

## A September to Remember: Living in the Flow of Good

"Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us." *Ephesians 3:20*

"The great and most important issue before people today is the development of one'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*, Charles Fillmore

Partners on the Path,

I spent a good part of my life misunderstanding my responsibility. I thought I had to do it all by myself. I watched my dad work 2 jobs to provide a comfortable living for our family. With no college education he rose to the top of his field as Deputy Superintendent of Police in Chicago. He scored in the top 5% of every exam for each rank to rise to that position. I watched him studying for those exams night after night. He seemed to do it all by himself. Well, actually, he and my mom were very spiritually-grounded people so I'm pretty sure he asked for God's help with those exams.

Nevertheless, my interpretation resulted in "if it is to be, it is up to me." It served me well until it didn't. When my marriage began to

crumble and my two children were acting out the falling apart they witnessed, I didn't ask for help and counsel. The walls of my mind were finally breached, though, when a friend invited me to a Unity church and I heard about a God I thought I might be able to trust. New hope dawned when I heard about the divine spark that lives in me and everyone. Inspired, I sought help by taking every class offered at my Unity church. I counseled with my minister. I found a support system there. We all need one.

It's been a long time since those early exploration and discovery days—and I'm still learning. I have learned to love collaboration and the creative energy generated by it. I love watching our Teams at church supporting one another and our ministry.

I've become a much better receiver because I'm a better asker and believer today.

That is the focus for this month. I'm working with the ideas in the book, *The Power of Receiving* by Amanda Owen. We live in a reciprocal Universe governed by Spiritual Laws. One of the Laws is that of Giving and Receiving—an unbroken circle, the circle of Life.

With Great Love,  
Rev. Sharon

# September 2022 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fr	Sat
				<b>1</b> 9am Outreach Knit & Crochet 10:30am AA 6pm OA	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10:30am Women's Group Rising
<b>4</b> 10:30am <i>Are You Ready to Receive the Life You Want &amp; Deserve?</i> Rev Sharon Connors 11:45am Fellowship 12:30pm Prayer Chaplain meeting	<b>5</b> 4:30pm TOPS	<b>6</b> 10am Circle of Prayer 10am ARE 10:30am A Course of Love 10:30am AA 5pm Healing Hands	<b>7</b> 10:00am SW Vly Enlightenment Ctr Metaphysical 10:30am A Path to Limitless Living Facilitated by Rev Sharon 5pm <b>World Day of Prayer &amp; Vigil in Sanctuary</b>	<b>8</b> 10:30am AA 6pm OA	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 10:30am <i>Be Clear About What You Want &amp; Why</i> Rev Sharon Connors 11:45am Fellowship	<b>12</b> 4:30pm TOPS	<b>13</b> 10am Circle of Prayer 10am ARE 10:30am A Course of Love 10:30am AA	<b>14</b> 10:30am A Path to Limitless Living Facilitated by Rev Sharon 6pm <b>Sound Healing Meditation</b>	<b>15</b> 9am Outreach Knit & Crochet 10:30am AA 6pm OA	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <b>Friendship Sunday</b> 10:30am <i>Cultivate Spiritual Magnetism</i> Rev Sharon Connors 11:45am Church- Sponsored Fellowship 6pm Welcome Team Dinner	<b>19</b> 4:30pm TOPS	<b>20</b> 10am Circle of Prayer 10am ARE 10:30am A Course of Love 10:30am AA 5pm Healing Hands	<b>21</b> 10:00am SW Vly Enlightenment Ctr Metaphysical 10:30am A Path to Limitless Living Facilitated by Rev Sharon	<b>22</b> 10:30am AA 10am Men's Group 6pm OA	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 10:30am <i>Divine Order &amp; Investing Principles</i> Rev Sharon Connors 11:45am Fellowship Noon USC Board of Trustees Meeting	<b>26</b> 4:30pm TOPS	<b>27</b> 10am Circle of Prayer 10am ARE 10:30am A Course of Love 10:30am AA	<b>28</b> 10:30am A Path to Limitless Living Facilitated by Rev Sharon 6pm <b>Power Meditation &amp; Healing Service in Sanctuary</b>	<b>29</b> 10:30am AA 6pm OA	<b>30</b>	

## September Birthdays

3—Doe Ritchie-Thompson  
5—Barbara Hadley  
5—Rosa Urrutia

9—Diana Graettinger  
9—Barbara Woods  
13—Nancy Nixon

16—Pat Fowler  
17—Patti Schacht  
18—Barbara Layton  
22—Jan Dias

### 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.

**Welcome Team Dinner:** On Sunday, September 18 at 6pm, Rev. Sharon will host a "Thank You" dinner in her home for our Welcome Team. Throughout the year each of our teams will be invited for a special "Thank You" dinner. Let Cathy, our Office Manager, know if you will attend on 9/18.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Unity's opening ceremony for this year's World Day of Prayer will be held on Wednesday, September 7, followed by a 24-hour prayer vigil at Unity Village. This year's theme is "Holding the High Watch." The affirmation helps each of us apply it to our lives: *I pray with an elevated mind and open heart.*"

Please make plans to join us in the sanctuary at 5pm that Wednesday to watch the opening ceremony, which will be streamed from Unity Village. We will end that evening with our own prayer vigil to lift up all the prayer requests from our congregation. Prayer request forms are in the basket on the Welcome Desk in the sanctuary foyer. We will also send the requests to Unity to be included in the vigil at Unity Village.

## A PATH TO LIMITLESS LIVING Wednesdays at 10:30 September 7, 14, 21, 28

Join us live or on Zoom on Wednesdays at 10:30 as we immerse ourselves in the potent energy of the five spiritual principles that lead to limitless living. These are life changing principles and continue to reveal deeper and more expansive horizons to you. They are Unity's Foundational Teachings.

Included in the class is a history of Unity and the whole New Thought movement that began in the 1800's. We'll explore our "roots" and our deep connection to Universal Spiritual Truth and Ancient Wisdom for today.

## Crystal Bowl Sound Healing Meditation Wednesday September 14 at 6pm

Emily Slonina will lead a Crystal Bowl Sound Healing Meditation. This is a public event; no yoga experience required. Bring a blanket or yoga mat and pillow if you like to lay down. And bring WATER! Love Offering \$10.

## Monthly Meditation and Healing Service Wednesday, September 28 at 6:00pm

A powerful combination of deep meditation followed by a healing service. Whether you are a

## A Course of Love Tuesdays @ 10:30am Facilitated by Renee Falkowski Meet in the Church Library



Mark Your  
Calendar

## THRIVING THROUGH ADVENTURES IN FAITH

### October 23 through December 10

*Adventure in Faith* is a seven-week program designed to grow your faith in God and the greatness in you and our community through working together, exploring spiritual ideas and practices together, praying together and deepening our lives together.

The Adventure Prayer Vigil, Small Group Study, Commitments to a spiritual practice, Audio/Visual, Decorations and a Gala Celebration at the end of our adventure — are all toward deepening our faith and our lives together.

Each week we will focus our Sunday service and our Enrichment Circles on a spiritual principle from the book, *E-Squared* by Pam Grout. Each week will have a theme and color, and a commitment to exercise a spiritual practice.

There are a number of ways to be a part of this program. **See the signup table in the lobby for team descriptions and participate in the excitement by joining one of our kickoff teams.** The program begins with a Prayer Vigil on Sunday, October 16 and ends on December 10 with a Gala Holiday Celebration.

Small group studies begin the week after the Prayer Vigil. We will explore the book, *E<sup>2</sup>* by Pam Grout. So far we know one group will meet Wednesdays at 10:30; another at 1:30 on Thursdays. Two more groups are yet to be scheduled. Small group signup forms will be available early October.

newcomer to meditation or experienced, this will be an opportunity to practice various meditation traditions and the blessings of group meditation. Please pre-register in lobby or bookstore or by calling the office.

## Friendship Sunday, September 18

Help make this a fabulous, fun day for your friends and family! Invite them to join you for a special service we are planning for Sunday, September 18. We'll include a meaningful friendship ritual, a gift for each friend along with great music and an inspiring message. Following service, you and your friends will enjoy a yummy church-sponsored luncheon.

## Women's Group Rising

Come out and play with us! On September 3, the women's group will explore the benefits of play for adults. We will learn how play helps us physically, psychologically and emotionally, as well as what qualifies as play and how to add more of it to your life. We will do some playing, too. So come out, play with us and enjoy a fun taco bar as well! Love offering \$5 to cover food and beverage.

## Men's Group

All men are invited to the Men's Group, which will meet on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10am at Tivoli Gardens in Surprise at 12555 W. Bell Rd. You don't have to be a member to join in the fun. In fact, bring a friend! He'll thank you for it! Contact Ken Weidner with questions KWeidner2000@yahoo.com.

## Volunteer Corner

It is said it takes a village, and that was certainly true, for it was a village of volunteers that helped to make Julie's retirement celebration a great success. From board members, choir members, to the men's group and individuals stepping in for the first time. Thank you! I want to also thank and introduce our new Hospitality Team Leader, Nina Winski. You will find Nina busy in the kitchen Sunday mornings, preparing refreshments for you. Be sure to say hello. We are so grateful for all our volunteers who serve and bless this Spiritual Center! If you catch someone in a "Random Act of Kindness" I would like to hear about it from you. ~Sandy Walker, Volunteer Coordinator

## 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 for their expression. The divine law of order coordinates the mind powers so that new inspirations may come forth and find unhindered recognition in the conscious mind. The divine law of order emphasizes the overcoming power of man, thereby abolishing fear and despair." Cora Fillmore



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