



# In Unison

February 2019

The monthly newsletter of Unity in the Olympics



## ATTRACTION to GROW

**GOOD NEWS!** Our Minister Selection Team has completed the Church Information Packet and our Minister Invitation has been sent to Unity Worldwide Ministries. This completes the first phase of our New Minister Process.

Special thanks to the Minister Selection Team, including Board Members Duane Morris, Charles Mawson, Kim Perkins, Erik Simpson and Rev Donna, as well as, congregants Judi(th) Coates and Tim West. Thanks also to those attending our Town Hall Meetings in October and January for sharing your input and suggestions.

One more thing about this phase before we move on. We call our Team the Minister Selection Team, instead of the Minister Search Team, because *search* means “looking for”, while *selection* means “choosing from candidates.” We KNOW our candidates are available and our Right and Perfect Minister is now receiving the “Call” to serve and grow with us at Unity in the Olympics.

This way of “**Thinking Positively**” adds juice to our process. Instead of thinking “OK; now we wait”; let’s think “OK, now we prepare!”

- ♥ We do have some projects that need “*loving attention*”. For example, we have stuffed animals sitting on our Sanctuary pews; they need to be filled with Love and Joy for the children in crisis that they will serve.
- ♥ We have some places that need clearing, organizing, cleaning and painting in our closets, rooms and hallways.
- ♥ We need to maintain cleanliness in our kitchen and restrooms and invite our *ant friends* to leave, peacefully.
- ♥ There are lots of things we can do to Love our Space and fill it with Light to invite new members and our New Minister into our Spiritual Family.

## ***IT ALL BEGINS WITH LOVE*** ♥



Let’s begin by bringing Light and Love into our Spiritual Home; beginning with our Hearts. Let us enter our Space ready to share our Love and Joy with one another. Let’s take a moment to be mindful and look around; How can we make this better? How can we do that more lovingly?

All it takes is LOVE! *Love is the great Energy of Attraction* that draws and invites like energy, Love, into our hearts, into our family, and into our Church Home.

And, for our New Minister, we beam our Light and Love to YOU – to attract you to Unity in the Olympics to Grow with Us!

***Love, Peace & Joy,***

***Rev. Donna***

***LOVE is the Answer!***

## **UNITY IN THE OLYMPICS**

**Unity Basics: About the Class**  
**Sunday, February 10, 2019 12:30 - 4 pm**  
**Instructor: Rev Donna Little**



This Class is designed to answer almost any question you may have about the Unity Movement or Unity in the Olympics, this Church. Class will consist of some sharing as we get acquainted with one another, some group interaction and discovery about Unity. There will be opportunities for your Questions and Answers.

We will discuss "What Unity is", "How it came to be", as well as "Interesting facts in the History of Unity in the Olympics". We will also discuss some of the tools we use, like, Affirmative Prayer, Meditation, and Metaphysics. And, we will discuss some of the Core Beliefs of Unity and our Vision, Mission and Core Values.

Is this a Class for you? It is intended for you. Whether you are new to Unity in the Olympics, have been here for a while, or have even taken this class before, this class is for you. If you have an inquiring mind and want to know more about Unity, this class is for you.

The Unity Basics Class is required if you want to become a member; but, you do not have to become a member, just because you take the Class. Acceptance, Love & Hugs are available to all – including Members & non-Members.

Sign up on the Class Sheet in the church lobby, so we will know to prepare a packet of material for YOU.



### **Message from the Treasurer – February 2019 Newsletter**

#### **Finances for December 2018**

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, the December 2018 financial reports show a Net Income of \$2,307.29.

The board authorized transfers to savings of \$100 to the Building Fund, \$100 to the Ministers Fund and \$100 to the Contingency Fund.

All accounts payables have been paid.

**38/38 Vision update:** Attendance in December was 21 people average per Sunday. Average tithe per person was \$60.53.

**Tithes for the month of November**, paid in December, totaling \$381.00.00 were given to Silent Unity, Unity Northwest Region, Unity Worldwide Ministries, TAFY, Port Angeles Food Bank and Sequim Food Bank.

#### **Opportunities for Giving:**

There are many opportunities for giving including contributing to the bathroom remodel fund, donating to the scholarship fund for Allie Winters in the spring, purchasing a second load of gravel to even out the parking lot, 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

### December 2018 Income

Tithes/Offerings	\$6,161.12
Rental Income	290.00
Book/Lit Sales	00.00
Classes & Workshops	60.00
Fundraising	1.00
Special Events	00.00
Memorial	00.00
Misc.	00.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$6,527.12</b>
<b>Tithes (November paid in December)</b>	
Silent Unity	60.00
Northwest Region	60.00
Unity Worldwide Min.	71.00
TAFY	60.00
Serenity House	00.00
Hospice	00.00
Rose House	00.00
PA Food Bank	65.00
Sequim Food Bank	65.00
Clallam County Hospice	00.00
<b>TOTAL TITHES</b>	<b>\$381.00</b>

### December 2018 Expenses

Advertising & Promotion	\$109.50
Book & Literature Expense	00.00
Computer Expenses	00.00
Conferences	00.00
Copy Machine	224.63
Excise Taxes	00.00
Gifts	100.00
Guest Speakers	575.00
Insurance	00.00
Interest Expense	15.14
Internet & Phone	00.00
Janitorial	128.00
Lawn Care	00.00
Minister	1,067.00
Office Supplies	30.18
Payroll	888.55
Postage	50.00
Tithe Expense	381.00
Utilities	582.83
Website	50.00
Worship Supplies	18.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$4,219.83</b>



#### **POSITIVE DAILY PRAYER:**

*Dearest Lord,  
Through this year  
let there be  
a greater willingness in me  
to grow,  
to persevere,  
to demonstrate the Christ.*

*Dearest Lord,  
From this year  
let there be  
a gentler humanness in me  
to love,  
to yield to Your nobler plan,  
to keep my heart calm,  
my soul content,  
that I may know the peace of  
the Lord.*

Taken from :

[Positive Christian Ministry  
www.PositiveChristianity.org](http://www.PositiveChristianity.org)



## Thank you

- To Duane Morris, Tim West, and Alice Alexander for taking down and storing Christmas Decorations.
- To the Board for repairing lighting in the Gathering room and replacing the outside security light.
- To Alice Alexander for cleaning the refrigerator and taking recyclables.
- To Marguerite Snell for donating the yard clean-up.
- To all who brought stuffed toys for the Sherriff's Department.
- To Tim West for attending The Northwest Unity Youth Team Conference "Better Together" at Gold Bar last weekend for our youth.
- To Bill and Kathy Evans for their article in this newsletter.-Robbin

## February Happy Birthdays!

4th Anastasia White  
 14<sup>th</sup> Erik Simpson  
 14<sup>th</sup> Robin Hubbard Swanson  
 25<sup>th</sup> Duane Morris

Tidy  
 UitO  
 Lawn  
 by Steve  
 Lovick!



**We Need Help  
 Keeping Our  
 Refrigerator Clean.**

After cleaning our refrigerator at Unity, I am asking for help in **keeping it clean**. If you bring food and there is any left over, it might be better to just take it home. Leaving it in the refrigerator for a week is not always the best idea. If you put something in the refrigerator, please check on it in the next few days so it doesn't get a chance to get stale. Most cookies don't keep for a week in the fridge as they dry out. Thanks for helping me keep our fridge clean. **Alice**

**Rosie**

**One of Reverend Donna's Furry Companions  
 Watches Over Last Year's Stuffed Animals.**





### Behind the Scenes: Char Coachman

"I have been a member at Unity in the Olympics since 1991 and love this church and the people in it. Through all the ups and downs (as all churches and people have) the love just grows and grows."-Char

Char served two terms as President on the Board of Trustees and continues to help as music coordinator for our Sunday Service Celebrations.

**Thank you Char for your service to UitO. We love you and are truly blessed to have you in our church!**



### Loving Our Neighbors



Now, till the end of February, Unity in the Olympics is accepting new or gently used stuffed animals to donate to the Clallam County Sheriff's Department. The stuffed animals will be distributed to children when responding to domestic disturbance calls.

Tim just couldn't wait! In January, he decided to start bringing cute, fuzzy stuffed animals to the Sanctuary so that we could Love them and infuse our Love, Caring and Joy into them. By starting in January, we get to Love them for more than four weeks (more like seven weeks). They will be extra stuffed by March, when we will call the Sherriff's Office to come and collect them.



Officer Ben was the one to pick them up last year. We had collected and Loved 25 little furrries in our campaign. And, my Rosie (Officer Ben holding her in the picture) was here to give the last bit of furry dust for their journey. The Officers then have the toys to give to children who are feeling afraid or

### Pack the Pews with L♥ve

- There are two ways in which to participate in this legacy of love:
- ♥Bring in a new or gently used stuffed animal and place it in a pew
- ♥Join us as we fill the seats and infuse the animals with love



sad. Officer Ben said the Sheriff's Department could always use items like these toys to comfort children in times of crisis.

So, the invitation is here for you to add a new or gently used stuffed animal to the pews for us to Love during February. Can we break our record of 25 animals from last year? Maybe 35, or more! And, please come to share your Love with the animals, and us!

Rev. Donna



**Join us on February 17<sup>th</sup> for a Potluck, following service.**

**Bring your favorite dish and join in the fun and fellowship!**

**Board Meeting to Follow.**



**Reminder : Prayer Force, Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> , 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!**



When I was thinking about the February Newsletter, February being the month of love, I thought of Bill and Kathy Evans. Coming from two different theological beliefs they remain married. What was their secret to success? So I asked Bill if he would write an article for the Newsletter and here is what he sent me.-**Robbin**

### **Love Endures All-by Bill and Kathy Evans**

**Interviewer:** **Bill and Kathy Evans**, you have enjoyed 45 years of married life together, even though Kathy, you are Roman Catholic, and Bill, you have just retired from a career as an ordained minister in the Disciples of Christ Church. How has that worked out for you?

**Bill:** It has been wonderful! Two religions which both emphasize love, brought together under one roof. Nothing difficult about that. Put God into the marriage and it adds a little glue or staying power.

**Kathy:** It has been 45 wonderful years. There have been difficulties, which we will talk about later, but the Lord has guided us and strengthened us the entire time.

**I:** What would you say are your secrets for your happily married life?

**B:** First of all, there must be genuine love. I knew Kathy for three years before we decided to get married. One day I thought to myself, that she was someone I did not have to impress or "show off" for. I could simply be myself, and she accepted me for what I was. I was comfortable being with her and, even though I made some mistakes in our early relationship, she still cared for me. And every day, I still tell her multiple times that I love her.

**K:** Yes, there must be love. We were friends before we fell in love and I think that is important. You truly get to know the other person through a friendship. Having a sense of humor is a big help also.

**B:** In addition to love, I would say that acceptance and tolerance of the other person's beliefs and habits must be present. I was willing to share in her faith experiences and she was willing to share in mine. We often went to our separate churches with one another. We never forced each other into accepting our beliefs, and we accepted the differences. That does not mean we believed the other person was "wrong" but simply that we chose to travel two parallel paths together, rejoicing when the paths converged, and still holding hands when the paths separated, but ran along side each other.

**K:** Knowing we each served the same Lord in different ways has always been the basis of our marriage.

**I:** Sounds wonderful. Bill, you mentioned earlier that you made some mistakes early on in your relationship. Would you care to share some of them?

**B:** Well, you have to first understand that I have a sense of humor... and when I was younger, it was not always a gentle humor. Once, in college when we simply spent time together, I asked Kathy if she was doing anything the following Saturday night. She, thinking I was going to ask her on a date, replied that she was not planning anything for Saturday. So I suggested that she try taking a bath.

**I:** Ooooo, that's mean!

**B:** Yes, but she returned the favor when I was invited over to Kathy's apartment for supper. She and her roommate, who was majoring in home economics, cooked the meal while I was busy reading. They asked me what I wanted to drink for the meal. I replied, "Ahh, anything!" without looking up. So, when we sat down to eat I saw that they had poured out what I thought was a Mountain Dew into a glass. When I took a big swig of that drink, it turned out to be pickle juice!

**I:** Good one, Kathy!

**K:** That's where the sense of humor comes in!

**B:** Even after all of that, we still married each other!

**I:** Have there ever been rough times in your marriage?

**B:** In our lives, yes, but in our marriage, no, because we trust each other explicitly. Kathy often jokes about all my "girlfriends" because I often work closely with women, but she realizes I won't stray because, as I tell her, "When I've been spoiled by the best, no one else will do!"

In our life, the roughest time was the months following Dec. 16, 1989. Kathy and our two sons, Jamie and Josh, were in a car accident which left Jamie with severe facial injuries, Josh with a torn spinal cord, and Kathy with a severe closed head injury. In the weeks following, I saw Kathy's brain reconstruct itself from her having a blank stare, to having the happy personality of her childhood before I knew her, to being the person I had met in college, to finally being mature and grown. Her personality was different, though. The doctors at the rehabilitation facility where Kathy had recovered for two months told me that 90% of the couples, whose spouse had suffered such a traumatic brain injury, ended up divorced within two years. I was determined not to let that happen, so I spent the time getting to know this new Kathy's personality. It was almost like being married to two different women without having to go through divorce! Since that time, we have only grown closer.

**K:** Bill's strength and patience during those months and years gave additional proof that he is a blessed person. He has passed on those blessings to Jamie, Josh, and me.

**B:** To me, marriage has always been something greater than just the two of us: It is a covenant between us with Spirit's presence to hold it together..... and as long as we **both** still wish to be joined together in this covenant, then we will be together.



**Lauren Lane Powell** has been a great teacher, entertainer and friend for many of us, as she has shared her music, crystal singing bowls, and Spiritual Journey with us. On January 25, 2019, Lauren completed her creative, healing, helping experience with *CAnswer*, and she has, in her own words, *Gone Home*.

We will miss her.

And, so we share a poem called "Candle", written for her, by Lauren's friend, Patricia Coughlin Mawson.

I see a candle glowing  
Reflecting all your Light  
Will the bowl play like before  
Before you took your flight

Will it vibrate with you  
Will you feel its sound  
Will you play it for us  
From Heaven to our ground

I see your Light just glowing  
Just like it did before  
Flying with the angels  
As both our Spirits soar!

**Lauren's answer:**  
You cannot imagine  
The swirls of gracious color  
Vibrating inside me

With no more heavy body  
Nothing to hold me down  
I can create anything  
I am no longer bound

Come inside your soul & sing with me  
I am still so alive  
The heaviness has left me  
There are no real Good Byes!



## Vision Statement

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

### Sunday Celebration Schedule

**February 3rd : Rev. Donna Little**  
**"LIVING ON PURPOSE: PART II"**

**February 10th : Tim West**  
**"Cupid's Journey: The Legacy of the Arrow."**

**February 17<sup>th</sup>: Rev. Pat Mawson**  
**"I Am Determined to See Things Differently."**

**February 24<sup>th</sup>: Rev. Donna Little**  
**"Living in the Presence."**

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



*In our Spiritual Community*  
**Oakbridge University Presents: "Heaven is Real."**  
**Heartfelt Movies Series, February 16th, 7:00 pm,**  
**Mawson home, 11 Redbud Court, Sequim**  
**Interfaith Community of Clallam County**  
**Stadium Generale Presentation on Compassion**  
**Little Theater, Peninsula College, February 7th,**  
**12:30-1:30 pm, Open to the Public.**  
**Love the Earth Interfaith Climate Action Group**  
**St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 510 E. Park St.,**  
**PA, February 12th, 1:30-3:00 pm, RSVP by email:**  
**[interfaithclallamcounty@gmail.com](mailto:interfaithclallamcounty@gmail.com) or**  
**call Marilyn, 360-477-0681**  
**Compassion Clallam County**  
**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 E. Lopez, PA**  
**February 20, 7:00-8:30 pm, for more information**  
**go to: [charterforcompassion.org](http://charterforcompassion.org)**  
**Peace Choir Community Sing & Performance**  
**Olympic Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**  
**Rehearsals Feb. 2, 9, 16 & March 16, 2:00-4:00**  
**Dress Rehearsal March 23, 10:00-1:00 pm,**  
**Performance 2:00 pm.**

### Silent Unity February 2019 Affirmations

#### Inner Peace

God is the author of my inner peace..

#### Guidance

The harmony and unity of divine love lead my way.

#### Healing

God is my health and well-being.

#### Prosperity

I am abundance, giving and receiving good.

#### World Peace

I uphold the power of peace in all people.



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Rev. Donna Little

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### DAILY WORD Friday, February 1, 2019

#### Possibilities:

*"Possibilities abound because I am one with the Divine."*

*"I have faith that the resources for all I need and desire are easily and readily available."*

*"Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence continually."*

*-1 Chronicles 16:11*

Peace,  
Robbin

### MISSION STATEMENT

**WE WELCOME ALL**

**To Spirit Awakening within**

**Through the Wisdom of Love, Peace and Joy.**

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