

## A Fillmore Festival

*“Prayer makes one master in the realm of creative ideas.”* Charles Fillmore

*“The great and most important issue before people today is the development of man’s spiritual mind and through it unity with God. We can only think as God would have us think by adjusting our thoughts to divine ideas.”* Atom-Smashing Power of the Mind, Charles Fillmore

*“Come now, noble souls, and take a look at the splendor you are carrying within yourselves.”*  
Meister Eckhart

Dear Partners on the Path,

Ruth hated her mother. There was constant demeaning and demanding at home although Ruth excelled in school. It was never good enough. I never learned the whole story but what I did come to know was that Ruth shuddered at the thought of dying. Why? Because she would encounter her mother on the other side!

You see, Ruth recently received a dire diagnosis, so “the other side” seemed close at hand. What was to be just a routine physical with her primary care physician revealed shocking news — that she faced Stage Four cancer. She told me that she felt way more terrified of encountering her mother — in any form — than Stage 4 cancer.

I suggested that we do forgiveness work, assuring her that it would at least lessen her fear if not erase it. One sunny afternoon, we began a healing forgiveness process. The one essential to

the process is willingness. Ruth was more than willing — willing to forgive unconditionally, absolutely, and completely. When we finished, she smiled and her whole demeanor lit up.

Ruth went on to fill her days with other health practices — massage, workouts at the gym, long walks, lunches and dinners with friends and, of course, lots of positive prayer. She liked to say, “this business of staying healthy is work.”

Apparently, all of her efforts were rewarded in the way she most wanted. She died with a soft smile on her face and a radiant glow. I know because I was there.

Charles Fillmore, our co-founder, spoke of practicing forgiveness for twenty minutes a day. He and his wife, Myrtle, experienced the healing power of prayer just as Ruth did, and, as a result, founded a Healing Prayer Ministry. They studied Eastern spirituality and practices and universal spiritual teachings. They integrated science and spirituality as well, finding that one informed the other.

After years of study, research and experimentation with these ideas, the Unity Movement launched with five transformational principles as the foundation.

This month we celebrate the spiritual power of Will alongside of the universal spiritual principles that Fillmore spoke and wrote about.

Put on a Festive mindset and join us!

Rev. Sharon

# August 2021 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 10:30am <i>Prayer: A Path to Healing</i> Rev Sharon Connors 11:45am Fellowship 12:30pm Prayer Chaplain Meeting	<b>2</b> 4:30pm TOPS	<b>3</b> 10am Circle of Prayer 10am ARE 10:30am A Course in Love via Zoom 10:30am AA	<b>4</b> 6pm AA	<b>5</b> 10:30am AA 7pm OA	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8 Outreach Sunday</b> 10:30am <i>The Power of the Truth</i> Rev Sharon Connors 11:45am Fellowship	<b>9</b> 4:30pm TOPS	<b>10</b> 10am Circle of Prayer 10am ARE 10:30am A Course in Love via Zoom 10:30am AA 5pm Healing Hands	<b>11</b> 6pm <i>Game Night!</i> 6pm AA	<b>12</b> 10:30am AA 1:30pm Outreach Knit & Crochet 7pm OA	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 10:30am <i>Atom-Smashing Power</i> Rev Sharon Connors 11:45am Fellowship Noon Welcome Team Orientation	<b>16</b> 4:30pm TOPS	<b>17</b> 10am Circle of Prayer 10am ARE 10:30am A Course in Love via Zoom 10:30am AA	<b>18</b> 6pm AA	<b>19</b> 10:30am AA 7pm OA  .....Fillmore Festival through 8/22	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10:30am <i>Walking the Talk</i> Rev Billie Martini 11:45am Fellowship	<b>23</b> 4:30pm TOPS	<b>24</b> 10am Circle of Prayer 10am ARE 10:30am A Course in Love via Zoom 10:30am AA 5pm Healing Hands	<b>25</b> 6pm Group Meditation in Sanctuary 6pm AA	<b>26</b> 10:30am AA 1:30pm Outreach Knit & Crochet 7pm OA	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10:30am <i>Powerfully Prosperous</i> Rev Sharon Connors 11:45am Fellowship 12pm USC Board of Trustees Meeting	<b>30</b> 4:30pm TOPS	<b>31</b> 10am Circle of Prayer 10am ARE 10:30am A Course in Love via Zoom 10:30am AA				

## Mission Statement:

A spiritual campus dedicated to teaching and demonstrating principles that inspire people to live their greatest life through discovering Spirit within.

### August Birthdays

7—Darlene Hubard  
11—Bridget Hayden  
12—Yolie Carrier  
15—Karen Haag

16—Flo Essary  
18—Diane Stadler  
21—Nancy Dearborn  
21—Ron Lingard

22—Karl Feiste  
26—Suzanne Lombard  
26—Arlene Novak  
27—Lil Contrera  
29—Jill Neeley

**Quote of the Month:** "Will is the decision-making, directing, choosing faculty of the mind. It is our capacity to say "yes" or "no" to opportunities and options. The highest expression of will is willingness, conscious consent to the will of God." *Metaphysics 2*

## A Path to Limitless Living

**Wednesdays in  
September at  
10:30am  
Facilitated by Rev.  
Sharon Connors  
Zoom Meeting ID  
577 896 8885**



Join us live or on Zoom on Wednesday mornings in September at 10:30 as we envelop and immerse ourselves in the potent energy of the 5 spiritual principles that lead to limitless living. These are life changing principles and continue to reveal deeper and more expansive horizons to you.

Books by Charles Fillmore for our exploration: *Prosperity, Talks on Truth, Christian Healing, Jesus Christ Heals, Atom-Smashing Power of the Mind, The Twelve Powers of Man.*

### **Power of the Month — Will**

Vibration=Silver; Location: behind forehead next to understanding; Disciple: Matthew

The use of will is to seek God's Will; to be utterly willing toward God's Will. It is the executive faculty of the mind. It moves all other of the 12 powers to action.

### **Planned Giving: A Legacy**

. Endowment gifts serve as an enduring source of support for our ministry. You can designate gifts to support specific areas of our ministry as well (e.g., music, facilities, worship). Endowments provide ongoing financial stability for the future of Unity Spiritual Center. Please let our leadership know if you are interested in discussing the possibility of leaving a Planned Gift.

## **Zoom Only Class:**

**A Course of Love  
Tuesdays @ 10:30am  
Facilitated by Renee Falkowski  
Zoom Meeting ID 577 896 8885.**

### **Monthly Meditation and Conversation: Wednesday, August 28 at 6:00pm**

Whether you are a newcomer to meditation or experienced, you are invited to practice various meditation traditions and the blessings of group meditation and sharing with us. We meet the final Wednesday evening of every month in our Sanctuary. You can call us during office hours: Tues - Thurs 8:30-5:00 for more information and to pre-register.

### **Would You Like to Learn Energy Healing?**

The Healing Hands Team is continuing to grow and more Unity members have expressed an interest in joining. We are currently exploring offering a Reiki Level I training with a local Reiki Master Teacher. Most Reiki teachers would like a commitment of five or more people to teach a class and the cost averages around \$200 per person. If you are interested in taking or retaking a Reiki class, please let Sandra Hurlbut know by Sunday, August 8th. Sandra can be reached at shurlbut\_13@yahoo.com or by text at 928-273-8500. We are also hoping to be part of the Fall Fundraiser to secure resources to support the growth of the healing team.

If someone you know needs physical healing support, please contact Sandra with their name and information on their physical issue. All healing requests are confidential. The healing team meets every other Tuesday at 5:00. Our next meeting will be on July 27th. If you have an urgent healing request, please text Rev. Billie Martini at 602-410-7175.

## August Undie Sundays

by Carol Bryan

Yes, August is full of Undie Sundays! Unity Spiritual Center is supporting AZ Sunshine Angels as part of our outreach. They support foster children living in some of the group homes in the Phoenix metro area. Some children arrive at a group home with nothing but the clothes they are wearing. They need underwear and socks for the children and have asked if we can help. Many of the items can be purchased at the Dollar Store. The following new items would be appreciated:

- Underwear – boys and girls from 4 years to 18 years – boxers, briefs, panties
- Crew socks, both black and white, for boys and girls of all ages
- Sports bras (all sizes) for older girls

Bring items to church each Sunday during the month of August and put them in the bins in the Narthex and Activity Center. Let's see how much we can collect for these kids in need!

## Super Sunday!

### September 12 — Mark Your Calendars!

We'll welcome Rev. Shad Groverland, President of Unity Worldwide Ministries to lead our Sunday Celebration Service on September 12th at 10:30am. The Board of Trustees will host a dinner with Shad on Saturday evening. On Sunday Shad will be our speaker during our Celebration Service, and then during Fellowship he will share an update on all that Unity Worldwide Ministries is planning. You will want to be here!

### Fillmore Festival 2021: Living the Teachings \*

August 19–22, 2021

The deep spiritual teachings of Charles and Myrtle Fillmore come to life during this powerful weekend. You will explore the teachings, share stories, and celebrate our Oneness on the sacred grounds of Unity Village. *The Essential Charles Fillmore: A Guide to Practical Mysticism and Metaphysics*, by Rev. James Gaither, and *Adventures in Resilience: Ignite the 12 Powers in You to Create a Radiant Life*, by Rev. Sharon Connors, will be the foundation of this year's festival.

More information/register at:  
[www.unityvillage.org/fillmorefestival](http://www.unityvillage.org/fillmorefestival)



We're on the Web at  
[www.unitysc.org](http://www.unitysc.org)

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Tuesday through Thursday  
 8:30am to 5pm  
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