

UNITY OF INNER PEACE NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER, 2016

Dear Unity Friends,

To us here in the UP, Unity Headquarters may seem far away, and the services they offer may be only on the fringes of our awareness. With that in mind, and because our prayer requests seem to be increasing, I would like to share with you information received directly from Silent Unity.

About Silent Unity:

Silent Unity, the worldwide prayer ministry of Unity, has been praying with people seeking spiritual support, for 125 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.

Silent Unity prays affirmatively, believing that God is everywhere present and active in and through all lives, and serves with sensitivity, compassion, and confidentiality. From the moment a prayer request is received, the sender is lovingly enfolded in prayer. After a response has been provided, the prayer request is placed in the Silent Unity Prayer Vigil Chapel, where prayer is continuous for 30 days.

In the sacred space of the Prayer Vigil Chapel, located beneath the light beaming from the cupola of the Silent Unity building at Unity Village, all prayer requests are enfolded in prayer. Here someone is praying 24 hours a day - praying as a kindred spirit, in a consciousness of oneness with God.

The ever-shining light in the Silent Unity cupola is a reminder that you are never alone - not even in your darkest hour. Silent Unity is as close to you as a prayer. It is the light that shines for you!

The Silent Unity prayer ministry is supported primarily by freewill offerings. Every prayer request is held sacred and confidential and receives the same loving attention, regardless of donation or ability to donate. No matter how you contact Silent Unity, you will first receive personalized prayer and then a letter of support.

History of Silent Unity:

In the late 1880s, Unity's co-founder Myrtle Fillmore's life was transformed when she heard and believed the idea, "I am a child of God, and therefore I do not inherit sickness." Speaking life-affirming words to her tuberculosis-ravaged body, she went on to live a life of health and wholeness.

News of Myrtle's prayer experience spread, and people near and far began sending their prayer requests to her. In 1890 Myrtle and her husband Charles began a prayer ministry. Daily they held in mind and heart the prayer requests of everyone who contacted them. That was more than 120 years ago - the beginning of Silent Unity.

In 1907, Charles Fillmore, Myrtle's husband and co-founder of Unity, added new telephone technology to the prayer work of Silent Unity. He knew that this would enable even more people to receive the prayer support they desired. Silent Unity now prays individually with callers from around the world 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Silent Unity is often referred to as the heart of the Unity movement, and for many people, it is a heart that beats in rhythm with our world. Personal journeys and human history have been enveloped in prayer for more than a century, including world wars, natural disasters and social upheavals.

As director of Silent Unity for years, James Dillet Freeman spoke and wrote of the purpose of Silent Unity as helping people rekindle their faith. This sacred work and purpose continue today. Centered in God and united in prayer, Silent Unity uplifts minds and hearts to give people whatever faith, courage and strength they seek.

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

Contact information:

Silent Unity, 1901 NW Blue Parkway, Unity Village, MO. 64065-0001
Or 1-800-NOW PRAY (669-7729)

May this inspire you to make this contact when your head and heart tell you that you could use some uplifting prayer support for yourself or another.

Lovingly,
Judy

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Sept. 4

Discussion led by Judy McGowan. Cueing off of the meditation, "If Not For You:" The value of each and every individual.

Sept. 11

Post Bishop Spong discussion. Sharing our enthusiastic thoughts and responses to Spong's Sept 10th presentations.

Sept.18

Speaker, **Jon Magnuson**. Title: "The Gift of Water:" Northern Great Lakes Water Stewards - An Interfaith Environmental Initiative."

*******BOARD MEETING to FOLLOW*******

Sept. 25

CD and discussion. John O'Donohue, in his own voice. Continuing the audio series, "The Divine Imagination - Wisdom from the Celtic World."

*******POTLUCK*******

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1) This is our last chance to remind you of the upcoming visit of retired **Bishop John Shelby Spong** to Marquette.

Two years ago we were graced with the presence of this world renowned Progressive Christian speaker and author because of his friendship with one of St. Paul's Episcopal Church's retired bishops. He wowed us, to say it mildly!!!! We heard rave reviews after both presentations. It would seem that the love affair was mutual because when we asked if he would like to return one more time, he instantly accepted. He found the people of this community and the town and natural surroundings so pleasing that he wanted to experience us again just as much as we wanted to experience him!

So, once again, Unity of Inner Peace along with St. Paul's Episcopal Church and its Diocese, and Northern Michigan University's Religious Studies Department are sponsoring this event. We hope that not only will you attend, but that you take the opportunity to introduce Spong and his work to others. Remember, Spong continues to publish, and never gives the same talk twice.

Saturday, Sept. 10th, 2016 - "Can Religion Survive in the 21st Century?"

Northern Michigan University, Reynolds Recital Hall

"Biblical Literalism, a Heresy"

1:00-3:00 PM

1 hour of lecture followed by 1 hour of Q&A. Books available for purchase and signing.

Free and open to the public.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

"A New Christianity in a Non-Religious World"

7:00-9:00 PM

1 hour of lecture followed by 1 hour of Q&A. Open to the public. Donations welcomed. Books

available for purchase and signing. Reception to follow.

(*Checks and cash only for book purchase. We are not set up for charges.)

Both St. Paul's members and Unity members are asked to bring food to share at the reception.

You responded generously last time, and we hope you will again by bringing finger foods, cookies, etc. Please contact Judy McGowan to sign up to contribute. Thank you.

2) **Unity World Day of Prayer** is Sept. 8th, 2016. The theme this year is "Discover The Power Within; Unleash Your Divine Potential." For further information Google worlddayofprayer.org.

3) We recommend you pick up a copy of the fall issue of **"Health and Happiness" UP Magazine** at your local grocery store. Published by Roslyn McGrath, you will find articles by her and other Unity folks and people who have spoken at Unity.

PRAYER SUPPORT:

Jim Clumpner, Bob Lamb, Carol Birnbaum, and Dorit Stilling and all others who desire prayer support, know that you are held in the Light. We see the Christ in you, and affirm your Highest Good.

BIRTHDAYS: To our September birthday people, an Irish Blessing

"May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face
The rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand."

Jim Clumpner, Sept. 8
Dorit Stilling, Sept. 16

Paloma Roggenann, Sept. 21

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Our meetings/services are held at the clubhouse of the Marquette Federated Women's Clubs at 104 W.Ridge St., Marquette, MI 49855. We begin at 10:00 AM Eastern Time. Please check our website at unityofinnerpeace.org or visit our Facebook page at [HTTPS://www.facebook.com/Unity-of-Inner-Peace-918296191554881/](https://www.facebook.com/Unity-of-Inner-Peace-918296191554881/) for further information.

Our Board members are as follows: Judy McGowan, President; Steve Schmunk, Vice President & web master; David McGowan, Treasurer; Ann Russ, Secretary & Facebook page creator. Members at large are Militza Georgevich English, Bob Lamb, Gail Razavi, and Bill Waters.

"Our vision is a healed world."