

Centerpoint

UNITY CENTER OF WALNUT CREEK

Love in Action – A Sacred Journey

On the first Sunday in June 2007 the people of our Center made the commitment to transform the buildings of our spiritual home, and to expand our consciousness of true prosperity. We had taken many months to meet, connect at depth, explore ideas, and survey everyone on their ideas and priorities. With the generous financial commitment that we made to support “Love in Action” beyond our regular giving, we were ready to hire the architect, look at the possibilities and fulfill the dream of renewing the buildings that had served us so well for over thirty years. We created designs that would meet the needs of our very active, dynamic spiritual community.



Photo by Shari Dyer

Our Board of Trustees looked at the possible price tags of the construction and asked if we wanted to do it in steps, or borrow the money beyond what we would be raising to do it all at once. They received a unanimous directive to manifest the whole vision. With the approval to borrow what it took to make it happen, we set to work.

This June we are nearing a major milestone on our journey. Many of the original pledges to “Love in Action” were for three years of contributions. With these generous contributions we have been able to pay the architect, project manager and engineers, build our children’s areas, purchase many items for our construction, move and meet in our temporary facilities. We have passed successfully through expensive permitting processes, redesigning and changing to meet codes for many diverse needs.

We have done all this while maintaining the income level of our Center so that our programs and the staff that supports us were able to continue their excellent work. What a wonderful demonstration of the prosperity consciousness that was an important part of our initial goals.

We then experienced a major recession and severe financial turmoil that affected our nation, the world, and many of our people individually. In the midst of these unforeseen events, the Board again checked with our community, whose direction was again unanimous – to go forward and fulfill the original vision they had approved. When the bank withdrew because of their financial problems, our people kept the faith. We know the truth that God is our source and no one can withhold our good from us. Holding to that truth, we drew new financing and again unanimously affirmed our commitment to manifest the prosperity to create our beautiful spiritual home. We held to Charles Fillmore’s vision of demonstrating prosperity to overcome lack thinking in the world.

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Upcoming Events

Guest Speaker Rev. Denese Schellink

Sunday, June 13 • All Services

We are pleased to welcome back one of our favorite speakers—Rev. Denese Schellink. Rev. Denese's spiritual wisdom and inspirational messages have earned her a special place in our hearts. She is an ordained Unity minister who has served many Unity ministries in California. Her joy is discovering the awakened consciousness within us that is ready to be known and experienced, to search for the Divine essence of who we are, and to discover the spark of the Divine that is in our hearts. She has created a Rite of Passage program for teens, and has developed workshops for women through "Women without Walls." She and her partner, Rev. Larry Schellink, are pioneering a ministry in Davis.



At the Heart of Healing *with Reverend Vic Jenkins, René Jenkins and Janet Janay Cipriani*

Sunday, June 27 • All Services • 2:00 pm Workshop at Oak Park Blvd.

Rev. David has invited Rev. Vic Jenkins to lead our services on June 27. Vic brings a powerful experience of personal or family healing from tragedy. He is joined by his son, musician René Jenkins, creating for us a unique and powerful experience of transcendence.

René and Janet Janay Cipriani will be conducting a sound healing circle at 2:00 pm. Join them for a lively discussion of the ancient, indigenous instruments and their historic metaphysical properties followed by a ceremonial sound healing with Angelic Healing Touch! They'll take you on a healing journey with sounds from our ancestral past (didjeridu, conch shell, ritual flutes, whistling water vessels, condor quill antara & more) elevating consciousness & re-connecting to Source. Embrace your higher resonance of Peace & Vitality while old "static" energy is replenished with greater Vibrational-Light!

Ceremonial Sound Healer René Jenkins & Angel Therapy Practitioner® Janet Janay Cipriani have integrated a unique blend of healing modalities through the beautiful sounds of ancient ritual instruments, healing touch, and the intention for well being, creating an energetic bridge where your body, mind and spirit unite with the soul.

Bring your intentions of deep healing for yourself, your loved ones and the Earth.

Vic Jenkins received a Bachelor of Arts degree in music from San Francisco State University, a Master of Arts degree in history from Southern Methodist University, and graduated from Unity School of Christianity in Missouri as an ordained minister, serving for twenty years as a Unity minister in Vacaville, California. The diverse projects, classes, workshops, and presentations in which he has been involved over the years reflect his eclectic interests and training. His book, "Breaking the Wineglass: Living a Spiritual Life beyond Religious Boundaries," was published in May 2010.





New Classes

Classes held at 1800 Oak Park Blvd. • June 7 - July 2

Drop-ins Welcome • All classes on free-will donation basis (suggested donation \$10-\$20 range)

Sacred Energy Healing Modalities

Mondays at 7:00 pm with Will Scott

This class is for those who have no experience at all but wish to learn healing technologies AND also for experienced bodyworkers and lightworkers.

In this four week intensive experiential class you will learn:

- Hands-on-healing
- How to scan a body and determine where there are problems and energy blocks.
- How to move dynamic healing energy and various energy frequencies through your hands to facilitate healing in another person or yourself.
- How to use verbal commands to clear and transmute negative energies, thought programs, belief systems and entities.
- How to access the energy and power of the Universal forces for protection and healing for yourself and others.

Will Scott, MA, is a master healer and facilitator. He has been teaching classes and helping clients transform their lives and heal themselves for over 25 years.



Global Coherence: An Introduction

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm with Rev. David and the Global Coherence Team

The Global Coherence Initiative is a science-based initiative to unite millions of people in heart-focused care and intention – to shift global consciousness from instability and discord to balance, cooperation and enduring peace. This transformative movement led by HeartMath volunteers links amazing technology being developed to monitor the wave patterns in the ionosphere.

The monitored wave patterns are believed to respond to humankind's emotional states, linking intentional transformative activity to global impacts. People around the world are joining to monitor their emotional states and intentionally send transformative energy to world needs.

Our team is comprised of people involved in generating this intentional transformative energy. Each team member will bring a special knowledge of global coherence and transformative techniques to our class. We will learn specific transformative techniques in each class. Webinars from the scientists and leaders of the Global Coherence movement will also be shared. Join with them to learn of the potential, practice the techniques and help make a difference in today's world.





New Classes

Classes held at 1800 Oak Park Boulevard, Suite A

The Spiritual Quest

Wednesdays (6/9, 6/16, 6/23 & 6/30) at 7:00 pm with Rev. Susan Galvan, MA

The Spiritual Quest is a two-part course on the journey to wholeness through spiritual awareness. The first four weeks will focus on “Essentials for the Quest” and will include exercises to evoke clarity and understanding of what we must acquire or accomplish in order to move forward, including topics such as aspiration, intention, resistance, and commitment. The second four weeks, “The Labyrinthine Path,” will explore the journey itself, and what arises as we approach realization, including trust, transformation, the role of will, and consecration. Again, exercises in each class will ground the steps as we take them. Part I will meet June 9, 16, 23 and 30. Part II will meet July 21 and 28, then August 11 and 18. Text: *A Very Condensed Traveler’s Guide for the Spiritual Quest*, available in class for \$10.



Conscious spiritual development has been the focus of Susan’s own path, her studies, and her work with others since 1970. Her Master’s Thesis is on “The Evolution of Consciousness in Humans.” After creating and directing the M.A. in Interdisciplinary Consciousness Studies at JFKU for 7 years, she became the Minister of Unity of the Spirit in Berkeley and Orinda for 13 years, a new church originally inspired by the ministry of Rev. Carol Ruth Knox of UCWC. Recently, she taught “life planning” (helping financial clients to live from the heart) to financial advisors in the US, UK, Netherlands and Australia.

Spiritual Insight through Drawing with Pastels

Thursdays at 7:00 pm with Sonia Wijts

Use powdery pastels, other media, and visualization to express inner motivation and guidance. Even though I would be happy to share some techniques and the results of your drawings will be very colorful, this is not a drawing class. You don’t need to be an artist to participate in this journey of discovery. The aim is to bring out some information and develop an awareness of hidden talents and motivators so you can reach for the stars. Remember a picture is worth a thousand words!

There are two sets of 4 week classes (June 10-July 1; July 22-August 19) and it is best to sign up for a block of four since the classes build on each other. The supplies fee is \$5 and suggested love offering is \$10.

Sonia is currently the Art Director for the Center for Adaptive Learning in Concord. She earned a BA in Studio Art and an MA in Psychology with a specialization in Expressive Arts Therapy.



“If in our daily life we can smile, if we can be peaceful and happy, not only we, but everyone will profit from it. This is the most basic kind of peace work.”

—Thich Nhat Hanh



New Classes

Classes held at 1800 Oak Park Boulevard, Suite A

Atom Smashing Power of Mind

Thursdays at 7:00 pm with Ron Salazar

Rev. Juliana MacPherson, a wonderful Unity minister who taught in our Center, considered Charles Fillmore's *Atom Smashing Power of Mind* one of the prime spiritual texts elucidating the transforming power of Spirit. We have asked Ron Salazar, whose studies at Unity Village have given him a rich experience with Fillmore's mysticism, to share this powerful exploration with us.

Atom Smashing Power of Mind tells us of Fillmore's fascination with the atom and the energy locked up in it. The beginning of the 20th century was a time when the laws of physics were being rewritten by scientists such as Albert Einstein and Niels Bohr with their discovery of the atom, which was the beginning of Quantum Mechanics.

Fillmore thought at times the atom was a perfect representation of divine energy manifested in our world, while at other times he thought the atom was "the very essence of the Spirit-mind itself." Let us explore Fillmore's thoughts and beliefs on the atom's unique energy and why he considered it a great gift from Spirit.

Come and see the ideas portrayed in the movie *The Secret* 50 years before it was made!!

Ron Salazar has been a truth student for almost 20 years. He began following the New Thought Path in 1988 through the 12-Step Spiritual Path. The 12-Step Path's foremost tenant is that God lives within each of us, and by keeping a conscious contact with God we will connect to the Spiritual Power that resides in all of us. He became a Unity Path follower in 1998 and found by 2000 he was being called to be a Unity Minister. In his 9 years as a Unity member he has completed over 200 of the 250 credits of the SEE Spiritual Growth Program at the Unity School of Christianity. He is a member of the Board of Directors.



Popcorn with Purpose (Movie Night!)

Fridays at 7:00 pm with Ciel Gierke, Tricia Linden and Lisa Langille

Come join us Friday evenings beginning 06/18 at 7pm for "Popcorn with Purpose" as we explore spiritual cinema. We'll be showing thought-provoking spiritual films followed by lively discussion for 5 weeks this summer.

The first film scheduled for June 18 is "Oceans of Pearls," which explores family, faith and identity. A Sikh surgeon, a man of faith and ambition, must decide whether or not to compromise his values to advance his medical career and revolutionize his field.

The second film, scheduled for June 25, will be "The Shift". This film within a film highlights Wayne Dyer's teachings on the mid-life longing for purpose. Dyer plays the role of himself in this inspiring "mocumentary" story.

There will be discussions after each viewing facilitated by Tricia Linden, Ciel Gierke and/or Lisa Langille. Come join us for an entertaining evening of fun and exploration. There is no charge, however, love offerings are always appreciated.





Our Unity Community

Rev. David to be Installed as Chair of Association of Unity Churches International

The Association of Unity Churches International, at its annual conference in San Diego early in June, will be installing our minister, Rev. David McArthur as Chair of the Board of Trustees, the highest elected office in this worldwide organization. The Association of Unity Churches International is the governing body of the one thousand plus Unity churches around the world.

Rev. David, who has been our minister since 2002, has followed his passion to understand the depth of the human heart and Spirit. His purpose has led him to become a nationally recognized leader and speaker in the science, laws and techniques of human transformation and heart intelligence. His love for Unity has encouraged him to lead Unity toward an expanded vision of service in the world.



Rev. David began his professional life as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of New Mexico, specializing in cases related to consumer, environmental and land fraud law, which included briefing a case for the U.S. Supreme Court. Following his reflection on what had been of value to his healing from the tragic death of his wife and strengthened him as a single father, he was called to change course. He chose to follow the direction of his Spirit and entered the Unity ministerial school. Since ordination in 1980, he has served as senior minister of three dynamic Unity churches, in Montana, Washington, and our Center as well working with the world renowned Institute of HeartMath®.

“Rev. David has brought a heart-centered way of life to each of us at Unity Center in Walnut Creek. With his guidance, we have been empowered and enriched in so many ways. I know that he will do the same for Unity on an International level,” said Suzanne Perry-Paige, president of Unity Center of Walnut Creek’s Board of Trustees.

We applaud and affirm the recognition being given to Rev. David’s leadership by the Association of Unity Churches International.

River of Peace Retreat

Would you like to join Rev. David and others from our community seeking the powerful, renewing experience of three days and two nights on a wild and scenic river? Would you like to float away the stress of your life and let nature call you into inner harmony? Would you like to combine the inspiration of spiritual focus with the power of water, wind, fire and earth to find the deep peace in your heart? If your answers are “yes” to any of these questions, you are invited to consider Unity Center of Walnut Creek’s River of Peace Retreat.

Enjoy fun, splashy rapids, spectacular mountain scenery, beautiful side hikes, warm water, spiritual focus and a staggering amount of wildlife (bald eagles, black bears, osprey and otters) creating a great summer retreat.

Where? Lower Klamath River near Yreka, California

How Long? Three days and two nights on the river. A six hour drive from Walnut Creek to get there.

Cost? \$550 includes raft trip with guides, excellent meals prepared for you, rafting supplies, camping equipment and the spiritual retreat.

When? As the Centerpoint goes to print, we anticipate the dates of July 20, 21 and 22. If there is a date change, people who have expressed interest will be notified.

Call the office at 937-2191 to express your interest.





June Calendar of Events

Ongoing Events

Mondays

Communication Coaching Group..... 10:30 am
 HeartMath Study Groups (closed groups) 7:00 pm
Sacred Energy Healing Modalities with Will Scott* 7:00 pm

Tuesdays

Book Club Cancelled
 Course in Miracles with Linda Goldey 10:30 am
 Meditative Yoga with Sandy Stober 5:30 pm
 HeartMath Study Group (closed group) 7:00 pm
Global Coherence with Rev. David and Team* 7:00 pm

Wednesdays

The Spiritual Quest with Susan Galvan* (2nd, 3rd & 4th Wed. of the month) 7:00 pm
 Healing Night (1st Wed. of the month)..... 7:00 pm

Thursdays

Sheng Zhen Qigong Class with Alison Tucker** 10:30 am
 HeartMath Study Group (closed group) 1:30 pm
 Gentle Meditative Yoga with DiAnna Moffitt..... Cancelled
Spiritual Insight...Drawing with Sonia Wijts* 7:00 pm
Atom Smashing Power of Mind with Ron Salazar* 7:00 pm
 No Choir Rehearsals this month

Fridays

Office closed
Popcorn with Purpose* 7:00 pm

*Classes start the week of June 7
 **No Sheng Zhen Qigong class on June 17

Saturdays

Toni Roberts (2nd Saturday of the month) 10:00 am
 Facilitated HeartMath Group with Ciel Gierke 10:00 am

Sundays

8:15 (Meditative) Sunday Service in Heather Farm Club Room †
 9:30 & 11:00 am Sunday Service in Heather Farm Lakeside Room †
 1:00 pm Poetry Group (1st Sun/mo meet on deck at Heather Farm)

† Except June 6 (see below)

June

Sunday 6th

Services held in the Camellia Room at The Gardens at Heather Farmall services
 Love in Action Celebration in the Camellia Room at The Gardens at Heather Farm 12:15 pm
 Tour at 1871 Geary Road..... 2:15 pm

Monday 7th

Summer Class Session starts (1800 Oak Park Blvd) 7:00 pm

Sunday 13th

Rev. Denese Schellink, guest speakerall services

Sunday 27th

Vic Jenkins, guest speaker.....all services
 Sound Healing Circle with René Jenkins and Janet Janay Cipriani (1800 Oak Park Blvd) 2:00 pm

**Save your good items for our annual
 Circulation Day being held on
 Saturday, September 4**

June 6 & July 4 Sunday Services Changed to The Gardens at Heather Farm

On the Sundays of June 6 and July 4 all three services will be held in the Camellia Room at:

The Gardens at Heather Farm
 1540 Marchbanks Drive
 Walnut Creek

You may park in the lot next to the Camellia Room or on the street.

Note: All other Sunday Services are held in the Lakeside Room (8:00 am service in the Club Room), Heather Farm Community Center, 301 N. San Carlos, Walnut Creek.

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Love in Action - A Sacred Journey *(continued from front page)*

We have so much to celebrate! We have successfully accomplished the first challenge of our "Love in Action" journey. June 6 is our three year anniversary. We will celebrate at the Gardens at Heather Farm Park where we will be holding our services that Sunday. We will honor the generous, faith-filled journey we have made together. We will view the wonderful building renewal at Geary Road and anticipate our return to the new buildings on September 12.

We will also invite everyone to join us in the next important part of this spiritual journey. We invite everyone to make the commitment to meet and exceed the financial needs of our new building for the coming three years. When we said yes to this important project, we knew it would require us to step forward with a greater income over an extended time because of the financing. We have demonstrated through our gifts to "Love in Action" that we can meet this additional financial challenge. We would love to be able to not only make our payments each month, but to also reduce the amount that we owe.

Join us for the celebration. Join us for a renewed commitment. Join us in continuing to create a consciousness of beauty, abundance, and spiritual support for our wonderful community as it is and as it is becoming. Join us for a walk through of the new buildings; and as you know it will be at Unity – join us for lots of good food and fun!

Love in Action financial summary:

Income in our three-year first step: over \$500,000

Estimated mortgage for our new building: \$1,400,000.

Estimated payments each month for the new mortgage: \$9,600

Average income per month from our LIA pledges: \$10,000

*In our Unity of purpose we are
guided by infinite wisdom and
prospered by Divine Love.*

Love in Action Celebration

Sunday, June 6

The Gardens at Heather Farm

12:15 pm - Celebration Begins

- Honoring our journey
- Affirming our vision
- Blessing our abundance
- Lunch and connection

2:15 pm - Tour at 1871 Geary Road

(Services also held at The Gardens)

Reverend David McArthur, Senior Minister • Reverend Don Eggleston, Assistant Minister

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(24 Hour Prayer) (816) 969-2000

Business Hours: Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm; closed Friday

Daily Meditation: Monday - Thursday 12:00 pm - 12:15 pm

Retail Book Sales: Sunday 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Sunday Morning Service*: 8:15 am, 9:30 am & 11:00 am

Sunday Morning Youth Education: Infants-13yrs: 9:30 and 11:00

Uniteens (Middle School): 9:30 & 11:00; Y.O.U. (High School): 11:00 only

* at Heather Farm Park Lakeside Room, 301 N. San Carlos, Walnut Creek