



October 2020 PRINT NEWSLETTER

CONTINUING COMM-UNITY ONLINE IN DISTANT TIMES

Every Sunday at 11am our service is live stream on Unity of Syracuse's YouTube page. There is a synergy when we all show up at 11am on Sunday that is noticed and felt! It is a great way to join in with our commUNITY!!

WEEKLY MESSAGE DISCUSSION GROUPS

Unity of Syracuse continues to hold weekly remote discussion groups on Tuesday mornings at 10am and Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm. See Unity Bulletin on our email for online meeting information. Barb K. has said,

"I can't believe how the discussions have expanded my understanding of many of the Sunday messages. It is so great hearing so many perspectives on a single topic!"

UNITY TOWN HALL MEETING

Unity Town Hall Meeting at "Coffee-Hour" November 22, 2020. Please join us at 12:15pm during online virtual coffee hour for a Town Hall meeting. If you need assistance getting connected, please call the office and we will help you.

A WORD FROM THE TREASURER:

"We would like to share with you that our finances during this time of transition are holding steady and we truly appreciate all your contributions electronically or otherwise both monthly and through our virtual fundraisers." A GIANT THANK YOU!!

NEW MINISTER SEARCH

"The search committee is happy to announce that the minister position has been posted to the Unity Worldwide Ministries employment website." To view the ad see <https://www.unityworldwideministries.org/syracuse-ny-minister>. We will keep you posted on the next steps in this important process.

UNITY FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Unity for Social Justice discussion group continues to meet the 2nd & 4th (consecutive) Monday mornings at 10am and Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm. Anyone is welcome! See Unity Bulletin on our email for zoom call information. Conversations and sharing are sacred and enlightening! Maria G. states,

“Though our social justice meeting, I’ve come to realize just how systemic the injustices in our society are. Our group makes it safe to look inside ourselves and really look at how we can begin to change some of the behaviors that we take for granted. Collectively we have come up with ways in which we can start to chip away at some of the long-standing injustices. One step at a time we strive for change!”

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Unity Youth and Family Ministry continues to meet on Sunday morning’s zoom call at 10am. If anyone is interested please get a hold of Mr. Ken at yfm@unitysyracuse.org. On October 25, 2020 YFM we did some remote carving/painting of pumpkins. You can join in the fun to carve (or paint) a pumpkin this week, then add your photo to our Unity of Syracuse’s Facebook page, or email YFM to share with us all! We are also exploring some ways to use the online game “Roblox” for remotely connecting together with our children and young people. Please continue to hold our children in prayer during these challenging times! We love you!

Look out for an upcoming Virtual Bake Sale fundraiser: all the fun with zero the calories!

PRAYER CHAPLAINS

Our Prayer Chaplains at Unity have started their fifth year of training! Welcome Jacob Eichten to our group! We continue our monthly Prayer Calls to each Unity member. If you need additional prayer support, you can always call Silent Unity at 1-800-NOW-PRAY with any prayer request, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! Miracles happen every day!

We affirm your wholeness, vitality, creativity, strength, and courage!

“CHICKENS ESCAPE UNITY’S BBQ!”

If you have not already participated in Unity’s Virtual FUNraiser you can still do so! We have already raised \$425 and with a little help, we can break into that nice round five-hundred mark. See Unity’s Weekly Bulletin on the Constant Contact email or leave a message on the office phone.

NOVEMBER TITHING

In November Unity is tithing to CNY Food Bank. If you feel called to also include a tithe, please place "CNY Food Bank" in memo. Thank you for being a blessing!

UNITY WINTER WARMTH BLANKET/CLOTHING DRIVE

On November 14 and 15 (Saturday and Sunday) from 1-4pm Unity will be collecting new or lightly used blankets, winter coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and boots to donate to our community in need. Please wear a mask when dropping items off, thank you!

GIVING TUESDAY

December 1, 2020 is Giving Tuesday: a day for people to contribute to organizations that they align with. We'll be kicking off a drive towards an end-of-year goal to raise \$10,000 for upgrades to our beloved sanctuary. We want it all to be beautiful when we come together again. Stay tuned for more information!

UNITY FACILITIES UPDATE

This past spring to avoid the idleness of the pandemic, some people worked on beautifying the church. The Green room (a.k.a. the Meeting room) is no longer green! There is a new floor and fresh paint. The floor is flexible and should withstand the difficulties that led to cracked floor tiles.



The back hall and kitchen also were painted. There are new kitchen counters. JoAnne and her team have been keeping the outside of the church beautiful also. Upcoming projects include: roof repair for some small leaks, waxing the Fellowship hall, new kitchen floor, and repairs in the manse. Please keep the physical well-being of our church in your prayers.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Unity Family and Friends! With the many challenges we have faced as a nation over the past 8 months, please be assured that you are ever on your Board's hearts and in our prayers.

As we are becoming more comfortable with Zoom communication, we encourage you to take part in the weekly discussion groups and our social justice round table. Our Sunday morning You Tube service is not to be missed! Thank you to all of the Amazing speakers that have stepped up to serve in this capacity. Thank you also to our inspiring platform assistants who add much to the Sunday service.

The Board remains active and meeting monthly, often communicating many times throughout the month. Rev. Pat Bessey continues to guide us and serve as our interim Minister for which Unity of Syracuse is sincerely grateful.

Your Board, your Prayer Chaplains and your Worship team would like to take this opportunity to let each and every one of you know, that whatever storm you are faced with during this time, Peace Be Still. Know that you are divinely loved, covered by grace and surrounded with prayer each and every day.

Sally Dulcich-Bloom,
President of the Board

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