

# UNITY OF INNER PEACE NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH, 2017

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March 2, 2017

Dear Unity Friends,

As you know, last Sunday was our Annual Membership Meeting. It was a time to review what we had experienced together during the past year as well as to make some decisions about the next. You will find that information scattered throughout this newsletter.

Even though we are officially a study group rather than a church, our format has remained a combination of the two. We do meet at a specific time and place on Sunday morning, include an opening statement, an adaptation of The Lord's Prayer, meditation and music. However, as we have no ordained minister sharing a message with us each week, we look for other ways to inspire, and to awaken what may be called the spiritual life or Spirit *in* Life - Spirit *as* Life. As Unity is called "Practical Christianity," we not only find ways to present Principles, but also to bring to light how these principles are expressed through chosen lifestyles. With this in mind we study books, listen to or watch CDs and DVDs, and invite people from within our circle or from the community at large to share with us their insights and experiences. And the great bonus is that we always have the opportunity to pause when a question or comment seems in order.

We are grateful for all of those who participated this past year, and by checking the Sunday Schedule below, you will get a sample of what is in store for the new.

Yours in Unity,.....  
Judy

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## SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

March 5

Speaker, **Christine Saari. "Growing up on an Austrian Mountain Farm During World War II"**

Christine Saari, writer and visual artist, grew up in Austria and came to the United States in 1964. She has lived in Marquette since 1971. She and her husband Jon spend 3 months a year at her Austrian childhood home.

Christine's talk will be based on her book Love and War at Stag Farm. (2011) She will focus on the early years of her childhood during difficult times and how these experiences have contributed to who she has become. Christine will read excerpts from her book, make comments and answer questions. (The book will be available for purchase at \$20, & is available at PWPL.)

March 12

Presentation of the **"Community Pledge for Respect, Compassion & Courage**. This pledge was created by members of the Marquette community as a help and reminder of what we as a community can do to make Marquette not only a "Cool City," but a "Kind Community." We will read it together, discuss our responses, and sign it if desired. Judy McGowan will facilitate.

\*\*\*\*\***BOARD MEETING AFTER SERVICE**\*\*\*\*\*

March 19

Book reading & discussion: **The Twelve Freedoms** by Unity Minister, Phillip Pierson. Chapter 3: "The Contribution of Charles Fillmore." (Co-founder of Unity)

March 26

Speaker & Artist, **Martha Fotopulos. "Igniting the Imagination"**

\*\*\*\*\***POTLUCK AFTER SERVICE**\*\*\*\*\*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

There has been consideration of a name change for Unity of Inner Peace. Some of this has grown out of the public's confusion between Unity and Unitarian. However, at the Annual Meeting it was decided to leave it as is for the present time. We will approach this subject in a different way.

Another change considered was changing the words of "Let There Be Peace on Earth" from a hope to an affirmation. However, in doing research we discovered that the words are copyrighted. We are already slightly off the copyright, so we decided it would not be wise to change it any further.

As you may remember, for years Unity of Inner Peace donated an item a month to the Peter White Public Library. We stopped doing that when it was discovered that they had a huge back log of items not catalogued. They just didn't have the help to stay up to date. In recent conversation with two of the librarians, they offered to go through our whole list in order to help locate the items for us. So, at this point, we have a list telling us of the current status of all we donated. That list will be available to peruse on Sunday mornings. (Just tell Judy you are interested.)

There has been a request for more chant music of the type we did for many years. If you are interested in helping to form a small ensemble for the purpose of leading such singing on Sunday mornings, there will be a sign up sheet at the information table.

Bob Lamb has been released from the Unity Board. We thank Bob for his time and interest, and affirm his continuing return to good health. Richard Leinonen has stepped up once again to offer his expertise as a Board member. We thank him for his continuing faithfulness.

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## **PRAYER SUPPORT:**

We invite continuing prayer support for those unable to join us on Sunday mornings. Bob Lamb, Jim Clumpner, Carol Birnbaum and Darlene Herkins. We love you, miss you, and affirm your Highest Good.

For always available prayer support, call Silent Unity at 1-(800) NOW PRAY, [1-\(800\) 669-7729](tel:1-800-669-7729).

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## **BIRTHDAYS:** An Irish Blessing Upon You...."May God hold you in the palm of His hand"

Darlene Dreisbach, March 2

Richard Leinonen, March 3

Eeva Miller, March 11

Mary Soper, March 15

Alex Ossenheimer, March 17  
Psi Young March 23

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**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](http://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 and newsletter creator; Steve Schmunk, Vice-President & web master; Dave McGowan, Treasurer; Ann Russ, Secretary, Facebook page creator & **Celebrant**. Members at large are Militza Georgevich English, Richard Leinonen, Gail Razavi and Bill Waters.

**"Our vision is a healed world."**