

Moving Mountains

"Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a (person) could stake his life on it a thousand times." ~Martin Luther

"Faith is unseen but felt, faith is strength when we feel we have none, faith is hope when all seems lost." ~Catherine Pulsifer

To my friends on the spiritual journey,

A crisp winter evening awaited me as my plane touched down in Vail, CO. Filled with excitement, I deplaned and made my way to the lobby of Vail's small airport. A fun ski weekend with friends awaited me along with a friend who was to pick me up at the airport. My friend was nowhere to be found! My heart skipped a beat and went into high gear. I waited and waited, thinking "surely he is on his way."

Not only did I not have a phone number for any of the people or the lodge where everyone planned to stay, I wasn't sure of the name of the lodge either. Fear wildly shook me and any pondered next steps. Should I look for a return

flight to Florida, where I lived at the time? I began to pray most fervently for guidance.



That little voice, the "still, small voice" Scripture speaks of, said "go look at a phone book. Maybe you'll recognize the name your friend had mentioned." Apparently, I took this trip on some kind of faith. But the testing of my faith wasn't yet completed. As I perused the gigantic list of accommodations in the phone book, a name came to mind. I called the number that I found for it. No answer! My heart is doing push-ups now! Should I risk a cab ride to the place? I have no room number, though. I prayed for God to come and take my hand.

I felt impelled once again by that inner force. I called a cab and gave him the name of the lodge and held my breath. When we arrived, I paid the driver and off he went. I walked into the empty lobby. The "voice" said, "Go up to the second floor." My bag and I got in the elevator. I got out on floor 2 and started to walk around the walkway that surrounded the outside of the building. As I turned the first

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:30am <i>I DO, I DO</i> Rev Billie Martini Birthday/Anniversary Sunday 11:45 Fellowship 12:30 Prayer Chaplain Mtg	2 4:30pm TOPS 5pm ACA	3 10am Circle of Prayer 10:30am A Course of Love 10:30am AA	4 10:00am SW Vly Enlightenment Ctr Metaphysical	5 10:30am AA 3pm Men's Group Connections 6pm OA	6	7 10:30am Women's Group
8 10:30am <i>Are You Ready to Order?</i> Rev Billie Martini 11:45 Fellowship	9 4:30pm TOPS 5pm ACA	10 10am Circle of Prayer 10:30am A Course of Love 10:30am AA	11 5pm World Day of Prayer Meditation and Prayer Vigil	12 10:30am AA 6pm OA	13	14 11am Choir practice
15 10:30am <i>What Does Faith Ask of You?</i> Rev Sharon Connors 11:45am Fellowship Noon Town Hall Meeting	16 4:30pm TOPS 5pm ACA	17 10am Circle of Prayer 10:30am A Course of Love 10:30am AA	18 10:00am SW Vly Enlightenment Ctr Metaphysical	19 9am Men's Group Breakfast 10:30am AA 6pm OA	20	21
22 10:30am <i>What Does a Divinely Ordered Faith Look Like?</i> Rev Sharon Connors 11:45 Fellowship Noon Board Meeting	23 4:30pm TOPS 5pm ACA	24 10am Circle of Prayer 10:30am A Course of Love 10:30am AA	25	26 10:30am AA 6pm OA	27	28
29 10:30am <i>Alive, Alert, Awake and Enthusiastic</i> Rev Charli Tupper 11:45am Fellowship 1pm Music Team Celebration Concert	30 4:30pm TOPS 5pm ACA	September Birthdays 3—Doe Ritchie-Thompson 5—Barbara Hadley 9—Diana Graettinger 9—Barbara Woods 13—Nancy Nixon 16—Pat Fowler 16—Pam Olund 18—Barbara Layton				

LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS YEAR'S FALL SPECTACULAR!! OCTOBER 13TH—NOVEMBER 27TH A QUEST FOR MEANING AND A BEAUTIFUL LIFE (This year's theme)

Coming up soon: Our Fall Adventure in Faith Program. Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 15th to sign-up for Small Group Discussions. It is a 7 week experience in exploring your faith and deepening friendships as well as deepening a sense of community, realizing that you are not alone as you walk this life path. There will also be opportunities to volunteer on different teams that build friendships and make our Adventure such a success!

We will kick off the program with a Prayer Vigil from Noon to 3:00 on Sunday, October 13th. And mark your calendar for Friday, December 6th, when we will celebrate the success of the program with a dazzling Celebration Gala.

Mission Statement:

To teach and demonstrate principles that inspire people to live their greatest life through discovering Spirit within.

Vision Statement:

Advance spiritual growth in our community and our world by expressing love for all, acceptance of all and service to all.

World Day of Prayer

Wednesday, September 11th at 5pm

Celebrate World Day of Prayer with us on September 11th at 5pm... a special evening of sound healing meditation and prayer with our ministers and prayer chaplains. You'll find prayer request slips in the church lobby; write your requests out on the slips and deposit them in the basket and we'll include them in our September 11th prayer vigil as well as send them to Silent Unity to be included in their 24-hour prayer vigil that will be held from September 11th through September 12th. This September 11th sound healing meditation will take the place of our typical month-end evening meditation. The affirmation this year is "Fueled by faith, I can move mountains."

Town Hall Meeting ♦ September 15th

Stick around after service on Sunday, September 15th for our quarterly Town Hall Meeting. Learn about upcoming plans for the church and our congregation, and bring your questions! We're having a potluck lunch, too, so plan to bring your special dish to share.

THE BEST OF THE BEST!

September 29th at 1pm in the Sanctuary

Mark your calendars for this very special event--A Celebration Concert

Our own Music Team and Choir along with special guest artists will present an eclectic selection of music from many generations and genres. You might even want to dance in the aisles and sing along.

We have a pretty amazing Music Team. Invite your family and friends to come spend an inspiring and fun Sunday afternoon. This awesome concert is offered on a Love Offering basis.



A Course of Love
Goes Beyond A Course in Miracles
Tuesdays @ 10:30am
Meets in the Fillmore Classroom

Power of the Month: Divine Order

"The divine law of order working in the subconsciousness unearths buried talents, reveals hidden powers, and paves the way to their expression..."
 ~Adventures in Resilience

James is the disciple who represents Divine Order. Part of our divine inheritance, Divine Order clarifies right action. When practiced, it compels divine grace to lead you into a synchronous life.

It vibrates emerald green. In your body, it is located in the abdominal area.

Volunteer of the Month

Cathy Filippone

Have you been noticing the beautiful flower arrangements that grace our facilities, including the altar adornment, which also reflects the color of the month? These lovely works of art started showing up, not coincidentally, at about the same time that this September's Volunteer of the Month, Cathy Filippone, joined our church. Cathy became a member in August 2023, and has made it her mission to bring beauty to the church ever since.



Watch For Information on Our Next Membership Class, "Unity Basics" Coming to You On a Sunday in October

Southwest Valley Metaphysical Studies Group

September 4th & 18th from 10:00 to Noon

The Arizona Enlightenment Center's Southwest Valley Metaphysical Studies Group meets in our Activity Center at 10:00 on the first and third Wednesday mornings of every month, and we are all invited to attend. Watch your Sunday announcements for details on the two programs being offered in September. \$5 Love Offering.

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corner (I can still see it all), to my utter joy and total amazement, there was my friend walking toward me!

Faith in action can move mountains!

Do you have any mountains in your life? Faith is calling! Join us this month to explore the power of your faith.

With deep love,

Rev. Sharon

Women's Group Rising Saturday, September 7th at 10:30am

The theme for September's Women's Group is *Getting to Know You*. Join us as we get to know each other a little better by taking turns at different tables to discuss a variety of Table Topics.

Bring a salad or dessert to share at the potluck lunch following the workshop. Signup sheets are in the lobby and the bookstore.

Men's Group Connections — Thursday, September 5th @ 3pm

The men's group meets the first Thursday of every month in the Ken Haynes Memorial Library from 3 to 5pm.

Men's Group Breakfast — Thursday, September 19th at 9am

On September 19th the group will meet at Bobby's Café, 15472 N 99th Avenue in Sun City. That's in the strip mall at the northwest corner of 103rd & 99th Avenues.

All men are invited to both meetings... and bring a friend to introduce him to Unity. Sign up in the sanctuary lobby or bookstore. Contact Ken Weidner with questions: KWeidner2000@yahoo.com.

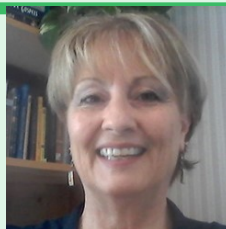
Welcome Rev. Charli Tupper, Our Guest Speaker on September 29th

Rev Charli Tupper has been an ordained Unity Minister since March 2009. She came into Unity through the eclectic doorway.

Rev Charli serves the Unity movement in a variety of ways. She serves the Unity Southwest Region as the Minister/Region Rep, Unity Worldwide Ministries as a Ministry Consultant and Interim Ministry Specialist, and a Minister of Record. Rev Charli has a passion for assisting ministries and individuals as we all navigate the changes in this new era.

Rev Charli's mission is to *Creatively demonstrate the emergence of Divine Consciousness through grace*. Through her talks and workshops, she facilitates the movement of energy using engaging spiritual practices that will consciously broaden and deepen your spiritual journey of wholeness.

Charli has been a spiritual finder all her life. A finder because she not only seeks deeper truths to put into practice but finds and demonstrates those truths in powerful ways.




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