



In Unison

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The monthly newsletter of Unity in the Olympics

A TASTE OF STORM

By Rev Donna Little

The Storm of December 14th was a firm, yet gentle, reminder that “Yes, Mother Earth is expressing some serious distress through its weather.” Here in the far Northwest, we seem to have been protected from some of the more devastating storms, earthquakes and eruptions that appear quite frequently in the daily news.

Locally, when we are encouraged to participate in Disaster Preparedness, we may think, “Oh! THAT doesn’t happen here!” We tuck away any anxiety or fear deep inside and poke our heads in the sands of our daily busyness.

Then, December 14th came along as a storm with very strong winds; knocking trees down across roadways and power lines, causing power outages throughout Clallam County. Immediately and for hours great numbers of us had no electrical power; no lights, no heat, no Wi-Fi or internet, and intermittent cell phone service. I gathered candles and flashlights, blankets and cold food for me and the furries; we were not well prepared for this.

But this message is not intended to frighten anyone, it is instead to *wake us up!* Although a storm like this has not happened in our county in recent memory – the message is, it can happen! And this is just a gentle taste of what might be like.

What do we do with this **AWARENESS?**

What came to me is this: **“WISDOM IS KNOWLEDGE (AWARENESS AND LEARNING) AND THE WILLINGNESS TO APPLY IT WITH LOVE AND STRENGTH.**

Let us begin by being grateful for the Storm of December 14th.

Grateful for our survival: We had no serious injuries, and, the problems were repairable.

Grateful for the awareness we gained: This experience certainly caught our attention and has been an effective reminder that there is work to be done to be prepared for a storm or an emergency even greater than this one.

Grateful for Emergency Management: **Learning** what to do in the first hours of a disaster response may help save a life, reduce the severity of possible injuries, and reduce the amount of damage your home sustains. Families who have a plan, have a "**GRAB `N GO**" kit, have adequate reserves of food, water and necessities and have practiced their plan will do well in any emergency. The Clallam County Emergency Resource Guide is a good place to start and provides useful information on a wide range of emergency topics.

Check out <http://www.clallam.net/EmergencyManagement/disasterprep.html>

These are things we can do in the material world. As we complete our preparations for a safe place for ourselves, our families and our pets, we also can complete preparations in our mind and heart to be in the **LIGHT OF DIVINE WISDOM.**



Photo courtesy of Sequim Gazette

When we practice being in the Flow of Life, we experience ourselves to be in direct communication with the Divine. We experience Peace in our being and in our environment. We experience Good in All circumstances. We experience Wholeness and Health in our minds and in our bodies. Our experience of Life is a product of our thought sand feelings, which form our Beliefs about how life is. Want a better Life Experience? Trust the One Power in the Universe, **ALL IS WELL!**

“So, the storm passed and everyone was happy.” Kate Chopin

Message from the Treasurer – January 2019 Newsletter

Finances for November 2018

The November 2018 financial reports show a Net Loss of \$99.96.

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 November was 23 people average per Sunday. Average tithe per person was \$35.33.

Tithes for the month of October, paid in November, totaling \$375.00.00 were given to Silent Unity, Unity Northwest Region, Unity Worldwide Ministries, Serenity House, First Step and Clallam County Hospice.



Opportunities for Giving:

There are many opportunities for giving including contributing to the bathroom remodel fund, purchasing a load of gravel to fill in the parking lot holes, donating to the scholarship fund for Allie Winters in the spring, and purchasing supplies such as paper towels, coffee, cleaning supplies, and vacuum bags. Any and all is greatly appreciated!!

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

Our Church Finances

November 2018 Income	
Tithes/Offerings	\$3,216.83
Rental Income	465.00
Book/Lit Sales	00.00
Classes & Workshops	123.00
Fundraising	5.00
Special Events	00.00
Memorial	00.00
Misc.	00.00
TOTAL INCOME	3,809.83
Tithes (October paid in November)	
Silent Unity	62.00
Northwest Region	63.50
Unity Worldwide Min.	62.00
TAFY	00.00
Serenity House	62.00
Hospice	00.00
Rose House	00.00
First Step	62.00
Sequim/PA Food Banks	00.00
Clallam County Hospice	63.50
TOTAL TITHES	375.00

November 2018 Expenses	
Advertising & Promotion	\$133.50
Book & Literature Expense	11.45
Computer Expenses	00.00
Conferences	00.00
Copy Machine	147.88
Excise Taxes	00.00
Gifts	00.00
Guest Speakers	200.00
Insurance	524.72
Interest Expense	15.90
Internet & Phone	186.44
Janitorial	210.40
Lawn Care	50.00
Minister	1067.00
Misc.	00.00
Music	00.00
Payroll	1090.06
Tithe Expense	375.00
Utilities	-152.56
Website	50.00
Worship Supplies	00.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,909.79

Thank you

- To Allie, Erik, Duane and Tim for sharing the thoughts of our Advent Visitors
- To Eva, Tim, Duane, Alice, Allie, Pat and Donna for the "Carols and Candles" Readings
- To Pat and Charles for guiding our class through "Way of Mastery". Completed December 6, 2018
- To Kim and Charles for taking pictures and sending them to me. Robbin



Shepherd:
Tim West



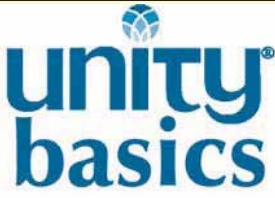
Gift Exchange: From left, Erik Simpson, Alice Alexander, Clara Lakatos, Tim West.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Salvation Army Angel Tree gifts.
Rev. Donna

January Happy Birthdays!

1st	Flora Todt
13 th	Ruth McNeece
16 th	Bob Eash
16 th	Teia Stitzel
22 nd	Barbara Wilson
23 rd	Rev. Donna Little
23 rd	Michele Menia
25 th	Laraine Gau
31 st	Jan Wyman



- SAVE THE DATE February 3, 2019

Unity Basics Class

Interested in learning more about Unity in the Olympics and the Unity Movement?

Sign up for this Information Class on Sunday 2/3/19 from 12:30-4:00pm

Rev Donna will answer ALL your questions (about Unity)

This Class is required for membership. But, you don't have to become a member if you take the class.

Also, this class is open to current members and anyone who wants to know about Unity.



Coming Up, January 20th, Sunday Celebration, 10:30 am: *Carolyn Cruso*, “Wielding two guitars, a hammered dulcimer, and her voice, Carolyn Cruso roams the back roads of the country and of the mind taking the listener on a journey of beauty, redemption, compassion and humor. Fans and reviewers alike say she weaves an intricate web of magic with her intelligent and soulful music. She gives talks at numerous Unitarian, and New Thought Churches around the country and is also an environmental science educator for youth aged six to fourteen. She makes her home in the San Juan Islands where she lives with her beloved partner David, and Zoe the cat.”

For more information about Carolyn visit her website: www.carolyncruso.com

Potluck to follow service!



Join us on January 20th for a Potluck following service:” Bring your favorite dish and join in the fun and

fellowship!

Board Meeting to Follow.



Gift Exchange:
From Left, ?
Rev. Pat Coughlin
Mawson, Rev. Donna
Little, ?
and Allie Winters

- IN CELEBRATION



We shared our Christmas dressed Sanctuary with members from Pet Posse, Port Angeles on December 15th. One of their support staff, Hydee, had made her transition. Rev Donna led the Pet Posse in Celebrating Hydee's life and service as a loving friend to both humans and lost pets. "Good Journey, Hydee; Blessings of Love and Comfort Pet Posse."

For more information about Pet Posse of Port Angeles and their work please follow the link. www.portangelespetposse.com



Reminder : Prayer Force, Wednesday, January 23rd , **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!

Unity Beginnings in Port Angeles, by Alice Alexander

When Lou Lawrence and her friends started their Unity study group in 1964, the vision was to learn more about the teachings of the Fillmores. They loved the positive affirmations and were eager to soak up all the teachings they could.

The Fillmores started their spiritual healing movement in 1889, after spending several years studying prayer and the power of mind over body. Charles and Myrtle Fillmore were a young couple in Kansas City, Missouri with three young boys. They had suffered life long physical ailments and constantly sought healing. When they heard a lecture by E. B. Weeks , Myrtle devoted the next two years of her life to prayer healing. The Fillmores started teaching classes in living rooms and published a magazine which came out in 1889. Soon after that, the prayer group came about, which is now Silent Unity. The movement has grown to include centers of truth all over the county and a seminary in Lee's Summit, Missouri to teach new ministers the principles of Unity. Lawrence's study group met at the library, at first and then moved to a member's apartment. At one point they invited Marian Brown and her assistant minister, John Adams from Bremerton to visit one of the study sessions.

Much to the surprise of the group, John Adams, who had just become ordained as a Unity Minister, appeared at their group and declared his intention to serve as their minister. He had brought his wife and two daughters to Port Angeles intending to live here.

The group had not planned for a minister, as they were happy exploring Unity teachings in their own way. Having a minister brought a new series of challenges. They had to have a meeting place and a way to pay a minister's salary.

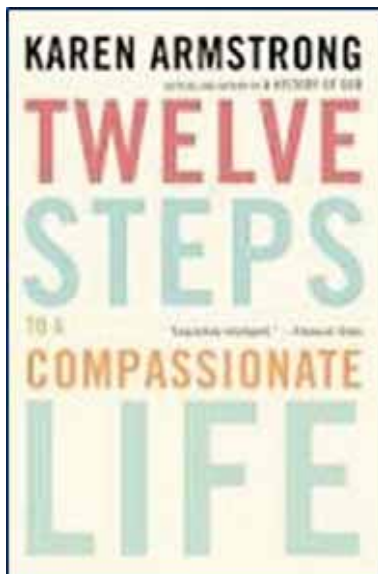
Lawrence stepped up and offered a little house she owned on 7th and Chase for their actual center. One of their group, Laura Burton was an accomplished organist, so she and her husband brought her organ and her husband built a pulpit of special wood.

So, December 1966 brought the first actual service in their own building. They connected with Unity School of Christianity based in Lee Summit, Missouri and became a Unity Center. When the Fillmores started their meeting places, they were considered Centers. The word church did not come until later.

The move to fast-forward their study group brought many challenges and disagreements among the members. However, the participants grew and they soon formed a Women's group. They had plant sales, baked sales, and whatever they could do to bring money in to support their new minister.

Their vision hadn't changed-they still wanted to learn and explore the Unity principles. They had just expanded more than they had initially envisioned.

COMMUNITY READ 2019 TWELVE STEPS to a COMPASSIONATE LIFE



Required Text

Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life ~ By Karen Armstrong

Books Available at **Port Book & News** in PA (**Discount**),

or

Amazon.com

(support Unity in the Olympics every time you purchase thru **Amazon Smile**)

Karen Armstrong states that the purpose of this program for deepening compassion is *"to bring forth the compassion that exists potentially in every human being so that it can be a healing force in our own lives and our world."*

Two Classes Dates and Times

*Unity in the Olympics is partnering with **The Interfaith Community of Clallam County** to make this program available to all members of the **COMMUNITY**.*

*We expect to have several study groups throughout the County and, We **INVITE** interested members of the Community to join us for our study here, at **UitO**.*

Let your friends know about this exciting opportunity!

Tuesdays 2:00 – 3:30 pm
January 8 ~ March 26, 2019
With Rev Donna Little
RevDLittle@gmailcom

Wednesdays 6:30 – 8:00 pm
January 9~ March 27, 2019
With Tim West
Timothy.J.West@hotmail.com

Celebration of Our Journey

Meet participants from other groups

Share experiences & IDEAS
Entertainment & Goodies

Saturday, April 6th, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
ShIPLEY Center
921 E Hammond
Sequim, WA

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— Joe Rhee, RKO-TV 15, San Francisco



Oakbridge University Activities for January

Heartfelt Movie Night Series, this month we will be showing, "Extraordinary Measures."

January 19th, 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

January 6th : Timothy West
"What? an Epiphany."

January 13th: Rev. Donna Little
"UNCONDITIONAL LOVE."

January 20th:Carolyn Cruso
"Music and Spirituality."

January 27th: Rev. Donna Little
"LIVING ON PURPOSE."



Christmas
Party

Rev. Bill
Evans and
his wife ?

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



Silent Unity January 2018 Affirmations

Inner Peace

I am centered in infinite peace.

Guidance

Divine wisdom is the light
shinning upon my path.

Healing

Realizing my divine nature, I am
healed.

Prosperity

I thrive as I live in awe and
gratitude.

World Peace

Openhearted and open-minded, I
promote peace.



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Rev. Donna Little

LICENSED UNITY TEACHER

Margaret Denstad

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DAILY WORD Wednesday, January 2, 2018

Will:

*"I am blessed by the divine gift
of free will."*

*"I am divinely blessed with
free will. I utilize that gift,
choosing to take charge of my
life."*

*"You will decide on a matter,
and it will be established for
you, and light will shine on
your ways."-Job 22:28*

Peace,
Robbin

MISSION STATEMENT

WE WELCOME ALL

To Spirit Awakening within

Through the Wisdom of Love, Peace and Joy.

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