

A welcoming spiritual community advancing a positive message that teaches people of all ages and faiths how to thrive in a changing world.

Monthly Message



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NEW BEGINNINGS

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Special points of interest:

- **Spiritual Counseling**
- **Ministerial Candidate**
- **AV Campaign**
- **Bingo**
- **Live Stream Volunteer**

Why do we so tenaciously resist what opens the door to so much good in our lives. Change is the door to the beautiful unknown. Transition has been called “a dangerous opportunity.” I think the danger lies only in our fear of change that can inhibit us in so many ways. The Course in Miracles says that fear is the opposite of love and goes on to say that which is all encompassing can have no opposite. Fear is of our own making, but love is what we are – and always.

As your West Central Region Consultant, I have had the joy of working with your Transition/Leadership Team for the last year and a half as they prepared for the sad but loving departure of Karen and Mark and the exciting invitation to new spiritual leadership. The manner in which they have done is beautiful. Unity of Auburn is fortunate to have people with such loving dedication. They are a reflection of all of the congregation who have stood up so well over the years and during this most challenging time. This is why we join together. We remember the words of Jesus, who came to be called the Christ, for his understanding of who he was, where he came from and who we all are. He said: “When two or more gather together in my name, there I am in the midst of them.” (Matt 18:20).

As of this writing, your Search Team is interviewing candidates to decide, with your help, who will be your next Spiritual Leader. They will take into consideration the ideas you expressed when we did our two Sunday afternoon visioning sessions. They will consider the rich history of

Unity of Auburn and the exciting potential for the future. Rest assured that the very Spirit of the Christ will be “in the midst of them” as they do their loving work. When I think of change, I think of the beautiful words of St. Teresa who was often referred to as “Mother” because of her loving protective guidance:

“Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing make you afraid. All things are passing. God alone never changes ... who has God lacks nothing.”

So let us send out exclamations of joy and loving invitations to the universe knowing that what is ours will know our face. Unity of Auburn is a wonderful consciousness. I close with a line from one my favorite books, “Days off”: “It’s a good camp, with plenty of food and water, and I believe it’s on the right path.”

My Blessings to all,

Rev. Joe



Chaplain's Corner



Elizabeth Ranson

Fall is a time of starts for me, as the student and that exciting first day of school. Then as a teacher preparing for that first day. Fall is crisp air and change in the colors of nature around me. There is an expectancy of good to come, things to learn.

My life is a forward movement.

In his book, *Be!*, James Dillet Freeman gives us a workable formula for making our life a forward movement. Our good is ours by consciousness. I know I become more conscious when I lower my resistance, open to willingness and acceptance that God is moving me; within and through me, easily and with grace.

I am one of the Chaplains at our Unity of Auburn. To me that is a good reminder to re-up my intentions of stepping away from my fears and the emptiness of thoughts of lack and scarcity. The drag of "COVID FATIGUE," continued isolating and other world challenges over all of us has upped my efforts to get out of the way of my own blockages. Moving towards "Let Go, Let God" is a practice, a four-word prayer I have to repeat, often several times in one day!

Prayer prepares us, spirit, mind, and body, to lend ourselves to living in the present moment. When we make the present moment the important, rewarding moment it is meant to be, life is a forward movement. Our life does not become bogged down in unimportant details if we let the act of prayer stretch our soul. We are spiritually renewed as we exercise the power of prayer. Then, life is a forward movement, an expression and expansion of our own Divine Nature and God's good will for us.

Life, to be a forward movement, must be entered into with our whole being. One of the best ways I can get totally into the moment is to find the blessings right there, right now and be full of gratitude. May you find your ease, grace and many blessings in your days.

Be Peace Be Love Be Compassion Be Kind



Sunday Service, Classes, Counseling

Sunday Service

Sunday Service In Person and Via Facebook Live Stream

Every Sunday we will be meeting in person and via Facebook Live for our 10 AM service. If you have not been vaccinated, we strongly recommend wearing a mask for your own health and safety.

Live stream link on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Unity-of-Auburn-114140051995464/>

If you do not have a Facebook account, you will need one to watch the service. This link will tell you how to create a Facebook account:

<https://www.facebook.com/help/188157731232424?helpref=topq>

COME JOIN SISTERS OF GOOD!

Sisters of the Good meets at Unity on Wednesdays from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.

We are currently reading the book, "*What Happened to You?: Conversations on Trauma, Resilience, and Healing*," by Dr. Bruce Perry and Oprah Winfrey.

Our earliest experiences shape our lives far down the road, and *What Happened to You?* provides powerful scientific and emotional insights into the behavioral patterns so many of us struggle to understand.

If you need a book, contact Carrie (530) 888-6489. The hardback book is available on Amazon for \$18.64 (including tax). For additional information, please see Kathleen Demontigny.

Frontiers of Consciousness

This class is being offered in person and on Zoom *October 25, 2021*. If you would like to attend, please send an email to Jacob Walker at Jacob.walker@gmail.com.

Rev. Joe Sloan Available for Spiritual Counseling

During our transition process, the Board has hired Joe Sloan to be the Church's Spiritual Advisor. In this role, Joe will hold the spiritual space for the ongoing success of the ministry, will support the prayer chaplain team, will support the Board and Leadership Team by holding the high watch and will be available for spiritual counseling for all members and congregants. Spiritual counseling is available from Joe on a love offering basis and can be scheduled through Carrie Deterding during regular office hours and by contacting Joe directly at (530) 575-2262.

Upcoming Events



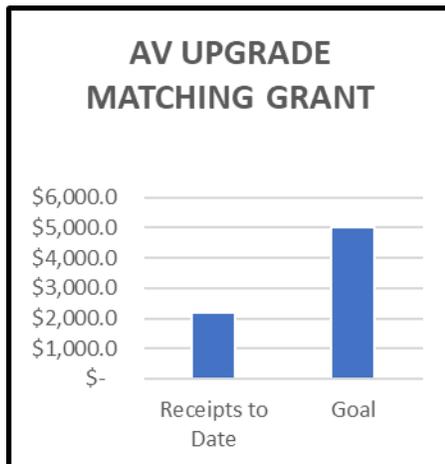
SAVE THE DATE!

Ministerial Candidate, Merry Ann Kain will be joining us the weekend of October 9-10. She will be offering a workshop on Saturday, October 9th at 2:00 entitled “The Power of Prayer.” Her Sunday talk entitled “Pray Without Ceasing” will be followed by a Q&A session. Merry Ann served as the Senior Minister at Unity in the Mother Lode (Sonora, CA) for six years. Rev. Merry Ann cares deeply about ministry and considers it her purpose in this life. She is dedicated to the Unity movement and sees each person as an expression of the Divine as well a valuable human being. Merry Ann practices Unity Principles which have enriched her life as she moves through the very humbling experience of living in the world today. She has a profound love of animals and advocates for them as part of her life mission.

Status of the Matching Grant to Upgrade our AV Equipment!

A generous donor has agreed to provide a matching grant on a dollar-for-dollar basis of up to \$5,000 for the purpose of upgrading our audio-visual equipment. To date we have collected **\$2,176.00** towards this effort. As we move into the new reality of streaming services, Zoom and improving our on-line presence it has become critical for us to upgrade our cameras, computer and sound system and to hire someone who knows how to run them. The donor requests that you only put “new” dollars toward the match and continue your normal contributions to our general fund. To distinguish the donations eligible for the match, we ask that you use the envelopes in the sanctuary for cash donations and mark them for the matching grant. If you choose to donate by check, PayPal or via on-line banking, we ask that you add a memo stating that the donation is toward the match. Donations as small as \$1 are welcome. Please help us qualify for the entire match – and please stay on your honor to donate only new money to the cause.

Thank you for your donations!



Upcoming Events Cont.

SAVE THE DATE



Bats & Cats Bingo

A Fun Fundraiser

Friday, October 29, 2021

Doors open at 5PM * Games start at 6pm

1212 High Street, Auburn CA

Tickets \$25 A Piece

Includes 10 Bingo Game Cards

One Free Door Prize Ticket! Raffle & Costume Prizes!

Costumes Encouraged

Tea and Coffee

Witches Stew Dinner Tickets \$5.00

Beer, Wine, Water (Sold Separately)

Tickets Available Now! See Sharon Hardie or the Thrift Store for Tickets.

20% Of The Proceeds Will Go To a Local Charity

Unity of Auburn needs a volunteer to administer our Facebook Live Stream and run the audio-video equipment on Sundays. If you have been looking for a new way to support your ministry, this could be just for you! It is a great job for co-coordinators, so if you and a friend, or friends, would like to split the duties that's also a good option. Please talk to Dave Langley if you are interested. This is one of our most important volunteer positions, so please give it some strong consideration. No prior knowledge of training is necessary.



Auburn Interfaith Food Closet Extravaganza



We're collecting peanut butter, please put your donations in the blue bin in Manning Hall.

Board Members Wanted



Things sure have been different in 2020 and into 2021! However, in the midst of the pandemic, your board of trustees has remained dedicated to serving you and have learned how to have board meetings via zoom. There are two openings for new board members. The board is a healthy group of people who care deeply for Unity of Auburn. They meet every month and at other times to ensure the building is taken care of and the finances remain solvent.

If you've been wondering how you could donate your time for the good of our spiritual community, we ask that you contact Sharon Hardie (530.222.7928). She can provide you with more information on the exact duties of the board.

Board of Directors



Board of Trustees

- Patty Davis.....President
- Dave Langley.....Vice President
- Sharon Hardie.....Treasurer
- Natalie Kimball.....Secretary
- Kathleen Demontigny.....Member
- Bill Hamre.....Member

Staff

Unity of Auburn Staff

- Vacant.....Ministers
- Carrie Deterding.....Office Manager
- Mary Lou Banahan.....Youth and Family Leader

Our Financial Picture

UNITY OF AUBURN FINANCES		
JANUARY-AUGUST 2021		
INCOME AND EXPENSES	JAN-AUG 2021	AUGUST 2021
Love Offerings	42,945.38	6,161.75
Rent	11,140.23	1,697.90
Adult Ed./Fundraising	2,130.04	325.00
Youth Education	0	0
Miscellaneous (\$9,000 SBA Grants & AV Funds)	11,204.58	1,636.64
Thrift Store Net Income	8,765.15	1,439.49
TOTAL INCOME	\$76,185.35	\$11,260.78
Building	9,790.62	1,993.66
Adult Ed./Fundraising	(Netted in Income)	
Ministry/Mission	44,165.97	5,850.35
Mortgage	19,053.12	2,381.64
Office Administration	10,677.02	1,777.35
Sunday Music	3,600.00	500.00
Tax/Insurance	6,072.60	532.86
Unity Organization Offering	0	0
Youth Education	0	0
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$93,359.33	\$13,035.86
NET ADJUSTED INCOME	<\$17,173.98>	<\$1,775.08>

SBA Loan balances 2020 income deficit....Funds portion of 2021 budget...Funds Roof/HVAC contingency set-aside

We are especially grateful to everyone who responded to our request to make offerings via Paypal, mail in, credit card and bank transfer.

Your generosity is inspiring!

And we again affirm that there are no obstacles, only opportunities as we continue to manifest the abundance that will allow us to continue our mission and make our vision a reality.

Board of Directors



Patty Davis

Unity of Auburn has undergone a number of changes since it was incorporated as a church in 1982. Some of the more noteworthy changes include the purchase of the property at 1212 High Street in Auburn on July 1, 2001, the completion of the sanctuary in April 2003, and the hiring in 2004 of co-ministers Mark and Karen Schindler, whose service at Unity of Auburn would extend over 17 years.

Our spiritual community is in the midst of significant changes yet again, beginning with the pandemic in 2020, resulting in physical distancing requirements and the wearing of face masks, to the retirement of our beloved ministers in August 2021, which has us searching for a new minister.

Change can be unsettling or daunting, especially in the face of uncertainty. Yet, from the perspective of our Divine nature, change can bring with it new opportunities for self-discovery, spiritual growth, and the expansion of our consciousness. We know in our hearts that exciting possibilities lay ahead for us as we travel new paths.

As a spiritual community, we have everything we need to face a new horizon together – love, grace, wisdom, faith, grit, courage, and determination. We can use this time as a chance to get to know one another again and to embrace, strengthen and celebrate the sacred bond that holds this community together. We can use our Divine powers of zeal, imagination, and creativity in pursuing new avenues for Unity of Auburn, including reaching out to our local communities in service and sharing our Unity principals, practical teachings and uplifting messages, enabling others to thrive in this ever-changing world. The loving kindness, acceptance, and compassion we show one another is evident to any newcomer who comes through our doors. Our joy and appreciation of life is palpable.

We are Unity of Auburn, and we can do this!!!



Unity of Auburn

Offering practical, spiritual teachings that empower abundant and meaningful living!

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Lessons and Soloists

October 2021 Talk Titles

October 3, 2021 — Rev. Suzanne Grace Rolle
Talk: And still, I rise
Soloist: Dennis Cain

October 10, 2021 — Ministerial Candidate Merry Ann Kain
Talk: Pray Without Ceasing
Soloist: Kellie Garmire

October 17, 2021 — Rev. Joe Sloan
Talk: Where is Love
Soloist: Bernie Rivera

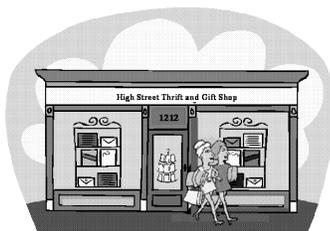
October 24, 2021 — Rev. Margie Brach
Talk: Responding to Scary Times
Soloist: Kellie Garmire

October 31, 2021 — Rev. Mark Berry
Talk: There and Back Again
Soloist: Dennis Cain



Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.

— Robert Louis Stevenson



Unity of Auburn

**1212 High Street
Thrift & Gift Shop**

Donations: Now taking donations.

*Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday
from 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m.*

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