

Positive, Practical Spirituality

# Annual Report February 2023



Unity Worldwide Ministries CEO and President Shad Groverland, Unity of the Valley, 1/15/23







Teens in our Y.O.U. program!



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# Ministerial Team Report

Submitted by Jon West

Serving this spiritual community is a blessing beyond words. One of the more recent blessings has been seeing an increasing number of faces in our sanctuary and fellowship hall as we've returned to gathering in person. Yet whether our doors were open to the public or not, people like you were keeping the heart of our Unity ministry beating.

We felt that beating heart in the small Sunday morning crew responsible for our livestream-only services, and the many teams that had to reconstitute several times to serve our in-person congregation. Our Sunday ministry stands on the backs of our magical Music Team led by Laura DuBois along with our audio-visual virtuoso Ryan Zimmer; our uplifting Usher Team led by Gary Collins; our gracious Greeter Team led by John Garrett; our pivotal Power Point team led by Susie Ingalls; our kindhearted Kitchen Angels led by Sunny Schneider; our cherished Chaplains led by Bev Forster; our beaming Bookstore Team led by Elizabeth King; our outstanding Openers & Closers led by Géna Duel; our captivating Unity Choir led by Mo Robeson, and that's not all!

In 2022, the heart of Unity's ministry beat especially strong in the dedicated trio who began rejuvenating our Youth and Family Ministry. Thank you, Alice Sparks, Doris Hicks, and Jim Drews!

We felt that beating heart in the variety of wonderful guests who spoke on Sundays in addition to our usual speakers. Our guests included Rev. Nola Woodbury, Barbara McKie, Larry Craig, Rev. Dick Everts and his inspiring granddaughter Piper Everts, Ted Taylor and Julia Linebarger-Taylor, Dr. Orestes Gutierrez, local author Tom Titus, and our own world-class puppeteer, Doris Hicks.

Also keeping the beat were congregants who stepped up to take us deep in meditation, make us smile during announcements, help with childcare, and all who contributed on Sundays in ways seen and unseen. If you simply blessed us with your supportive presence in person or online, that counts in a big way. Truly our Unity ministry is in every one of us.

For me personally, the heart of Unity's ministry beats with amazing strength in the wise and steady partnership of my fellow ministerial team members Revs. Sherry

Lady and Inge Tarantola; in our Shared Leadership Team which meets weekly to shoulder so many responsibilities for our community; in our Board which has shown the greatest care in steering us through turbulent times; and in our staff Géna and Laura who I work so closely with throughout the week. Calling herself "your favorite naginator," our administrator Géna expertly manages countless duties that span all areas of this ministry. She and I both have appreciated the frequent caring assistance of our Treasurer Vicky Hills in navigating our finances. And I cannot end this paragraph without mentioning the close working relationship that has developed between myself and our Board President Serenee. When you see someone ready to go to the ends of the Earth to ensure this community is whole, happy, and healthy, you know you've been blessed with a true leader.

But there's more! Over the past year, the pulse of Unity's ministry could be felt on our homepage at <u>unityofthevalley.org</u> with the assistance of our webmaster Earl Strumpell; through our Facebook page which Brian Alexander helps manage; as well as through emailed announcements, Sunday handouts, and our monthly bulletins, each of which are assembled by Géna with input from others. In these ways, we've not only promoted classes such as *Living Unity Principles* and the new *Less Ego/More Happy* class, we've been honored to promote groups and gatherings offered by teachers and leaders within our community. So truly, our Unity ministry is in every one of us.

Perhaps above all, the heart of Unity can be felt in the many ways people have reached out to be a comforting, supportive presence to others. Our Angel Network provides an easy way to be a helping hand for someone with a temporary need. Or consider donating to Our Spiritual Community Support Fund. Throughout the pandemic, OSCSF has continued providing emergency monetary aid, and we hope long into the future.

In the pages ahead, you will see a variety of positive steps and practical accomplishments from all corners of our community, from our Facilities to our Treasury to our Prayer Ministry and more. But the real magic—the real heart of Unity—is what shines behind the surface of those accomplishments: the Love and Light of Spirit.

It's that Spirit that made 2022 truly a wonderful year in Unity.



# **Board of Trustees Report**

Submitted by Board President Dr. Serenee Smith

Take a deep breath and look at where we are today ~ many of us are back here in our cherished sanctuary meeting together for the first time in three years for our Annual Meeting!

Yea, we're back! And that pretty much sums up our look back on 2022. It was the year that after careful planning and consideration, we flung open the doors to Unity and invited our congregation back to regular services and activities. Who could have imagined three years ago that our humble spiritual community would face the challenges of a world-wide pandemic that would bring us to a screeching halt and carry with it such deeply complex challenges.

But here we are today stronger than ever, moving forward sustained by our positive attitude of gratitude and faith. I just have to say once again how grateful I am for this beautiful spiritual community; for your resilience, your compassion and for your continuing support through these trying times. Speaking for myself and all of us in leadership, I can't imagine making this journey without each and every one of you walking beside us in faith and love.

So here are some of the highlights from 2022:

The Board of Trustees wore themselves out last year with questions like ~ when could we reopen Unity safety? Are we risking an outbreak in our community if we drop our policies requiring Covid vaccinations? In what order could we begin inviting our groups and classes back without overwhelming our staff and volunteers. So, in the Fall we decided to bring some of these questions to the congregation and we sent out a survey inquiring about your comfort level in returning to Unity if we dropped our Covid policies. We knew we could count on you and sure enough the surveys came back split almost 50/50 ~ half of the congregation wanted us to drop our Covid policies and half firmly wanted us to hold the line! Thank you very much!

So back to the board room to toss these and other similar questions around until finally we voted to drop our Covid policy's requiring vaccinations and masking and flung open the doors to everyone on November 13, 2022. It was a joyous day, even

though you may have not have noticed that I for one was holding my breath and silently praying.

I will always remember the plaintive look on some of our board members faces as we endlessly rolled over these and other questions regarding the safety of our spiritual family and the well-being of our ministry. Patience is indeed a virtue when dealing with the unpredictable! My thanks to each and every one of our board members for your heartfelt dedication and diligence in handling the many twists and turns of the Coved 19 pandemic. And to our faithful greeters led by our retiring Vice President John Garret a special thank you for taking on the thankless task of carefully screening everyone at the front door for proof of vaccination. You all were so compassionate as well as brave!

Last year our board members took a good look at our Emergency Plan for Unity of the Valley. We reviewed the procedures we would follow in case of a fire, natural or man-made disasters that would necessitate us evacuating the buildings.

Other board members working with Gary Wymore our Facilities Manager and Gena Dual our Administrator, looked at our evacuation plans along with our basic emergency equipment such as fire extinguishers. We made sure the exits were properly marked and we checked our first aid supplies.

Additionally, some of our board members along with the Shared Leadership Team did a short review of the CPR procedure and took a good look at our Automated External Defibrillator to make sure it was in good shape in case of a cardiac event.

By the way, our defibrillator is kept above the small refrigerator in the Fellowship Hall. There is also an Epi Pen there for allergic reactions. We have more work to do on this project which we'll come back to later this year.

While on the safety theme the board approved the funding to upgrade our security here at Unity by replacing our front and back doors, setting up cameras and outside lights. You'll hear more about that coming up.

The board of trustees is always happy to consider approving expenditures for our Youth and Family Program which is thriving under the leadership of Alice Sparks, Doris Hicks and Jim Drew. Check out our new karaoke machine!

After a lot of number crunching by our "Numbers Queen" better known as Vicky Hills our Treasurer, the board reviewed and passed a budget for 2023 that included raises for our staff and generous end-of-the-year bonuses for our wonderful volunteers. We were able to do this due to the tremendous generosity of our congregation, and we are so grateful to you all for your financial support.

Due to the careful research of our steadfast treasurer we made some wise financial investments which will increase Unity's prospering over the years.

So now as we look forward into 2023 we are filled with excitement and anticipation for the many wonderful opportunities that will unfold. Sure, we know that there will be challenges, but we got this!

Last month we hosted a workshop here at Unity of the Valley presented by Rev. Shad, who is the President and CEO of the Unity Worldwide Ministries. One of the first things he said to us as he walked up to this podium was ~ CONGRATULATIONS!

Any Unity church who survived the Covid pandemic and is still open and running deserves a big pat on the back! While many other churches will not be able to reopen or continue, Unity of the Valley prevailed! We patiently, lovingly and carefully made our way, step by step through a worldwide pandemic which shut down the entire country. And now we're back and ready to peruse our spiritual goals and service to our community.

My heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for making Unity of the Valley the shining star on the hill which holds the light of love for this our city of Eugene. Bless you all!



# Treasurer's Report

### Submitted by Board Treasurer Vicky Hills

Hello all! Another year has flown by!

**Year In Review:** We began live services in January 2022. The Bookstore also opened for the first 2 weeks in January. We then closed everything down again for 2-1/2 months due to a Covid Surge. We reopened in April for the remainder of the year.

Our Sunday attendance is slowly increasing, currently averaging close to 80 in person and more than 1,000 Facebook followers—an incredible, growing online presence!

#### TWO-YEAR FINANCIAL COMPARISON:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
TOTAL INCOME:	\$183,415	\$181,241
PPP* GRANT INCOME:	\$ 0	\$ 45,431
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$181,403	\$172,616
NET INCOME:	\$ 2,012	\$ 54,056

<sup>\*</sup>Federal paycheck protection program

**Summary:** Our total regular income in 2022 showed a slight increase over 2021, at \$183,000 compared to \$181,000. But expenses in 2022 were even higher, close to \$9,000, because we were open most of the year compared to being closed the previous year. Additionally, we didn't have the benefit of the Federal Paycheck Protection money in 2022. So, our net income was down by \$52,000 in 2022.

Even though our income is slowly creeping higher, we're still \$52,000 short of our revenue in 2017 and \$39,000 short of 2018.

For many years now, our budget projections have remained the same from year to year. Due to inflation, we've needed to increase our budget planning for 2023 by about \$20,000. The main reason is to provide our hard-working employees with modest but long-overdue salary increases to help them meet their expenses. Looking ahead, we're beginning to open our facilities to outside groups and events, which may help with income to support these increased expenses.

We are also asking you to help keep our loving community financially sound by increasing your Simple Giving Plan, if possible. Now would be a great time to start if you're not in the Simple Giving Program! Please contact Géna, our Administrator, for details.

#### 2022 YEAR-END BANK BALANCES

CHECKING: Beginning of the year: \$87,000

End of the year: \$80,000

YOUTH & FAMILY CHECKING: \$ 2,716 BOOKSTORE CHECKING: \$ 8,142 CAPITAL RESERVE: \$ 34,948

MONEY MARKET: \$132,000\*

**Piano Donations:** Monthly donations to the Piano Fund for our beautiful grand piano decreased in the last quarter of 2022. In November, we began using the Music Ministry Fund to help with the \$500/month piano payment. This fund had a balance of \$5,700 due to the anonymous annual endowment donation we've received over the past 2 years. In January 2023, the remaining balance due for our piano was \$9,000. We expect to be able to pay off the piano by mid-2024.

**Our Spiritual Community Support Fund**: We began 2022 with \$320 in this fund. During the year, we received additional donations totaling \$3,928, which allowed us to distribute \$3,000 to those in need. We ended the year with a \$1,248 balance in the fund.

**Capital Expense Account:** Our capital expenditures for building & grounds improvements in 2022 totaled \$22,000, which left us with a \$35,000 balance at year's end. Details of those expenditures, as well as future needs, will be shared by others in their reports.

**Money Market Account:** This rainy-day fund had a balance at the end of the year of \$132,000 and included our LEGACY OF LOVE, which started 2022 with \$1,200. During the year, we received a generous donation of \$10,000 from an estate, ending with an \$11,200 balance.

<sup>\*</sup>Includes Legacy of Love endowment fund at \$11,200

In 2023, we are investing most of our money market funds in US Treasury Bills, which will earn us a much higher interest rate with no risk. The remainder is in a money market investment account that earns higher interest than the bank can offer. These are safe ways to make our savings work more effectively.

**THANK YOU** to all our congregants and friends from afar who are vital to keeping our loving community thriving. We Appreciate YOU As We Plan For A Bright Future!

For questions or comments, please email me at mauivicky@gmail.com



# **Prayer Ministry Report**

Submitted by Rev. Inge Tarantola

*Prayer is the fastest wireless connection* ~ Anonymous

It feels so good to be back in the sanctuary with the congregation, Covid mostly behind us. The Prayer Ministry continues to be a vital part of our beautiful Spiritual Community. We are honored to be with you in prayer, and we offer you many ways to let us know your prayer needs. There are a number of different ways to access the different aspects of the ministry:

- PRAYER TEAMS: once a week we collect the prayer requests. The prayer teams will hold you in prayer for 2 weeks. Then the requests are sent to Unity Village to be prayed with for another month.
- PRAYER CHAIN is a way to receive immediate prayer. There are pink cards in the foyer by the prayer box with names to call. Call any of the names on that card and that person can pray with you right then. Or give me a call and if I don't answer, leave a message. I'll get back to you as soon as I can to pray with you.
- PRAYER SHAWLS are available upon request, to bring comfort to anyone going through a difficult time. Since 2012 we have given away 645 shawls, most to our congregation, but also as outreach to other organizations. It is our joy to create these shawls for you. Feel free to contact me if you need to have a shawl sent to you.

- PRE-RECORDED PRAYER LINE every week a different team member records several inspirational messages on the pre-recorded prayer line. Call Unity of the Valley at 541-345-9913, and a menu will direct you to the prayer line.
- POWER OF 8 prayer team meets on Sundays after the service for intense healing prayer with individuals. If you would like to schedule a session with the team, please let me know.
- SPIRITUAL DIRECTION is a way to walk the spiritual path with a companion in prayer. It's a great way to explore our spiritual journey. Let me know if you would like me to walk this path with you.
- We will be offering prayer classes again starting in April. This is a prerequisite to joining the prayer ministry and a stepping stone to becoming a prayer chaplain.
- SILENT UNITY you can call them anytime for prayer support 800-669-7729. You can also go to their website and place a request, or see what other services they offer at unity.org.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions, or would like more information on anything relating to the Prayer Ministry. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Love and light, Rev. Inge Tarantola 541-968-5540 ingetar@pacinfo.com

### Unity Burning Bowl Ceremony



# Youth & Family Ministry Report: UniKids

Submitted by Unikids Co-Leader Alice Sparks

Last September, Doris Hicks and I started our Unikids class for children ages 5 through 11 years old, or kindergarten through fifth grade. What a blessing!

The class opens with "The Prayer for Protection." Then Doris does a 10-minute puppet show based on the day's lesson.

Our Sunday morning lessons are based on Unity published curriculum, which includes Unity principles, Bible verses and stories. The lesson always includes a meditation that I lead, and often features some combination of a story, music, games, puzzles, singing, dancing, and art projects.

There is an easy Q&A time with a discussion period following the story and how it may apply in their lives. We also have a "show and tell" period for our creations.

At closing, each one of the children say a prayer for the upcoming week and tell one thing they are grateful for.

For the Christmas season we made Advent calendars and solved hidden puzzles featuring scenes from the Biblical Christmas Story. We also celebrate birthdays when the children have one.

Dianne Bohr substitutes for Alice once a month. And Doris runs the class when I am unavailable.

We are so blessed to work with these precious children!



# Youth & Family Ministry Report: Y.O.U.

Submitted by Y.O.U. Leader Jim Drews

Youth of Unity or Y.O.U. is our program for teens. We have been going through the 12 Powers taught by Unity co-founder Charles Fillmore, talking about the kids' relationship with each of the powers as we progress through one power each month. We even take a look at the negative side of each power and see how that shows up in daily life. We explore how the power can transform our negative thoughts and inform us on how we would like to be moving forward.

The power for January was Faith. The kids made a faith bracelet or necklace to represent what they have learned about faith over the month.



# **Shared Leadership Team Report**

Submitted by Sunny Schneider

Unity's Shared Leadership Team is made up of representatives from the Ministerial Team, the Board of Trustees, staff members, and volunteers. We meet weekly Wednesday mornings on Zoom to deal with the day-to-day needs of our community.

We open each meeting with a centering prayer and a personal check-in with each other which helps us be in loving harmony as we deal with the agenda of the meeting. We have lively discussions and usually come to consensus on what needs to be done – and who's going to do it. Each meeting is then closed with prayer. Our weekly connection and vision for Shared Leadership at Unity has been especially valuable as we have worked through these last difficult years. Currently serving on the Shared Leadership Team are Laura DuBois, Géna Duel, Rev. Sherry Lady, Geneva Miller, Sunny Schneider, Serenee Smith, Rev. Inge Tarantola, Jon West, and Gary Wymore.

As the COVID Pandemic persisted in 2022, we were open to in-person services for two Sundays in January, but had a couple month shutdown again due to a COVID surge. We were able to reopen again in April. The Shared Leadership Team spent a great deal of focus and prayer at our weekly Zoom meetings on how to keep everything running as smoothly as possible and securing the man/woman power needed to hold in-person services on Sundays as well as hold a Christmas Eve Candle Lighting service. We did make the difficult decision to once again not hold our annual Thanksgiving Day potluck due to the Pandemic, but we put together almost 35 meals for pickup or delivery.

We give thanks to each and every one of you for your support and efforts to support each other and our Unity community. We are truly blessed!



# **Administrator Report**

#### Submitted by Géna Duel, Administrator

2022 was an interesting year filled with starts and stops and adjustments to the day-to-day runnings and happenings at Unity due to COVID. We made it through with a large dose of hard work and a great deal of love and commitment from you, our congregation. Thank you!

As we move forward in 2023, and come back to a new normal, some of the upcoming and continuing things we will be doing at Unity are:

- **Food Drive**. We started a Food Drive in June 2022 to help Food For Lane County keep the local pantries stocked for families in need. We did such a good job that we made the decision to keep the barrel in the foyer and continue helping Food For Lane County. To date, we have collected 471 pounds of food which equals approximately 376 meals. Great job everyone! Thank you for your continued support of this project.
- Love-in-Action Signups on Sundays, March 12 and 19. Representatives from each volunteer ministry will be in the Fellowship Hall after the service to provide information and to help volunteers sign up. We have many fun and rewarding volunteer positions and leadership opportunities at our church. Be sure to check it out and sign up. You make a difference!
- Deep Cleaning of the Facility on Friday, May 26 (9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.). We have had many projects take place at Unity and some spaces which haven't been used regularly during the pandemic all of which have collected dust, grime, etc. and could use some TLC. Please consider joining in on the care of our facility for half a day.
- In Person Classes, Events, Activities Return. Many of the weekly activities have been returning in person at Unity. Passage Meditation meets every Thursday evening, Unity's Theater Group meets on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month, the Elder Council meets on the 4th Thursday of each month, and the Behind the Lens Seminar movie night starts back up on Tuesday, March 7th. Keep a look out for what's happening at Unity via our website, monthly bulletins, bulletin boards, word of mouth, etc. for other classes and events.

Thank you, Unity Community, for your love, service, and support. You really are the best!

# **Facility Report**

#### Submitted by Facilities Coordinator Gary Wymore and Jon West

We have accomplished a lot this past year, including the projects below. Costs are provided that we had available as of this writing:

- **Sump Pumps** Our old drainage system to remove groundwater beneath our sanctuary was replaced with new sump pumps and piping. Cost: \$4,250
- **Parking Lot** Our parking lot has been sealed and striped. This is the recommended follow-up to the total repaying that happened in 2020. Cost: \$4,520
- **New Doors** The front entry door has been replaced with a sturdier model for security purposes and also greater ease in locking and unlocking. The side kitchen entrance door is on order and will be installed in the near future.
- **Ring Doorbell** We installed a camera at the front door to help our Administrator know who is at the front door.
- **Security Cameras** We installed motion-activated security cameras and lights around the outside of the facility so that we can better monitor the activities going on, especially when no one is on site.
- **Video Cameras Installed** To assist our audio-video tech extraordinaire, Ryan Zimmer, with online streaming and video production, we purchased and installed four high-definition video cameras in the sanctuary. Cost for the cameras, control boxes, wiring and related equipment: \$7,537
- Maintenance Annual HVAC maintenance took place at a cost of \$550.31 plus \$802.86 for Garden Room HVAC repair. Sink faucets and light fixtures were fixed, along with the usual repairs that come up with a facility of this size.

Additional capital expenses we made for our facility during 2022:

**April** - \$218 for air purifier for sound booth

May - \$559.88 for new YFM Computer

June - \$439.98 for new Sound Booth Computer-

**Aug** - \$315 for Gena's office chair, \$124 for water filters, \$376 for 6 new extinguishes & maintenance on one.

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#### Some projects still on our to-do list:

- **Garden Area Drainage:** Along with our new drainage system under the sanctuary, we have begun unearthing worn-out drain pipes in the back garden and will continue when the weather is less rainy. If possible, we will fix the long-broken fountain at the same time.
- **Ceiling Lighting** most of all of the ceiling lights consist of fluorescent bulbs which have been phased out, so we will need to get our fixtures retrofitted. We received an estimate of \$2,000 for this project before the pandemic.
- **Fillmore Wing Roof Replacement** In a year or so, it may be time to replace the roof over the Fillmore Wing.
- **Fellowship Hall Sinkage** The Fellowship Hall shows signs of sinkage so we are watching that carefully.
- **Painting of Railings** The railings outside the front entrance need to be sanded and painted with a rust protecting paint.
- Moss Removal The sidewalks and parts of the parking lot need to have the moss removed.

Thoughout the past year, Gary Collins was someone we could really count on to contribute his time, energy and skills. But it really takes a village to keep our facility up and running and in good repair. Of course your financial support plays an essential part. Also, if you have building repair skills (electrical, plumbing, construction, etc.) and can help out on occasion, please let us know. We would love to add you to our Facility Team list! As with any well-used building, minor issues can arise at any time. The loving care we invest in our spiritual home is energy well spent.



## **Music Ministry Team Report**

## Submitted by Laura DuBois, Music Director

As I write this Music Ministry report, my heart is full of joy and gratitude. Our team is thriving, continuing to grow, and reaching ever-higher levels of musical achievement.

#### **Newest Additions**

During 2022, we welcomed the following musicians to our team:

- 1. Singer/songwriter Katie Sontag and bassist Jon Brex became a monthly staple at UV, and we are thrilled with this development. Their daughter Calliope is now happily accompanying them to church and will be adding her voice to the mix any day now!
- 2. Vocalist Annie Pusey (former member of the band "The Traceys" and mother of Conor) is also performing with us now, and she is a delight! In addition to her beautiful and expressive singing, she can play a mean tambourine!
- 3. Michael Anderson, one of Eugene's finest jazz guitarists, is a frequent addition to our rhythm section. Michael is also a consummate bass player. We are truly blessed!

### The Choir Lives! 😂

Under the fabulous and fun direction of Mo Robeson, our choir resumed singing in December. What a long-awaited and joyous occasion that was! 25 singers performed during the December 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday Service. The choir now rehearses on Monday evenings at 7:00, and performs the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month.

## **Christmas Singalong**

On December 14<sup>th</sup>, we held our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Christmas Singalong. The event was for a live audience and also streamed on Facebook. We had an enthusiastic audience, and the evening was delightful!

### Singalongs at Good Sam

On December 21<sup>st</sup>, a team of UV musicians and congregants performed holiday music at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home and Rehab Center, just down the street from UV. The staff and residents loved it, and invited us to return.

Moving forward, we will be presenting singalongs at Good Sam every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 1:30 pm. We'd love for you to join us!

#### **Anonymous Trust Fund Income**

During 2021, an anonymous couple in our congregation put a large sum of money into a trust fund and designated the UV Music Ministry as the beneficiary. Each year, 60% of the interest from that fund is given to the music team, and the other 40% is reinvested. This year's payment was \$2,598.93. This is truly the "gift that keeps on giving," and we are eternally grateful to this anonymous couple!!!

#### The Piano Fund

We are more than halfway to our goal of paying for the wonderful Yamaha piano in the sanctuary. As of this writing, we have paid \$14,677 of the \$24,500, thanks to several generous donors. In addition to the quality of music we enjoy from the piano, we will also receive income through facility rentals now that UV is reopening. We extend the deepest gratitude towards all those who have given money towards this instrument. It makes an incredible difference in the quality of music we produce!

#### **Connecting from the Heart (CFTH)**

During 2022, CFTH transitioned to a fully incorporated 501c3 nonprofit, with its own board of directors and staff. Though the two are officially independent from each other, they are sister organizations with a mutually beneficial relationship. UV allows CFTH to record in the sanctuary at no charge, and this gift is deeply appreciated. In turn, as CFTH succeeds and grows, it shines the spotlight back on Unity of the Valley, increasing online awareness and helping to attract new congregants.



# **Angel Network Report**

Submitted by Coordinator Julia Linebarger-Taylor

Greetings! As the Angel Network Coordinator, I am happy to report:

The Angel Network currently has 27 volunteers.

- During the period of January–December 2022, the Angel Network received 23 requests for assistance.
- Requests for assistance consisted of rides to/from medical appointments; meals; light cleaning; light moving; delivery of furniture/supplies; comfort calls; cards; guest accommodations; and small home repair jobs.
- All requests for help came via email or phone. If you would like to volunteer on this wonderful team, please contact me at (541) 968-5896 or jlinebargertaylor@yahoo.com.

I am grateful for all the volunteers who serve our Unity Community, and it is my privilege to coordinate these efforts.

Blessings, Julia



# **Unity Bookstore Report**

Submitted by Bookstore Manager Elizabeth King

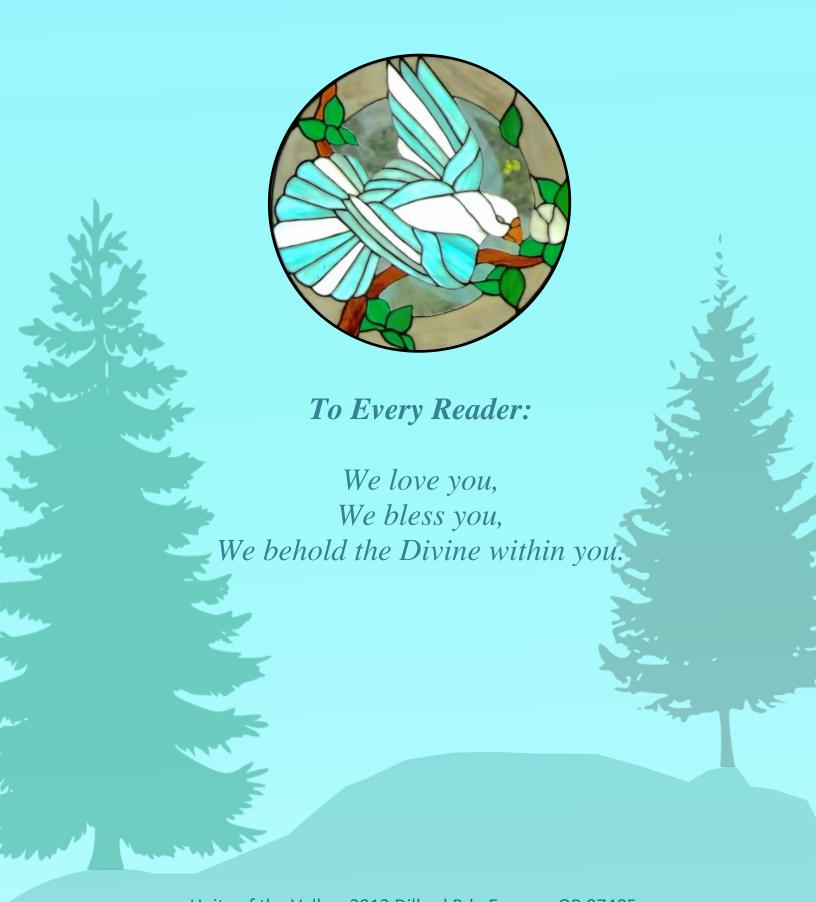
The Unity Bookstore continues to be an important hub for congregants to browse for books and gifts, and it's also often a first stop for newcomers to the church. We try and reach out to new people and welcome them to the church as well as the bookstore.

We have a big collection of books on Unity philosophy as well as many other subjects. The store was on a bit of a buying hiatus due to the pandemic, but I was able to order some new stock in November in time for the holidays.

Every few weeks I arrange a display table with a seasonal or topical theme, which people seem to enjoy perusing. There are three of us currently volunteering at the bookstore, and I hope to recruit one other person in the coming months. If you would like to be a part of the bookstore team you can contact me at: elizking2020@yahoo.com

Thank you for your continued support of the Unity bookstore!





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