



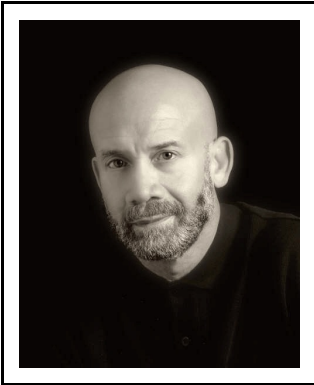
Light Rays

Radiating the Good News from the Heart of Unity Center of Light

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"No News Is Good News" by Rev. Milledge "Butch" Mosby

The title of this article is sort-of-a-play on a well-known colloquialism. The title is alluding to the fact that since the news we have been hearing lately seems to put such a tremendous strain on our feeling of well-being and prosperity, maybe not listening to the news would be a better

strategy for remaining centered in the Truth that, **God, and only God, is the source of our supply.** Everything else (news included) is merely a test to see whether or not we can hold to that Truth.

No, it is not easy to remain centered in the reality that regardless of what is happening around you, the Universal Divine Presence we call God is still at work supplying our every need, no matter what the news is trying to convince of.

One of my dear friends will ask, when he is cornered into a religious discussion, **Is this a conversation or a conversion?** We need to ask a similar question when watching the news, **Is this a sharing of information or an attempt to scare the "bejesus" out of me?** Most of us just *watch and believe*, without question, whatever is fed to us on the news. But, as we have been learning in our Sunday lesson, even though what is being shared in the news may very well be a *fact* in this world, it is still not the Truth in Spirit.

As we have been learning, everything we experience, whether physical or not, is something manufactured in our mind. Up until we started studying Truth principles the only choice we thought we had was what we call "*my mind*," with the myriad of dramatic themes that constantly play out in our heads. But, as we have been learning, we each have a "*higher mind*" that is not susceptible to the news, or any other factors outside of itself contrary to the Truth that there is only *one Power and one Presence active in my life and affairs, God the Good Omnipotent.*

However, which mind you choose depends on which mind you find the easiest and most comfortable to exercise. For example, it is easy and comfortable to just listen to, and read, and believe the news as it is presented. The news tells us, "*We are in a 'bad' economy . . . tighten your belt . . . prepare to suffer. Oh . . . okay . . . we say, without challenge, without question. It's*

easy because, if it is said in the news it must be true . . . a-a-n-n-d . . . it must be a fact. It is also easy and comfortable because everyone you know is talking about it and reinforcing it. So, we just settle down and accept the "*news*" as our reality . . . and *voilà* . . . it becomes our reality.

However, there is another possibility, but it is not so easy, and it is not so comfortable. It is the possibility that the Truth principle, *God is the source of my supply . . . no matter what the "facts" in the world are saying*, is real. Actually, this Truth is undeniably real, even though we struggle to believe it is so. But, the only reason we struggle to believe that it is real is because we do not spend enough time living as if it were so. We do spend a lot of time living as if the news is so, but when it comes to the Truth, we spend very little time, if any, embracing the reality of *this* divine fact.

So, how do we switch our mind from, *the news is the source of my reality . . . to God is the source of my reality?* Well, first, stop thinking, feeling, and internally living what you "*say*" you do not want to experience. When something is bothering us . . . frightening us . . . we think about, feel it, and internally live it. It's no wonder we shut down and begin to worry, hoard, and act as if tragedy has struck, even before we actually experience what we fear happening. And this reaction is perfectly understandable. We all understand it, because it is the way almost all of us choose to react to the "*news*," whatever that news may be.

But, as Truth students we at least know there is another way. It still involves thinking, feeling, and internally living . . . but, what you think about is the universal presence of a Consciousness that is far more powerful than anything that is happening in the world. Does that sound familiar? Our Mission statement is to teach, *there is a power within each of us far greater than anything that exists outside of us.* However, this truth principle requires you not only *think it*, but also surrender yourself to be a willing channel to be "*thought through*." And, the execution of that willingness is learning how to *be still*.

In the Sunday series, [A Radical Shift In Vision](#), we thoroughly explored the idea behind learning how to *be still*. We actually came up with a crude, but effective technique for connecting ourselves with God. It is "*shut-up, become still, and listen for divine guidance.*" The reason for the crude statement *shut-up* is, whereas "*be still, let go, and let God*" is warm and fuzzy, it doesn't necessarily stir one to action . . . mainly because

spiritual explanations are not always really clear. But, on-the-other-hand, “*shut-up*” is really clear. The ego cannot possibly misconstrue that directive. The idea, of course, behind the crude directive “*shut-up*,” is to give your “*higher self*” a chance to share some divine wisdom with you that can bring a sense of peace both to you and to the people and circumstances that are causing you stress.

So . . . as always, living the spiritual life . . . *in the way of Spirit* . . . is not easy. But, here at Unity Center of Light every Sunday lesson, every class, every workshop is designed to give us the spiritual and intellectual tools we practice for centering ourselves in Spirit. Yes, the facts in the world say we are going through tough economic times, but this does not have to be our reality. It does not have to be your personal reality. And to help us stay on the spiritual path our theme for 2010 is the **Practicing Spiritual Economics**.

Yes, there is *world economics* . . . the woes of lack and limitation the world is experiencing . . . and that is a fact. But, there is also ***Spiritual Economics*** . . . the prosperity and abundance that are the unchangeable, unalterable reality of the Truth student who is committed to practicing the *Way of Spirit* . . . and that is the Truth!

Some Quotes on Practicing Spiritual Economics

Positive thinking is the only way out of our economic malaise.
- Front page of the Wall Street Journal, 1908

God’s rich, abundant supply is all around you universally, as well as innately within you, as talents, abilities, and ideas longing for expression.

- Catherine Ponder, *The Dynamic Laws of Prosperity*

Without giving the soul shrivels, but when giving is practiced as a part of living, the soul expands and becomes Godlike in the grace of liberty and generosity. - Charles Fillmore

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.

- Margaret Mead

Man (woman) can only receive what he sees himself (herself) receiving. - Florence Scovel Shinn

All things are possible to him that believeth. - Mark 9:33 (KJV)

A grateful mind is a great mind which eventually attracts great things. - Plato

Tithing is about saying ‘thank you,’ which always begins with putting some gratitude in our attitude. - Paula Langguth Ryan

God is my instant, constant and abundant source of supply.
- Eric Butterworth in **Spiritual Economics**

News from the Building Fund Team

We Continue in Thanksgiving and Praise

Yes! Unity Center of Light continues to be aware of abundant blessings, including each soul that is a part of our spiritual community, the humble and generous way in which the UCL congregants donate their time, talent and treasure to support their spiritual community and the community at-large, and the important Truth that God, as the Omnipresence, has our back right here, right now and always. Regardless of any horror story in the media about the economy, disease, crime or war, our faith tells us we are never alone in the universe. God is the one and only Power and Presence active in our life and affairs, manifesting an abundance of love, peace, forgiveness, healing and prosperity.

We give thanks and praise for the Power which protects us and the Presence that watches over us. At the same time we know we are blessed to have found a spiritual home that nurtures the essence of our being. We want to obtain a permanent physical home that reflects our spiritual ideals, a place where spiritual food is offered and in which we can partake. In order to make this happen we must continue to move our feet and press toward our goal. We are gradually growing our building fund by the regular donations pledged on our commitment forms, by special events put on by various ministries in UCL, such as the Women of Unity, and by individual fund raisers by congregants such as Carl Anderson, Jenny Meyer, Julia Preston and Wil Allyn.

As a result of our unrelenting commitment, the UCL Building Fund statistics are as follows as of November 25:

1. Total of 2009 donations to the Building Fund - \$34,072.00
2. Building Fund total - \$395,769.00
3. 2009 commitments to the Building Fund – over \$35,000.00

We still seek to increase the balance in the building fund. We want to increase the rate of growth to the building fund, and we desire to increase our committed support to the building fund in order to demonstrate our mortgage worthiness for obtaining a building of our own.

Thank you, God for the Light in the community that is Unity Center of Light! Let us continue to press forward. Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord.

Peace and Blessings,
UCL Building Fund Team
Sharon Baukman, Bob Brooks, Joan Fitzgerald,
Christine Harper, Maurice Jackson, Stratton Nash,
Victor Vyfhuis, Mary-Frances Winters



Greetings from the Pastoral Assistant

Ruth and Naomi Speak to the Mothers and Daughters-in-law of Today

The book of Ruth is a very short story of the Old Testament, and is very much a love story of a daughter-in-law and mother-in-law. The name Ruth means female friend, sympathetic companion. The name Naomi means my sweetness, my pleasantness.

Naomi, her husband and two sons leave Bethlehem because times are hard and they settle in Moab where there is a better livelihood. Both sons marry Moabite women Orpah and Ruth. Naomi's husband dies and 10 years later both her sons die. She decides to return to Bethlehem where food is abundant. Her daughters-in-law want to go with her, but she tells them to stay with their own people. Orpah stays back but Ruth insists she wants to go with Naomi, showing her love and loyalty.

Ruth says to her mother-in-law: "entreat me not to leave you or to return from following you; for where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God; where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if even death parts me from you."

Their return to Bethlehem. Naomi is very bitter over her losses, but Ruth never complains. It was harvest time and Ruth supported Naomi and herself by gleaning (going over a field or area which has just been harvested and gathering any usable parts of the crop that remains) the barley fields.

The owner of the field is Boaz and he notices her and tells her to glean in his field only. Ruth is very humbled and asks why he is so kind to her, a foreigner. Boaz tells her it is because she has left her mother and father and country to take care of her mother-in-law.

Ruth represents our ideal of love. She shows us how human love can be lifted to divine love by its willingness to leave one state of consciousness to go to another, higher state.

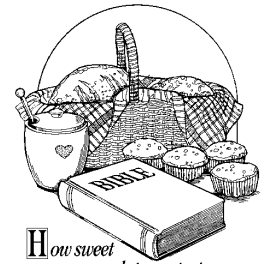
The relationship of mother-in-law and daughter-in-law can be such a blessing to many or the source of friction to others.

Naomi and Ruth have gone down in history as a great example to us. Can we do any less for our children and their children?

Remember to stay on the path.
I love you, Pamela

The Healthy Living Corner

By Pamela Mosby



*How sweet
are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth.*
—Psalm 119:103

Zucchini-Tomato Frittata Serves 4

- 3 cups liquid egg substitute
- 1 tsp. black pepper
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 3 cups zucchini squash
- 8 Italian plum tomatoes
- 8 green onions
- 1 1/3 Tbsp. olive oil
- 2 oz low fat shredded cheddar cheese

Preheat broiler. In a small bowl, beat **liquid eggs** lightly with **garlic powder** and **black pepper**; set aside. Rinse and chop **zucchini**, **tomato**, and **green onion**. Heat **oil** in an ovenproof skillet over medium heat and cook vegetables for about 5 – 6 minutes until zucchini is crisp-tender. Add egg mixture and cook on medium-low heat until eggs are almost set, about 5 minutes. Top with **cheese** and place skillet in broiler about 4 -5 inches from the heat for about 1 to 2 minutes until cheese is melted. Serve immediately.

Nutritional Value per serving:

Calories	304 Calories
Protein	30 grams
Carbohydrates	19 grams
Fat	12 grams
Saturated Fat	2.5 grams
Sodium	440 milligrams
Fiber	5 grams
Sugar	11 grams
Cholesterol	5 milligrams

Spring Edition (March, April, May) Contributions due February 1



We welcome contributions to your newsletter. If you are an aspiring writer, poet or artist, please share your inspirations with your spiritual family.

Greetings from the Board of Trustees

Seasons' Greetings to you and yours! While great things are always happening at Unity Center of Light, I take particular delight in the activities starting with Thanksgiving and into the Advent season. The heightened expressions of love, joy, giving, and peace confirm over and over again how abundantly blessed we are.

I had the opportunity to help deliver UCL's Thanksgiving baskets to the Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry. We support the Food Pantry year round but it is extra special to realize that through our generosity families who might not have been able to enjoy this special meal, can do so. The staff at the Food Pantry said they had given almost \$200,000 worth of food through September . . . twice the amount from the previous year.

Our Christmas Project with Hospice of the Chesapeake to provide gift bags to family care givers is another loving expression of UCL's generosity.

There are no limits to the needs of our community and with a prosperity consciousness we know there are no limits to our ability to meet those needs.

As Butch said in his message it is easy to forget how prosperous we are and how much we have to share, if we get drawn into the daily news about the "bad" economy. At the last board meeting Butch helped me to understand how language can take us down a path of lack. As you know from the monthly financial reports included in the Sunday bulletin, UCL giving this year is less than what is needed to meet our monthly expenses. As part of the board's fiduciary responsibility, we discuss the finances and explore options to meet our financial obligations. I asked, "what happens in a worst case scenario"...that is we cannot pay all of the bills? Butch answered, "we don't think 'worst case' because we know all of our needs will be met."

That small exchange was a "conversion" conversation for me. In my consulting practice, I help organizations with scenario planning, examining best case and worst case situations. My clients tend to plan for the "worst." At UCL we operate from Spiritual Truths rather than from worldly facts, and therefore only plan for the best case because we know God will provide even better than our "best." *"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us."* (Ephesians 3:20)

Butch also reminded us as board members we need to lead by example so that even in the midst of a seeming recession, it is important to meet the financial commitments we have each made to UCL. I would also like to extend the message to the rest of the membership. The 4T Prosperity Program teaches us that tithing of time, talent and treasure will bring prosperity and fullness of life. In other words, no matter what the circumstances may seem to be, God never changes and therefore our commitment to God need not/should not change.

Under the superb leadership of our Board President Victor Vyfhuis, we have been prayerful about our financial needs

and, in fact, plan to submit a 2010 budget that projects an increase in commitments from the UCL family! *"Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you."* (Matthew 7:7)

Serving on the UCL board has been a true blessing for me. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Truth Principles and the workings of UCL. We are seeking new candidates for the board in 2010 and I invite you to consider placing your name in nomination, or at least seeking out one of the board members to find out more about our responsibilities.

Have a blessed holiday season and a new year filled with joy and abundance consciousness!

"The LORD will make you abound in prosperity..."

(Deuteronomy 28:11)

Peace and blessings,
Mary-Frances Winters



Best wishes for a blessed holiday season and
a joyous, healthy and prosperous new year!
Your Board of Trustees

Victor Vyfhuis, President	Joan Fitzgerald, Vice President
Bob Brooks, Treasurer	George White, Secretary
Jo Blackstone, Trustee	Mary-Frances Winters, Trustee
Maurice Jackson, Trustee	Pamela Paul, Trustee
Milledge "Butch" Mosby, Trustee	

A Season for Non Violence January 30 - April 4, 2010

The 64 days between the assassination anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi (Jan 30th) and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (April 4th) were designated as the SEASON FOR NONVIOLENCE in Los Angeles in 1998. Each of the 64 days was linked to a "way" to practice active nonviolence.

Since then, The Season For Nonviolence has grown into an international grassroots campaign dedicated to demonstrating that nonviolence is a powerful way to heal, transform, and empower our lives and our communities. There are many more than 64 Ways to practice nonviolence, but the designated Season gives us a time to focus on decreasing violence in our lives and our communities by learning to practice nonviolence.

We learn to practice nonviolence one step at a time, one choice at a time, one day at a time. Through our daily nonviolent choices and actions, the noble and courageous spirit within each of us expresses itself as the skills, wisdom and character of a nonviolent human being. This is how we each, in our own way, move the world in a direction of peace.

Look for more information in the bulletin and on the web site about *A Season For Non Violence*.

Classes, Workshops, & Activities

Membership in the Unity Center of Light is not required to attend classes, workshops, or activities. Please register for classes and workshops at the Book Store on Sundays, or mail your form and fee to the office.

Those desiring to take a class for Spiritual Education and Enrichment (S.E.E.) credit should speak to the instructor at the first class session. (S.E.E. classes are typically taken toward becoming a Licensed Unity Teacher or to enter the Ministerial Education Program.) The S.E.E. fee of \$36 covers the fee for Unity Institute, and is non-refundable.

A COURSE IN MIRACLES (ACIM)

with Rev. Charlette Manning

Tuesdays, ongoing, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

ACIM is a complete self-study spiritual thought system which teaches the way to universal love and peace – or remembering God – is by undoing guilt through forgiveness.

TRIPLE CROWN TOASTMASTERS

Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month,

7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

This open and ongoing group helps develop or improve public speaking skills. Go to <http://triplecrowntmc.freetoasthost.net> for more information.

INTRODUCTION TO BUDDHIST MEDITATION

Ongoing on Thursdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

1st Session no charge/\$8 each for subsequent sessions
Learn to meditate to help reduce stress, calm the mind and improve relationships. For more information call 301-717-3217.

OUTREACH TEAM

Wednesdays, December 2 and February 3,

6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

The UCL Outreach Team is exploring new and different ways to share our spiritual community with others. Please plan on joining us if you have ideas and energy around sharing the Unity message. Note: No meeting in January.

MEN OF UNITY

Sundays, December 6, January 3 and February 7, following Sunday Service

This ongoing and open group of men of all ages meets the first Sunday of each month and invites you to join them for fellowship, fun and mutual support.

WOMEN OF UNITY BAKE SALE

Sunday, December 13, before and after Sunday Service

Come purchase home made goodies for yourself or for others and help support the outreach programs of the Women of Unity. Please sign up if you can contribute items for the bake sale.

SPECIAL SPEAKER REV. SHARON BURRELL

Sunday, December 13, during Sunday Service

Unity minister Reverend Sharon Burrell will be sharing with us on "Love" as she continues our Advent Series.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICE

Thursday, December 24, 7:00 p.m.

A celebration of light awaits you at our Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service. We come to share this joyful experience of Christmas music, heartfelt messages, and an inner and outer expression of the "light of the world" we truly are. Allow this spiritual experience to lift you above the bus-I-ness of the holiday season to a transcendent experience of peace and love.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, December 25 through Friday, January 1

Ongoing groups and classes will not be held during these weeks. Sunday Services and Special Services will occur as scheduled.

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday, December 27, 10:30 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S EVE BURNING BOWL SERVICE

Thursday, December 31, 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for Unity's traditional Burning Bowl Ceremony. As 2009 completes its cycle and the new year is born, we let go of false beliefs and illusions which do not serve our highest good, and open the way for fresh new insights and inspirations. Plan to arrive early (doors will open at 6:00 p.m.) to write your Letter to God and your list of attitudes, false beliefs, negative emotions and behaviors you are committed to eliminating from your life.

DINNERS for EIGHT

Fri., Jan. 1, Sat., Jan. 2, or Sun., Jan. 3

Fri., Feb. 5, Sat., Feb. 6 or Sun., Feb. 7 (Super Bowl)

We Unity-ites are a group of like-minded individuals. We've found we have a lot in common and the more we get together, the more we like to get together. Dinners For Eight is a way to get to know each other better, outside of service, beyond the fellowship hall, outside of class. It is a wonderful thing. Please sign up at the Free Literature Table to host(ess) or attend.

WOMEN OF UNITY**Saturday, January 9, 12:00 to 2:00 p.m., at church**

Women of Unity is a open and ongoing group for all ages. Our purpose is to provide encouragement, solidarity, empowerment and exploration of spirituality and life experiences as women. Through our times of togetherness, we will explore what is ours to give to UCL and our greater community. Please sign up at the Free Literature Table to be contacted. Future meeting dates will be determined at this meeting.

SPECIAL SPEAKER REV. REBECCA LYNNE**Sunday, January 10, during our Sunday Service****SECRET MYSTERY TEACHINGS OF THE PAST AND PRESENT: The Lesser Mysteries and The Greater Mysteries of Religion****Presented by Rev. Rebecca Lynne, Unity Minister****Sunday, January 10, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.,****Registration \$30**

You are invited to stretch your imagination and break out of limited thinking that binds you to human consciousness. This seminar will unlock the secrets of sacred symbols, compare Christianity with ancient religions, help you discover a universal Christ and inspire you to connect with your inner Divinity and your destiny.

TWELVE POWERS STUDY GROUP**Begins, Wednesday, January 13, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.****Facilitated by April May, Licensed Unity Teacher**

If you would like to direct your life in 2010 from a better understanding and practice of your Twelve Gifts from God, this is the group for you. The group will meet once a month (typically on the 1st Wednesday of the month) to study and practice the Twelve Powers. Required Reading: "How to Use Your Twelve Gifts from God" by William Warch and Recommended Reading: "The Twelve Powers" by Charles Fillmore. This year-long study group will be offered on a Love Offering basis.

YOU CAN HEAL YOUR LIFE**FREE INTRODUCTION, with Licensed Heal Your Life Teacher, Michele H. Quesenberry****Sunday, January 17, 12:30 p.m.**

The Love Yourself, Heal Your Life work is very powerful and based on the teachings of Louise Hay. The workshops and classes have been attended by thousands of people worldwide. In this free introduction to the powerful, life changing philosophies of Louise Hay, Michele will introduce us to the concepts that will help us live more joyfully and creatively.

**HEAL YOUR LIFE SIX WEEK CLASS****Thursdays, January 21 through February 25, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.****Facilitated by Licensed Heal Your Life Teacher, Michele H. Quesenberry****Special UCL Discounted Price of \$120 for six weeks**

The Love Yourself, Heal Your Life work is very powerful and based on the teachings of Louise Hay. The workshops and classes have been attended by thousands of people worldwide. This six week class is an intensive format designed to learn to develop more awareness of negative beliefs, to release old emotion, to love ourselves more fully and practice the techniques for changing our lives. During this interactive workshop we will work with body, mind, spirit and emotion to transform our lives. Recommended Reading: You Can Heal Your Life by Louise Hay.

ASK THE MINISTER**Sundays, January 24 and March 28, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.****THE SIX SPIRITUAL LAWS OF BECOMING A "HEALTHY & WEALTHY" WOMAN****Saturday, January 30, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.,****With Rev. Charlette Manning and Michelle Kulp**

The greatest blessing of life is good health. Prosperous thinking equals healthy thinking! Inharmonious thoughts and actions causes ill-health – in our body, in our spirit and in our bank account. "My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches." (Phil. 4:19). This is a Workshop on raising your consciousness, expanding your vision, tapping into the presence of God-Substance, and removing your resistant thoughts that keep you experiencing lack and limitation (in your body and in your bank account) so you can receive God's richness in your life. This is a Seminar for Women who want it All and who refuse to settle for less. **Investment: \$47**

"STOCK THE BOWIE FOOD PANTRY"**SERVICE PROJECT****During the entire month of February 2010**

Donations to food pantries typically decline after the holidays and as a result, for the last several years UCL has pledged to support the Bowie Food Pantry for the month of February. All month long we will be collecting nonperishable food items and monetary donations to support the mission of the food pantry. Please bring in your new and unopened non-perishables and monetary contributions through February 28 and we will keep you informed of how much we have collected.

MEMBER ORIENTATION**Saturday, February 6, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Are you interested in becoming a member of Unity Center of Light, learning more about the history of Unity, the principles we teach and how this Center operates? If so, please plan to attend our Member Orientation. We will discuss all of these areas and be available to answer your questions. A light lunch will be served. Please sign up at the Free Literature Table.

KEEP A TRUE LENT

**Sundays, February 14 through March 28,
9:00 to 10:15 a.m.**

**Facilitated by Jenny Meyer, Licensed Unity Teacher
Registration \$60**

Lent is a time to fast from criticism and condemnation and feast in brotherly love; fast from false beliefs in sickness, weakness or lack and limitation and feast on the truth of God's omnipresent, perfect life and bounty. Using the text of Charles Fillmore's "Keep A True Lent," we will prepare for the awakening to God consciousness and resurrection of the mind from the darkness of its doubts into the light of understanding. This is a New Member Class and can be taken for elective SEE Credit. Speak to the instructor at the first class about additional requirements to receive credits.

RECOMMITMENT TO LOVE CEREMONY

Sunday, February 14, during Sunday Service

Please join in during this special part of our Sunday Service as we re-commit ourselves to the loving relationships in our lives.

ASH WEDNESDAY RETREAT DAY

Wednesday, February 17, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Plan to start your Lenten season with an opportunity to "take time apart" and get centered and grounded. Join Licensed Unity Teachers April May, Jenny Meyer, Karon Purnell, Debbie Niver and others as we begin our spiritual journey to Easter.

SPIRITUAL BAPTISM

Sunday, February 21, during Sunday Service

If you have completed the requirements to become a member of Unity Center of Light, please sign up at the Free Literature Table.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, February 28,

immediately following Sunday Service

At our Annual Membership Meeting we will elect new board members, review and discuss the business and finances of the church, find out about the plans and goals for 2009, have an opportunity to express ideas and have our questions answered. All are welcome to attend, however, only members can vote on business matters.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**May 21-23: Capon Springs, WV
Retreat Weekend**

Come away with us to the mountains of WV for a weekend of personal renewal.

**Seeking Applicants for Board of Trustees**

It's that time again! Unity Center of Light is looking for a few good candidates to fill positions on the Board of Trustees starting March 2010.

The main qualification for Board membership is commitment to UCL. Board members are expected to understand basic Unity principles and demonstrate integrity. As a Board member, you will have the opportunity to provide counsel on the business matters of the church while upholding the spiritual principles we teach. All members are encouraged to take on leadership positions as an Officer on the Board and liaison for a "ministry" such as Youth Education, Church Growth, Prayer, etc. We seek to fill the positions from a diverse set of "ministries" within the church. If you have served in the Center in any capacity, you are welcome to apply.

The Board is comprised of eight (8) members of the congregation, and the Minister. The Pastoral Assistant and Church Administrator (that's Pam and Patti) regularly attend Board meetings as non-voting members. A membership term is four (4) years. This allows for continuity in the church leadership.

Board membership requires one (1½ - 2 hour) meeting per month. There may be other times the board decides to have special meetings. Also, when there are special projects underway, such as reviewing and approving the annual budget, searching for a new church home, you may be asked for an additional time commitment to maintain progress. We have an Annual Board Retreat. This day-long session allows the Board to revisit the mission and goals of Unity Center of Light, and address other topics as needed in our roles as leaders in UCL.

The application process requires that you fill out a brief questionnaire telling us why you want to serve on the Board. The "Board Search" committee will then meet with each applicant to answer any questions and to get a better understanding of the whole person behind the application. Shortly thereafter, a brief bio of each candidate will be made available to the congregation. The general election will be held at our membership meeting on February 28, 2010.

If you choose to apply, know that, as in any diverse and energetic group, all of your suggestions will not get implemented and everyone will not always agree with you. Be assured however, that all of your love and creativity will be appreciated. Sometimes, it takes patience and perseverance to accomplish a good thing. And the work being done through the UCL is certainly a good thing.

For more information on service as a Trustee here at UCL, please talk to a current or former Board member. They can tell you about what it means to serve on the Board and to answer any questions those interested might have about Board service.

If you can bring positive energy and willingness to work, we welcome your interest. Applications can be found on the Free Literature Table.

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