Dear Unity Friends,

Recently our Unity post office box here in Marquette yielded up a large postcard from Truth Unity in Austin, Texas. On it, in Unity co-founder Charles Fillmore's own handwriting, was a copy of the **Dedication and Covenant** that he and Myrtle created on Dec. 7th, 1892. It reads as follows:

We, Charles Fillmore and Myrtle Fillmore, husband and wife, hereby dedicate ourselves, our time, our money, all we have and all we expect to have, to the Spirit of Truth, and through it to the Society of Silent Unity.

It being understood and agreed that the said Spirit of Truth shall render unto us an equivalent for this dedication, in peace of mind, health of body, wisdom, understanding, love, life and an abundant supply of all things necessary to meet every want, without our making any of these things the object of our existence.

In the presence of the Conscious Mind of Christ Jesus this 7th day of December AD 1892.

Charles Fillmore and Myrtle Fillmore

I was very moved by this dedication and covenant, and it caused me to reflect on the fact that though I may have never written one out, nevertheless, I do live by one. The results continue to amaze me. How about you?

The sender of this postcard speaks of an energy shift when you make such a commitment. Perhaps you did so long ago. Perhaps now is the moment. At any rate, we are grateful for the dedication of the Fillmores, and for Mark Hicks of Unity of Austin for highlighting this for us today.

May your Christmas be one of love and delight.

Judy

SUNDAY SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Dec. 3

Speaker, **Kristen Carlson**, group leader for the Marquette chapter of CCL, Citizens Climate Lobby. Title of talk, **"A Changing Climate Calls for Changing National Policy."**

Dec. 10

Audio recording, **"Enchanted Christmas"** by Unity Minister **Cherie Larkin**. An energizing and stunningly beautiful service, including live music, recorded at Unity of Memphis in 2014. Unity at its best!

Christmas Service, facilitated by **Judy McGowan**. Theme, **"Jesus as Mentor, teacher of forgiveness." Steve Schmunk** to share the World War I Christmas song of a temporary cease fire.

Dec. 24

NO SERVICE. Enjoy your day with family and friends.

Dec. 31

Introduction to the book, <u>You Are the One</u>, by Kute Blackson, a startling wake up call.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We are spreading word of our existence as a welcoming spiritual community. The lovely pamphlets created by Ann Russ and Steve Schmunk are now available at the Co-op, the Peter White Library, and Babycakes. In addition we are advertising in *Health and Happiness U.P. Magazine*.

The Marquette County Chamber Chorale and the Marquette Male Chorus under the direction of Wayne Hanmer, along with Rick Beyers, Tintinierre will present *A Christmas Tapestry*concert at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Marquette, on Friday, Dec. 8 and Saturday, Dec 9th at 7:30 PM. Donations accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Unity of Inner Peace runs entirely on donations, donations, in Unity terms, of time, talent and treasure. Thank you for doing your part so that we can continue to spread the important messages that Unity has to share with the world.

From the monetary donations we receive, we tithe quarterly. The 4th quarter tithe for 2017 will be for relief for Puerto Rico via the following link: ConPRmetodos:<u>https://www.generosity.com/emergencies-fundraising/maria-puerto-rico-real-time-recovery-fund</u>.

OUTREACH & PRAYER SUPPORT:

For the following people - Bob Lamb, Dorit Stilling, Carol Birnbaum, Barbara Marcum, Darlene Herkins and all you may silently wish to add to our prayer support list, we affirm that **no illness or circumstance has power over you. The Highest Good is working its way in and through you now.** For those who desire additional prayer support we recommend you call Silent Unity at 1-800-NOW-PRAY/ <u>1-800-669-7720</u>. Silent Unity is the heart of the Unity movement, and their workers are available for you 24/7.

BIRTHDAYS: Six cheers for our beloved friends, these powerhouses born in the month of December!

- Martha Cablk, # 80 on Dec. 9
- Carol Birnbaum, Dec. 14
- Karin Blonski, Dec. 19
- Lisa Long, Dec. 20
- Bill Waters, #80 on Dec. 22
- Bob Lamb, Dec. 26

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 <u>unityofinnerpeace.org</u> or visit our Facebook page at <u>HTTPS://www.facebook.com/Unity-of-Inner-Peace-</u> <u>918296191554881/</u> for further information.

Our Board members and assignments are as follows:Judy McGowan, President, newsletter;Steve Schmunk, Vice President, website; David McGowan, Treasurer; Ann Russ, Secretary, facebook, **CELEBRANT;** Militza Georgevich English; Gail Razavi; Bill Waters, Richard Leinonen, alternate.

"Our vision is a healed world."