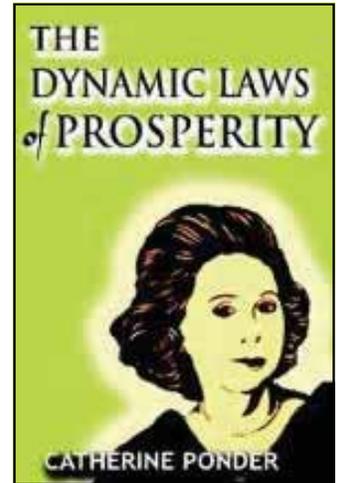
# *In Unison*

The monthly newsletter of Unity in the Olympics



January 2015

This year, from January through October, *In Unison* will include an installment from Catherine Ponder's book, *The Dynamic Laws of Prosperity*. Each installment will include Bible and Unity quotes for reflection, as well as ideas for practicing our prosperity principles.



## *The Dynamic Laws of Prosperity*

January: Introduction

**“You are prosperous to the degree that you are experiencing peace, health, and plenty in your world.” Catherine Ponder**

As we begin a new year, we have the awesome opportunity to make a fresh start. We are doing this with a study of Catherine Ponder's *The Dynamic Laws of Prosperity*.

You might have made some new year's resolutions about changes you want in your life. If you've been considering changing your thinking around prosperity, Catherine Ponder tells us: "While prosperous thinking means many things to people, basically it gives you the power to make your dreams come true, whether those dreams are concerned with better health, increased financial success, a happier personal life, more education and travel, or a deeper spiritual life."

Yes, as a truth student you must acknowledge to yourself that you have all the power. Power that no one can take from you. You, and only you, can give it away. This is often what we do. We give the news the power to create our finances, someone else's bad mood to create our day, or someone's opinion to define us. In reality, it is up to us.

In Chapter One, Catherine points out the surprising truth that poverty is a sin. Sin, in Unity's terms, is defined as falling short of the mark. We can also change our "shortfall" by changing our thinking and thus our actions. It is our divine heritage to be prosperous and successful in all that we do.

The Bible is a prosperity textbook, with story after story about prosperity. It clearly points out that God's intention is not for us to live in lack and limitation. Catherine tells us, "Most of the great men of the Bible were either born prosperous, became prosperous, or had access to riches whenever the need arose."

Jesus's life teachings were all about a generous Heavenly Father who wishes to give us not only physical needs but His very kingdom. This message became skewed as society assured wealth only for the privileged few. The masses were told that the only way to salvation was through poverty and penance - a method of control by the "haves" that held poverty as a virtue. This thinking and teaching forestalled revolution among the masses.

Even today there is a gap between the "haves" and "have-nots," even beyond financial means. What

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# Thank you!

Clara, Jan, Alice, Diane,  
and Teia, who put away our  
Christmas decorations

Jorge, Barbara, Elaine, Pat,  
Charles, Allie, Alice, Trista,  
Kasi, Steve, Lisa, Clara,  
and Diane for taking part in  
our Christmas Eve candle-  
light service

Teia for decorating, and for  
planning and facilitating  
the "12 Lights of Bethle-  
hem" service

This church  
works because  
of ALL of you!



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

7<sup>th</sup> Laura Brogden

13<sup>th</sup> Ruth McNeece

14<sup>th</sup> Jean Carmack

16<sup>th</sup> Bob Eash

16<sup>th</sup> Trisha Kehoe

16<sup>th</sup> Teia Stitzel

22<sup>nd</sup> Barbara Wilson

23<sup>rd</sup> Michele Menia

25<sup>th</sup> Laraine Gau

31<sup>st</sup> Jan Wyman



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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  
Diane Duncan, Treasurer  
Barbara Miller, Secretary  
Steve Schach, Member  
Charles Mawson, Member



### LICENSED UNITY TEACHER

Margaret Denstad

# Our Church Finances

November Income		November Expenses	
Tithes/Offerings	\$3,452.52	Guest Speakers	\$950.00
Rent	600.00	Advertising & Promotion	172.05
Book/Literature Sales	27.75	Books/Literature	101.99
Fundraising	120.00	Building Improvements	71.17
		Child Care	100.00
		Insurance	290.84
		Copy Machine	173.35
		Computer & Internet	248.78
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$4,200.27</b>	Payroll	735.14
		Telephone	109.29
<b>October Tithes (paid in November)</b>		Tithe Expense	332.00
MANNA	\$50.00	Utilities	331.42
Silent Unity	100.00	Music	125.00
NW Region	80.00	Janitorial	100.00
TAFY	23.00	Lawn Care	48.00
WorldWide Unity	24.00	Supplies - Kitchen/Bldg.	55.12
Dream Center	23.00	Postage & Delivery	39.20
Salvation Army	32.00	Office Supplies	76.04
		<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$4,059.39</b>
<b>TOTAL TITHES</b>	<b>\$ 332 .00</b>		

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

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



## Notes from the Board

The Board met on Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, with Teia Stitzel, Barbara Miller, Diane Duncan, Steve Schach, Charles Mawson, and Linda Reidel present.

Diane reported that we have \$3330 in our checking account. The Board decided that \$2000 will be deposited into the Bathroom Fund. Our tithe of \$420 is to be distributed as follows: Silent Unity \$100, World-Wide Unity \$50, Northwest Region \$50, MANNA \$50, TAFY \$50, Dream Center \$50, and Salvation Army \$70.

Other matters: Linda received a raise in her hourly wage. The bulletin was reworked to streamline our services. Suggestions were made for future activities. We need to get our leaking skylights fixed.

The next Board meeting will be on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 p.m.



## *The Dynamic Laws of Prosperity*

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does this mean in terms of prosperity? Those who do “have” have it because of their thinking. No matter what their process was for getting it, the reason is they held prosperity as theirs in consciousness. Thoughts in mind do produce their own kind. Those who “have not” often cling to the thought of what they do not have, thus producing even more lack. Catherine’s book shows us that we all deserve prosperity - it is our natural state in the way we are created - but sometimes we begin to believe otherwise. With the new year starting, now is the time to erase the slate and start thinking prosperously.

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

“The Lord will make you abound in prosperity, in the fruit of your womb, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground in the land that the Lord swore to your ancestors to give you.” Deut 28:11

“They will abide in prosperity, and their children shall possess the land.” Ps 25:13

“All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the prosperity of your children.” Is 54:13

“I am going to bring it recovery and healing; I will heal them and reveal to them abundance of prosperity and security.”  
Jer 33:6

**A prosperous idea in your mind persistently held will bring prosperity into your affairs.**

### **What Unity says:**

“All of us must hitch our faith to the divine ideas that make for abundance of manifest good. Then we have a foundation upon which to build our castle of health, happiness, and prosperity.” Myrtle Fillmore, *How to Let God Help You*

“A prosperous idea in your mind persistently held will bring prosperity into your affairs. First decide upon a prosperity idea and then fill your consciousness with it.” Lowell Fillmore, *New Ways to Solve Old Problems*

“When we understand and adjust our mind to the realm or kingdom where the rich ideas and their electrical thought forms exist, we shall experience in our temporal affairs what is called ‘prosperity’.” Charles Fillmore, *Prosperity*

### **Ideas for practice:**

In meditation ponder prosperity. What does it mean to you? What do you see? What would it feel like if you were totally prosperous? Take time to soak in the feeling. Now come back to the present, bringing that feeling with you.

Take out your journal after your meditation and ask yourself these questions:

- What does prosperity mean to me?
- Am I willing to be prosperous? What would I have to let go of for that to be true?
- Am I willing to let go of old beliefs about poverty being a virtue?
- How can I hold a prosperous thought through to manifestation?
- How can I express and feel gratitude before I see prosperity in the physical?

We are reminded that where two or more are gathered, the Christ is present. As a triad talk about what form prosperity has taken for you. Share an experience of prosperity that is not necessarily about money.



## SEAHAWKS RAFFLE

# \$1100 RAISED!



**Thank you LISA & STEVE,  
and all of you who sold  
and/or purchased tickets!**



Lisa holds the bucket of tickets while Clara waits to draw.



**While winner Dudley Eubank got his basket of Seahawks goodies, the real winner in this raffle was our church. Not only do we have Lisa, our amazing fundraiser, but we have been blessed with \$1100!**

Dear Unity Family,

People often ask why we tithe to certain entities. In the next few months I would like to address those questions. Just what does the organization we tithe to mean to us as a church? Most of you understand the principles of tithing, and as a church we tithe just as an individual would. You freely give a tenth of your income to the church where you are receiving spiritual nourishment. We, as the church, do the same.

**Silent Unity** is one of the main places to which we tithe. Silent Unity, the worldwide prayer ministry of Unity, has been praying with people seeking spiritual support for more than 120 years. The 24/7 prayer ministry - which responds to prayer requests via telephone, postal mail, online, or via the uPray free mobile app - serves people of all faiths from all parts of the world.

The Silent Unity prayer ministry is supported primarily by freewill offerings. Without churches like us and individuals, there would be no prayer ministry. It takes money to staff this 24/7 ministry, and your and my tithes and those of our churches keep Silent Unity going.

Myrtle and Charles Fillmore started the Silent Unity prayer ministry in the late 1880s. In 1907, Charles Fillmore added new telephone technology to the prayer work of Silent Unity. Since then it has grown and now reaches many more people.

Every prayer begins by affirming the truth of God's perfect life and love at work now, and for the highest good of all.

Thank you for your love and support.

Alice

*We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of \$400 in memory of Rev. Richard Levy. Richard was always supportive of maintaining our building, so this money has been put into savings for our handicap-accessible bathroom*

*An additional \$50 was received as a contribution to our bathroom fund. Thank you!*

# Ruth's Annual Christmas Party - Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>



Vernon, Elaine, Teia

**W**e feasted on the best clam chowder anywhere and all the sweet goodies Ruth prepares for us every year. It was wonderful to relax and visit in Ruth's welcoming, beautifully decorated home.



RUTH



Clara and Linda



Alice (right) with a neighbor